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Data Zone is the public end of the WBDB, where anyone can readily obtain information on species threat categories and IBAs. A range of products are available, including species fact sheets, IBA fact sheets, the online Endemic Bird Areas publication and case studies, among others.

Currently, all but nine countries/territories have information presented in Data Zone, and the remaining countries will follow soon. IBA fact sheets can be searched for and viewed for approximately 80% of individual IBAs in the Americas. Information is generally available in each country's native language.

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IBAT for business is an innovative tool designed to facilitate access to accurate and up-to-date biodiversity information to support critical business decisions. The tool is the result of a ground-breaking conservation partnership among BirdLife International, Conservation International and United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

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This directory provides a concise summary of the 2345 Important Bird Areas described to date in the Americas. The inventory represents a participative consensus on the most important sites for bird and biodiversity conservation in the hemisphere, in what is probably the most comprehensive assessment of its kind to be published. Since the beginning of the IBA program in North America in 1995, sites have now been identified in all 57 countries or territories in the region, totaling more than 3,250,000 km<sup>2</sup>. This book is the culmination of national IBA identification processes involving thousands of people in the Caribbean, North, Central and South America, and at least 150 governmental and non-governmental organizations. The directory is at once a high level awareness-raising publication; a decision-making tool for national and hemispheric biodiversity management and planning; and a portfolio of funding opportunities for potential donors.

“IBAs are defined by birds, but their fate will be defined by people. This directory represents the conclusion of just the first step in the IBA Program in the Americas. The challenge now is to use this invaluable document in guiding our decisions on land-use, development and biodiversity protection across a hemisphere.”

**Peter Johan Schei**  
Chair of Council  
BirdLife International

“BirdLife Partners in the Americas reach from Tierra del Fuego to the northern Tundra. The Important Bird Areas scattered over these territories are critically important not only for migratory and resident birds, but for the countless other life forms they also preserve. If we could look down on these havens from above, as the birds themselves do during their astonishing, exhausting migrations, we’d view them as a cartography of hope. More is needed, but as long as these oases exist, saving the birds is still possible.”

**Margaret Atwood & Graeme Gibson**  
Joint Honorary Presidents  
BirdLife International Rare Bird Club

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### BirdLife Partnership



### Collaborating organizations

