

# Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory

*Non-profit based in Brighton, CO*

- \* **Mission:** To conserve birds and their habitats
- Vision:** Native bird populations are sustained in healthy ecosystems
- Values:**
  - Science provides the foundation for effective bird conservation.
  - Education is critical to the success of bird conservation.
  - Stewardship of birds and their habitats is a responsibility we all share.

# RMBO accomplishes its mission by:

- \* **Monitoring** long-term trends in bird populations as a scientific foundation for conservation action.  
**Researching** bird ecology and response to anthropogenic and natural processes. Our research informs management and conservation strategies using the best available science.  
**Educating** people to instill an awareness and appreciation for birds and a conservation ethic.  
**Fostering** good stewardship on private and public lands through voluntary, cooperative partnerships that create win-win solutions for wildlife and people.  
**Partnering** with local, state and federal agencies, private citizens, schools, universities and other organizations for bird conservation.  
**Sharing** the latest information on bird populations, land management and conservation practices to create informed publics.  
**Delivering** bird conservation at biologically relevant scales by working across political and jurisdictional boundaries in the Americas.

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# RMBO Landbird Monitoring Program

- \* RMBO, in conjunction with its partners (US Forest Service, BLM, National Park Service, Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge System, and Intermountain West Joint Venture), conducted landbird monitoring for the seventh year in a row as part of a program entitled “Integrated Monitoring in Bird Conservation Regions” (IMBCR) in 2014. The IMBCR program encompasses three entire states (Colorado, Montana and Wyoming) and portions of nine additional states (Arizona, Idaho, Kansas, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Texas), two entire USFS Regions (Regions 1 and 2) and portions of Regions 3 and 4, all of the Badlands and Prairies BCR and portions of many other BCRs (Great Basin, Northern Rockies, Prairie Potholes, Southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau, Shortgrass Prairie, Central Mixed-grass Prairie, Sonoran and Mohave Deserts, and Sierra Madre Occidental). There are currently six transects being conducted annually on lands managed by the UFO and in total there have been between 30 and 50 transects on BLM lands in Colorado (BCR 10 and BCR 16) conducted since 2008. Data collected during monitoring project on the Dolores River will be entered into RMBO’s Avian Data Center increasing the validity of data being collected to monitor landbird populations on BLM lands managed by the UFO, throughout Colorado, and throughout BCR 16 (Southern Rockies/Colorado Plateau Bird Conservation Region).