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Engaging As One Conservancy Across the Americas

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Dr. Eve Tavera Fernández @eveconnection · Jul 22, 2018

Yes! Sanderling from Peru! Awesome! Please send an email to playeras@corbidi.org ! Awesome! [#paracasshorebirdproject](#)



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Gianco Angelozzi-Blanco, MSc. @gangelozzib · Jul 22, 2018

Great! I think this one is from Peru, @eveconnection check this out!



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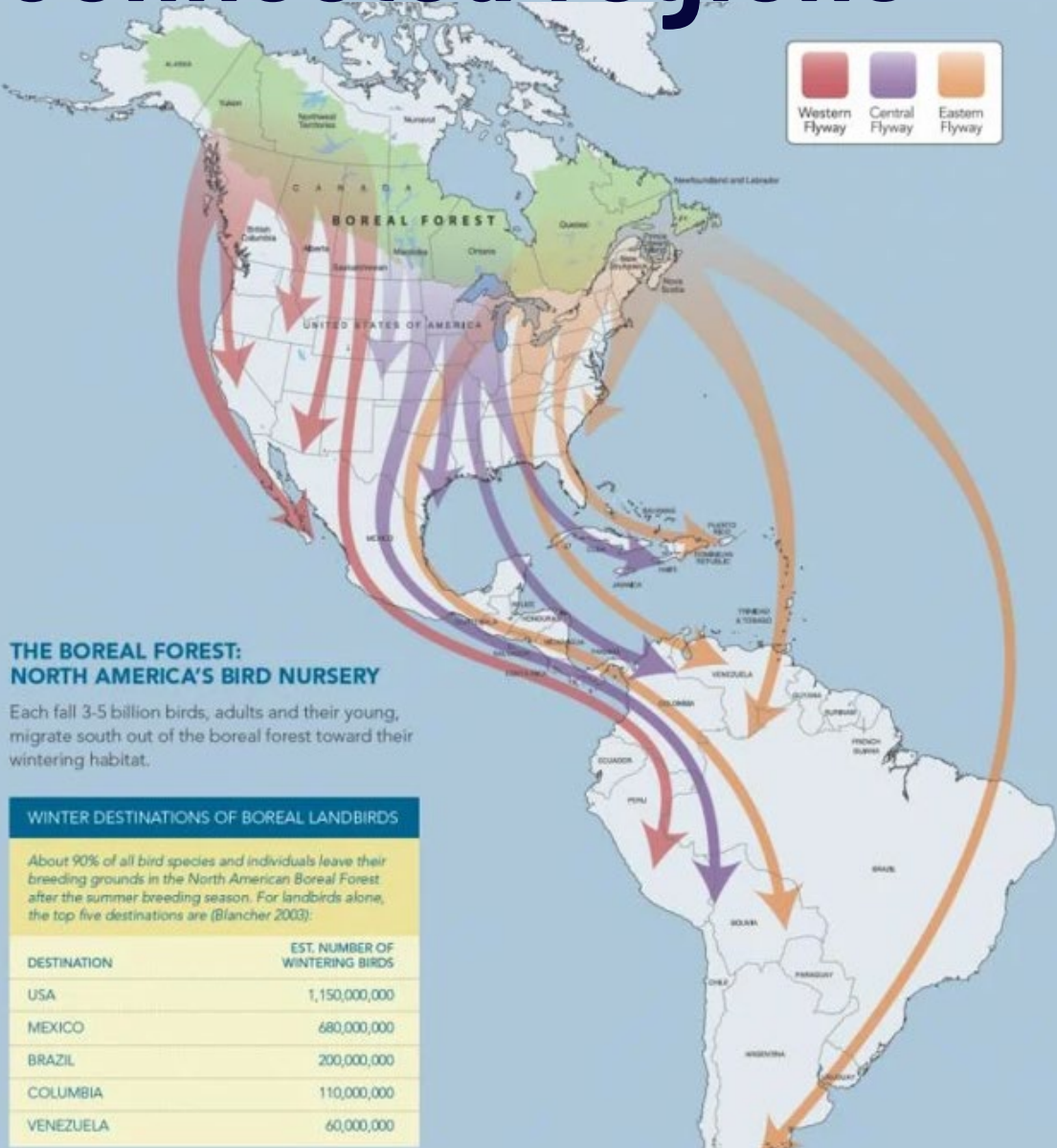
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Connected regions



Boreal Conservation; International Boreal Conservation Campaign (IBCC) site





Images Top-Bottom and Left-Right: Orinoquía, Cerrado, Chaco, Mississippi

Our Shared Challenges...

1. Lack of policies and regulations to incentive nature-based solutions
2. Lack of engagement and motivation to promote action
3. Inadequate water governance



Our Shared Opportunities...

1. Water Governance and Policy

identify best practices to build water governance within agricultural landscapes

Inspire public agencies to strengthen freshwater policy and governance

1. Private Sector and Corporate Engagement

Identify and leverage shared corporate partners

1. Science and Technical Expertise

Share strategic planning and scientific capacity

Building on the Shoulders of Giants...



Illinois-Yucatan 1997

Wisconsin-Colombia 2022



Four decades of impact...





A vision for action **LEARN**



A vision for action **CONNECT**

Left: Cerrado IP

Right: Orinoquia IP



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A vision for action **FUNDING**



Today's Discussion

- What expertise, donor relationships, or corporate connections can trustees bring to this effort?
- What would make a Midwest-LAR partnership reciprocal, durable, and strategic?
- How can we better communicate the benefits of connecting across the Americas?





Thank You!

Our Shared Nature...

