

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Grants Program

2009 Fact Sheet

On May 18, 2009, the Acting Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced more than \$4.8 million in Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act funding to support 36 conservation projects in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico and 12 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

The Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act is nonregulatory and supports voluntary partnerships. It establishes a matching grant program to fund projects that promote the long-term conservation of Neotropical migratory birds in the United States, Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects may include activities to benefit bird populations and habitats, research and monitoring, law enforcement, and outreach and education.

All grant requests must be matched by partner funds at least 3-to-1. For projects in the United States and Canada, matching funds must be in cash; in Latin America or the Caribbean, both cash and in-kind contributions are allowed. Partner funds from a U.S. federal source may be involved in any project, but are not eligible as match.

A panel of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and partner organization staff reviews eligible grant proposals and makes recommendations for project funding to the Service's Director, who approves funding on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior.

In addition, an Advisory Group appointed by the Secretary of the Interior advises the Fish and Wildlife Service on the goals and objectives of the Act and on selection criteria for grants. Appointed in 2006, the

Advisory Group comprises government and nongovernment representatives from United States, Canada and Mexico, including the chair of the North American Wetlands Conservation Council.

Since 2002, when the grants program began, partnerships have received more than \$30.3 million to support 295 projects in more than 30 countries. An additional \$134 million in matching funds and \$6.6 million in other partner contributions have been contributed to these projects--a partner-to-grant fund match of more than 4-to-1. To date, approximately 2 million acres of migratory bird habitat have been positively affected. Many of the projects take place in more than one state or country; others focus on the entire Neotropical region.

In September 2006, Congress reauthorized the Act and allowed an incremental increase to its appropriations from \$5 million to \$6.5 million over five years, beginning with the Fiscal Year 2007 grants. In addition, projects in Canada were made eligible for Act funding, and projects in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands may now count in-kind contributions as matching funds.

The following table lists the projects approved for funding under the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act in Fiscal Year 2009. For brief descriptions of funded projects or further details about the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act grants program, contact its coordinator at the Division of Bird Habitat Conservation at (703) 358 1784 or neotropical@fws.gov.

U.S. Projects

<i>Location</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Act \$</i>	<i>Partner \$</i>
IL	Doubling a New Grassland Bird Conservation Area-Chicago	Audubon-Chicago Region	88,310	265,170
MN	The Minnesota Forest Legacy Partnership Project	The Nature Conservancy	100,000	400,000
NM, TX	Eastern New Mexico/Texas Panhandle Habitat Protection and Community Outreach	The Nature Conservancy	250,000	419,000
PR	Rio Encantado Migratory Bird Wintering Habitat Conservation Project Phase III	The Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico	250,000	750,000
WI	Central Wisconsin Grassland Conservation Area--Acquisition	Golden Sands Conservation & Development Council, Inc.	250,000	750,000

U.S. - International Projects

<i>Location</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Grantee</i>	<i>Act \$</i>	<i>Partner \$</i>
AK, Canada,	The Migratory Connectivity	Cornell University	12,033	36,100
Chile	of Hudsonian Godwits	Laboratory of Ornithology		
CA, Mexico,	Identification and Management	The Institute for Bird	192,216	957,600
Central &	of Priority Winter Habitats for	Populations		
S. America	Migratory Landbirds			
CO, NE,	U.S.-Mexico Grassland Bird	Rocky Mountain Bird	244,351	886,625
Mexico	Conservation, Phase VII	Observatory		
MT, ND,	Monitoring Neotropical	Wildlife Conservation	40,345	121,900
SD, Canada	Grassland Bird Conservation and Bison Reintroduction	Society		

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Argentina	Fortalecimiento y puesta en valor de areas de importante valor biologico para las aves playeras	Fundacion Vida Silvestre Argentina	31,500	96,458
Argentina	Integrating management, science and education in Ibera Natural Reserve	The Conservation Land Trust	70,000	892,500
Argentina, Chile, Peru	Towards sustainable migratory bird conservation: Linking sites, linking people	BirdLife International	90,200	271,140
Canada	A Coordinated Ecosystem Approach to Conserving a Globally Significant Site for Neotropical Migrants	Pelee Island Bird Observatory	117,000	495,250
Canada	Boreal Avian Modeling Project - A National Boreal Bird-Habitat Modeling Project for Canada	Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta	150,000	601,080
Canada	Conservation of strategic natural areas on the territory of the Appalachian Corridor	Appalachien Corridor Appalachian	154,160	462,480
Colombia	Climate-friendly coffee and carbon offsets for neotropical migratory birds	American Bird Conservancy	90,000	270,000
Colombia	Colombian Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation	Fundacion ProAves	250,000	1,146,238
Colombia	Colombian Shorebird Conservation Plan	Calidris-Asociacion para el Estudio y Conservacion de Aves Acuaticas en Colombia	40,556	499,997
Costa Rica	Bosque Para Siempre: The Collaborative Forever Forest	Fundacion Conservacion Costarricense	122,587	480,629
Dominican Republic	A Community-based Approach for Bicknell's Thrush Habitat	Consortio Ambiental Dominicano	142,088	438,282
Ecuador	Conservando IBAs prioritarias en Ecuador - II Fase	Aves & Conservacion	27,680	83,132
El Salvador, Honduras	Conservation Capacity Building in Central American Refuges	SalvaNATURA	100,000	810,380
Guatemala	Conservation of Bird Habitat in the IBA Cerro El Amay	Proeval Raxmu	25,000	207,705
Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador	Conservacion y manejo sustentable de los bosques de pino-encino de Centroamerica	Pronatura Chiapas, A.C.	200,000	774,000
Mexico	Aros/Yaqui Rivers Habitat Conservation	Northern Jaguar Project/Naturalia	38,000	235,328
Mexico	Conservation of Migratory Birds in Tropical Ecosystems of the Selva Zoque Region	Pronatura Chiapas, A.C.	226,160	972,320
Mexico	Grassland Protection and Restoration-Mapimi Biosphere	Pronatura Noreste, A.C.	190,650	572,600
Mexico	Key Migratory Bird Habitat Conservation in NE Yucatan	Amigos de Sian Ka'an	165,000	777,743
Mexico	Migratory Bird Habitat Conservation - Calakmul and Calakmul Sian Ka'an Corridor	The Nature Conservancy	150,000	450,000
Mexico	Neotropical Migratory Bird Habitat Conservation at San Luis Potosi	Instituto Potosino de Investigacion Cientifica y Tecnologica, A.C.	100,000	713,211
Mexico	Protecting Neotropical Migratory Bird Habitat-Calakmul Biosphere	Rainforest2Reef	144,797	438,031
Mexico	Recuperando Habitat de Aves Migratorias-Sierra De Zongolica	Pronatura A.C. Veracruz	196,900	593,900
Mexico	Restoration of Critical Wintering Habitat for Landbirds	Pronatura Noroeste	78,540	375,178
Mexico	San Bernardino Neotropical Migratory Bird Habitat	Cuenca Los Ojos, A.C.	250,000	751,515
Mexico	Veracruz River of Raptors: Expanding Its Reach, Consolidating Its Mission	Pronatura A.C. Veracruz	206,996	626,100
Paraguay	Campana del Orgullo Para la Conservacion de las Aves	Guyra Paraguay: Conservacion de Aves	46,500	142,000

Western Meadowlark



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