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## Chairman's Council

### The Value of MEMBERSHIP



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projects, and partnerships. An annual gift of \$10,000 or more enhances your membership experience. At this level, you are a partner with the Lab and support continued leadership and excellence in urgently needed bird conservation and science.

In return for your support, you receive a host of special benefits and privileges reserved for Chairman's Council members, including standing invitations to travel and visit with Cornell Lab experts, and insider reports on research and other activities.

At the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, we open doors to the natural world. We bring together scientists, students, and people from all walks of life in the quest to generate new knowledge and conserve our shared natural world—with a special focus on birds.

Birds need our help like never before. Chairman's Council members provide an immediate impact. Your participation at this significant level will sustain and strengthen the Cornell Lab's scientific, conservation, and educational efforts at a time when bird species are in precipitous decline—and we are at a critical inflection point to protect them.

When you belong to the Chairman's Council, your annual gift becomes a timely stimulus for a multitude of ongoing and emerging programs,



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## Chairman's Council Membership

### GREATER PARTICIPATION

#### STEP UP THE WORK OF high-impact conservation.

Unrestricted gifts from Chairman's Council members increase the Cornell Lab's flexibility to put science to work to protect birds and biodiversity around the world. Council members' generosity fuels the Cornell Lab's ability to fast-track powerful scientific discovery, technological innovation, and productive collaboration. Here's a sampling of the projects made possible by the generous unrestricted support of Council members:

**eBird Enterprise** Our revolutionary database and advanced analyses that channel the collection of high-quality citizen-science data to help us understand bird populations at continental scales.

**BirdCast** A collaboration to capture bird migration in real time and generate forecasts to inform conservation and civil-planning decisions.

**Birds of the World** The most robust ornithological resource ever created, combining four renowned ornithology resources, the work of nearly 2,000 authors, and the vast archives of eBird and the Macaulay Library.

**Merlin Bird ID** An app for birders of all skill levels to identify and keep track of sightings and songs in the field.

**K-12 Education** Creates innovative resources that build science skills while inspiring young people to connect to local habitats, explore biodiversity, and engage in citizen-science projects.

**Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative Small Grants Program** Provides hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit land trust programs that preserve natural habitats and birds.

**Rose Postdoctoral Program** Educational postgraduate studies that attract the best young minds for the next generation of conservation leaders.

**Coastal Solutions Fellows Program** Building a community of early-career leaders from the academic, private, and nonprofit sectors that are working on new approaches to coastal development and ecosystem management.

**K. Lisa Yang Center for Conservation Bioacoustics** Uses innovative technology to collect and interpret sounds in nature to inform and inspire wildlife conservation.



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### GREATER RETURNS

#### GET IN CLOSE with tours and travel.

Chairman's Council membership brings Lab supporters and leadership together to experience first-class birding trips to places as varied as Montana, Texas, and Panama. You can explore birding hotspots guided by the deep knowledge and expertise of the Lab's scientists. Other opportunities include an invitation to the annual exclusive Weekend in Sapsucker Woods, and an ecotour with Lab experts at Little St. Simons Island, Georgia. You'll also be entitled to a private behind-the-scenes tour of the Cornell Lab for yourself and guests.

#### EXCLUSIVE, FRONT-ROW experiences and information

Members also receive a personal liaison to the Cornell Lab. This designated staff member can make introductions and connect you with faculty, staff, and students.

Members have free access to *Birds of the World*. Chairman's Council members are invited to exclusive virtual events hosted by Lab leaders during which Lab staff describe their program successes and challenges while taking questions from the audience. You'll also have insider access to the Chairman's Council website, with news, publications, multimedia, and our annual *Impact Report* highlighting the remarkable work that membership dollars made possible the previous year. For more insider access, we offer quarterly webinars with the Lab's executive director, faculty, and staff.



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### THANK YOU for your generosity and confidence in our work.

*The Cornell Lab of Ornithology was created to explore birds and biodiversity. That's our driving focus. I believe that the Lab, with our science, research, technology, and storytelling, can be a force for using birds to build goodwill for nature and stem the losses to biodiversity and the natural world.*

*Dr. Ian Owens  
Executive Director,  
Cornell Lab of Ornithology*

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