



Partners for Fish & Wildlife

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The Oklahoma Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Private Lands Habitat Improvement Opportunity



Objectives of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

- Restore, enhance, and manage private lands for fish and wildlife habitat
- Improve fish and wildlife resources while promoting compatibility with working lands
- Restore declining species and their habitats



We Provide Technical & Financial Assistance

- Wetland Restoration
- Riparian Restoration
- Grassland Restoration
- Forest Restoration
- Prescribed Fire
- Invasive Species Control
- And More

Who Can Apply?

- Private Landowners
- Native American Tribes
- Schools and Universities
- Nonprofit Organizations
- And.... You!

Putting Conservation Dollars on the Ground

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program provides free technical and financial assistance to landowners, Tribes, schools and nonprofits interested in improving wildlife habitat on their land. In Oklahoma, 97 percent of the land base is privately owned, so working with private landowners is the only way the Service can help manage our federal trust resource species.

Our staff provides free technical and financial assistance to plan, design, supervise and monitor customized habitat restoration projects. These projects range in size from a few acres to several hundreds of thousands.

Cost-Share Practices

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program supports a wide range of practices to improve or enhance native ecosystems. We will work with landowners to develop management plans that fit within their overall ranch and farm management goals.



Timber stand improvement, mechanical treatment, brush control...



Grassland restoration, vertical structure removal, fence removal or marking...



Wetland and riparian restoration or enhancement, fish passage projects...



Prescribed fire, native species plantings, invasive species removal, and much more!

Program Advantages

Projects are voluntary and customized to meet landowner needs. Participating landowners continue to own and manage their land while they improve conditions for wildlife. Landowners do not forfeit any property rights and are not required to allow public access to participate in our program.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife projects take place on working landscapes such as forests, farms and ranches. We focus our efforts on areas of conservation concern, such as forests, wetlands, native prairies, rivers and streams. We design projects to benefit federal trust species including migratory birds, endangered, threatened and at-risk species.

Oklahoma Partners For Fish and Wildlife Staff



From Left: John Hendrix, Justin Westover, Susan Minnick, Brian Fuller, and Doug Schoeling

Private Lands Restoration in Oklahoma 1990-2023

- 431,503 Upland Habitat Acres
- 29,055 Wetland Habitat Acres
- 242 Miles of Riparian Habitat
- 1,864 Project Sites



To learn more about partnering with the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program or to schedule a visit to your property, just call or email a Partners Biologist!

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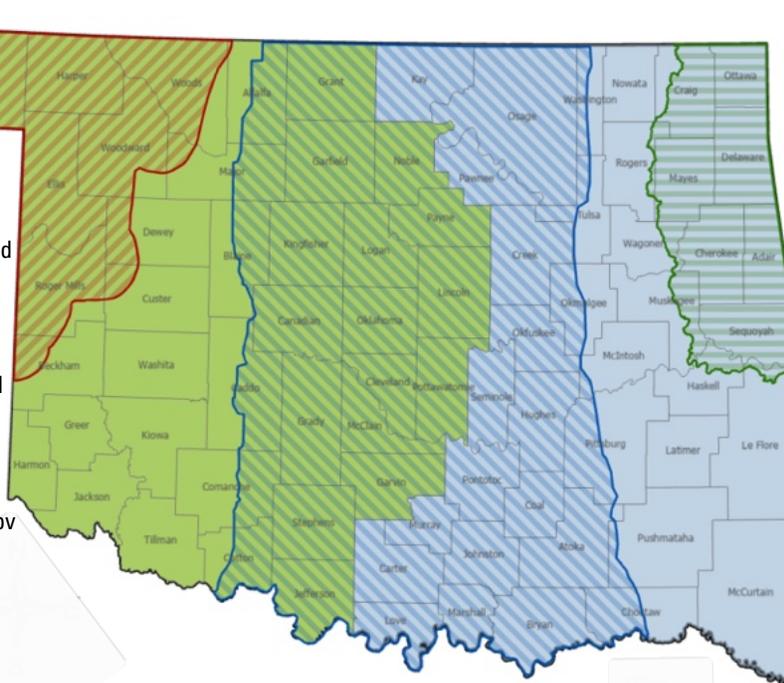
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Focus Areas and Species

Great Plains Focus Area

- Lesser prairie-chicken
- Long-billed curlew
- Monarch butterfly
- Arkansas river shiner
- Giant Floater mussel



Central Oklahoma Grassland Area

- Loggerhead shrike
- Monarch butterfly
- Peppered chub
- American burying beetle
- Pistolgrip mussel



Oklahoma Karst Area

- Tricolored bat
- Monarch butterfly
- Ozark cavefish
- Red-headed woodpecker
- Yellow sandshell mussel

