

Privacy statement for members contributing data to the Landbird Migration Monitoring Network of the Americas.

Data Access

Data archived with the Network are the property of the Network Member who donates them, and will not be given out without their written consent. The Network Database Manager will keep all consent correspondence on file.

At present, we plan for five levels of data access for the archive:

1. Only the owner is able to access the data. This provides backup to the owner against possible data loss.
2. Outside access is allowed only in restricted, broad-scale applications such as mapping on a county scale or state-wide summary graphs and tables.
3. Outside access is allowed for basic Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) variables (location, date, and species), but access would not be allowed to other BBL variables (sex, measurements, etc.) or data that are restricted by the owner (such as endangered species).
4. Outside access is allowed to all variables by users that are approved by the owner.
5. Full outside access is allowed to all data and all variables with full owner acknowledgment.

We expect that each Member will choose an individual user name and password for the Node so that they may access their data at any time. Similarly, individuals listed by the Member for access at any of these levels will also be able to obtain their own user name and password.

Access will be primarily through an internet portal. There will be separate pages that will show summary charts and tables of data and for downloading data, as allowed by the member under the above guidelines. This data may also be accessed by the eBird server for summaries requested by their users. Individual researchers may also request data from the Network (see level 5 above).

Security of data and information

Safeguards are in place to ensure that the integrity of Members' archived data on the Node is maintained and to prevent its being lost or destroyed. We will be implementing the use of passwords and encryption software. The Member database is not kept on the Node to increase security of personal information.

Personal Information

Personal information is not released and is only used to maintain contact with Members by the Network Node. It may be used for mailings of general interest to the Members, such as newsletters or announcements of meetings.