



IBP receives national Wings Across the Americas conservation award from the US Forest Service

In mid-March The Institute for Bird Populations received national recognition from the US Forest Service – we were awarded the 2014 Wings Across the Americas Conservation Award for research contributing to management of bird populations, for our work on Black-backed Woodpecker ecology and habitat management in California. This annual award recognizes a successful research partnership between the Forest Service and an external partner. We thank our Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region partners for their terrific collaboration on this ongoing project, especially Diana Craig (Deputy Director for Ecosystem Management) and Chrissy Howell (Regional Wildlife Ecologist). To learn more about our Black-backed Woodpecker work with the US Forest Service, visit <http://www.birdpop.org/Sierra/bbwo.htm>.

Recipients of the award included IBP Executive Director Rodney Siegel, Staff Biologists Bob Wilkerson, Joanna Wu, and Ron Taylor, and Research Associate Morgan Tingley (currently a post-doctoral researcher at Princeton University), as well as numerous Forest Service partners, including Diana Craig (Deputy Director for Ecosystem Management) and Chrissy Howell (Regional Wildlife Ecologist). For more information email Rodney Siegel at rsiegel@birdpop.org.



Left: Mary Wagner, Associate Chief of the Forest Service, presents the 2014 Wings Across the Americas award for research partnerships to Rodney Siegel and Chrissy Howell (representing all of the recipients from IBP and the Forest Service) at an award ceremony in Denver.

Below left: Burned-forest habitat preferred by Black-backed Woodpeckers in California.



Below right: A male Black-backed Woodpecker excavating a nest cavity. Photo by Joseph Leibrecht.

