

Responsibility Bird



Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

- Present year-round
- Widespread: Detected at 100% of Audubon Refuges during the breeding season and 50% of refuges during the overwintering period.
- Most Important Habitat: Deciduous Forest edge and Scrub/Shrub Wetlands

The Red-winged Blackbird is an obvious choice for designation as a "Responsibility Bird". The species has declined throughout most of its eastern North American range over the past 50-years, it is found breeding on multiple Audubon Refuges and its conspicuous habits make it an ideal candidate for monitoring.

Moving forward, censuses of the Red-winged Blackbird populations on our refuges will allow us to determine how our birds are faring relative to the larger regionwide population.

