



Conservation Science for a Lasting Legacy

PRBO Conservation Science is dedicated to conserving birds, other wildlife and ecosystems through innovative scientific research and outreach.

Founded as Point Reyes Bird Observatory in 1965, our award-winning bird ecology research, management tools and field training programs are helping reduce the negative impacts of land use and environmental change on birds and their habitats. Birds are excellent indicators of environmental health. Relatively inexpensive to monitor and widely distributed, birds serve as ideal proxies for the ecosystems they inhabit.

PRBO has doubled in size over the past 6 years in response to the ever-increasing demand for sound science to guide and evaluate conservation investments. Our 2009-2010 budget is about \$6.5 million, supporting 65 staff scientists, 55 seasonal biologists and another 85 conservation biology interns.

"PRBO is a major force for ornithology and conservation."

Frank Gill, PhD, former Science Director, National Audubon Society, former President, American Ornithologists Union

PRBO has catalyzed the development of some of the most innovative conservation partnerships and decision support tools in the nation. Major conservation initiatives are achieving more effective outcomes as a result of PRBO's innovative science, training and outreach.

Working in partnership with wildlife and habitat management agencies, nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions, private landowners, fisheries and others, our award-winning science advances win-win solutions to today's conservation challenges.

PRBO helps to ensure that every dollar invested in conservation yields the most for biodiversity- benefiting our environment, our economy and our communities!

In recognition of our accomplishments and outstanding contributions to environmental conservation in California, Senator Barbara Boxer awarded PRBO with a Conservation Champion Award in 2006. PRBO was honored with the 2003 Partners In Flight "Leadership Award" from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the 2002 national "Conservation Partner Award" from the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

As Diana Craig of the US Forest Service said in nominating us for this award, ***"The efforts of PRBO have improved conservation and monitoring of conservation, on US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other public lands..."***