

Investing in the National Wildlife Refuge System Pays Off for Wildlife, Habitat, and People

Celebrating National Wildlife Refuge Week and the contributions Congress and our partners have made in support of the National Wildlife Refuge System over the last 2 years

Wildlife Accomplishments

- 12,000 wildlife surveys completed
- Nearly 300,000 migratory birds banded on and around refuges
- Nearly 3,000 mammals and more than 1,000 birds released into their former habitat
- More than 1.5 million fish stocked



Accomplishments Overview

Number of new conservation projects: 260

Number of new maintenance projects: 2,420

Number of new construction projects: 19

Number of new employees added: 352 (total number is about 2,500; average staff per refuge now 3.6 people)



Through these efforts, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and our partners are continuing the legacy begun by President Theodore Roosevelt nearly 100 years ago when he established the National Wildlife Refuge System. His promise, to invest in conserving our rich wildlife heritage on behalf of the American people and generations to come, is more critical today than ever. We are working diligently to fulfill that promise, to ensure the conservation legacy of the National Wildlife Refuge System is even stronger in the coming century.