

## Nevada State Wildlife Grant Success Stories

In the five years since its inception, the State Wildlife Grants Program has played an important role in the conservation of Nevada's wildlife. The following are some of the projects funded through State Wildlife Grants:

### **Restoration: Working with Partners to Bring Back Wildlife and Natural Areas Sustaining Agriculture's Benefits to the Long-billed Curlew**



*Long-billed Curlew, Photo Courtesy of Alex Hartman*

The long-billed curlew, the largest of all North American shorebirds, has been declining and is considered a highly imperiled species. State Wildlife Grants have been used to study how agriculture has benefited the long-billed curlew by providing good habitat. This research led to the recognition that Nevada's ranchers have played an important stewardship role in maintaining the long-billed curlew. Continued investment of State Wildlife Grant funds will help build a landowner incentive program to ensure the long-term health of the species and cement Nevada's significant stewardship role in management efforts.

### **Management: Proactive Measures that Benefit Wildlife and People Amargosa Toad Partnership**



*Amargosa Toad, Photo Courtesy of Dr. C.R. Tracy*

Found only in the upper Amargosa River in Nevada, the Amargosa toad was petitioned for endangered species listing in the 1990's, in part from a lack of adequate information on its status and abundance. With the assistance of State Wildlife Grant funds, the Nevada Department of Wildlife has been able to gain a better understanding of where the Amargosa toad lives and how many are left. This information will aid efforts to work with local communities to develop a habitat protection plan that will accommodate local development needs. These cooperative actions are a model for how partnerships can benefit both wildlife and community development.

### **Research: Gathering Information to Take Action Nevada Partners in Flight**



*Bird Watcher, Photo Courtesy of Elisabeth Ammon*

Biologists and decision makers need up-to-date information in order to make the most cost-effective wildlife management decisions. Nevada Partners in Flight, a consortium of more than ten agencies and organizations, is working to provide that information through a long-term statewide bird monitoring program. Sharing ownership of the data from this study is one of the most important steps toward sharing the conservation vision for the Nevada landscape. The program is poised to grow into a comprehensive bird monitoring program that will help conserve Nevada's birds for future generations.

**Congress has appropriated \$6 million in State Wildlife Grants to Nevada since 2001. This has been matched with at least \$1.5 million state and partner dollars.**