

History and Mission

The Waterbird Society, established in 1976, is an international ornithological organization composed of professionals and students engaged or interested in research and conservation of waterbird species.

The mission of the Waterbird Society is to foster the study, management, and conservation of the world's aquatic birds. The Society's primary goals are to: (1) promote basic and applied research on waterbirds and their habitats; (2) foster science-based waterbird conservation globally; and (3) enhance communication and education at all levels among professionals, policy makers, and citizens by publishing an international peer-reviewed journal, hosting scientific meetings, and facilitating other outreach activities.



Membership

The Waterbird Society encourages anyone interested in the biology and conservation of waterbirds and their habitats to join and participate in the Society's numerous activities. The Society welcomes student members, encourages students to attend meetings, and seeks student involvement on committees and at the annual business meeting.

You can join The Waterbird Society through the Ornithological Societies of North America (OSNA) at www.osnabirds.org/. Members receive electronic and/or print versions of the journal *Waterbirds* and reduced registration rates at meetings.

Current membership rates can be found at www.waterbirds.org/join_us.htm.



- Waterbirds, specifically wading birds, shorebirds, seabirds, and waterfowl, are well-represented among the world's bird species.
- Waterbirds represent a wide diversity of form, behavior, and habitats.
- Waterbirds are ubiquitous - they are present throughout the world, from polar regions to the tropics, remote island chains to human-dominated urban areas.
- The Waterbird Society is dedicated to the study, protection, and preservation of waterbird species and their habitats.
- Join the world's preeminent scientific society devoted to waterbirds!

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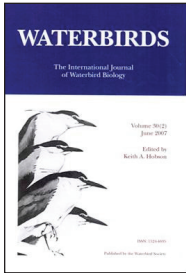
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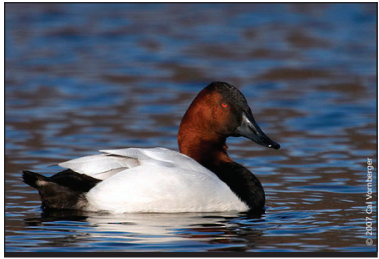
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Journal

The Waterbird Society's quarterly international journal, *Waterbirds*, is a refereed journal publishing the results of original scientific research and special symposia issues on wading birds, shorebirds, seabirds, and waterfowl. See www.waterbirds.org/instcon.htm for guidelines on submitting a manuscript.



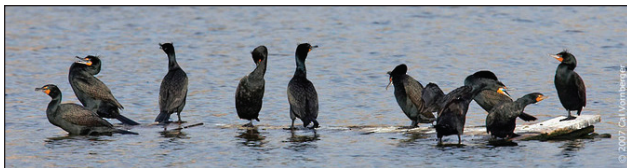
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Annual Meeting

The Waterbird Society hosts an annual meeting for members and other interested researchers to present findings of their research and to interact with other professionals and students from around the world. Meetings typically draw up to 300 participants, and have been held at locations in North and South America, Europe, and Asia.

The Waterbird Society has played an important role in the development of conservation plans for the Americas by providing a venue for discussion and a means to bring together individuals from around the world who are studying similar issues.



Awards

The Waterbird Society presents several awards to individuals for outstanding contributions to waterbird science, exemplary service to the Society, and to students for excellence in presentations. Student grants are offered for travel to annual meetings. The Kushlan and Nisbet Research Awards provide funds for research on waterbirds. Information on applying for student grants and research awards can be found at www.waterbirds.org/awards.htm.



Giving To The Waterbird Society

The Waterbird Society's ability to conduct its many activities is greatly enhanced by donations and bequests to its endowment. These contributions support the Society's work in waterbird research and conservation. We are a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, and donations from those residing in the United States are tax-deductible.



Donations help us to:

- Publish the Society's internationally renowned journal (*Waterbirds*),
- Hold annual meetings for scientists to present their research and communicate with their international peers,
- Support student travel to meetings,
- Bring internationally renowned researchers to meetings to share their vision and experience,
- Recognize distinguished scientific research through the presentation of special awards.

For further information on giving to the Society, from singular donations to remembering the Society in your will or estate planning, please contact the Treasurer (Christine Custer, ccuster@usgs.gov). We value your generosity.

