


Conserving the Network of Audubon's Important Bird Areas:



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The Important Bird Areas Program seeks to
identify, protect, and conserve
a network of sites that are important for the
long-term viability of naturally occurring bird
populations
across their geographical range for which
site-based conservation is appropriate...

Criteria are based on vulnerabilities

Important Bird Areas
provide habitat for:

- Species of Conservation Concern
(Globally Threatened)
- Restricted-range Species
(Endemic Birds)
- Habitat-restricted Species
(Biome-restricted)
- Congregations



Criteria are defined hierarchically:

- **Global** – established by BirdLife – global “currency”
- **Continental** – US, Mexico, Canada
- **State** – flexible, designed to meet State objectives

Criteria adapted to work in US



IBA Identification and Prioritization

Potential Sites



State Coordinator &
State IBA Technical Committee

Important Bird
Areas (state-level)

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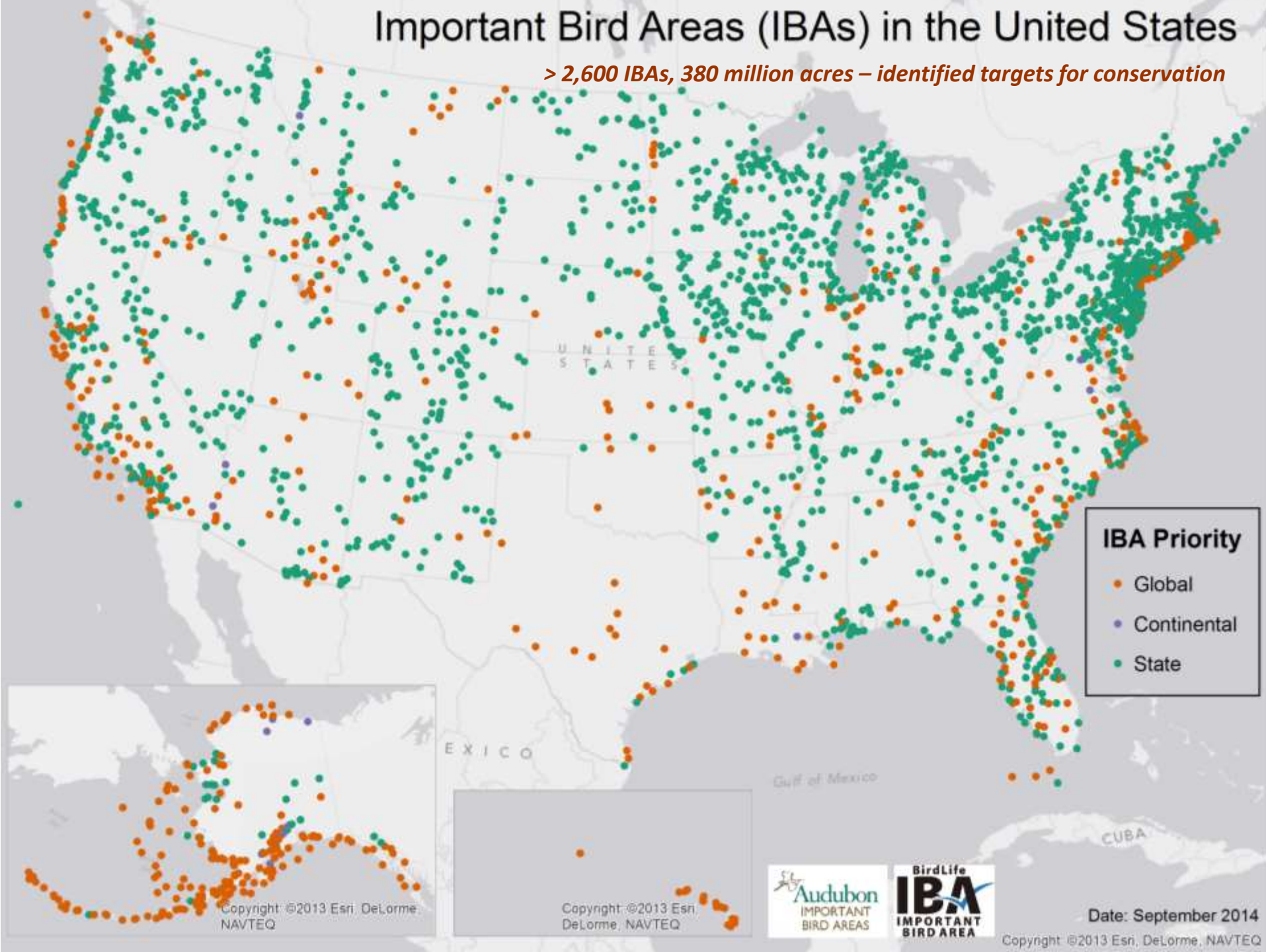


National IBA Staff & U.S. IBA
Technical Committee

Global, Continental
Important Bird
Areas

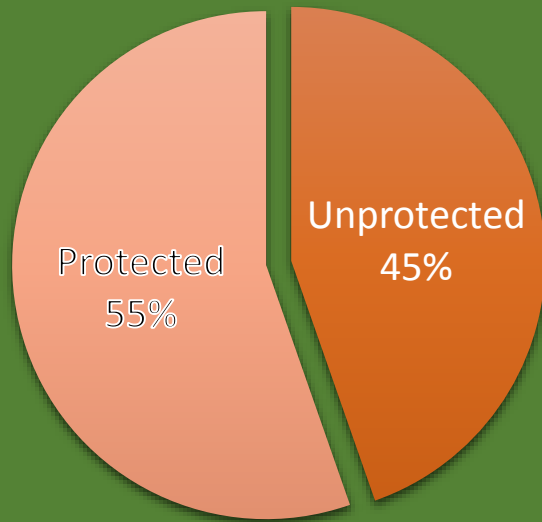
Important Bird Areas (IBAs) in the United States

> 2,600 IBAs, 380 million acres – identified targets for conservation

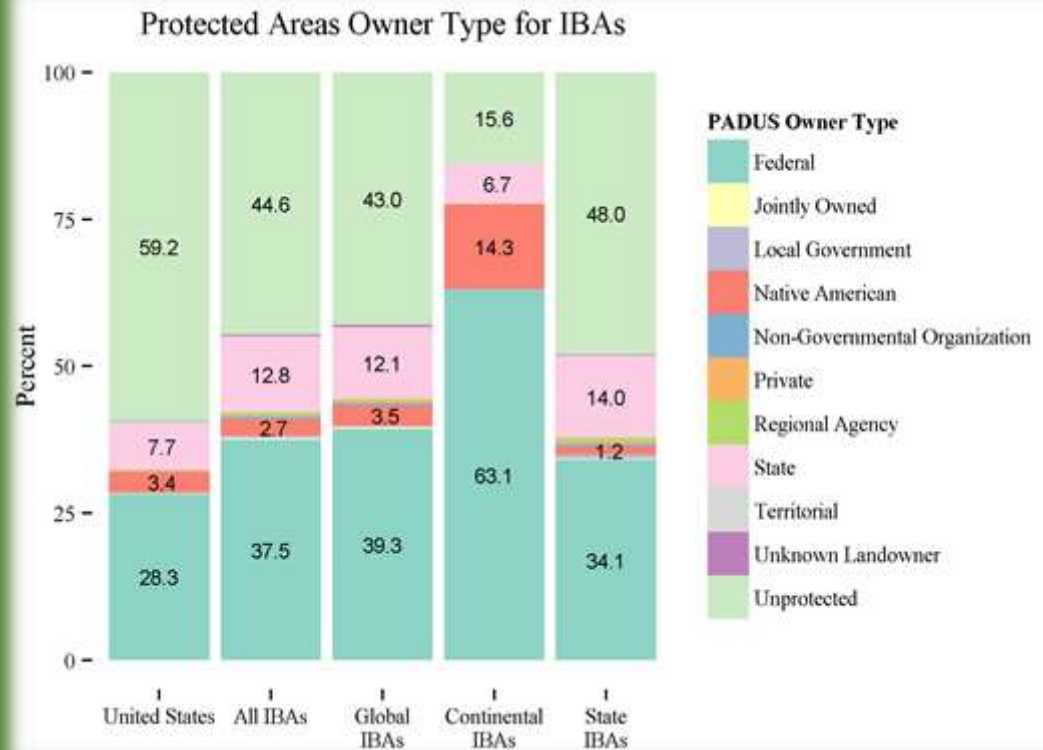


The Important Bird Areas Network

>226 million acres(terrestrial IBAs)



All IBAs
(terrestrial)



Source: US Geological Survey, Gap Analysis Program (GAP). November 2012. Protected Areas Database of the United States (PADUS), version 1.3.





Atlantic Flyway A3 and B3 IBAs for forest-dependent birds.

A3: Biome



B3: BCR



D3: State-level

