

PSG Ornithological Council Delegate Annual Report

2023 Annual Report

The Ornithological Council is a consortium of scientific societies of ornithologists; these societies span the Western Hemisphere and the research conducted by their members spans the globe. Their cumulative expertise comprises the knowledge that is fundamental and essential to science-based bird conservation and management. These scientific societies are joined by supporting members who value and support the mission of the OC.

Our Member Societies are: Association of Field Ornithologists, BirdsCaribbean, CIPAMEX: Sociedad para el Estudio y Conservación de las Aves en México, Neotropical Ornithological Society, North American Crane Working Group, Pacific Seabird Group, Raptor Research Foundation, Waterbird Society, Wilson Ornithological Society

Our Supporting Members are: Burke Museum (Washington), Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (Texas), International Ornithologists' Union, UC Berkeley Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (California), Ventana Wildlife Society (California)

The mission of the Ornithological Council is to: Ensure that the best ornithological science is incorporated into legislative, regulatory, and management decisions that affect birds; Enhance the ability of ornithologists to pursue professional activities; and Promote the influence of ornithology in public affairs.

2023 Highlights

Promoting ornithological science: Coordinated and moderated a listening session for the National Science Foundation and the ILAR Standing Committee for the Care and Use of Animals in Research to hear from ornithologists regarding the animal welfare challenges of ornithological research. Submitted several sets of comments on the permits issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the USDA Animal and Plants Health Inspection Service.

Assisting ornithologists: Provided individual assistance to ornithologists on various permitting and animal welfare issues. Also assisted several museums and other institutions facing delays renewing their CITES Certificates of Scientific Exchange (COSE). Released the 4th edition of the Guidelines to the Use of Wild Birds in Research. This edition incorporates text from the 3rd edition (published in 2010) with lists of new references, published since that edition's release, for each chapter. Published an updated version of A Guide to the Processes and Procedures for Importing Bird Products into the United State for Scientific Research and Display, which provides a step-by-step guide on importing birds or bird products into the United States.

Educating professionals and the public: Took over management of the Ornithology Exchange, the free online community of individuals and organizations involved with and interested in ornithology.

Published more than 50 articles on the Ornithology Exchange, on various topics of interest to ornithologists and shared links to these articles on social media.

Finances

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Income

Society contributions: \$37,250

Supporting members: \$1,485

Individual donations: \$4,080

Other contributions: \$866

Total income: \$43,681

Expenses

Salary-related: \$34,210

Administrative: \$1,715

Total expenses: \$35,925

The OC is financially supported by our members and the individual ornithologists who value our work.