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Birds of Conservation Concern 2021

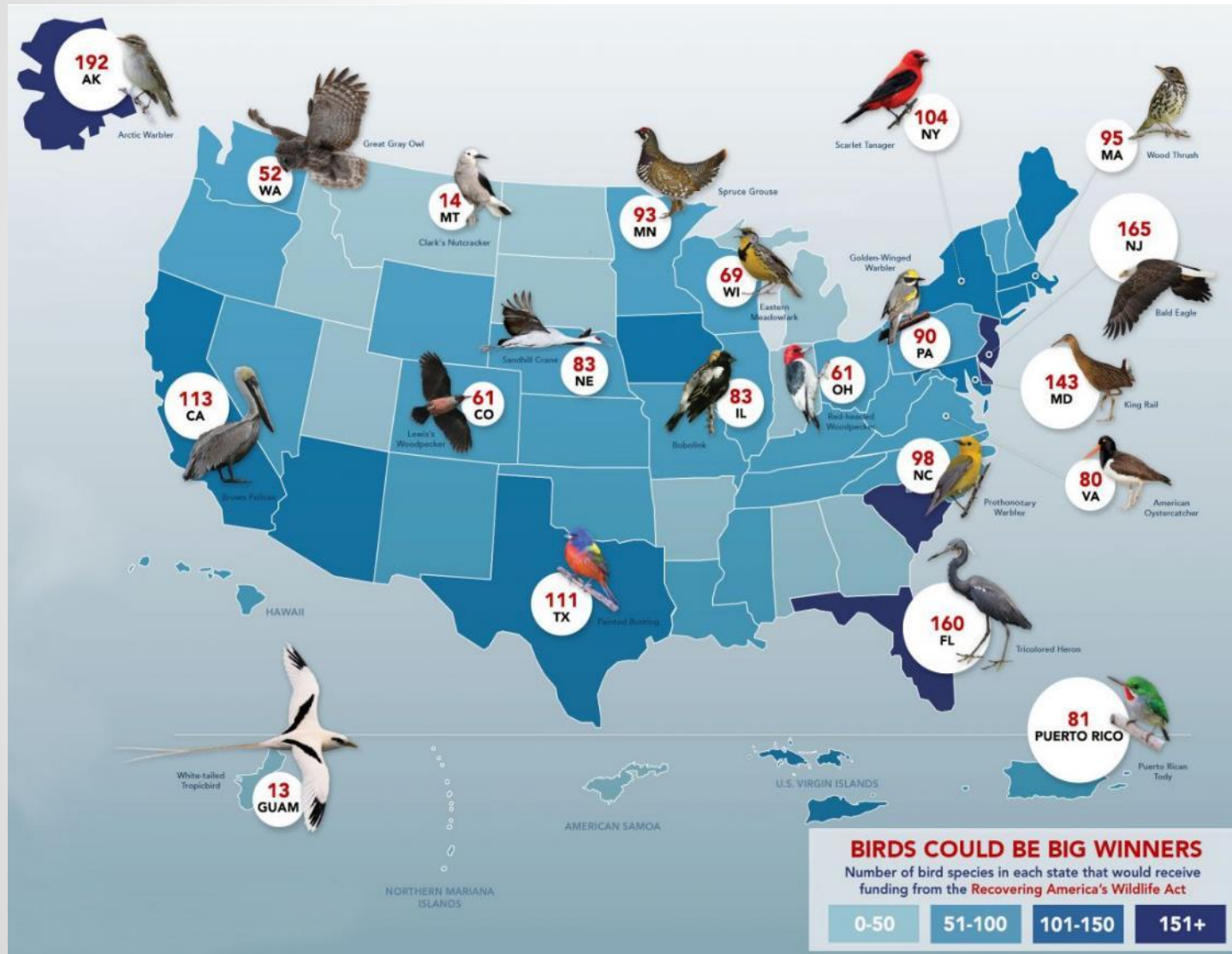
Migratory Bird Program



- Congressional mandate: Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act (1988)
- Species, subspecies, and populations of all migratory nongame birds that without additional conservation action are likely to become candidates for listing under the Endangered Species Act
- “...intended to stimulate coordinated, collaborative and proactive conservation actions among international, federal, state, tribal and private partners.”
- Excluded taxa: species not protected under the Migratory Bird Treaties, T&E under the Endangered Species Act, taxa that only occur irregularly or peripherally in the USA, & gamebirds except rails
- Draft list for today: 8 Continental BCC, 8 BCR-level BCC
- <https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-concern.php>



State Wildlife Action Plans:



- Developed to conserve wildlife and habitat before they become too rare or costly to restore
- Species of Greatest Conservation Need: overlapping species across state lines, across species ranges, etc.
- Regional approach taken by partners (e.g., Joint Ventures, Competitive SWG)
- Much overlap with BCC list
- <https://www1.usgs.gov/csas/swap/>