



*An American Golden-Plover
pauses in a cornfield.
Shelby County. 4 May 2008.
Photo by Eric Walters.*

tat. We've identified and delineated critical stopover areas, and provided empirical support for their conservation amidst the rapid growth of wind facilities, rural housing developments, and intensified agriculture.

We met dozens of landowners while stopped along rural roads. Very few of them were even aware of the plovers' presence, but all of them were thrilled to hear that these world travelers had stopped on their farm. The reaction of these observers is testimony that American Golden-Plovers are indeed fascinating birds and special guests on the working lands of the Midwest. Their future in this part of the world depends on an increased awareness and attention to their unique natural history and habitat needs. The Plover Project is making solid strides in that effort.

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