



**WISCONSIN
SOCIETY *for*
ORNITHOLOGY**

FOR WISCONSIN'S BIRDS

Dear WSO Friends and Supporters,

Everything the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology does is for Wisconsin's birds. It's right in our name. Whether these birds stay here year-round or wing through in a flash of color, hopping from branch to branch, we are committed to helping them thrive.

This year has been an exciting one as WSO took big steps forward in support of Wisconsin's birds. In the spring, WSO worked with American Bird Conservancy and Madison Audubon to file an amicus or "friend of the court" brief to successfully defend Madison's bird-safe glass building ordinance. During spring migration, we united eBirders across Wisconsin for our inaugural Big Birding Bash. Meanwhile, behind the scenes, we have been rebuilding the WSO board and organizational structure to better engage our members, recruit new birders, and respond to the urgent need to conserve birds and their habitats in Wisconsin.

Because of the added capacity that comes with staff, WSO is now a larger part of the conversation about Wisconsin's birds and how to save them. It is our goal to work independently and in collaboration with other birding organizations to take tangible steps to protect our birds. Instead of referring members and the public to other sources, we are developing a Wisconsin-specific combination of resources and training to tackle crucial conservation issues. You can learn more about the important work our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers are doing in the enclosed description.

We need your help to move forward into a hopeful future filled with increased bird populations and abundant nests to count for our next Breeding Bird Atlas. Believe in the promise of what an active WSO and its members can do for Wisconsin's birds. Be willing to give more this year than last so that these efforts can become a permanent part of WSO's legacy for Wisconsin's birds.

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