

# Beyond the Specific: Michigan's Bird Conservation Initiative & Integrated Bird Conservation

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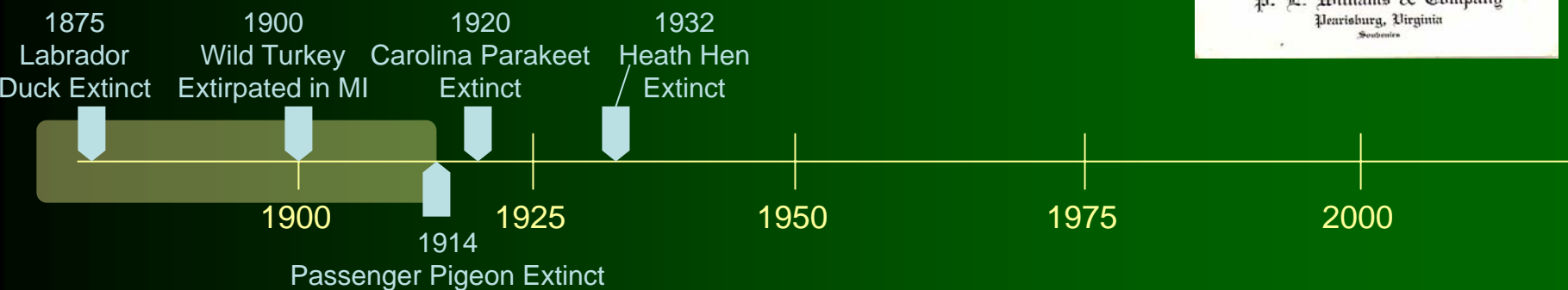
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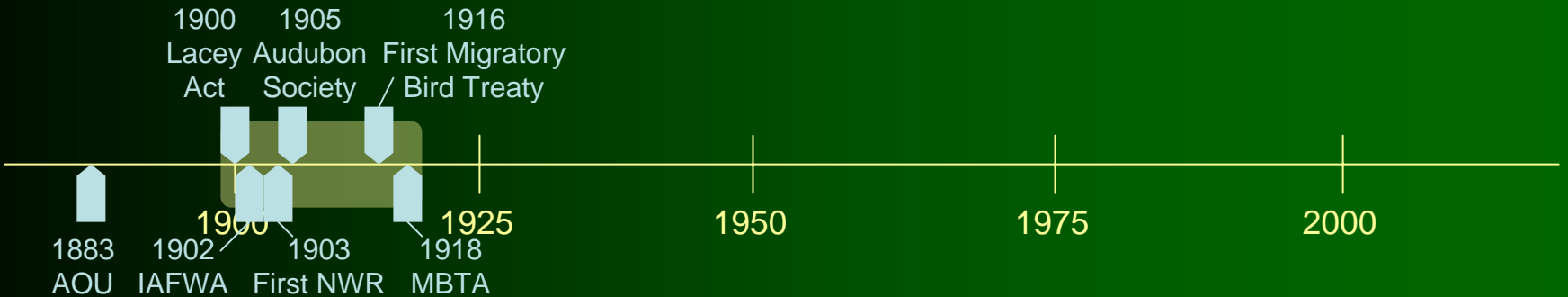
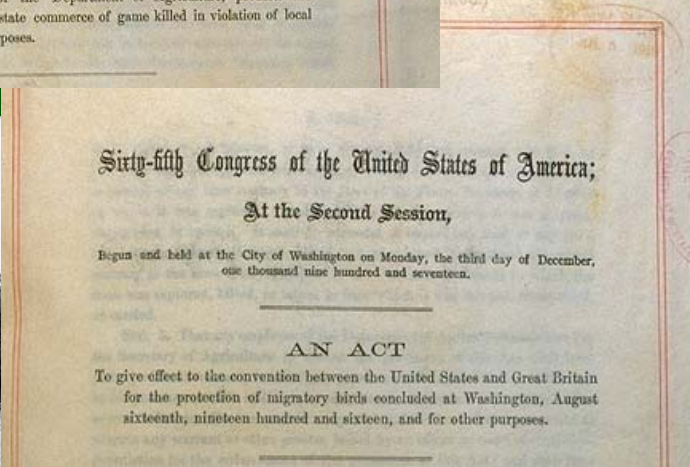
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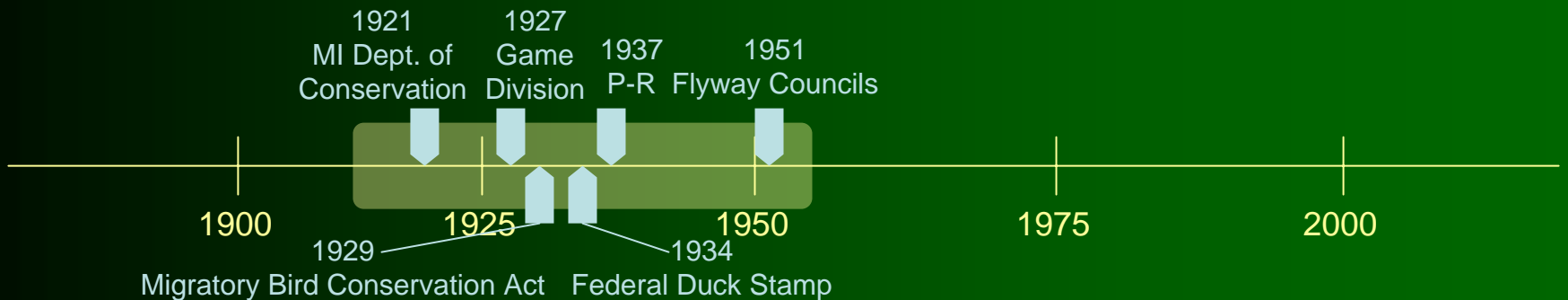
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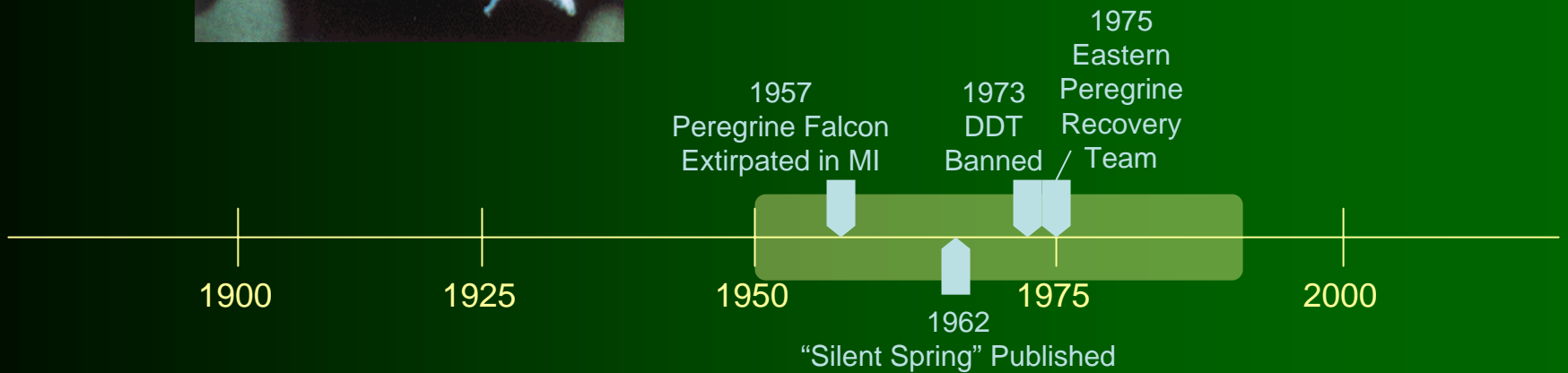
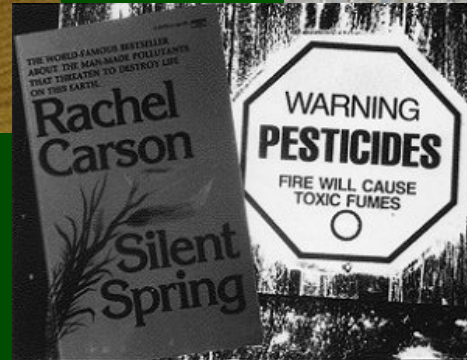
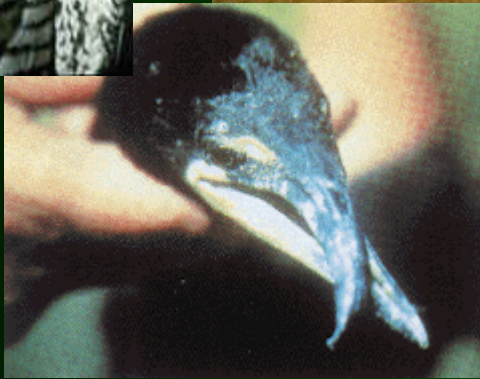
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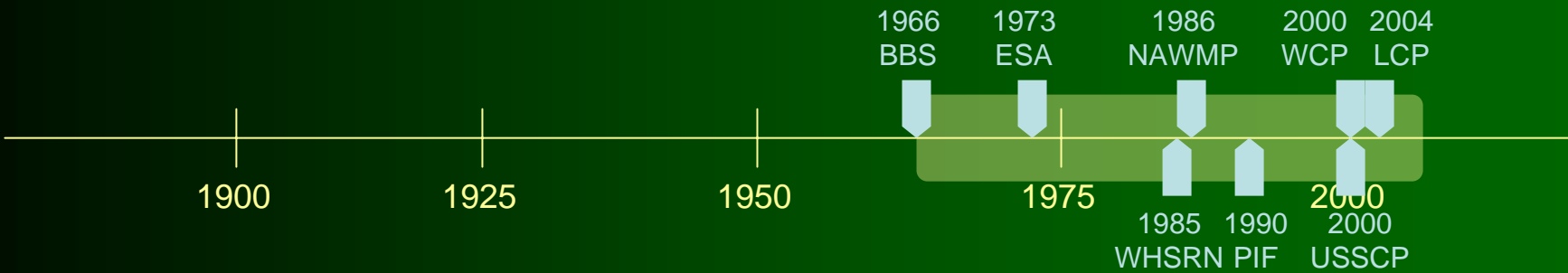
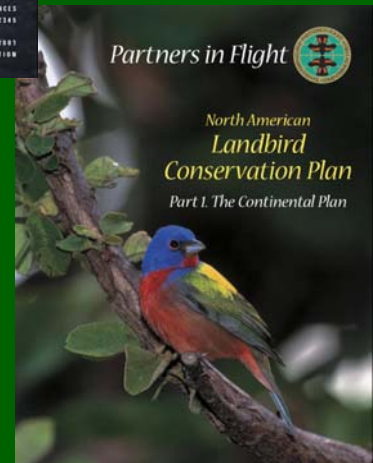
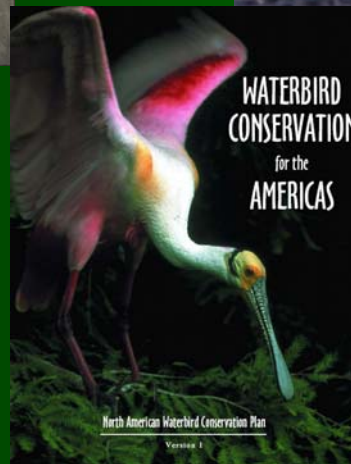
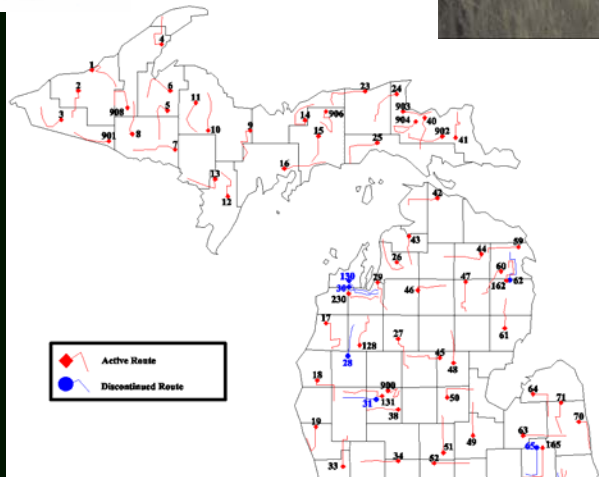
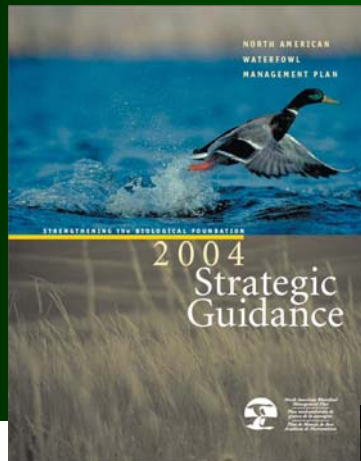
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# All-Bird Conservation



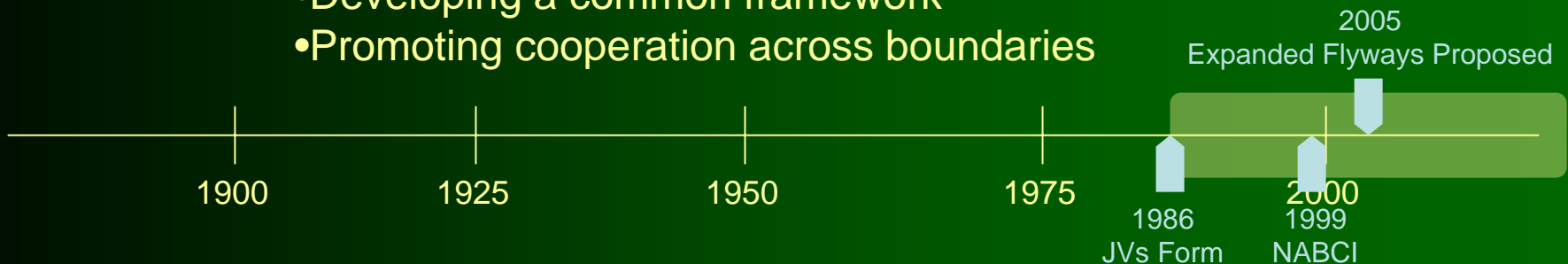
The U.S. North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI) Committee is a coalition of government agencies, private organizations, and bird initiatives in the United States working to advance integrated bird conservation based on sound science and cost-effective management that will benefit all birds in all habitats.

Integrated bird conservation is about conserving birds:

- Across geopolitical boundaries
  - Across taxonomic groups
  - Across landscapes

What does this mean?

- Facilitating partnerships
- Increasing funding
- Fostering integrated bird conservation
- Developing a common framework
- Promoting cooperation across boundaries



# State Bird Conservation Initiatives



Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative



Nebraska Partnership for All Bird Conservation



Provide expertise to resource managers and local planners

Develop monitoring protocols and plans

Produce white papers on emerging issues

Facilitate partnerships on existing projects and new projects

Identify funding opportunities





# Michigan Bird Conservation Initiative

MiBCI was formally begun at a bird conservation workshop in 2003.

An interim committee was formed with the intention of identifying partnerships and priorities for bird conservation in the state.

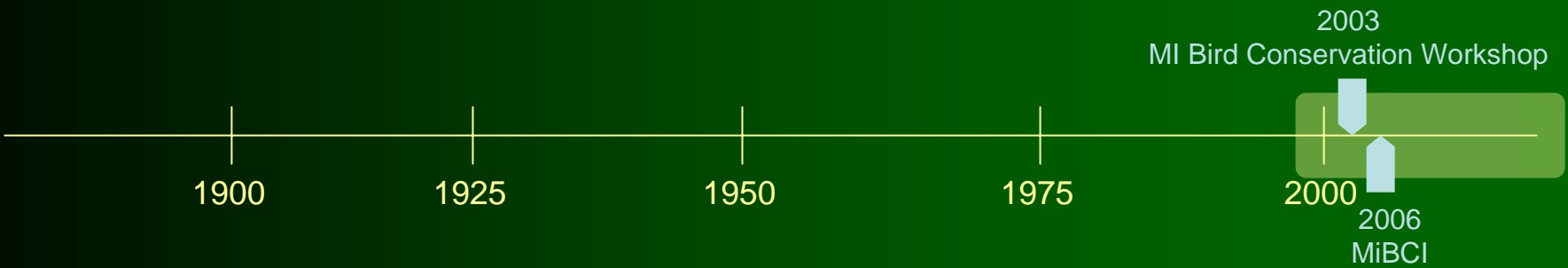
Existing bird conservation plans were collected (continental, national, and state).

Conservation organizations were identified and contact lists developed.

Data clearinghouse needs were identified and data management frameworks were developed.

The structure for a permanent organization was developed and formal recognition of a commitment to integrated bird conservation was made.





# Where do we go from here?

MiBCI will continue to solicit participation from anyone interested in bird conservation.

MiBCI subcommittees have already begun exploring projects to further integrated bird conservation:

- Developing databases of plans, data sets, researchers, funding sources...
- Identifying potential expertise and resources than can be applied to the Michigan Breeding Bird Atlas and the Important Bird Areas programs...
- Researching emerging issues in bird conservation (ex. avian influenza, wind power development, etc.)...
- Organizing an annual conference to address the state of bird research and conservation in Michigan

MiBCI will continue to strive to increase communication and cooperation between the organizations and individuals working toward conservation in the state.

