Audubon Core maintenance group charter

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3. Motivation
This interest group is established to meet the requirements in Section 2.1 of the TDWG Vocabulary Maintenance Specification: to maintain the Audubon Core vocabulary.

4. Becoming involved
The task group welcomes the participation of individuals who have a vested interest in maintaining the stability and interoperability of Audubon Core. We need people with interest and experience in vocabulary creation, people who are well versed in best practices for metadata documentation, people with technical data management skills, and people who are experts on various types of media. If you are interested in participating in the group, please contact the convener or a core member.

5. History/context
The Audubon Core vocabulary was ratified as a TDWG Standard in 2013 to represent metadata for biodiversity multimedia resources and collections. It imports terms from various existing vocabularies, including Darwin Core, and mints terms in cases where existing terms are insufficient. Audubon Core records allow a user to determine the fitness for use of a resource before actually acquiring the resource itself. For an introduction to Audubon Core, visit https://terms.tdwg.org/wiki/Audubon_Core. For details, see R. A. Morris et al. 2013. Discovery and Publishing of Primary Biodiversity Data associated with Multimedia Resources: The Audubon Core Strategies and Approaches. Biodiversity Informatics, 8(2). https://doi.org/10.17161/bi.v8i2.4117

6. Summary
The Audubon Core maintenance group is responsible for maintaining the various components of the Audubon Core standard. That includes managing suggested changes to the vocabulary, providing usage guidelines and examples, and ensuring the preservation and stability of metadata related to components of the standard.

Interest Group members have a strong interest in ensuring the stability and interoperability of the vocabulary.

7. Resources
● Audubon Core introduction:
https://terms.tdwg.org/wiki/Audubon_Core
● Audubon Core term list: https://terms.tdwg.org/wiki/Audubon_Core_Term_List
● Audubon Core GitHub repository: https://github.com/tdwg/ac