



# Southern Wings

*A Partnership of State Fish and  
Wildlife Agencies*





# Goal & Mission

- **Goal:** State Fish and Wildlife Agencies contribute \$2 Million per year to the annual lifecycle conservation of shared priority birds in the Western Hemisphere
- **Mission:** Encourage and facilitate state fish and wildlife agency participation in conservation projects for shared priority birds in Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.



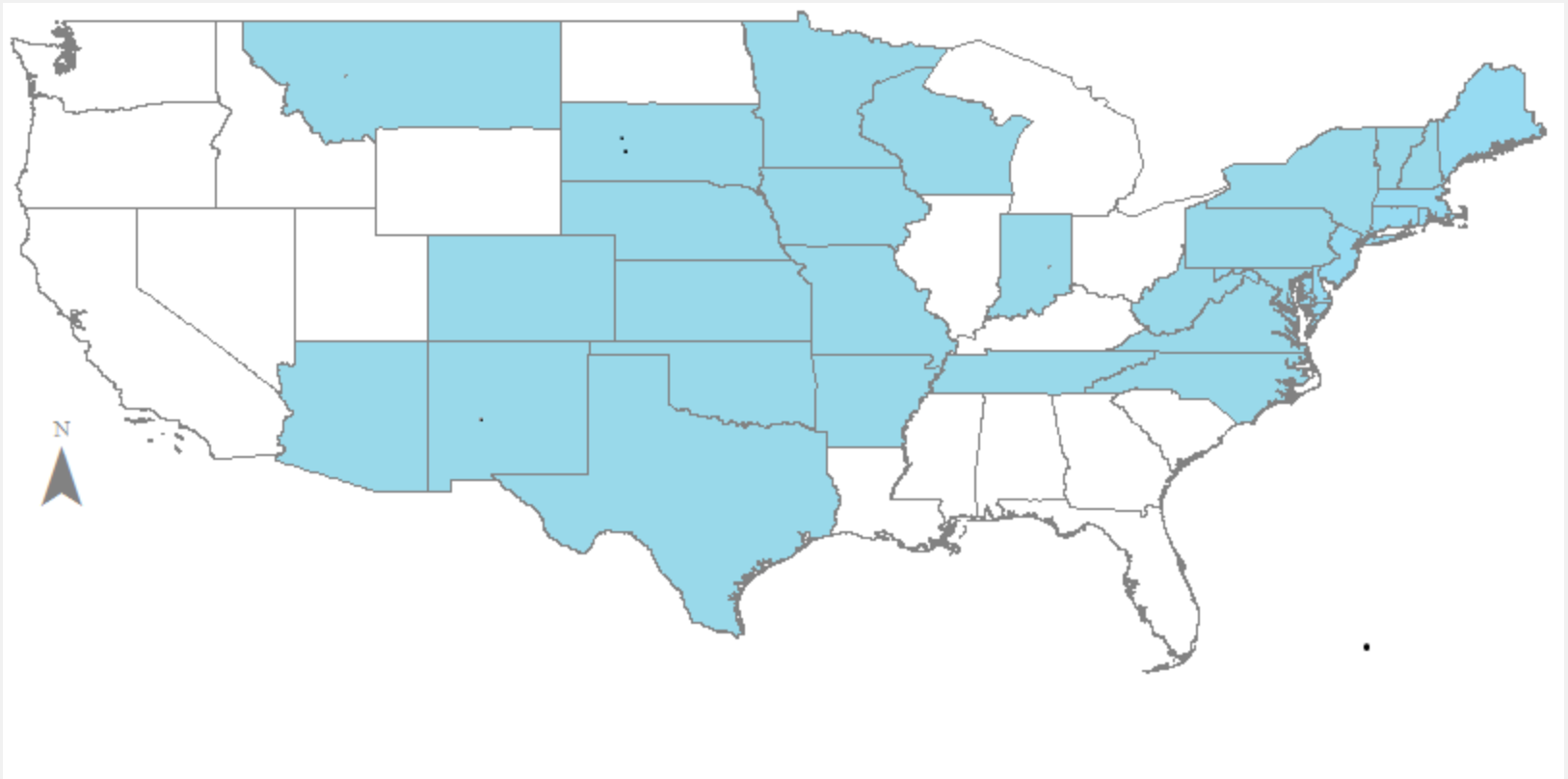


# Why State Wildlife Agencies Participate

1. Compliments state investment of priority shared species
2. Leverages limited state funds (at least 1:1)
3. Annual Lifecycle Conservation makes sense
4. The program connects states to projects that help conserve shared priority species
5. Increases connections with partners across the Hemisphere
6. Birds are of great interest to citizens and are economically significant



# 30 Participating States





# What Are They Doing?

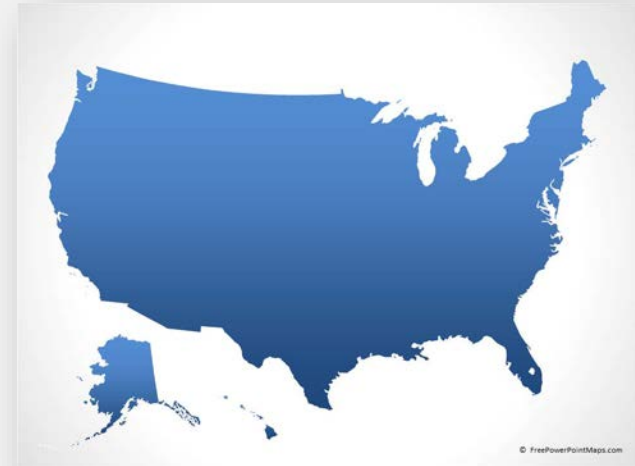
- State agencies & their in-state partners have contributed over \$2,700,000 to conservation of shared species.





# U.S. Based Partners

- National Audubon Society
- Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
- Birdlife International
- American Bird Conservancy
- Vermont Center For EcoStudies
- Iowa Ornithologists' Union
- Iowa Audubon Society
- Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act







# Mexican Grasslands Conservation

- IA, NE, OK, KS & SD
- Protect and restore native desert grasslands in Mexico's El Tokio Grassland Priority Conservation Area with ProNatura Noreste.
- Protected 49,381 acres of the Llano de Soledad grasslands and almost 116,000 acres through acquisition or conservation agreements in El Tokio.

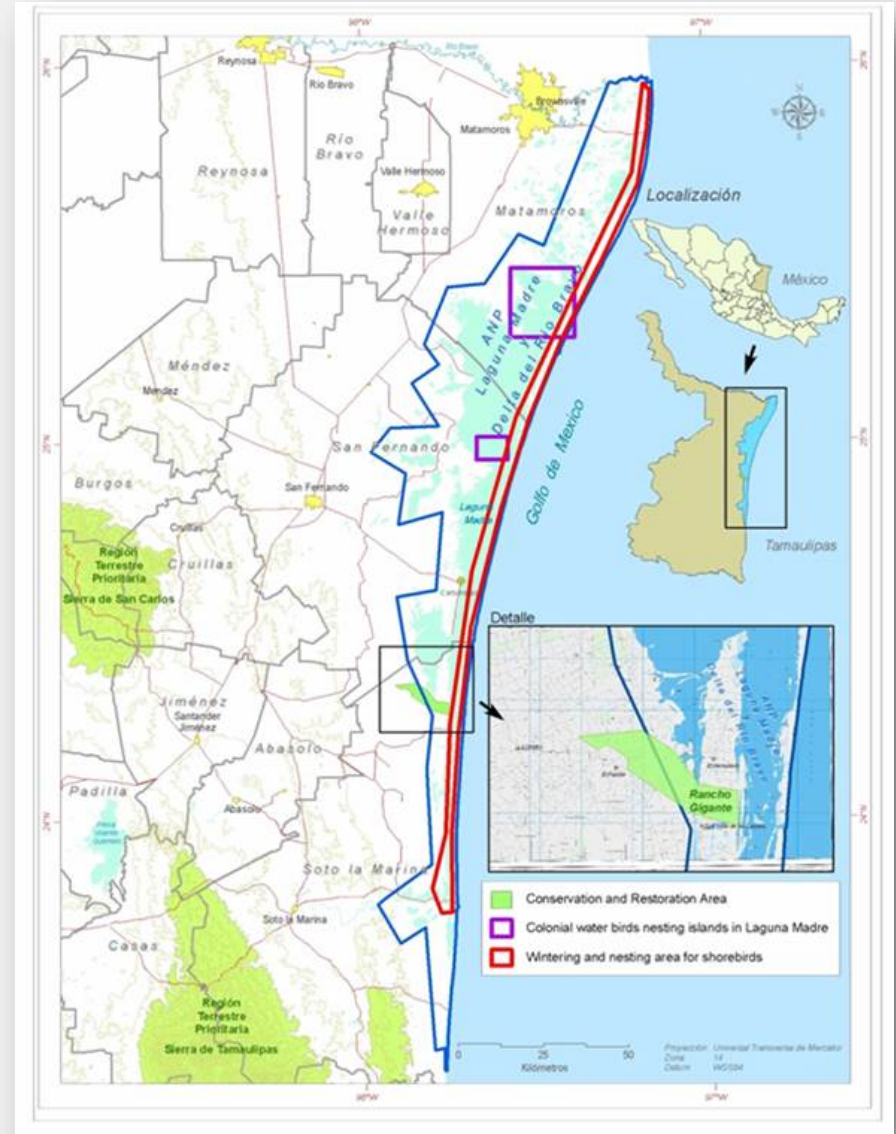


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# Protection

- Protecting Stopover & Wintering Habitat at Laguna Madre, Mexico







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*at Laguna Madre, Mexico*

- Texas Parks & Wildlife
- Pronatura Noreste
- National Commission of Protected Areas (CONANP)
- National Fish & Wildlife Foundation
- Rio Grande Joint Venture



# A Region Wide Strategy in Caribbean Guatemala

- Forests within Guatemala's Caribbean Rainforest Corridor are a vital link in the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor and the Caribbean migratory flyway of Central America.
- Stop over and wintering habitat for at least 153 species of neo-tropical migrants.



**Almost 9,000 acres of habitat have been acquired for migratory bird conservation in Guatemala!**



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# Cerulean Warbler Conservation

- Purchased 299 acres to expand the Pauxi Pauxi Reserve
- Planted 500,000 saplings on 2,828 acres
- Trained and educated over 4,000 to engage in conservation and raise awareness





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