**2025 Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology (PSO) Breeding Bird Blitz for Conservation (B4C):**

**Funding Opportunity for Conservation Organizations**

**Blitz Dates: June 6 – June 16, 2025**

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2025**

**Seeking:** Nonprofit organizations that support the conservation of [Bird Species](https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pgc/documents/wildlife/wildlifeactionplan/swap-chapter-1-apx14a-birds.pdf) of Greatest Conservation Need in Pennsylvania. Selected organizations will be identified as a Conservation Partner (CP) with PSO for the B4C in 2025. Applications for projects of up to **$10,000** will be considered.

The B4C began in 2021. Since then, we have partnered with non-profit organizations across the state. Together we have raised $67,318 in conservation funding.

In 2024, we raised $22,290 for three CPs and split the funds equally between them. In 2025 there will be a change in how we determine our fundraising goal and how the funds are distributed to our CPs. If 100% of the goal is reached, each CP will receive 100% of the agreed upon funding for each CP. If the goal is not reached, each CP will receive a percentage of the agreed upon amount, to be determined by set funding guidelines of the PSO Conservation Committee.

**Previous CP awardees cannot apply again for two years after their award presentation.** E.g., organizations that were a CP in 2023 or 2024 should not apply to be a CP in 2025. If you have any questions about the B4C or the application, please email the PSO Conservation Committee: blitz4conservation@gmail.com

**Partner Expectations:**

We are excited to develop a strong and collaborative partnership with your organization. As your partner, the PSO Conservation Committee is committed to promoting your organization and its projects.

**Here's what you can expect from us:**

* Promotion: We will highlight your organization and project on our website, publish articles in the PSO Pileated, in press releases to the public and other conservation-related nonprofits.
* Fundraising: We will dedicate our efforts to meet or exceed the fundraising goal set for 2025 by enthusiastically recruiting teams to participate in the B4C and encouraging teams to actively seek donations.

**In return, we ask our partner organizations to:**

* Form and register a team to participate in the B4C.
* Make a sincere effort to raise a minimum of $500 in donations in support of the B4C.
* Provide a report within a year of receipt of funding detailing how the funds were spent. A summary of the reports will be published in the PSO newsletter.

**With this partnership firmly in place we are confident that we can reach our shared goals.**

**PSO will fund:**

* Bird-safe Habitats – Direct habitat conservation, habitat management or enhancement, land protection, invasive species removal, and native plant species plantings.
* Conservation Education – Adult or school age education programming related to bird conservation in Pennsylvania.
* Conservation Monitoring and Science – Monitoring or research on Pennsylvania bird populations or species with an applied conservation focus.
* Threat Mitigation – Efforts such as reducing bird building or window collisions, vehicle collisions, pesticide use, and impacts from outdoor cats.

**PSO will not fund:**

* Administrative costs.
* Habitat enhancements that are part of a required habitat offset (such as wetland banks) connected to new construction/development.

**Past Conservation Partners:**

The B4C began in 2021. That first year we partnered with Hawk Mountain, Manada Conservancy, and Western PA Conservancy. Since then, we have partnered with non-profit organizations across the state including Erie Bird Observatory, the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art, the Willistown Conservation Trust, Hawk Mountain (for a second time), the Foundation for Sustainable Forests, South Middleton Township, Rider Park, the Pocono Environmental Educational Center, and the Allegheny Land Trust.

**Other:**

If you have any questions about the B4C (which will be held June 6 – 16, 2025) or the application, please email the PSO Conservation Committee: blitz4conservation@gmail.com

PSO Conservation Committee members are Laura Jackson, chair; David Barber, Brian Byrnes, Vern Gauthier, Carolyn Hendricks, Mary Alice Koeneke, Rich Rieger, and Karter Witmer.

Please submit this application by email to blitz4conservation@gmail.com by March 1, 2025.

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2025 B4C Application:

Non-profit Organization: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mission statement: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organization’s website: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact person and position: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Phone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Project title: Click or tap here to enter text.

Project location (address or description, include county): Click or tap here to enter text.

Property owner (current or proposed, if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Brief description of the project and its goals: Click or tap here to enter text.

[Species of Greatest Conservation Need](https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/pgc/documents/wildlife/wildlifeactionplan/swap-chapter-1-apx14a-birds.pdf) that will benefit from the proposed project (please list all that apply): Click or tap here to enter text.

Timeline for project completion: Click or tap here to enter text.

Itemized Proposed Budget (both expected income sources and expenses): Click or tap here to enter text.