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ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation

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ABOUT NFWF

Chartered by Congress in 1984, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) protects and restores the nation's fish, wildlife, plants and habitats. Working with federal, corporate and individual partners, NFWF has funded more than 6,000 organizations and generated a total conservation impact of \$8.1 billion.

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Western meadowlark

OVERVIEW

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), ConocoPhillips and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a new round of funding for ConocoPhillips SPIRIT of Conservation projects. More than \$1.1 million in grant funding will support conservation efforts to help conserve and recover populations of imperiled birds. The six awards announced leverage more than \$1.5 million in matching contributions from the grantees, providing a total conservation impact of \$2.6 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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Improving Grassland Bird Habitat with the Coastal Grassland Restoration Incentive Program (LA)

Grantee: Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation
 Grant Amount:..... \$55,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$100,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$155,000
 Collaborate with private landowners through the Coastal Grassland Restoration Incentive Program to conserve habitat for grassland birds and mottled ducks in coastal Louisiana. Project will improve 450 acres.

Strategic Conservation Partnerships on Working Lands for Grassland and Wetland Birds (ND)

Grantee: Ducks Unlimited
 Grant Amount:..... \$125,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$272,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$397,000
 Partner with private landowners to implement conservation grazing and support other land management practices that improve grassland and wetland bird habitat in eastern North Dakota. Project will support conservation grazing on 4,180 acres, restore 300 acres of grasslands and restore 5 acres of wetlands.

Grassland Conservation and Habitat Improvement for Birds of the Coastal Prairie (TX)

Grantee: Katy Prairie Conservancy
 Grant Amount:..... \$251,900
 Matching Funds:..... \$132,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$383,900



Blue-winged teal



Greater prairie chicken

Implement a conservation easement on coastal prairie and expand conservation grazing activities to benefit birds in Texas. Project will protect 110 acres of coastal prairie, improve 764 acres and improve 2 miles of fencing.

Conservation Easements in the Prairie Pothole Region (SD)

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy
 Grant Amount:..... \$155,100
 Matching Funds:..... \$77,500
 Total Project Amount:..... \$232,600
 Work with private landowners to conserve habitat for wetland and grassland-dependent birds in eastern South Dakota. Project will evaluate 600 conservation easements, protect 36,000 acres, reach 1,800 people and support two positions.

Collaborative Grassland and Sagebrush Conservation for Birds (WY)

Grantee: Pheasants Forever
 Grant Amount:..... \$256,400
 Matching Funds:..... \$257,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$513,400
 Improve habitat connectivity for birds in grassland and sagebrush ecosystems in northeast Wyoming. Project will improve 6,500 acres, restore 1,200 acres and fence 3 miles for conservation grazing.

Van Fleet Ranch Conservation Easement (WY)

Grantee: Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust
 Grant Amount:..... \$275,000
 Matching Funds:..... \$700,000
 Total Project Amount:..... \$975,000
 Secure a conservation easement to protect habitat for grassland birds and other wildlife at Van Fleet Ranch in Wyoming. Project will protect 2,172 acres.