



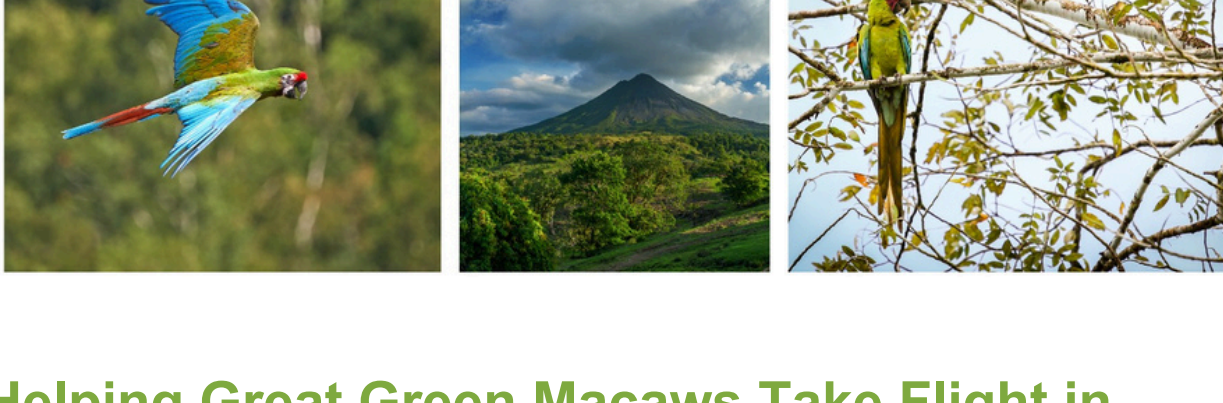
EcoWB Taking Flight This Fall!

Exciting things are happening at EcoWB this season—new projects, new partnerships, and communities around the world doing the essential work of protecting their ecosystems. From the rainforests of Costa Rica to the mountains of Cameroon, our work is expanding and impact is growing. And it all happens because of **you**—volunteers giving their time and expertise and supporters believing in this mission!

Thank you for making this possible!

Ecologists Without Borders

EcoWB in Action: New Project Update



Helping Great Green Macaws Take Flight in Costa Rica

Earlier this year, the **Macaw Recovery Network** (MRN) in northern Costa Rica reached out to us for targeted volunteer support as they head into a pivotal season for the Great Green Macaw (*Ara ambiguus ambiguus*)—one of the world's rarest parrots, with fewer than a thousand left in the wild. Their goal: to give these birds the best possible chance of survival and rebuild the forest they depend on.

MRN's captive-bred macaws are being prepared for carefully timed releases into protected habitat, with close follow-up to learn which sites and conditions are most favorable. At the same time, MRN is reconnecting fragmented forests by planting native trees and working with local landowners. They're also developing community programs with 'Junior Rangers' clubs for school children and a women-led ranger initiative.

EcoWB is actively recruiting experienced volunteers to support MRN's release days and post-release checks; restoration specialists to advise what to plant where so new corridors can function; and educators to co-create lesson materials and train local teachers for programs run under local leadership.

We're also scoping simple monitoring and project-management tools to help the team track progress without extra paperwork.

If you're interested in volunteering, head over to our [volunteer pages](#) to sign-up or explore current project opportunities.



Facts About the Great Green Macaw!

- An estimated 500-1,000 left in the world with 400-600 in Costa Rica.
- Classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List.
- Main cause of population decline is loss of forest habitat—in particular the destruction of Mountain Almond trees for timber, which the macaws rely on for feeding and nesting.
- They form long-term pair bonds and nest in tree cavities—typically raising just 1–2 chicks a year.

EcoWB Co-Founder Presents at AFS 2025

In August, **EcoWB Co-Founder, Larry Dominguez** represented EcoWB at the 2025 American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting in San Antonio, where he presented a poster highlighting EcoWB's model for community-led conservation. It was a full-circle moment as EcoWB was founded in 2011 with seed funding from the American Fisheries Society, and Larry was proud to share how that early support has grown into a worldwide movement for community-led environmental protection.



Independent Sector

EcoWB recently joined **Independent Sector**, a national organization connecting and advocating for nonprofits and philanthropies. We'll have an exhibit at their Summit later this month in Atlanta, where we're looking forward to connecting with other organizations working on community empowerment and systems change. Independent Sector recently sat down with our **Executive Director, Danielle Reich**, for a conversation about EcoWB's model of deploying volunteer expertise to communities facing environmental crises. Read the full interview [here](#).

EcoWB Joins Forces with National Association of Environmental Professionals.



We're excited to announce a new partnership with the **National Association of Environmental Professionals** (NAEP)—a multidisciplinary association dedicated to the advancement of the environmental professions through ethical practices and technical excellence.

The collaboration creates pathways for NAEP members to apply their professional expertise to meaningful conservation work around the globe, while giving EcoWB access to a vast network of specialists with precisely the skills our partner

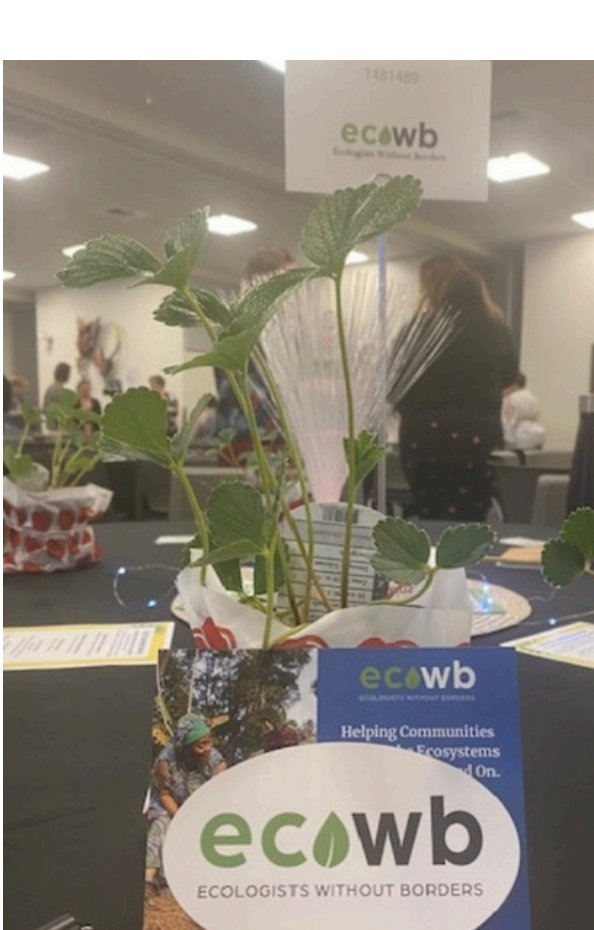
communities need. And it's a great match as both organizations are committed to ethical, science-based environmental practice and value the environmental profession as one of service.

We'll be working together on some exciting initiatives in the coming months and look forward to joining NAEP at their annual conference in Anchorage, Alaska in May 2026. If you're interested in presenting, the call for abstracts is now open on their [website](#). In the meantime, if you're an EcoWB volunteer who's also a NAEP member, we'd love to [hear from you](#) so we can start making connections!

Workplace Giving

EcoWB **Vice President, Rebekah Padgett**, an environmental specialist at Washington State's Department of Ecology, recently hosted a table at the state's annual **Combined Fund Drive Breakfast**. Each year, WA state employees raise more than \$4m for over 1,700 charities. Rebekah brought native coastal strawberry plants as conversation starters for the charity captains at her table. Proof that workplace giving can, quite literally, plant the seeds of change.

If your **work-place** has a **Giving Program** we'd love to hear about it.



Merch spotting in Maine!

This summer, EcoWB **Board Secretary, Chris Matlak**, was spotted wearing his EcoWB tee while birding offshore of Mount Desert Island in Maine. We love seeing our merch out in the wild—especially because every hat, t-shirt, or hoodie sold in EcoWB's Bonfire store helps fund our work. We'd love to see you in yours. Snap a photo wearing your EcoWB merch and tag us on social media or email it for us to feature online! It's a great way to show support for EcoWB and spark conversations about our work.

[Visit our store here.](#)

Honoring a Conservation Legacy: \$33,000 Match Gift to Protect Cameroon Forest



Nancy-Carroll Draper in 1968.

Nancy-Carroll Draper was a lifelong conservationist who believed deeply in the power of education and research to inspire lasting change. She supported conservation efforts from Wyoming and the American West to East Africa and was instrumental in creating the Draper Natural History Museum in Cody, Wyoming—a museum dedicated to the natural history and conservation of the Greater Yellowstone region.

Her legacy continues through **The Nancy-Carroll Draper Charitable Foundation**, which has generously agreed to match up to \$33,000 in funds we raise to secure a critical land lease for 5,000 hectares of forest in Somié, Cameroon—where EcoWB volunteers and our local partners at CBBM are already doing remarkable work to protect endangered chimpanzees, pangolins, and other species.

But the land itself remains vulnerable. Without securing the lease, the forest could still be exploited by loggers, poachers, and outside interests—putting years of community-led conservation work, and the future of these endangered species, at risk.

The total cost to secure the land is \$66,000, and we **have until the end of the year** to raise the remaining \$33,000 and unlock the foundation's generous \$33,000 matching grant. If you'd like to contribute and have the Nancy-Carroll Draper Charitable Foundation double the impact of your gift, you can [make a donation here](#). And if you know a foundation, organization, or donor who might help push our fundraising to the target, we'd love to [hear from you](#).

A New Voice in Washington State

Earlier this year EcoWB joined **Global Washington**, an organization supporting Washington state's global development community. This November, we're thrilled to be presenting in the 'New Voices' segment at their Annual Conference—a spotlight for organizations new to the network. It's a great opportunity to share our story and collaborative approach with fellow nonprofits, foundations, and organizations invested in building a healthier, more equitable world.



Volunteer Opportunities

Explore our current volunteer opportunities and see how your expertise can help protect ecosystems and uplift communities worldwide.

CURRENT OPENINGS

Help Fund the Essentials!

While our **volunteers'** time and expertise are generously donated, making that expertise available to communities requires infrastructure—and that costs money. From GIS licences and volunteer-management software to postage, printing, web-hosting, accounting, registrations and more, these everyday essentials keep EcoWB running. If you value the work we do, please consider making a gift to support the systems that make our work possible. Thank you.

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