



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in North Carolina



Golden Sedge



Appalachian Elktoe



Schweinitz's Sunflower



Cape Fear Shiner

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's mission is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are one of eight agencies that operate under the Department of the Interior. In North Carolina, the Service manages nearly 400,000 acres of Federal Land; contributes \$9.5 million annually in payroll and operations budgets; hosts more than 2.3 million visitors at wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries; stocks more than 1 million fish; and, through federal grant programs channels an average of \$10 million a year to the state wildlife resource agency and private conservation organizations. For information visit: www.fws.gov or call 1 (800) 344-WILD (9453).



Red Wolf

The National Wildlife Refuge System has 11 refuges located in North Carolina. Besides providing habitat for a number of endangered and nonendangered species, many of these acres are managed to allow hiking, wildlife observation, photography, boating, hunting and fishing. Some of the wildlife which call refuges home (some only during the winter months) are: ducks, geese, swans, wading birds, shorebirds, American woodcock, raptors, black bears, American alligators, white-tailed deer, raccoons, rabbits, quail, river otters, red-wolves, red-cockaded woodpeckers and neotropical migrant songbirds. For information visit: <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/> or call 1 800 344-WILD (9453).

The Raleigh and Asheville Ecological Services Field Offices along with the Sandhills Sub-office meet its missions through consultation, cooperation and communication with other federal, state, local government, private corporations, conservation agencies and citizens. The offices are engaged in: endangered species, habitat conservation and environmental contaminants issues. The staff accomplishes this by administering Federal programs and overseeing permit processes. For information visit: <http://www.fws.gov/nc-es/> or call (919) 856-4520 (Raleigh) or (828) 258-3939 (Asheville) or (910) 695-3323 (Sandhills).



Juvenile Red-cockaded woodpecker

Five federal law enforcement officers and eight refuge officers located throughout the state handle criminal and civil violations of Federal wildlife laws both on and off the refuge. These special agents work closely with other law enforcement agencies. For information visit <http://www.fws.gov/southeast/law/RAC/Raleigh.htm> or call (919) 856-4786.

The Columbia Migratory Bird Field Office, Columbia N.C. was established in 1967, its work consists largely of initiating, coordinating, and facilitating activities undertaken by the Service and our partners that contribute to on-the-ground bird conservation. The work area for this office includes North Carolina, South Carolina and coastal Georgia. For information visit <http://www.fws.gov/manteowildlife> or call (252) 796-3004 (ext. 228)



Kentucky Warbler

The South Atlantic Fisheries Coordination Office located in Raleigh, N.C. organizes the work of many different Service offices that deal with coastal aquatic resource issues. Work is carried out through cooperative partnerships with many other state and Federal agencies, fishery management councils, commissions and private organizations in managing aquatic resources of the South Atlantic coastal waters. For information visit: <http://southeast.fws.gov/southatlantic/index.html> or call (919) 515-5019.



Striped Bass

At the National Fish Hatchery located in Edenton, N.C., the Service grows striped bass and American shad. The hatchery also has many public use opportunities available. For further information call (252) 482-4118 or visit <http://www.fws.gov/edenton/index.html>

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