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## U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service

### Mission

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit <http://www.fws.gov>.

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# Introduction to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



## Quick Facts

- 550 National Wildlife Refuges
- 37 Wetland Management Districts
- 7,000 Waterfowl Production Areas
- 150 million acres of fish and wildlife habitat
- 81 Ecological Services field stations
- 69 National Fish Hatcheries
- 63 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices
- 7,500 employees

## An Overview

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on lands not owned by the federal government. Given that roughly 70% of the nation is owned and administered by state and local governments, tribes, corporations, and families, it is clear why conservation efforts on non-federal lands are of such great importance.

The Service could not achieve its mission without partnering with state and local governments, non-profit organizations, businesses, and private citizens. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, the Coastal Program, and partnership activities with individuals are the primary mechanisms for assisting in voluntary habitat restoration on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 150 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that consists of 550 national wildlife refuges, 7,000 waterfowl production areas, and other special management areas. The Service also carries out its mission through the 81 ecological services field stations, 69 national fish hatcheries, and 63 fish and wildlife conservation offices located nationwide.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores fish and wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The Service also administers a number of grant programs that promote the restoration of fish, wildlife, and their habitat on tribal and private lands.

The Service oversees the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state natural resource agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts; funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges and related projects across America.

Approximately 7,500 people are employed by the Service at facilities across the United States. It is a decentralized organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., eight geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.



# Midwest Region Highlights



## Quick Facts

- Employment: Roughly 1,000 permanent employees
- Acres Managed: 1.3 million
- 1.7 million acres of wildlife habitat acquired by states through the Division of Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration's federal grant program
- The Fiscal Year 2010 budget for regional Service activities totaled \$532 million (including federal grants to states and other non-federal partners)
- More than 7 million people visited refuges throughout the Midwest Region to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife in 2009
- 50 comprehensive conservation plans (CCPs) have been completed for national wildlife refuges in the region since 1997
- The Partners Program coordinated restoration or enhancement of over 8,400 upland acres and over 5,600 acres of wetlands, removed 4 fish barriers, and carried out almost 90 miles of streambank/riparian restoration in Fiscal Year 2010
- Through 2010, 68 threatened and endangered species and 10 candidate species were identified in the Midwest Region

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established the Midwest Region (Region 3) in 1973. The region is composed of eight states – Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The region is highly diverse from an ecological perspective as it encompasses tallgrass prairie and potholes, agricultural lands, northern and temperate forests, a large section of the Mississippi River drainage basin, and four of the five Great Lakes. The region is headquartered just outside of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## Regional Priorities

- To promote partnerships offering innovative opportunities to enhance the Region's fish and wildlife resources
- To provide healthy fish and wildlife trust species populations and habitats to support them
- To provide the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- To provide an organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation's rich diversity, and providing quality service to and decision-making for the resources for which the Service has trust responsibility (migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish)



## Regional Programs and Offices

- 54 National Wildlife Refuges
- 12 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 300,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 6 National Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices
- 2 Biological Stations
- 8 Private Lands Offices
- 9 Ecological Services Offices
- 18 Law Enforcement Offices



# Midwest Regional Office

## Overview of Regional Programs



### Regional Programs

- National Wildlife Refuge System
- Ecological Services
- Fisheries
- Migratory Birds
- Science Applications
- Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration
- Law Enforcement
- Budget and Administration
- External Affairs



### Midwest Regional Office

#### Purpose

The Regional Office provides a central headquarters to facilitate partnership, administrative, budgetary, operational, personnel and policy execution between the national office in Washington, D.C., and field offices located throughout the region.

#### Organization

The Region is managed by the Regional Director with the assistance of a Deputy Regional Director, seven Program Assistant Regional Directors (Budget and Administration, Ecological Services, External Affairs, Fisheries, Migratory Birds and State Programs, Science Applications, the National Wildlife Refuge System), and a Special Agent in Charge of Law Enforcement.

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# Science and Strategic Landscape Conservation

## An Overview



### Quick Facts

- There are five LCCs within the Midwest Region geographic boundary and our staff are active in them all.
- The Region plays a lead role in three of the LCCs: the Plains and Prairie Potholes (PPP), Upper Midwest and Great Lakes (UMGL), and the Eastern Tallgrass Prairie and Big Rivers (ETPBR) LCCs.
- The PPP and UMGL LCCs have received funding and have established steering and technical committees and are actively collaborating across the conservation community to identify applied science needs.

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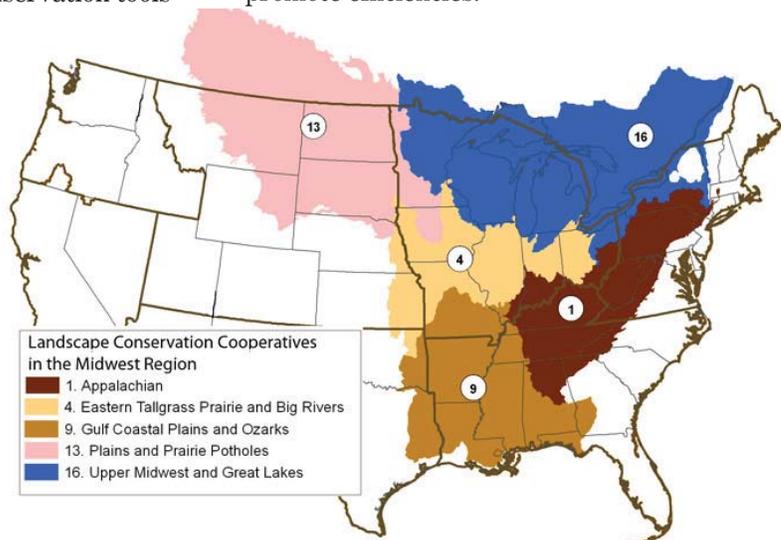
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- The UMGL LCC is headquartered in E. Lansing, MI (Craig Czarnecki, Coordinator: 517-351-8470).
- The ETPBR LCC is headquartered in McGregor, IA (Tim Yager, Acting Coordinator: 563-873-3423 X 12)

### Successes and Challenges

- Our Nation’s lands and natural resources are important to our quality of life and economy. The sustainability of native fish and wildlife depend on healthy landscapes.
- Natural resources are impacted by land use change and many threats to the sustainability of natural resources, including drought, fire, habitat fragmentation, contaminants, invasive species, and disease.
- The effects of a rapidly changing climate are compounding these stressors. The unprecedented pace and scale of these threats requires a more networked approach to conservation – holistic, collaborative, and grounded in science.
- These landscape-scale resource challenges transcend political and jurisdictional boundaries. No one individual public or private entity has all the conservation tools and capacities needed to address the suite of threats facing wildlife.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is helping to establish Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC) to leverage resources and increase science capacity to inform resource management decisions and actions. These LCCs are a network of self-directed partnerships working in unison to address stressors within and across landscapes.
- Each LCC operates within a specific landscape—21 geographic areas in total. Partners include Federal, State, and local governments, Tribes, universities, NGOs, landowners, and other stakeholders.
- LCCs foster efficient and coordinated use of resources. They do so by jointly identifying science and management priorities, enabling each partner to play a coordinated role and promote efficiencies.

- LCCs build upon existing science and conservation efforts - such as fish habitat partnerships, migratory bird joint ventures, and other natural and cultural resource partnerships - by providing scientific support and linkages to an expanded array of conservation partners.
- Collectively, the LCCs form a national network of land, water, wildlife, and cultural resource managers, scientists, and interested public and private organizations—within the U.S. and across our international borders—that share a common need for scientific information and interest in conservation.
- LCCs will not have new management authority; all partners in LCCs will retain their original jurisdiction, with State, Federal, tribal, and other entities continuing to manage natural resources under their current authorities.



# Illinois Service Overview



## Quick Facts

- The Service has approximately 100 permanent employees in Illinois
- The Fiscal Year 2010 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Illinois totaled approximately \$11.7 million
- There are 10 National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois total approximately 128,000 acres
- In 2010, nearly 1.3 million people visited National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife

## Habitat Types and Ecosystems

Illinois' non-agricultural landscape contains six major habitat types: prairies, forests, rivers and streams, wetlands and lakes. Each ecosystem type provides habitats for a diverse number of plants and animals, including federally-listed threatened and endangered species. Premier examples include the Cache River's cypress tupelo swamps and the hardwood forests in southern Illinois; the concentration of marshes, native prairie remnants, and the Lake Michigan coastline of the Chicago region; and the diverse and extensive habitats of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers.

## Conservation Priorities and Successes

Through cooperative multi-partner initiatives that the FWS has been leaders in, there have

been major successes in the restoration of the Upper Mississippi River and the Chicago Region. In the last 20 years, approximately 80,000 acres of habitat have been restored on the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, but additional challenges remain. In the Chicago Region, over 7,000 acres of wetland and associated uplands have been restored through partnerships with local landowning agencies. Conservation priorities here include restoration of wet prairies and marshes that support declining bird populations and endangered species.

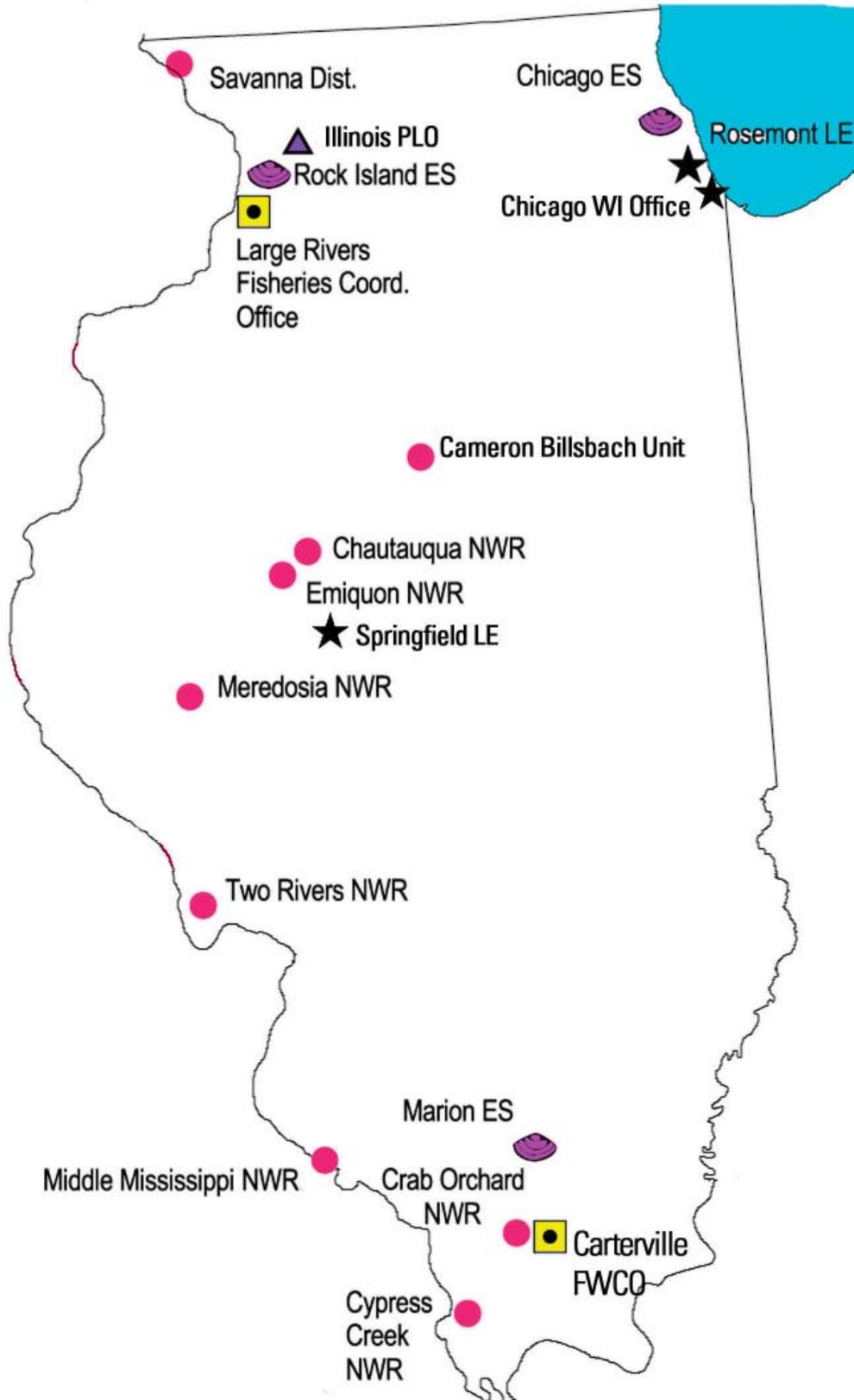
## Conservation Challenges

The major challenge in Illinois is to reduce fish and wildlife habitat loss, degradation, and fragmentation of fish and wildlife habitat in all Illinois ecosystems. For example, 99.99 percent of Illinois' native prairie

has disappeared, and 18 species of plants, animals and insects have been extirpated, while 127 additional species are listed as endangered or threatened by the state. Invasive species also threaten all of the major natural community types throughout the state. In the Chicago Region, urban and suburban development is a primary threat. To address this challenge the Service and its many partners in Illinois continue to work together for short and long term solutions. Major tools include the provision of natural resource planning assistance to federal, state and local governments; contaminants investigations and remediation; and endangered species consultations and recovery planning.



# Map of Service Facilities in Illinois



# Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge



## Quick Facts

- Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1947 on land previously administered by the War Department and the Soil Conservation Service. Habitat types on the refuge include hardwood forest, farmland, grazing units, brushland, wetlands, and lakes.

- The refuge has 19 permanent staff

- The refuge provides significant resting areas for migratory birds utilizing the Mississippi Flyway.

- Wintering numbers of Canada Geese can peak at 50,000.

- A total of 700 plant species, 245 bird species, 33 mammal species, 63 fish species, and 44 reptile and amphibian species have been documented on the refuge.

- The western 24,000 acres of the refuge provide a wide range of recreational opportunities and also include a 4,050-acre wilderness area. The eastern portion (20,000 acres) is a wildlife sanctuary and public use is limited.

## Refuge Objectives & Opportunities

The refuge is managed with four broad objectives: wildlife management, agriculture, recreation, and industry.

The primary wildlife management objective is to satisfy the food and resting needs of wintering Canada geese and other wildlife. This objective is coordinated with the agriculture

objective through cooperative farming and permittee grazing programs.

Upland habitat is maintained using fire and timber management. Controlled burning is very carefully used to remove overly dense vegetation and assist with the removal of invasive plant species.

The recreational objective centers largely around the refuge's three

man-made lakes, which together exceed 8,700 acres. Environmental education, fishing, hunting, interpretation, photography, and wildlife observation are part of the public use program.

The refuge also allows hiking, bird watching, boating, waterskiing, camping, and picnicking. The refuge has an auto tour route and a visitor information center.



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## Directions

Crab Orchard Refuge is located 5 miles west of Marion, Illinois, and 5 miles south of Herrin, Illinois, on State Route 148. From I-57 in Marion, go west on Illinois Route 13 about 5 miles to Illinois Route 148. Turn left (south) and go 2.5 miles. The refuge Visitor Information Center is located on the left.

# Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge



## Quick Facts

- Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge is located in southernmost Illinois, within the Cache River Watershed
- The refuge was established in 1990 under the Emergency Wetlands Resource Act of 1986
- The refuge has six permanent staff
- The Cache River and Cypress Creek Wetland was designated a “Wetland of International Importance” (Ramsar site) for its rich diversity of plant and animal communities
- The refuge contains some of the oldest living trees east of the Mississippi River and harbors 91% of Illinois’ high-quality swamp habitat

## Refuge Objectives & Opportunities

The overarching goal of the refuge is to protect, restore, and manage wetlands and bottomland forests that provide habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds, resident wildlife, and endangered and threatened species.

Active management programs include water management, cooperative farming, wildlife surveys, habitat restoration, law enforcement, and cultural resource monitoring and research. Management programs are coordinated with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources within the larger watershed landscape.

Recreational opportunities include environmental education, fishing, hunting, interpretation, photography, and wildlife observation.

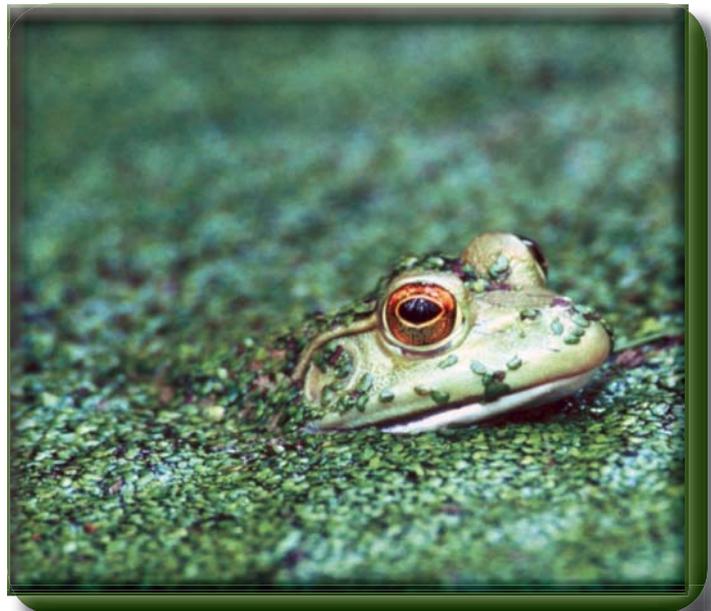
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# Illinois River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges



## Quick Facts

- The Illinois River National Wildlife and Fish Refuges is a complex of three refuges totaling about 12,292 acres on the Illinois River
- The Complex includes Chautauqua, Emiquon, and Meredosias National Wildlife Refuges. Cameron Billsbach located near Henry, Illinois is a unit of Chautauqua Refuge
- The refuge units are located in the Alton, LaGrange, and Peoria Navigation Pools of the Illinois River Waterway
- Chautauqua, Meredosias, and Emiquon National Wildlife Refuges were established in 1936, 1973, and 1993, respectively
- Each refuge area is a mix of floodplain wetlands, bottomland forests, and a small amount of upland forest
- Chautauqua Refuge has been designated as a "Globally Important Bird Area" and accepted into the "Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network"

## Refuge Objectives & Opportunities

The Illinois River Refuges were established to conserve, restore and manage floodplain wetlands and bottomland forest for migratory birds and other wildlife along with the conservation of endangered or threatened species and incidental fish and wildlife oriented recreational development.

Refuge lands are managed to serve as a vital link in the chain of resting, feeding, and

wintering areas for migratory birds along the Mississippi Flyway.

Recreational opportunities include environmental education, fishing, hunting, interpretation, photography, and wildlife observation.

Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge programs include a ½ mile long accessible interpretive footpath; waterfowl hunting; fishing; and environmental education. The refuge staff make a variety of interpretive presentations at local and

state events. Waterfowl hunting is allowed on 750 acres.

Meredosias National Wildlife Refuge also has an accessible 1/4 mile foot trail with a deck overlook. Sport and commercial fishing is allowed on Meredosias Lake.

Emiquon National Wildlife Refuge has a hiking trail and information kiosk. Hunting and sport fishing activities are allowed on Emiquon.



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## Directions

The complex headquarters is located 8 miles north of Havana, Illinois, and 30 miles south of Pekin, Illinois, on the Manito Blacktop. Turn onto 1950E. Travel one mile to 2110N to the visitor center or continue on 1950E for another 1.5 miles to the Eagle Bluff Access Area for fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities.

# Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge



## Quick Facts

- The Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge was established on May 31, 2000
- Refuge lands were purchased in response to the great flood of 1993
- The refuge has six divisions - Meissner Island, near Valmeyer, Illinois; Harlow Island, near Festus, Missouri; Beaver Island and Horse Island, near Kaskaskia, Illinois; Crains Island and Rockwood Island, near Rockwood, Illinois; and Wilkinson Island, near Gorham, Illinois
- The refuge contains more than 7,000 acres of land in the states of Illinois and Missouri
- Refuge lands provide access to the floodplain for native fish during high water stages and create a corridor of floodplain forest habitat for migratory birds and resident wildlife

## Refuge Objectives & Opportunities

Floodplain forests provide important habitat for migratory birds, as well as resident wildlife. Former agricultural lands within the refuge are being restored to hardwood forests and native prairies.

Where possible, old river channels and swales are managed with passive water control

structures to provide seasonal wetlands for migratory birds. By allowing these lands to flood and re-connect with the river, the refuge contributes to the overall health of the ecosystem.

Former agricultural lands are allowed to return to forested habitat, with the occasional tree plantings to promote species diversity and abundant food for native wildlife.

Habitat restoration work is done to provide habitat for fish and wildlife and to provide increased opportunities for the public to engage in wildlife-dependent outdoor recreation.

Recreational opportunities include environmental education, fishing, hunting, interpretation, photography, and wildlife observation.



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Middle Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge headquarters is located approximately 7 miles south of Chester, Illinois on State Route 3. Turn left on Rocky Hollow road and travel 0.2 miles, turning left into the headquarters entrance drive.

# Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge



## Quick Facts

- Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge is comprised of 8,500 acres divided into 5 management units (divisions) situated in 4 counties in Illinois and Missouri. Refuge lands lie in US Congressional Districts IL-17 and MO-2
- The Refuge was originally established in 1958 as the Brussels District of the Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge. In 2000 the US Fish & Wildlife Service converted the District into a stand-alone Refuge with the new name of Two Rivers NWR
- Approximately 30,000 people visit the Refuge each year for recreational purposes.
- Most of Two Rivers Refuge is located in the floodplain near the confluence of the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, 40 miles upstream of St. Louis, Missouri
- The refuge provides an important link in the chain of resting, feeding, and wintering areas for migratory species using the Mississippi Flyway, as well as important habitat for many resident wildlife species

## Refuge Objectives & Opportunities

Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge is managed for migratory birds, endangered species, large river fish and wildlife dependent recreation.

Refuge managers use several techniques to mimic the historic water level fluctuations of a large river floodplain ecosystem. Water level manipulation is used to create habitat conditions inhabited by resident and migrating water birds.

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From Alton, Illinois: Travel 14 miles west on the Great River Road (Hwy 100) to the Brussels Ferry. Cross the Illinois River on the Brussels Ferry and continue 4 miles on Illinois River Road (CR-1). Turn right onto Hagen Road and follow directional signs to the refuge headquarters.

From St. Charles County Missouri: Cross the Mississippi River on the Golden Eagle Ferry. Travel two miles on Ferry Road to the intersection with Mississippi River Road, then turn right. This road meanders through rolling hills for 3.4 miles to the intersection with Illinois River Road. Turn right, travel two miles, turn left onto Hagen Road and follow directional signs to the refuge headquarters.

Other habitat management strategies are forest and grassland restoration, cooperative farming, and controlled burning.

Flooding of the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers is common, so facilities on the Refuge such as roads, parking lots, kiosks, dikes and pump stations are designed and built to withstand flooding by the rivers.

Two major threats to wildlife resources on the refuge

are sedimentation from the rivers and the local watersheds, and invasive species of plants and animals.

Recreational opportunities include environmental education, fishing, hunting, interpretation, photography, and wildlife observation. Approximately 30,000 people visit the refuge each year for recreational purposes.



# Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge - Savanna District



## Quick Facts

- The Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge was established by an Act of Congress in June 1924
- The Savanna District has 9 permanent staff
- The refuge serves as sanctuary and a breeding place for migratory birds, fish, other wildlife, and plants
- The refuge is the longest (261 miles) river refuge in the continental U.S.
- The refuge lies within Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois and is composed of four districts: Winona, La Crosse, McGregor, and Savanna
- The Savanna District encompasses approximately 64,000 acres and spans 80 miles of the Mississippi River in IA and IL
- The refuge has 3.7 million annual visits, which is the most of any national wildlife refuge
- The refuge has a diverse wildlife population including: 306 bird, 119 fish, 52 mammal, and 42 mussel, 31 reptile, and 14 amphibian species
- The refuge is designated a Globally Important Bird Area
- The floodplains of the Upper Mississippi River have been designated a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance
- Up to 50% of the world's canvasback ducks use the refuge as stopover habitat during fall migration

## Refuge Objectives & Opportunities

Restoring riverine habitat is the main focus of management activities.

Resource management projects include a mix of wetland management, grassland/forest management, and fish management.

Aquatic resource management projects include active water level management,

island building, bank stabilization, oxygenation of backwaters, and dredging areas for over-wintering fish.

Other programs include native prairie restoration, forest management, waterfowl banding, invertebrate sampling, vegetative monitoring; and surveys for waterfowl, heron and egret colonies, neotropical birds, eagles, marsh, and water birds.

Recreational opportunities include environmental education, fishing, hunting, interpretation, photography, wildlife observation, and primitive camping.



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## Directions

The Savanna District Office is located south of Savanna, Illinois. From Savanna, head south on Route 84 for 3.5 miles, turn right onto Riverview Road. Travel 0.5 miles to the office and visitor center.

# Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs

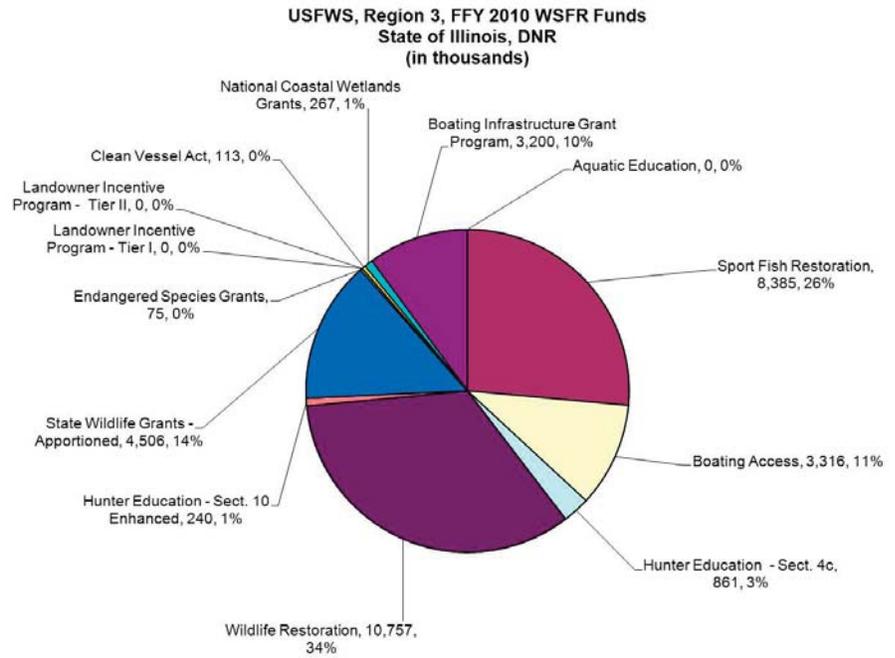
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### Example Project – *Illinois Birds: A Century of Change*

This is an amazing publication summarizing changes to bird populations and habitats across Illinois over the past century. The book is the result of a State Wildlife Grant (SWG), T-16-P, Evaluation of Non-game Bird Conservation in Illinois.

From 2007-2009, the Illinois Natural History Survey, supported by \$542,628 from the Service's SWG Program, collected the third installment of bird data across northern, central and southern Illinois in more than a century. This survey appends censuses conducted from 1906-1909 and 1956-1958 and highlights how changes in land cover, agricultural practices, pesticide use,

bird behavior and climate have impacted bird populations.

This SWG project demonstrates the importance of investing in long-term research, to provide the information needed by natural resource managers to make wise, science-based resource management decisions. It also emphasizes the importance of public-private, and state-federal partnerships in responding to landscape-scale natural resource challenges. The long term data collected by these surveys provide the information necessary to evaluate changing bird distributions.

*Illinois Birds: A Century of Change* is available to the public from the Illinois Natural History Survey. Copies are

available via email at [birdbook@inhs.uiuc.edu](mailto:birdbook@inhs.uiuc.edu).

Since 2001, the SWG Program has provided federal grant funds to States for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats as outlined in the conservation actions and strategies of each state's Wildlife Action Plan. State Wildlife Actions plans identify species of greatest conservation need and the habitats needed to conserve them.

**Other Successes:** The City of Chicago and Illinois DNR successfully competed for a Tier 2 Boating Infrastructure Grant, for \$3 million, to develop a transient marina site located next to Navy Pier in downtown Chicago on the shore of Lake Michigan.

# Carterville Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office



## Quick Facts

- Office was established in 1981
- Four permanent staff
- Geographic area served includes the parts of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio that are in the Mississippi and Ohio River basins

## Goals & Services Provided

Objectives are to:

- Recover fish and mussel populations protected under the Endangered Species Act.
- Maintain diverse, self-sustaining populations of fish and other aquatic organisms and habitats.
- Minimize range expansions and prevent transfer of aquatic nuisance species such as Asian carp between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River.
- Manage and control Asian carp by coordinating implementation of the national management and control plan for Asian carp.
- Conduct outreach to raise public awareness of aquatic nuisance species.
- Restore aquatic habitat in the Ohio River Basin by coordinating the Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership under the National Fish Habitat Action Plan.
- Facilitate fish spawning by working to identify key habitats and then using the National Fish Passage Program to bypass or remove barriers to fish movements.
- Enhance recreational fishing opportunities on Service and Department of Defense lands.
- Improve Big River habitat on the Upper Mississippi River

by working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other partners to complete and evaluate habitat enhancement projects.

- Assist with recovery of endangered pallid sturgeon through participation in the Middle Basin Work Group as well as assisting with monitoring, research, and broodstock collection efforts on the Middle Mississippi River.

- Increase support for fish and wildlife conservation as well as improving the health of kids and adults by connecting people with nature.



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## Directions

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# Large Rivers Coordination Office



## Quick Facts

- Established in 1992
- One permanent staff
- Ninety-three inter-jurisdictional rivers in the Mississippi River Basin

## Goals & Services Provided

Objectives are to:

- Improve basin wide networking and coordinating mechanisms.
- Develop an information management program based on standardized methods.
- Determine and document the socioeconomic value of interjurisdictional

fishery resources and related recreation.

- Improve communication and coordination among entities responsible for fisheries resource management.
- Serves as Coordinator/Executive Secretary for the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association (MICRA).
- Serves as Coordinator/Executive Secretary for the Aquatic Nuisance

Species (ANS) Task Force Regional Mississippi River Basin Panel on (ANS).

- Publish River Crossings, a national news letter on riverine ecology, conservation, and management.
- Establish programs to address basin-wide interjurisdictional river management issues.



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## Directions

From I-57, take exit 54b toward Carbondale (west) onto State Route 13. Proceed 3.2 miles to State Route 148 and turn left (south). Proceed 1.2 miles and look for our office on the right just after crossing Old Route 13.

# Illinois Private Lands Office



## Quick Facts

- Office was established in 1981
- Three permanent staff
- Geographic area served includes the parts of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio that are in the Mississippi and Ohio River basins



## Goals & Services Provided

The Illinois Private Lands Office serves as the primary FWS Private Lands/Partners for Fish and Wildlife Coordinator in the state.

The office provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and partners to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on private lands.

The office serves as the liaison between all

FWS project leaders within the state and their supervisors, and the Division of Partners for Fish and Wildlife.

The office reviews and recommends actions on all FWS involvement with Farm Bill conservation programs, wetlands protection legislation, and executive orders.

The office develops partnerships and joint ventures with State Offices, NRCS, FSA, and private landowners, to benefit fish and wildlife by enhancing and restoring habitat.

The office works with Service project leaders to ensure ascertainment, acquisition, and provide management assistance so that Service projects on private lands proceed in a timely manner.

## Program Benefits

Highlights include:

- Increased wildlife abundance and protection of endangered species
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Invasive species control
- Improved soil, water and air quality
- Increased recreational opportunities
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting voluntary habitat restoration on private lands

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Take I-55 to exit 100B.  
Turn right onto I-55 Business/N. Peoria Rd.  
Turn left onto Taintor Rd. Turn left into Gate 7(N. 8th Street Rd.).  
The building is on the right (office is located in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Building situated on the Illinois State Fairgrounds).

# Chicago Ecological Services Field Office



## Quick Facts

- The Chicago Ecological Services Field Office was established in 1991
- 10 permanent staff
- Area covered includes northeastern Illinois counties of Cook, Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage, and Will
- Program areas include Environmental Education, Conservation Planning Assistance, Endangered Species, Partners for Fish and Wildlife, and Environmental Contaminants



## Success and Opportunities

Objectives are to:

- Provide leadership and support to Chicago Wilderness, an alliance of over 230 organizations working to conserve and restore the region's biodiversity.
- Lead recovery planning efforts for Hine's emerald dragonfly and eastern prairie fringed orchid.
- Work with regional partners on green infrastructure planning for Chicago metropolitan area.
- Assist public and private landowners with habitat restoration.
- Work with schools, park and forest preserve districts, and other partners to provide programs that help children and adults connect with nature.
- Develop settlement agreements and habitat restoration plans for contaminant-injured fish and wildlife to restore lost resource values.

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## Directions

From westbound I-90 exit north onto Barrington Road, proceed 5 miles, after stoplight at Dundee Road turn right (east) on Cornell, Chicago ESFO is in second office building on the right on corner of Cornell and Grove.

From eastbound I-90 exit north at IL Rt. 59, proceed north 5 miles, turn right (east) at stoplight on Dundee Road, go 1 mile to stoplight at Barrington Road, turn left (north) and proceed ½ mile to Cornell, turn right (east) on Cornell, Chicago ESFO is in second office building on the right on corner of Cornell and Grove.

# Rock Island Ecological Services Field Office



## Quick Facts

- Established in 1978
- Nine permanent staff
- Work area includes Iowa, Illinois (outside the Chicago area) and the Upper Mississippi River bordering Illinois
- Supervises the Marion, Illinois, Ecological Services Sub-Office

## Goals and Services Provided

The Rock Island ESFO :

- Works with federal agencies, 5 states, and other Service programs to protect and restore fish and wildlife habitats of the Upper Mississippi River. Example: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers Navigation and Environmental Sustainability Program.
- Works with federal, state, and local partners to protect federally threatened and endangered species. Example: Worked cooperatively with the Iowa DNR

and Jackson County Conservation Board to obtain a recovery land acquisition grant to acquire habitat for the endangered eastern prairie fringed orchid.

- Consults with federal agencies to minimize and eliminate the impacts of their programs on fish and wildlife habitats. Examples: Clean Water Act section 404 permits, Federal Highway Administration and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service programs. Works with federal regulatory agencies and partners to identify, evaluate, and eliminate environmental contaminant problems

affecting fish and wildlife. Example: Rock Island ESFO worked the Iowa DNR and the Nation Park Service the Allamakee Soil and water Conservation District, and National Fish Habitat Initiative to restore fisheries and riparian habitat on the Yellow River which had been degraded by a contaminants spill.

- Rock Island ESFO worked with landowners to restore habitats on private land. Example:

- The ESFO worked cooperatively with private landowners to restore more than 20 prairie stream oxbows for the endangered Topeka shiner.



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## Directions

- From I-74, take Exit 5
- At exit 5, take John Deer Road west to 16th Street
- Turn left (south) on 16th Street
- Turn right (west) on 47th Avenue.
- Office is on the right at the end of the street

# Marion Ecological Services Sub-Office



## Quick Facts

- Established in 1980
- One permanent staff
- Supervised by the Field Supervisor, Rock Island Field Office

## Goals and Services Provided

Objectives are to:

- Apply Strategic Habitat Conservation and Landscape Planning principles to the protection, restoration and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat on the lower 300 miles of Upper Mississippi River.
- Participate with the Middle Mississippi River Partnership to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as promote economic development associated

with hunting, fishing, nature viewing and other compatible activities.

- Work with partners to protect and recover the endangered pallid sturgeon, least tern and Indiana bat.
- Provide expert technical assistance for restoration and management.
- Provide expertise in developing monitoring plans and proposals that impact threatened and endangered species.
- Coordination with multiple entities to

develop consistency in the conservation and recovery of pallid sturgeon in the Mississippi River and Lower Missouri River.

- Provide expert technical assistance to the U.S. Forest Service to conserve and protect endangered species and migratory birds on the Shawnee National Forest.
- Provide expert technical assistance to federal agencies and private companies seeking to develop energy resources within the state of Illinois.



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## Directions

- Starting from I-57, Exit 54B (Carbondale exit)
- Drive west on IL State Route 13 to intersection with IL state Route 148 (approximately 4 miles)
- Drive south on IL State Route 148 to Pigeon Creek Road (1.8 miles)
- Drive west on Pigeon Creek Road 0.3 miles, then turn south on Headquarters Road
- The Marion, Illinois Ecological Service Sub-Office is collocated with Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge with offices in the refuge's administration building

# Chicago Law Enforcement Field Office



## Quick Facts

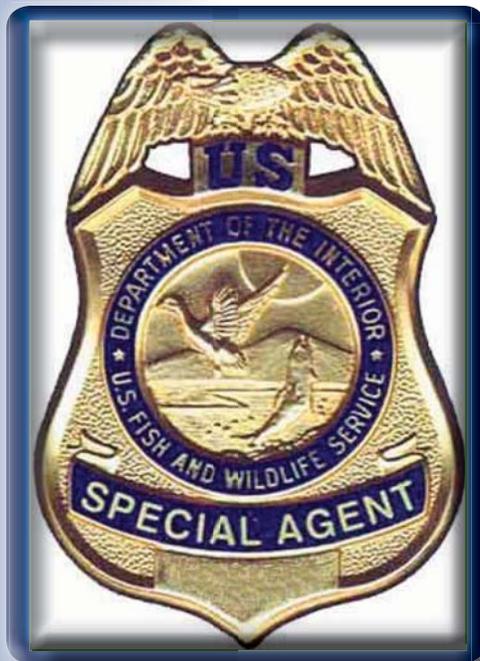
- Established in 1976
- Staff: Three special agents
- The Chicago Field Office is administered by the Springfield, IL, Resident Agent in Charge

## Goals & Services Provided

Objectives are to:

- Protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws.
- Promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect.
- Investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification.
- Investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state, Federal or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation.
- Provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage.

- Promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage.



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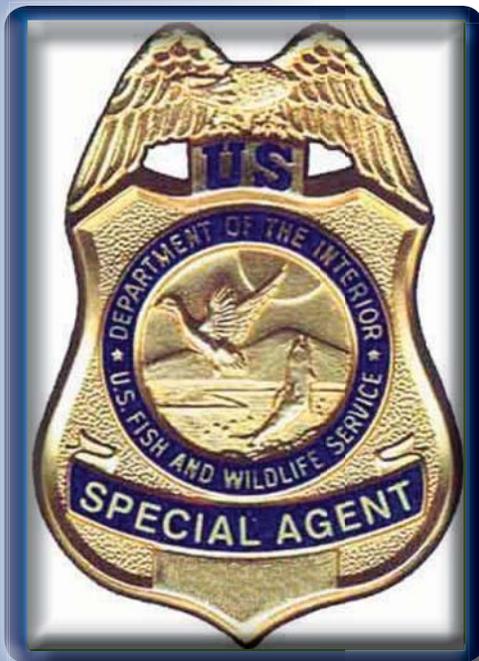
- Take I-190E
- Go north on Mannheim Road via Exit 2A
- Turn left onto Higgins Road
- Turn right at first set of lights into the parking lot

# Springfield Law Enforcement Office



## Quick Facts

- Established in 1996
- Staff: Two special agents and one LE support assistant
- The Springfield Resident Agent in Charge Office also administers Law Enforcement Field Offices in Chicago, IL; Independence, MO; St. Louis, MO; and the Wisconsin Office in Chicago



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## Directions

- Take exit 93 on I-72
- Go north on Hwy 4 (S. Veterans Hwy)
- Go approximately 5 miles and turn left on W. Jefferson Street (Hwy 97)
- Go approximately 2 miles and turn left on to N. Bradfordton Rd.
- Turn into parking lot on right

# Chicago Wildlife Inspection Office



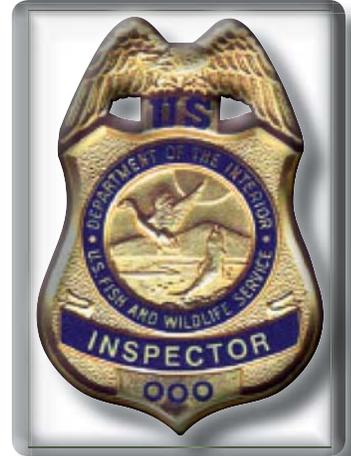
## Quick Facts

- Established in 1976
- Seven Wisconsin, one evidence custodian, and one LE support assistant (Shared w/ Chicago LE office)
- (Located w/ Chicago Law Enforcement office)
- The Chicago, Wisconsin office is administered by the Springfield, Illinois RAC

## Goals & Services Provided

Objectives are to:

- Protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws.
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