

East Gulf Coastal Plain Joint Venture

Conserving birds and their habitats in Tennessee



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.



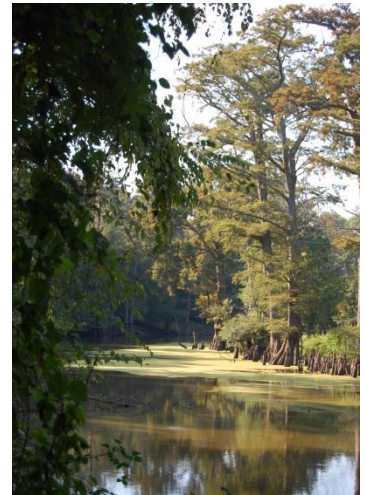
Our region covers 63 million acres of diverse habitats including longleaf pine forests, native prairies and grasslands, and forested and coastal wetlands. By conserving key habitats, we advance our mission of protecting and restoring bird populations.

Tennessee Partnerships in Action

- ❖ Joint Venture staff work with partners in Tennessee to attain North American Wetland Conservation Act funds for wetland restoration and acquisition
- ❖ *"A Burning Issue: Prescribed Fire and Fire-Adapted Habitats of the East Gulf Coastal Plain"* is a communications strategy promoting the use of prescribed fire in Tennessee
- ❖ *"Desired Forest Conditions for Southern Pine Ecosystems"* guides habitat enhancement for wildlife reliant on shortleaf and other pine ecosystems
- ❖ Biological planning for grassland birds focuses resources in areas where work will maximize benefits to 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.



The Hatchie River, Rob Colvin

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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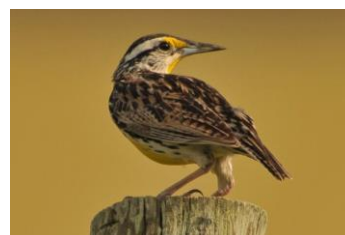
*Healthy wetlands benefit birds
and people, Scott Somershoe*



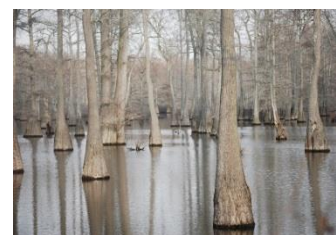
*Native Prairie Restoration,
USFWS*



*Preparing acorns for a
reforestation project, Damon Hollis*



*Eastern Meadowlark,
Ed Schneider*



*Forested Wetland,
Catherine Rideout*