



NFWF

Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund

RECIPIENTS

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

AWARD AMOUNT

\$1,462,000

PARTNERS

Birmingham Audubon Society
Mobile Bay Audubon Society

LOCATION

Coastal Alabama

AWARD DATE

March 2016

STATUS

Active

PROGRESS UPDATE

Fall, winter, and spring Audubon Coastal Bird Surveys are complete for 2017-2018 and underway on eight routes for 2018-2019. Breeding season stewardship of 27 sites is complete for 2018 and preparations are underway for 2019 breeding season. (February 2019)

The Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund, administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), supports projects to remedy harm and eliminate or reduce the risk of harm to Gulf Coast natural resources affected by the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill. To learn more about NFWF, go to www.nfwf.org.

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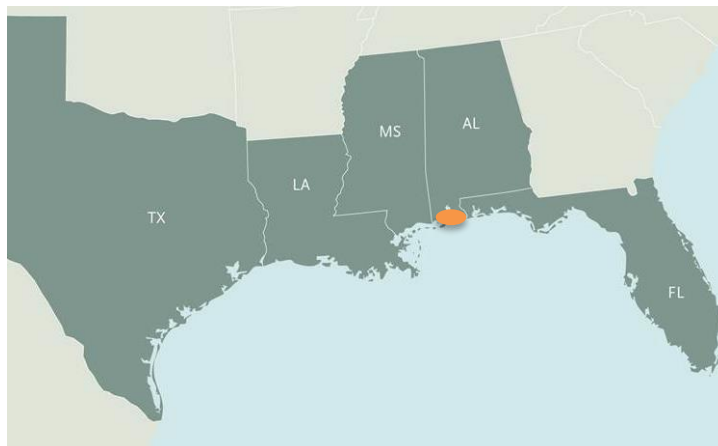
Alabama Coastal Bird Stewardship Program

This project will conserve priority shorebird and coastal waterbird populations by establishing a two-year bird stewardship, monitoring, and outreach program in coastal Alabama. The Alabama Coast's beaches, marshes, and islands provide critical nesting, wintering, and migratory stopover habitat for many species of shorebirds and coastal waterbirds. These coastal bird populations continue to decline, and degradation and human disturbance of habitat remains the leading stressors to these populations. This project will work to improve the status of bird species of conservation concern through training of volunteers to steward and monitor targeted and other species and their habitat at key nesting sites in the state.

The expansion of stewardship activities is complimentary to similar efforts in Florida and Mississippi, currently funded by the Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund and the Natural Resources Damage Assessment program, and extends stewardship efforts for shorebirds and coastal seabirds to critical nesting habitat across the northern Gulf of Mexico.



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This project will allow ADCNR and Birmingham Audubon to begin implementation of expanded and targeted stewardship activities in coastal Alabama to benefit shorebird and waterbird populations.