

*Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds
Between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Department of Interior,
The City of Phoenix
and Their Regional Partners*



The Parties Recognize that Migratory Birds:

- *Are excellent indicators of the overall health of an ecosystem and are an irreplaceable part of the natural systems of the earth;*
- *Are a valuable resource, contributing aesthetically, culturally, scientifically, and economically to citizens;*
- *Represent, for the vast majority of people, the sole everyday contact with wildlife. Birds connect all of us to the environment;*
- *Cross boundaries and ecosystems. Protecting them must be a cooperative effort among cities, states, citizens, educational institutions, environmental organizations, businesses and federal agencies;*
- *Face serious challenges. Many species are in decline from a variety of causes including habitat loss and degradation, introduction of invasive plants and animals, pesticides and other pollutants, and collisions with buildings, cars, and other human-made objects*

Convinced of the urgency of taking appropriate measures to protect and promote migratory birds, on this day of October 8, 2022, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the City of Phoenix reaffirm their Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds and acknowledge the importance of local efforts and partnerships to achieve migratory bird conservation throughout the greater Phoenix metropolitan region.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Amy Lueders, Regional Director, SW Region

City of Phoenix

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Kate Gallego, Mayor

Audubon Southwest

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Jon Hayes, Executive Director