



ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation

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Thick-billed longspur

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), ConocoPhillips and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a new round of funding for ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation projects. More than \$1 million in grant funding will support conservation efforts to help conserve and recover populations of imperiled birds. The six awards announced leverage nearly \$7.9 million in matching contributions from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$8.9 million.

A longstanding partnership between NFWF, ConocoPhillips and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation Program supports efforts to restore bird habitat, improve bird-focused conservation on working lands, and gather bird data that informs future conservation. With a focus on grassland, sagebrush, wetland and coastal habitats, the program helps advance voluntary solutions that improve the connectivity and quality of key breeding, stopover and overwintering habitats.

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Creating Habitat for Pheasants, Pipit and Other Grassland Species through the West River Working Lands Program (SD)

Grantee: Second Century Habitat Fund

Grant Amount:.....\$150,000
 Matching Funds:.....\$150,000
 Total Project Amount:.....\$300,000

Partner with willing landowners to transform marginal cropland into productive hay and grazing acreage. Project will restore prime habitat for pheasants, pipit and other grassland wildlife species.

Increasing Native Grassland Habitat Availability and Connectivity for Priority Grassland Birds in South Texas

Grantee: American Bird Conservancy

Grant Amount:.....\$201,500
 Matching Funds:.....\$235,000
 Total Project Amount:.....\$436,500

Partner with private landowners to implement site-specific land management practices that increase the quality, quantity and connectivity of native grassland habitat for priority grassland birds. Project will improve at least 1,000 acres of degraded habitat for migratory and resident species through the South Texas Grassland Restoration Incentive Program.

Informing Full Annual Cycle Grassland Bird Conservation in the Great Plains States for Steeply Declining Species: Phase 3 (CO, KS, MT, ND, NM, TX, WY, Canada, Mexico)

Grantee: Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory

Grant Amount:.....\$208,200
 Matching Funds:.....\$219,600
 Total Project Amount:.....\$427,800

Complete the third and final phase of this effort by tagging additional birds (Baird's sparrow, Sprague's pipit, chestnut-collared longspur and thick-billed longspur), analyzing bird movement data, and developing management recommendations. Project will create data products that will be used to inform strategic, spatially prioritized habitat conservation.



American pipit



Pheasant

Protecting Key Bird Habitat by Expanding the Settlers Bay Coastal Park (AK)

Grantee: The Great Land Trust

Grant Amount:.....\$150,000
 Matching Funds:.....\$700,000
 Total Project Amount:.....\$850,000

Acquire, permanently protect, and make public 187 acres of key bird habitat including wetlands, uplands, and over 1 mile of a stream habitat adjacent to the existing Settlers Bay Coastal Park in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough in Alaska. Project will add the land to the Settlers Bay Coastal Park, connecting the park to hundreds of thousands of acres of other protected lands.

Protecting Resident and Migratory Bird Habitat through Conservation Easement on HN Ranch (WY)

Grantee: Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust

Grant Amount:.....\$250,000
 Matching Funds:.....\$6,188,500
 Total Project Amount:.....\$6,438,500

Place a conservation easement on the HN Ranch to protect important wildlife habitat in a region under heavy rural residential development pressure. Project will protect nearly 2,500 acres of productive and ecologically important grazing land.

Restoring and Enhancing Wetlands and Native Prairie along the Texas Coastal Plain

Grantee: Texas Rice Industry Coalition for the Environment

Grant Amount:.....\$100,000
 Matching Funds:.....\$400,000
 Total Project Amount:.....\$500,000

Establish, restore and enhance more than 1,800 acres of wetlands and 1,100 acres of native prairie on state and federal public lands and conservation easements. Project will benefit priority grassland and wetland birds as well as declining native pollinators along the Texas coast and coastal plain.