



The Southern Wings Program – A Partnership of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies

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Fish and Wildlife Agencies
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The Southern Wings Program

An easy,
transparent, flexible
process for States
to conserve species
of greatest
conservation need
throughout their
lifecycle



American Oystercatcher by Deb Hahn



Project Characteristics

1. Target/benefit state priority migratory birds
2. Have strong migration linkages to one or more States
3. Objectives which are of biological relevance to States
4. Seeks to implement habitat restoration, management, or on-the-ground activities
5. Proposal is ready to be implemented, or is an ongoing project, and additional support would contribute to implementing additional objectives, or enhancing current objectives.



State Participation



- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Iowa
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Wisconsin
- NEAFWA

Chestnut-sided Warbler by Deb Hahn



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Program Areas



States of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

State	Chihuahuan Grasslands	Saltillo Grasslands	Yucatan Migratory Bird Habitat, Mexico	Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica	Nicaragua Highlands Golden-winged Warbler	Cerulean Warbler Conservation Corridor, Colombia
Colorado	Mountain Plover, Long-billed Curlew, Burrowing Owl, White-throated Swift, Williamson's Sapsucker, Say's Phoebe, Green-tailed Towhee, Cassin's Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Lark Bunting, Grasshopper Sparrow, McCown's Longspur					
Iowa		Loggerhead Shrike, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow	Upland Sandpiper, Black-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Grasshopper Sparrow, Dickcissel, Bobolink	Willow Flycatcher, Blue-winged Warbler		
Kansas		Lark Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark, Western Meadowlark				
Michigan				Blue-winged Warbler, Golden-winged Warbler		
Minnesota				Golden-winged Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler	Black-billed Cuckoo, Veery, Golden-winged Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Ovenbird, Canada Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak	



Recent activities

- Conducted a webinar with the state agencies in April
- Developed draft language for the SWAPs to include international conservation opportunities
- Engaging states in the Program





Where we are going...

- Update the brochure to reflect Program status
- Enhance connections with NGOs and other partners to help states leverage money
- Consolidate information on international NGO partners for the state agencies
- Develop a vision document for the Program



Update on 2010-2011

- The states pledged \$128,500 and have raised \$48,400 in partner contributions. State funds are also matched at least 1 to 1.
- Projects in Yucatan, Saltillo Grasslands, & Colorado River Delta, Mexico; Costa Rica; Colombia; Dominican Republic & Nicaragua





Update on 2010-2011

- The program is
 - protecting key grasslands through on the ground management (excluding cattle from important habitat) in Mexico
 - protecting and restoring land in Costa Rica, Colombia, and Yucatan.
 - Supporting management and training in Dominican Republic.
 - Key species include Golden-winged Warbler, Bicknell's Thrush, Cerulean Warbler and a suite of grassland bird species.



How to participate

- Contact Mike Senn or Deb Hahn
- Discuss internally how much you can contribute
- Develop a Cooperative Agreement with the MAFWA if needed
- Assign a staff member to the Technical Team
- Get support choosing the project that is most appropriate.



Project Approval

- SD, NE – Saltillo Grasslands of Mexico
- IA, WI – Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica
- MO – Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico
- MO – Sierra Caral, Guatemala



Blackburnian Warbler



Northern Waterthrush, Photo by Simpson



Western Sandpiper, Photo by Karen Hollingsworth

Final Thoughts

- State agency and partner response has been amazing
- We are interested in getting more states involved
- We are accepting voluntary commitments for Year 3 (2011-2012)



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