

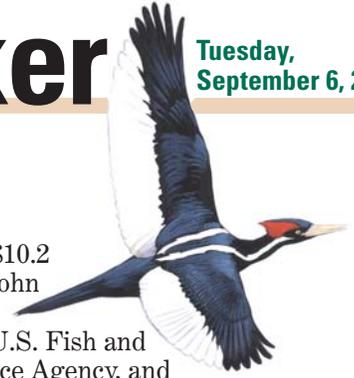
Ivory-billed Woodpecker

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Recovery starts here...

U P D A T E

Interior Secretary Gale Norton and Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns in April committed \$10.2 million in a bold effort to launch the recovery effort for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, which John James Audubon once called the “great chieftan of the woodpecker tribe.” The financial commitment for this extraordinary and rare second chance included \$4.5 million through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, \$5 million from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency, and the U.S. Forest Service, and \$500,000 from the U.S. Geological Survey.



Here's a breakdown of the funding committed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

Funding for IBW Recovery Effort

<i>DOI Federal Funding Commitment</i>	<i>Amount Available</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Description</i>
Habitat and Partnership Grants \$2,000,000	\$1,000,000	Recovery Land Acquisition Funding	These carryover funds are matched by States to support acquisition of habitat for endangered and threatened species.
	\$800,000	Private Stewardship Grant Program Funds	Part of \$5.7 million in grants for voluntary conservation efforts on private lands that benefit endangered, threatened and other at-risk species. These funds were set aside for projects that specifically benefit Ivory-billed Woodpecker habitat.
	\$470,647	Federal Duck Stamp Funds - redirected	This amount was redirected to acquisition priorities within the Cache River NWR acquisition boundary when it became clear that acquisitions for which these were originally targeted could not be completed by September 30, 2005. Another \$1.48 million from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps allocated to the Southeast Region in FY05 already had been dedicated to Cache River NWR priorities. This money is used to acquire land to benefit waterfowl, but the habitat conservation also clearly benefits many other wildlife species including the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.
	\$1,480,000	Federal Duck Stamp Funds - previously allocated for FY05	Another \$1.48 million from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps allocated to the Southeast Region in FY05 already had been dedicated to Cache River NWR priorities. This money is used to acquire land to benefit waterfowl, but the habitat conservation also clearly benefits many other wildlife species including the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.
Recovery Planning Activities \$800,000	\$800,000	Preventing Extinction, Showing Success Initiative	Through this initiative, \$707,000 was allocated to the Ivory-billed Woodpecker. These funds are competitive and are used for species that are critically endangered or approaching sustainable populations where delisting or down listing may be possible. The Ivory-billed Woodpecker was one of more than a dozen species to receive funding from a total of \$1.2 million for FY05. In addition, nearly \$100,000 in existing recovery planning funds allocated to the Southeast Region in FY05 is available.
Refuge Operations, Education and Outreach \$200,000	\$405,000	Refuge Operations	This money was contributed through the refuge operations account for the Southeast Region for FY05, and it includes operations money set aside at the beginning of the fiscal year for unanticipated needs. These funds will be used for outreach, education and other public use activities, including the construction of kiosks.
Enhanced Law Enforcement \$300,000	\$227,000	Law Enforcement	Part of this funding (\$102,000) previously existed in the Southeast Region's FY05 budget allocation and it includes operations money set aside at the beginning of the fiscal year for unanticipated needs.
Partnerships \$1,200,000	\$228,000	Partners for Fish and Wildlife	While \$1,000,000 has been committed through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in FY05 and 06, to date \$228,000 in projects has been secured.
\$4,500,000	\$5,410,647	total committed	<i>Illustration: © David Allen Sibley</i>



What's happening in September:

IAFWA	Nashville, TN	Sept. 11-17	FWS, AGFC
Recovery Team Steering Committee meeting	Vicksburg, MS	Sept. 12	FWS
Federal Duck Stamp Contest	Memphis, TN	Sept. 14-15	FWS, DU
Duck Stamp judges visit Cache River	Brinkley	Sept. 14	FWS, DU
Announce \$1.4 million Duck Stamp funding for Cache River land acquisition	Brinkley	Sept. 14	FWS, AGFC, TNC, DU
Ducks Unlimited Waterfowl Expo	Memphis, TN	Sept. 17-18	FWS, DU, Partners
National Public Lands Day and Lick Skillet Days	Brinkley, Cache River NWR, Dagmar WMA	Sept. 24	FWS, AGFC, Audubon and Partners
Town Hall Meetings	Brinkley and Stuttgart	Sept. 26-27	FWS, AGFC
Wildlife Society Annual Meeting	Madison, WI	Sept. 25-30	
Society for Environmental Journalists	Austin, TX	Sept. 28-Oct 2	FWS, AGFC, DU, TNC, others
Announce completion of recovery outline	Atlanta, GA	tbd	FWS