

# East Gulf Coastal Plain Joint Venture

Conserving birds and their habitats



## Who We Are

The East Gulf Coastal Plain Joint Venture is a self-directed partnership of 14 state, federal, private, and academic organizations working together to coordinate bird conservation efforts in the coastal plain of six southeastern states.



Our region covers 63 million acres of diverse habitats including longleaf pine forests, native prairies and grasslands, and forested and coastal wetlands. By conserving key habitats, we advance our mission of protecting and restoring bird populations.

## Partnerships in Action

- ❖ The Joint Venture's planning tools for open pine and grassland habitats guide conservation efforts, focusing resources in areas with the highest restoration potential for game and nongame birds
- ❖ *A Burning Issue: Prescribed Fire and Fire-Adapted Habitats of the East Gulf Coastal Plain* is a communications strategy that promotes the use of prescribed fire in the Southeast
- ❖ *Desired Forest Conditions for Southern Pine Ecosystems* guides habitat enhancement for wildlife and open pine habitats
- ❖ The partnership works to acquire funding to support restoration efforts in forests, grasslands, and wetlands

## How We Work

Our partners realize the benefits of working together to conserve birds in our geography. By using sound science, we are able to insure that conservation funding is used in the most effective and efficient ways. As a result, conservation actions are targeted where they are most needed and provide the greatest wildlife benefit and economic value. Habitat projects are prioritized by their contribution to restoring and maintaining regional bird diversity and abundance.



*Work by Joint Venture Partners benefits birds and wildlife such as the Gopher Tortoise, Photo by LDWF*

## Conservation for Birds and People

Bird-related outdoor recreation is a large and growing industry in the United States. Our partners' efforts on both public and private lands improve habitat for wildlife and provide recreational opportunities for individuals and families to enjoy.

## EGCPJV Management Board Organizations

Alabama Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources | American Bird Conservancy  
Auburn University | Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission | Kentucky Dept.  
of Fisheries & Wildlife Resources | Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries  
Mississippi Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks | National Bobwhite Conservation  
Initiative | National Wild Turkey Federation | Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
The Longleaf Alliance | The Nature Conservancy | US Fish & Wildlife Service  
US Forest Service

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*Burning Longleaf, Photo by LDWF*



*Native Prairie Restoration,  
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*Longleaf Pine Forest,  
USFWS*



*Forested Wetland,  
Catherine Rideout*



*Barrier Island Marsh,  
Shannon Holbrook*