

2016 State of Stopover Symposium

Hosts: Wisconsin Stopover Initiative, The Nature Conservancy-Michigan Chapter, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Midwest Bird Monitoring Network, American Bird Conservancy, Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory, The Urban Ecology Center

Summary: A Great Lakes-wide symposium (*State of Stopover 2016*) on migratory bird stopover ecology and conservation of stopover habitats will be held at the Schlitz Audubon Center in Milwaukee, **5-7 October 2016**. Partners across the Great Lakes will share current conservation thinking pertaining to the stopover movement and update existing stopover initiatives. This event will be a prominent celebratory feature of the Centennial honoring the establishment of the Migratory Bird Treaty of 1916 (subsequently amended in 1918).

Overarching goal: Establishment of a regional migratory bird stopover initiative to provide a stopover conservation framework across the Great Lakes region.

Symposium goals:

- 1) Summarize all that we know about Stopover actions, accomplishments, and challenges in the Great Lakes Basin (Fig. 1.)
- 2) Develop a concerted, long-term strategy to implement Stopover programs across the Great Lakes Basin that will elevate markedly the conservation emphasis of stopover habitat protection and acquisition.
- 3) Identify local and regional cooperating institutions, organizations, and agencies to implement stopover programs as part of the Great Lakes-wide stopover initiative.



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Fig. 1. Map of the Great Lakes Basin.