



## **Mobilizing Motus: A gathering of Motus minds to develop strategic objectives for the next decade.**

The Motus Wildlife Tracking System is a collaborative research network that uses coordinated automated radio telemetry to facilitate research and education on the ecology and conservation of migratory animals. Motus is a program of Birds Canada in partnership with collaborating researchers and organizations.

From the outset the philosophy behind Motus has been to harness the collective power of individual researchers, groups, or organizations into one massive coordinated effort that can expand the scale and impact of everyone's work, and optimize scarce research dollars. The growth of Motus to date has largely been organically driven by the priorities of partners rather than under a unifying strategy or vision about what Motus could be, and do. To date, our vision has been more implicit than explicit. Numerous partners have made large strategic investments to support the development of the network, but those have been comparatively small in scale when compared to what our collective contributions have been, and are dwarfed even farther by what a coordinated effort might look like.

To this end, we're looking to assemble Motus collaborators in a series of workshops over the next year to discuss opportunities, challenges, and objectives as we plot the next decade of progress.

Proposed topics for these workshops include:

- Regional Coordination (June 11, 2021)
- Collaboration and Data Sharing
- Science and Conservation Objectives
- Network Development - Partnerships, Fundraising and Sustainability
- Education and Outreach
- Technology and Infrastructure
- Analysis Tools and Development

Through these workshops, existing regional working groups, and feedback from Motus collaborators, we plan to develop a collective vision and coordinated objectives for Motus, and explore ways in which we can achieve our vision.

Please send any questions or suggestions to [motus@birdscanada.org](mailto:motus@birdscanada.org).

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