

Notes on Review Draft of the Nevada Comprehensive Bird Conservation Plan, May 2010

Thank you in advance for reviewing some or all of this draft plan. It contains a lot of material, and the quality of the final product will in large measure depend on the degree to which we are successful in receiving in-depth reviews from other knowledgeable individuals. Some notes are provided below that will facilitate your review process.

Posting Schedule

As of early May 2010, the following draft documents (collectively comprising the draft bird conservation plan) are active on this web page:

- Preface
- Introduction
- Methods
- Bird Life of Nevada
- Introduction to Species Accounts
- All but 4 of the 77 species accounts (Species Status species to be added)
- An introduction to habitat accounts
- 19 of 20 habitat Accounts
- Literature Cited
- 3 Appendices

Remaining items that will be posted shortly are:

- Four Special Status species accounts
- The remaining habitat account (cliffs)
- Conclusions
- Any remaining Appendices
- Any updates to the Literature Cited

The reviewers are encouraged to let us know about important published literature and additional data sources. When we update the plan, we will let the group know about the updates.

Review Process

Reviewers are encouraged to focus on content at this time. We are aware that there are some stylistic, terminological, and formatting inconsistencies remaining in the draft. We will rectify these when we go through the final draft with a fine-toothed comb. For the reviewer's convenience, we provide review sheets for species accounts and habitat accounts on this webpage that can be downloaded and edited, or pasted into an email, to be sent to ammon@gbbo.org.

Conventions in Draft

Conventions we temporarily instituted for the draft:

- Brackets []: note to reviewers and ourselves for future inserts.
- TBD: analyses are ongoing, will be inserted in final. Help from reviewers welcome.
- Statistical output tables in species accounts: These will be replaced by more lucid presentation for final. Reviewers encouraged to study raw outputs, which is why we left them in the draft.
- Further Reading: These sections are still incomplete. They refer to comprehensive reviews, monographs, or other conservation plans, where additional information on the subject is available.

Species Distribution Maps

Several distribution maps may be substantially improved with careful review by folks who have access to additional data, or can better judge seasonal occurrence in particular areas than we could. Any reliable information on Nevada distributions, particularly for species that only occur during migration or wintering in Nevada, are very sought after by our mapping team, so please let us know what you know!