

East Gulf Coastal Plain Joint Venture

Conserving birds and their habitats in Mississippi



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.

Mississippi Partnerships in Action

- ❖ The Black Belt Prairie Restoration Initiative seeks to restore upland and aquatic communities in the Black Belt region of Mississippi and Alabama
- ❖ *A Burning Issue: Prescribed Fire and Fire-Adapted Habitats of the East Gulf Coastal Plain* promotes the use of prescribed fire
- ❖ *Desired Forest Conditions for Southern Pine Ecosystems* guides habitat enhancement for wildlife
- ❖ The Joint Venture's Open Pine Decision Support Tool guides conservation efforts in Mississippi, focusing resources in areas with the highest restoration potential
- ❖ Biological planning for grassland birds will focus resources in areas most likely to enhance bird populations

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.



Longleaf Pines, NWTF

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
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
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