

# Responsibility Bird



## Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*)

- **Breeding Species:**  
Not present during overwintering period, although a few individuals may overwinter in the state.
- **Widespread:**  
Detected at 100% of Audubon Refuges during the breeding season and 29% of refuges during the overwintering period.
- **Most Important Habitats:**  
Forest edge

Eastern Towhees might not come to mind when you think of species in need of conservation efforts. And, while the numbers of towhees is high enough that they are currently deemed of low conservation concern throughout their range, towhee numbers have dropped steadily over the past 50-years. In the Mid-Atlantic, this decline has been precipitous and efforts to manage for early successional birds will likely benefit this species.

Managing for species in decline before populations are severely impacted is the focus of proactive conservation.

