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\$10,000 COMMITMENT

LIFE SPONSORS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

LIFETIME SPONSORSHIP

Delivery of Covers magazine throughout your lifetime, Life Sponsor decal and embroidered patch

LAPEL PIN

A one-of-a-kind pin crafted exclusively for the Life Sponsor program

DONOR PLAQUE

An engraved plaque is presented when Life Sponsor status is achieved

OPPORTUNITY

Invitations to exclusive Life Sponsor events

TAX BENEFIT

Your Life Sponsor Donation is tax deductible, minus the cost of goods



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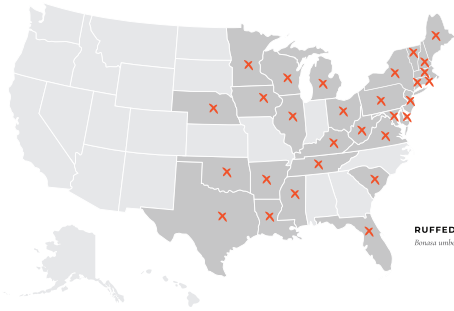


LIFE SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP

*A Commitment to
Diverse Forest Management*

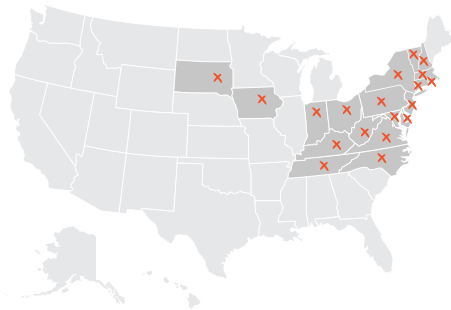
HEALTHY FORESTS | ABUNDANT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ETHIC

AMERICAN WOODCOCK
Scolopax minor X = State listed as a species of greatest concern



State Wildlife Action Plans must identify Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) for that state – in other words, wildlife species that have low or declining populations and are indicative of the diversity and health of each state's wildlife.

RUFFED GROUSE
Bonasa umbellus X = State listed as a species of greatest concern



Ruffed grouse are listed as a SGCN in 18 states, American woodcock is a SGCN in 29 states, and many other grouse species are SGCNs in several more states.

Ruffed grouse and American woodcock are vanishing in more than half the states within their native ranges. Terms like “highest concern,” “high priority” and “endangered” are no longer reserved for obscure species in far off places, but applied to our very own King of Gamebirds.

Habitat diversity means everything to forest wildlife, and in a healthy forest, much of that diversity was historically driven by disturbance. Fires maintained grassy areas, storms knocked down old trees giving young saplings a chance to grow and sheltered coves protected old trees from the same storms and fires.

Historically, it all came together in a natural mix of young, old, short, and tall – diversity!

Past transgressions gave rise to conservation and science-based forestry and wildlife management professions. We learned how to use timber harvests and logging to sustainably manage forests and create much-needed diversity and, ultimately, balanced forests. With natural disturbances suppressed, we must mimic natural processes in the human-dominated environment we've created. We can and should do it well for grouse, woodcock and all forest wildlife.

YOUR IMPACT AS A LIFE SPONSOR

HABITAT PROJECTS:

From local to landscapes, we're transforming the way forest habitat conservation is delivered. Through strategic partnerships, ramped-up funding and the increased project scalability of sustainable forestry, our conservation impact is growing at an exponential pace.

CONSERVATION POLICY:

Actively working with legislators, agencies and policymakers is a critical component to ensure forests are managed in an ecologically sound manner.

FOREST CONSERVATION DIRECTORS:

Our directors work on habitat projects with volunteers and conservation partners to improve forest habitat health on public and private land.

CONSULTATION AND RESEARCH:

Conducting wildlife habitat improvement consultations and educational seminars for landowners and managers, combined with a long-term commitment to research, ensures we're always on the leading edge of forest management to benefit wildlife.

THE NEW MODEL



IMPROVE FORESTS & TELL THE STORY

- Improve Forests Through:
- Private Land Management
 - State Public Lands
 - Management
 - National Forest
 - Shared Stewardship
 - Tell the Story!
 - Increase community support for working forests
 - Advocacy and Community Outreach



FOREST CONSERVATION DIRECTOR

It all starts with building the regional networks, the role of our Forest Conservation Directors. They are the network architects. These key individuals must understand forest management, wildlife needs, regional grant sources, policy and regulations. Above all, they must be *strategic thinkers* who can innovate to scale up programs.



PURSUE PARTNERSHIPS & FUNDING

- State and Federal Grants
- Chapter Funds
- Timber Sale Receipts (Shared Stewardship)
- Farm Bill Forestry and Wildlife
- Innovative Agreements
- Foundation Funding

HIRE



Commensurate with funding—hire staff and/or contract with local consultants and service providers



SUSTAINABLE

