**2022 Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology (PSO) Breeding Bird Blitz for Conservation:**

**Funding Opportunity for Conservation Organizations**

Seeking: nonprofit conservation organizations to identify high priority habitat protection or habitat enhancement projects that support the conservation of [Bird Species](https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/WildlifeActionPlan/Documents/SWAP-CHAPTER-1-apx14a-birds.pdf) of Greatest Conservation Need in Pennsylvania. Selected organizations will be identified as partners with Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology in the 2022 event and receive an equal share of the funds raised. It is anticipated that the event will raise approximately $15,000, resulting in contributions of about $5,000 to three organizations.

**PSO is especially interested in funding:**

* The fee-simple acquisition of bird habitat or the acquisition of a permanent conservation easement that restricts the development of a property with high-quality habitat.
* Habitat restoration or improvement projects, including but not limited to wetland enhancements, invasive species removal, and the establishment of riparian buffers.

**PSO will not fund:**

* Administrative costs.
* Habitat enhancements that are part of a required habitat offset (such as wetland banks) connected to new construction/development.

**History of PSO’s Breeding Bird Blitz for Conservation (Blitz)**

2021 was the first year for the Blitz sponsored by PSO. We partnered with Hawk Mountain Association, Manda Conservancy, and Western PA Conservancy. Partner members and birders across the state completed bird surveys, reporting their findings in eBird, over a 4-day period in June. They also raised $10,645 that was evenly divided among the 3 partners to improve habitat for Wood Thrush and Northern Harriers. Please take a few minutes to review the Blitz website to gain a better understanding of this initiative: <https://www.breedingbirdblitz.org> Partner members are not required to participate in the Blitz, but we ask that you help promote it to your members.

If you have any questions about the Blitz (which will be held June 17 – June 20, 2022) or the application, please email the PSO Conservation Committee: blitz4conservation@gmail.com

PSO Conservation Committee members are Laura Jackson, chair; Brian Byrnes; Eli DePaulis; Vern Gauthier; and David Yeany II.

Please submit this application by email to blitz4conservation@gmail.com by February 21 for consideration.

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2022 Blitz Application:

Organization: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mission statement: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization’s website: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact person and position: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Project title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Project location (address or description, include county): Click or tap here to enter text.

Property owner (current and proposed, if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Brief description of the project and its goals: Click or tap here to enter text.

[Species of Greatest Conservation Need](https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/WildlifeActionPlan/Documents/SWAP-CHAPTER-1-apx14a-birds.pdf) that will benefit from the proposed project (please list all that apply: Click or tap here to enter text.

Timeline for project completion: Click or tap here to enter text.