



# Habitat Improvement by State: Fiscal Year 2007

(Acres/Sites/Miles Riparian)



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68,443 acres/235 sites/106 miles riparian  
in the Southeast Region

Information:  
<http://southeast.fws.gov/partners>  
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## Habitat Improvement Summary (1988-2007)

State	AL	AR	PR*	FL	GA	KY	LA	MS	NC	SC	TN	Total
Acres	72,906	52,210	2,685	52,138	17,168	1,409	57,275	111,732	16,990	22,706	6,898	414,117
Sites	204	519	84	217	256	71	354	800	267	96	133	3,001

\*Commonwealth

## Partners for Fish & Wildlife—Southeast Region



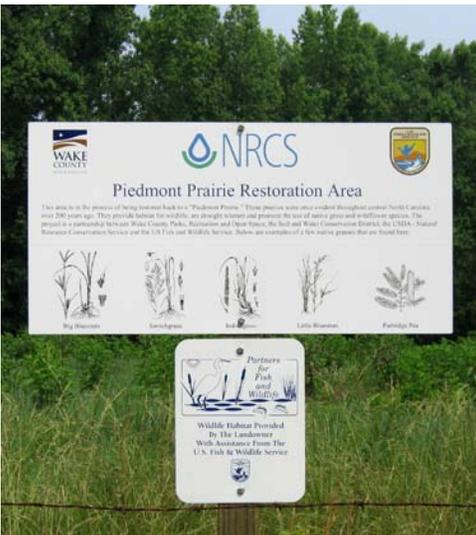
*Stabilizing a stream bank*



*Installing a protective cave gate - Adams Cave, Kentucky*



*Working with partners in the Caribbean*



*All photos: USFWS*



*Left: Florida Scrub Jay; right: scrub habitat restored for Florida Scrub Jay*

### Other Habitat Restoration Factsoids:

- In fiscal year 2007, the Service entered into over 236 new partnership agreements with private landowners and other conservation groups.
- Approximately 13,800 acres of wetland projects were initiated, including 9,400 acres of bottomland trees (an endangered habitat type; 85% or greater historic decline) planted in the Lower Mississippi River Ecosystem.
- Over 231,000 acres of wetlands, including 115,400 acres of bottomland trees have been restored since 1988. Projects that benefit migratory birds, the threatened Louisiana black bear and the rediscovered Ivory-billed Woodpecker are a priority.
- Upland habitat improvement projects totaled approximately 56,000 acres, of which about 50,000 acres were longleaf pine projects.
- Approximately 140,000 acres of longleaf pine restoration plantings (an endangered ecosystem type; 85-98% historic decline) were implemented in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and the Carolinas since 1996. These projects provide benefits to several protected species, including the red-cockaded woodpecker, eastern indigo snake, and gopher tortoise.
- Riparian and in-stream restoration projects (over 106 miles of streams) benefitted numerous protected and sensitive aquatic species. Over 1,100 miles of riparian, and 25 miles of in-stream habitat projects have been carried out since 1994.
- Since 1996, approximately 2,700 acres of native prairie and grasslands have been restored or enhanced.
- Since 2000, over 35,500 acres of projects regionwide were directed toward the elimination of exotics and invasive species with a goal of restoring the native vegetative types. These projects are expected to provide benefits to numerous threatened, endangered, and other species.
- Partners voluntarily contributed over \$6 million of services in FY 2007.
- The Service provides important technical assistance to the Natural Resources Conservation Agency and other Federal and State agencies and conservation groups in implementing Farm Bill conservation programs.
- For example, in fiscal year 2007, over 25,000 acres were reviewed under the Wetland Reserve Program and over 1,400 other Service technical assistance consultations were provided to private landowners and other agencies affecting approximately 115,000 acres.