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## Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative

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### ABOUT NFWF

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American oystercatcher with chick

### BACKGROUND

The Atlantic Flyway Shorebird business plan was finalized in 2018, and outlines strategies to address key stressors on three focal species – the American oystercatcher, red knot and whimbrel. Each species has a distinct migratory strategy and requires specific approaches to stabilize or recover populations including: improving habitat, reducing predation, and minimizing human disturbance. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative supports projects within ten broad focal geographies. The overarching goal is to improve habitat conditions at critical sites for focal species, and to support conservation throughout the full annual life cycles of each focal species.

Since 2018, NFWF's Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative has improved management for priority shorebirds on more than 50,000 acres– investing a total of \$2.6 million in 24 projects, and leveraging more than \$2.9 million in partner matching funds. The program is made possible through a partnership between NFWF, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Southern Company. This partnership has supported the work of numerous shorebird conservation partners, including nongovernmental organizations, state agencies and universities.

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Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative focal areas

#### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The goal of the Atlantic Flyway Shorebird Initiative is to increase red knot, whimbrel and American oystercatcher populations by improving habitat at critical sites across the various stages of their full life cycles. The program's primary strategies address the principal threats to Atlantic Flyway shorebirds and include: conserving habitat, restoring habitat, improving habitat management, and monitoring and assessing progress. Implementation of strategies is prioritized for Tier 1, 2 and 3 sites that support significant percentages of breeding, staging and wintering populations for focal species.

The 2021 Request for Proposals targeted specific actions identified as priorities in the business plan. These included creating and restoring nesting habitat, implementing best management practices to reduce predation and identifying and improving management at key stopover sites.



Photos top to bottom: Red knots, whimbrel, American oystercatchers