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# Introduction

## *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on non-federal lands. Partnerships with Native American tribes, state and local governments, nongovernmental organizations and private citizens are a critical part of our mission. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, and individual partnership activities are the primary mechanisms for assisting voluntary habitat development on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System of 540 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The Service also manages 78 ecological services field stations, 69 National Fish Hatcheries and 64 fishery resource offices.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The Service also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state wildlife agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges and related projects across America.

The Service employs approximately 7,500 people at facilities across the United States. The Service is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., seven geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.

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# Regional Highlights

## *Great Lakes - Big Rivers*

*Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin*

### ***Regional Vision Statement***

***“We will work shoulder to shoulder with states, tribes and our many other partners to achieve our goal of making the Region a better place for fish and wildlife and the people who enjoy them.”***

### ***2002 Regional Facts***

- Employment: 1,088 people
- Managed Acres: 1.29 million
- The Fiscal Year 2002 Budget for Regional Service activities totals \$75.7 million
- More than 126,000 school children participated in Service educational programs
- More than 7.5 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- Region 3 is the national lead coordinator for recovery efforts of the bald eagle and gray wolf

### ***Refuge Program Facts***

- 52 National Wildlife Refuges
- 15 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 280,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- The Refuge System will celebrate “***A Century of Conservation***” on March 14, 2003

### ***Other Regional Programs and Offices***

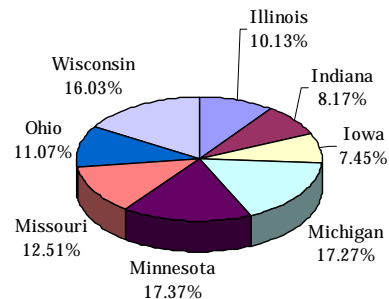
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 10 Fisheries stations
- 10 Ecological Services offices
- 22 Law Enforcement offices

### ***Federal Aid Program***

In Fiscal Year 2002, the Region’s Federal Aid Office managed \$96.7 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the states within Region 3.

### ***Federal Aid Apportionments FY2002***

Region 3 States’ Share of \$96.7 Million:



### ***The Region is Committed to:***

- Expanded partnerships, which offer innovative opportunities to enhance the Region’s fish and wildlife resources
- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species (migratory birds, endangered species and interjurisdictional fish) populations, and habitats that support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- A clearly defined U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation’s rich diversity and providing quality service and decision-making to the resources in our trust



# Iowa

## *State Highlights*

### ***2002 Iowa State Facts***

- The Service employs more than 50 people in Iowa
- The Fiscal Year 2002 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Iowa totals \$4.9 million

### ***National Wildlife Refuge Facts***

- Six National Wildlife Refuges and one Wetland Management District in Iowa total 109,843 acres
- In 2002, over 486,000 people visited refuges in Iowa to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife
- 17,840 school children participated in Service educational programs

### ***Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs***

Wildlife Restoration Act funds were used in the early development of its Turkey Restoration Program. The state of Iowa used these funds to trap wild turkeys from other states and release them on Iowa Wildlife Management Area. The program proved to be very successful and has led to rebounding populations of wild birds.

### ***DeSoto's Sunken Treasure***

Located in Missouri Valley, Iowa, DeSoto NWR is home to a premier archeological collection of 200,000 artifacts excavated from the buried hull of the Steamboat Bertrand, which sunk on a portion of the Missouri River in 1865. The wreck was discovered on the refuge in 1968. Visitors can view hundreds of artifacts recovered from the wreck at the refuge visitor center.

### ***Great Rivers, Restored Prairie Mark Iowa Refuges***

Two hundred years ago a vast prairie ecosystem stretched unbroken throughout the Midwestern United States and into Canada. The tallgrass prairie ecosystem encompassed parts of 14 states including nearly all of Iowa.

Deep organic soils formed by the cyclic degradation of prairie roots left a rich legacy to modern agriculture: the most fertile soil in the world. As a result, 99 percent of the original prairie landscape in Iowa succumbed to the plow and other forms of development in a matter of a few decades.

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge, located just west of Des Moines, is working to re-create over 8,000 acres of Iowa's native tallgrass prairie and oak savanna. Similar prairie restoration efforts are being mounted at the 3, 300-acre Union Slough NWR near Algona, in northern Iowa.

The Service also manages McGregor District of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Driftless NWR and Port Louisa NWR on the Mississippi River in eastern Iowa, and DeSoto NWR along the Missouri River in northwest Iowa.

Located along the Mississippi River Flyway, the Port Louisa, Driftless and the McGregor District refuges were established to protect migratory birds. Key goals of these refuges are to conserve and enhance the quality and diversity of fish and wildlife and their habitats; and to restore floodplain functions in the river corridor.



# Iowa

## *Celebrating a Century of Conservation*

March 14, 2003, will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Established in 1903 when President Teddy Roosevelt set aside tiny Pelican Island in Florida as a refuge for birds, the National Wildlife Refuge System has evolved to encompass more than 95 million acres in 540 refuges.

There are 52 refuges in Region 3, and six in Iowa. Our nation's most-visited refuge, the Upper Mississippi National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, runs through Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois and Iowa.

The refuge system also includes Wetland Management Districts in Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as in the Dakotas and Montana. These districts are home to numerous waterfowl production areas that help sustain our nation's waterfowl populations.

Beginning March 14 and continuing through the Centennial year, refuges and wetland management districts in the region will celebrate with special events, including time capsule dedications, open houses, refuge tours, new exhibits and film festivals. More than 150 events are planned in the region.

National Wildlife Refuges are unique in the public lands system in that they are the only parcels of land managed primarily for wildlife. This approach has enabled the refuge system to grow into a network of land and water that provides homes for threatened and endangered species such as whooping cranes, bald eagles and gray

wolves. The refuge system also provides breeding, nesting and feeding grounds for a wide variety of migratory birds.

Refuges are also fantastic resources for educators. During the school year, thousands of students of all ages visit refuges. Rangers and outdoor educators provide on-the-ground education for students from all walks of life.

While refuges are places where wildlife comes first, they offer unparalleled wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities. Many offer hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation.

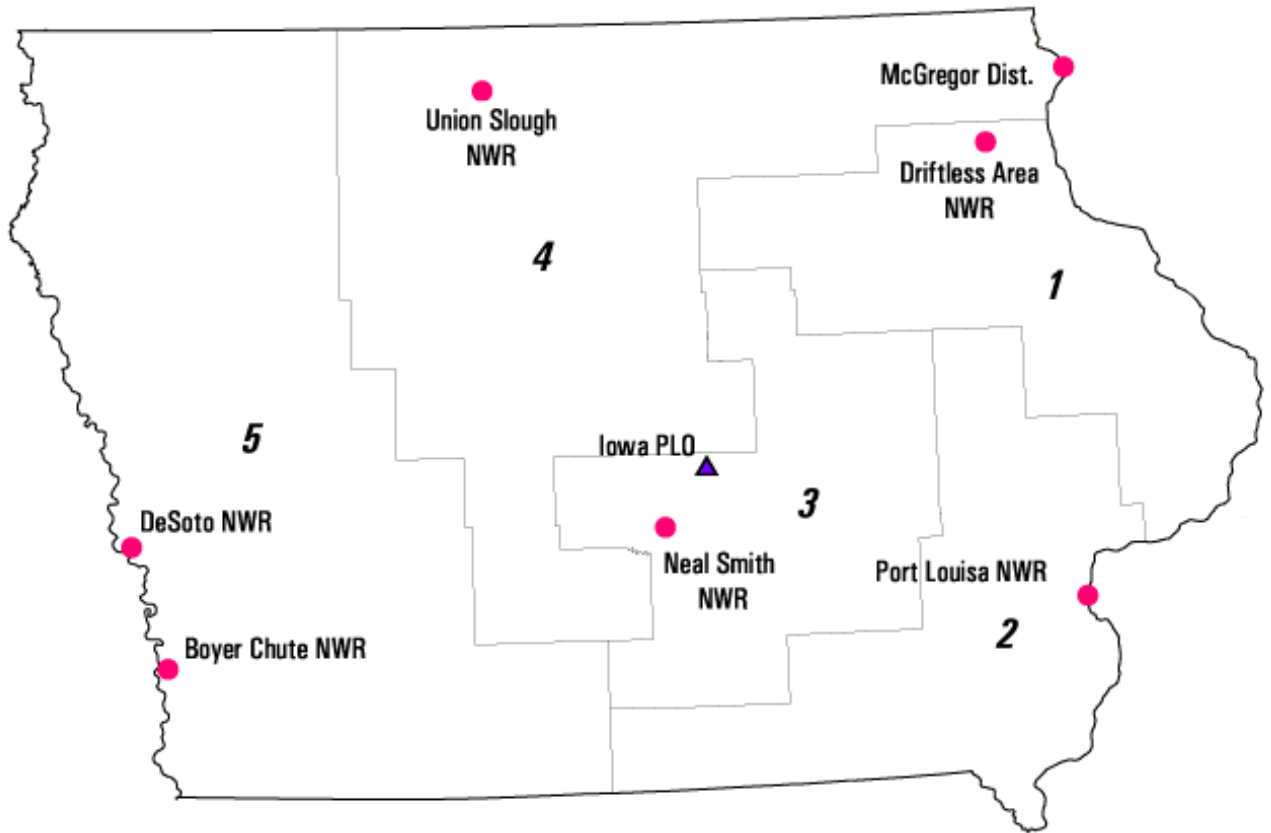
Centennial events in 2003 will be great opportunities to visit your local refuges. Each state in Region 3 has at least one major Centennial event scheduled. For information on attending a refuge event, contact your local refuge manager.





# Iowa

## *Congressional Delegation*



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### *Iowa Senators and Representatives*

Sen. Charles Grassley (R)  
Sen. Tom Harkin (D)  
Representatives by District:  
IA-1 Jim Nussle (R)

IA-2 Jim Leach (R)  
IA-3 Leonard Boswell (D)  
IA-4 Tom Latham (R)  
IA-5 Steve King (R)



# DeSoto

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

1434 - 316th Lane  
Missouri Valley, IA 51555-7033  
Phone: 712/642 4121  
Fax: 712/642 2877  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Larry Klimek  
e-mail: [larry\\_klimek@fws.gov](mailto:larry_klimek@fws.gov)



### *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 1958
- Acres: 7,823 (3,499 in Iowa; 4,324 in Nebraska)
- Home of the salvaged 1860s steamboat Bertrand and its cargo
- DeSoto Lake renovated in 1985
- Provide Private Lands assistance in 18 Iowa counties and five Nebraska counties

### *Natural History*

- 300,000-800,000 snow geese stop during their annual fall migration
- Refuge lies in the fertile plain of the Missouri River Valley
- 788-acre DeSoto Lake is a former oxbow of the Missouri River

### *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- 19-person staff
- 250,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,480,000
- \$30,066 in refuge revenue went to counties

### *Refuge Objectives*

- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered species
- Provide food, water, and cover for migrating waterfowl, especially snow geese
- Provide habitat for other migrating and resident wildlife
- Protect, preserve and display the steamboat Bertrand and its cargo
- Provide interpretation and environmental education opportunities

### *Management Tools*

- Cooperative farming
- Grassland management
- Wetland management
- Forest management
- Prescribed burning
- Reverting agricultural land to native prairie

### *Public Use Opportunities*

- Auto tour route
- Visitor center, steamboat Bertrand display
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking trails
- Photography blinds



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# Driftless Area *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

P.O. Box 460

McGregor, IA 52157

Phone: 319/873 3423

Fax: 319/873 3803

TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)

<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: John Lindell

email: [john\\_lindell@fws.gov](mailto:john_lindell@fws.gov)

*Located on scattered tracts  
in northeastern Iowa*



## *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 1989
- Acres: 618
- Refuge consists of small, scattered tracts located in Clayton, Dubuque, and Jackson counties
- Refuge is administered by the McGregor District of Upper Mississippi River NWR

## *Natural History*

- Mainly *algific talus* slopes - an outflow of cold air and water from bedrock creates cool and moist conditions unique to slopes
- Essential habitat for many rare plants and land snails

## *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- 2000 visitors annually - visitation is limited due to endangered species management
- FY 2002 Budget: \$75,600

## *Refuge Objectives*

- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered species
- Preserve and enhance populations of the endangered Iowa Pleistocene snail and threatened Northern monkshood
- Protect and preserve area populations of rare plants and land snails to prevent the need for future listing under the Endangered Species Act

## *Management Tools*

- Habitat preservation
- Outreach and education
- Maintain sanctuary (closed areas)
- Biological monitoring
- Prescribed burning
- Law enforcement
- Private landowners assistance programs

## *Public Use Opportunities*

*(designated areas only)*

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation







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# Port Louisa

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

10728 County Road X61  
Wapello, IA 52653-9477  
Phone: 319/523 6982  
Fax: 319/523 6960  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Tom Cox  
e-mail: [tom\\_cox@fws.gov](mailto:tom_cox@fws.gov)



*Located along the Mississippi  
River, in southeastern Iowa*

### *Refuge Facts*

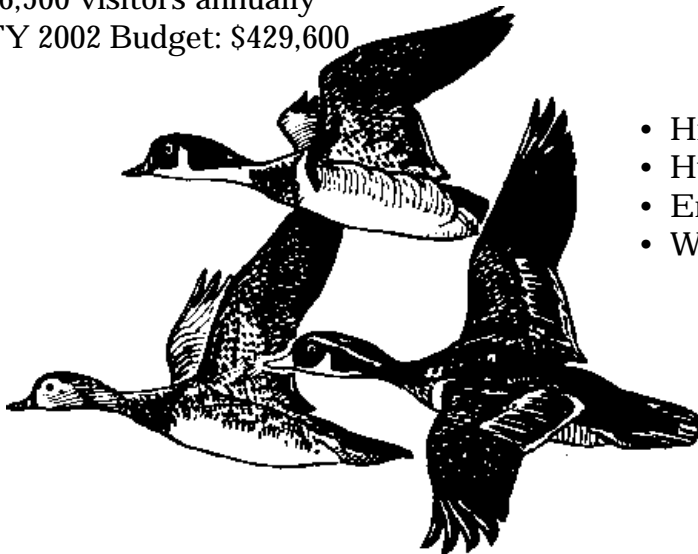
- Established: 1958
- Acres: 10,780
- Formerly known as the Wapello District of the Mark Twain NWR
- Refuge is separated into four divisions: Louisa, Big Timber, Keithsburg and Horseshoe Bend

### *Natural History*

- Major migratory bird corridor
- Habitat consists of bottomland timber, backwater sloughs and marshes
- Provides riverine habitat and contributes to healthy floodplain functions

### *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- Six person staff
- 16,500 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$429,600



### *Refuge Objectives*

- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered species
- Provide habitat for migratory birds and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck and neotropical bird production
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreation and public use opportunities

### *Management Tools*

- Water management
- Outreach and education
- Wetland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Law enforcement
- Prairie Restoration

### *Public Use Opportunities*

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation and photography



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# Neal Smith

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

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Fax: 515/994 3459  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Nancy Gilbertson  
e-mail: [nancy\\_gilbertson@mail.fws.gov](mailto:nancy_gilbertson@mail.fws.gov)



*Located 20 miles east of  
Des Moines on Highway 163*

### *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 1991
- Acres: 5,200
- Authorized to expand to 8,600 acres
- Prairie Learning Center opened in 1997
- Formerly named Walnut Creek NWR

### *Natural History*

- Rolling tallgrass prairie and oak savannas bisected by Walnut Creek
- Habitat for prairie wildlife, rare grasses and flowers, and the endangered Indiana bat
- Bison herd reintroduced in 1996
- Elk reintroduced in 1998

### *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- 17-person staff
- 200,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1.4 million

### *Refuge Objectives*

- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered species
- Restore original tallgrass prairie and rare oak savanna habitat
- Protect and enhance habitat for native wildlife
- Provide wildlife-dependent recreational and environmental education opportunities for the public
- Conduct prairie research

### *Management Tools*

- Reconstruction of native prairie
- Restoration of oak savannas
- Volunteer seed collection
- Community partnerships
- Reintroduction of native wildlife
- Prescribed burning

### *Public Use Opportunities*

- Prairie Learning Center
- Environmental education
  - Hunting
  - Nature trails
  - Auto tour route
  - Hands-on prairie/savanna restoration workshops





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# Union Slough

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

Contacting the refuge:

1710 - 360th Street  
Titonka, IA 50480  
Phone: 515/928 2523  
Fax: 515/928 2230  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: George Gaze  
e-mail: [george\\_gaze@fws.gov](mailto:george_gaze@fws.gov)

*Located just south of the  
Minnesota border, approximately  
50 miles west of Mason City*



### *Refuge Facts*

- Established: 1937
- Acres: 3,334

### *Natural History*

- Produces approximately 2,000 wood ducks annually
- Remains of a pre-glacial riverbed
- Oasis for wildlife amid mainly agricultural land
- Trumpeter swan reintroduction site

### *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- Six-person staff
- 20,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$636,638

### *Refuge Objectives*

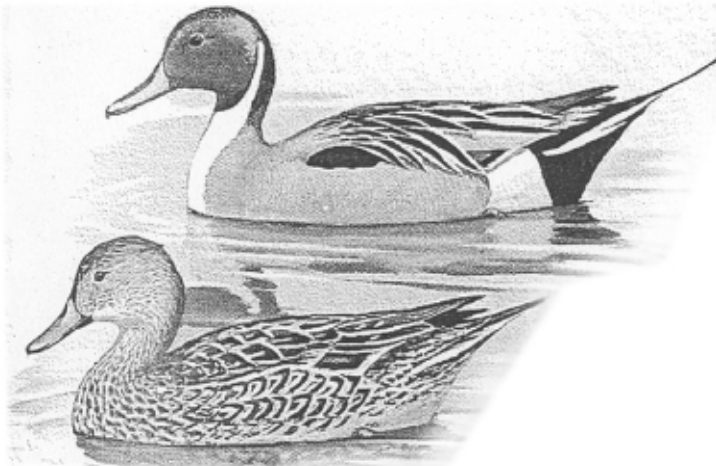
- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Protect and enhance habitat for resident wildlife
- Provide recreational and environmental education opportunities for the public

### *Management Tools*

- Native grassland restoration
- Wetland restoration
- Water management
- Prescribed burning
- Nest box program for wood ducks
- Outreach and education

### *Public Use Opportunities*

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education and interpretation
- Wildlife observation
- Auto tour route
- Wildlife photography





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# Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge *McGregor District*

Contacting the refuge:

P.O. Box 460  
McGregor, IA 52157  
Phone: 319/873 3423  
Fax: 319/873 3803  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: John Lindell  
email: [john\\_lindell@fws.gov](mailto:john_lindell@fws.gov)

*Located along the Mississippi  
River, approximately 37 miles  
south of the Minnesota border*



## *Refuge Facts*

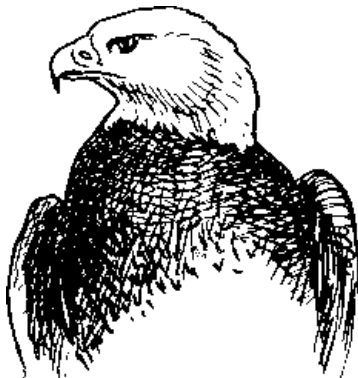
- Established: 1924
- Acres: 78,441
- Refuge covers Navigation Pools 9, 10 and 11
- Stretches 97 river miles along the Mississippi River in the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa
- Visitor center located in McGregor, Iowa

## *Natural History*

- Major migratory bird corridor
- Habitat consists of bottomland timber, shallow basins, marshes, rivers, streams and agricultural land
- Located between river bluffs rising to 500 feet above the river

## *Financial Impact of Refuge*

- Seven person staff
- 3,000,000 visitors annually (refuge-wide)
- FY 2001 Budget: \$435,000
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region



## *Refuge Objectives*

- Protect and enhance river floodplain for the benefit of fish, wildlife and people
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-dependent recreational public use opportunities

## *Management Tools*

- Cooperative farming
- Moist soil units
- Outreach and education
- Wetland restoration
- Sanctuary areas (closed areas)
- Law enforcement
- Reforestation
- Private landowner assistance programs

## *Public Use Opportunities*

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Boating and picnicking
- Camping



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# Des Moines

## *Law Enforcement Field Office*

Contacting the office:

210 Walnut Street

Des Moines, IA 50309

Phone: 515/284 4125

Fax: 515/323 2910

TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)

<http://midwest.fws.gov>



### *Office Facts*

- Established: 1982
- Staff: One Special Agent
- The Des Moines Field Office is administered by the Jefferson City, Mo., Field Office

### *Law Enforcement Objectives*

- To protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- To promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

### *Law Enforcement Priorities*

- To investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- To investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- To provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage
- To promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage



### *Laws Enforced*

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act



# Iowa

## Private Lands Office

### Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Contacting the office:

9981 Pacific Street  
Prairie City, IA 50228  
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Fax: 515/994 3459  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

State Coordinator: Jim Munson  
e-mail: [jim\\_munson@mail.fws.gov](mailto:jim_munson@mail.fws.gov)



#### Local Coordination Offices

Northeast	Upper Miss. NW&FR	319/873-3423
Southeast	Mark Twain NWR	319/523-6982
Southwest	DeSoto NWR	712/642-4121
Southcentral	Iowa PLO	515/994-3400
Northcentral	Union Slough NWR	515/928-2523
East	Upper Miss. NW&FR	815/273-2732
Central	Neal Smith NWR	515/994-3400
Eastcentral	Rock Island FO	309/793-5800

#### Partnerships

- Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Iowa private land owners
- Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Private conservation organizations

#### Opportunities on Private Lands

##### Habitat Restoration

- Wetland and associated uplands
- Migratory bird habitat
- Watersheds of National Wildlife Refuges
- Tallgrass prairie
- Riparian and cold water streams

#### Wetland Restorations (1987-2002)

- 1,255 sites
- 7,393 acres

#### Upland Restorations (1987 - 2000)

- 449 sites
- 7,293 acres

##### Technical Assistance

- Wetlands and Conservation Reserve

##### Programs

- Wetlands conservation provisions
- Farm Service Agency
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program





# Iowa

## *North American Waterfowl Management Plan*

Contacting the program:

BHW Federal Building  
1 Federal Drive  
Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056  
Phone: 612/713 5433  
Fax: 612/713 5393  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Joint Venture Coordinator: Barbara Pardo  
e-mail: [barbara\\_pardo@fws.gov](mailto:barbara_pardo@fws.gov)



### *State Contact*

Dr. Dale Garner  
Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Wallace State Office Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
Phone: 515/281 7127  
FAX: 515/281 6794  
Email: [dale.garner@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:dale.garner@dnr.state.ia.us)

### *About the Plan*

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970's
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and three species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico

### *Partner Involvement*

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Tribal, local, state and federal agencies

### *Habitat Accomplishments*

- Over 44,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat

### *Iowa Projects*

Wetland and grassland restorations within:

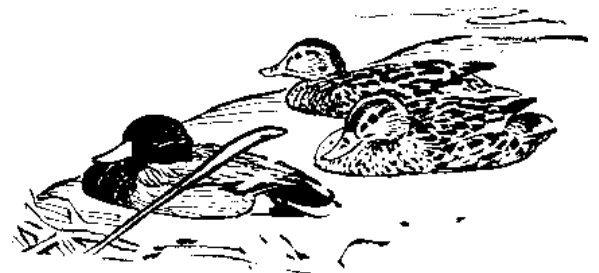
- Northcentral Iowa
- Upper Waspi Wetland Project
- Iowa Glaciated Wetlands Initiative
- Eagle Lake watershed, phase III
- Cedar River watershed
- Federal, state and county lands
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation

### *Financial Assistance*

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$26.2 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 17 grants totaling over \$7.5 million

### *Public Benefits*

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting voluntary wetland preservation





# Iowa

## Federal Aid

### Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration

Contacting the program:

BHW Federal Building  
 1 Federal Drive  
 Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056  
 Phone: 612/713 5130  
 Fax: 612/713 5290  
 TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Chief: Bradley Johnson  
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#### Where the money comes from

Federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

#### What the money can be used for

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, technical assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of areas and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

#### Number of participants and economic benefits to Iowa

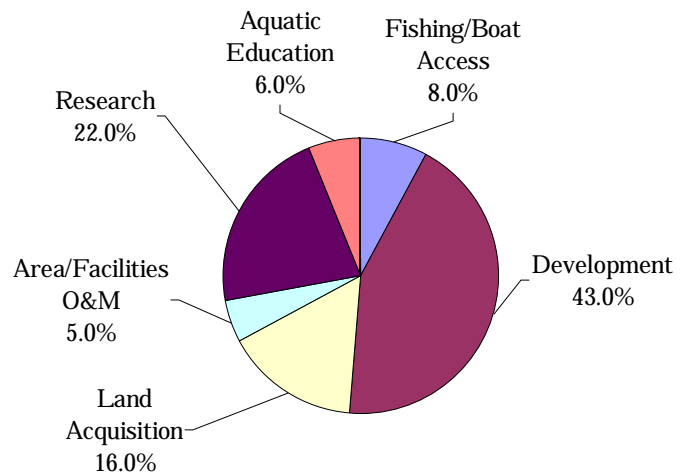
- Fishing  
 Number of anglers..... 542,000  
 Fishing expenditures..... \$369 million
- Hunting  
 Number of hunters..... 243,000  
 Hunting expenditures..... \$262 million

#### How much money is involved (2002 apportionments)

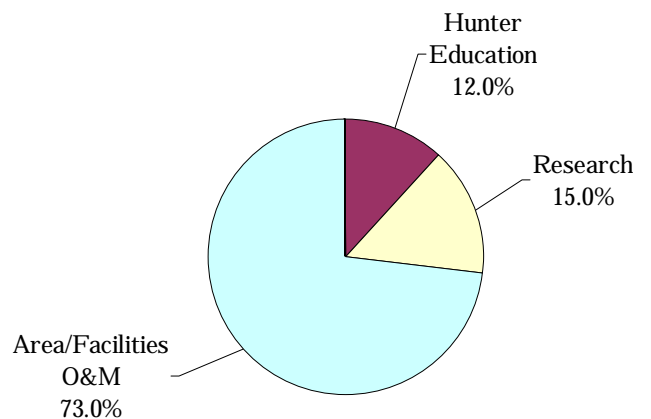
Sport Fish Restoration..... \$4.0 million  
 Wildlife Restoration..... \$3.2 million

#### Federal dollars at work in Iowa

##### Use of Sport Fish Restoration Funds



##### Use of Wildlife Restoration Funds







# Iowa

## *Migratory Bird Conservation*

Contacting the program:

USFWS Division of Migratory Birds  
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Ft. Snelling, MN 55111-4056  
Phone: 612/713 5480  
Fax: 612/713 5393  
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)  
<http://midwest.fws.gov/midwestbird>

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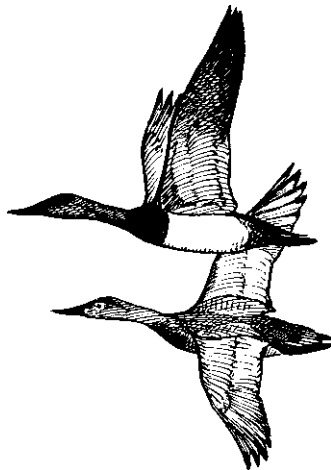


### *Inventory and Monitoring*

- Four Square-Mile Breeding Duck Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Waterfowl banding program
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands
- Resident Canada goose breeding population survey

### *Research*

- Delineation of restorable wetlands in the prairie pothole region



### *Management*

- Wetland and grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Hunting regulations development
- Issuance of migratory bird permits
- Integrated bird conservation planning at state and Bird Conservation region levels

### *Partnerships*

- Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Iowa State University
- U.S.G.S.
- Ducks Unlimited
- Iowa Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research unit
- Partners in Flight
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan

### *Outreach*

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest



# Iowa River Corridor Project

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## *Inter-Agency Program*

The Service is engaged with other agencies in promoting biological diversity and natural river floodplain structure and function by purchase, restoration, and management of flood-prone farm land and floodplain wetlands along the Iowa River in Benton and Tama counties.

Approximately 10,000 acres have been purchased by the Service on Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easements allowing for the development, management, and protection of fish and wildlife resources. Service ownership also affords public use opportunities which would not be available on privately held WRP easement areas.

## *Project Goals*

- Provide landowners a menu of land use and land management assistance options that represent sound floodplain management
- Manage public lands and easements in the Project to provide for the natural diversity and functions of the Iowa River system
- Utilize the characteristics of the floodplain to improve the Iowa River quality for fish and wildlife
- Provide an interpretive opportunity to illustrate floodplain system management

## *Project Goals (continued)*

- Demonstrate and illustrate the economic outcomes of alternative floodplain management and land uses
- Utilize private and public partnerships to the fullest extent of each agencies' resources to accomplish the objectives

## *Management Responsibilities*

- In addition to the involvement of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in obtaining easements to reduce annual crop loss in the floodplain, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is a partner with the Service in managing purchased lands
- Through a Memorandum of Understanding the Iowa DNR has assumed day-to-day management responsibility for the Service purchased lands
- The Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge complex and Port Louisa NWR staff works closely with the DNR on purchased land management issues
- The Service's Iowa Private Lands Office assists with privately-held easement projects





# Iowa

## *Division of Realty*

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### *Ascertainment and Planning*

- Before a new refuge is established, or the boundary of an existing refuge is significantly revised, the Service completes a detailed planning process to consider the effects of the proposed actions. A team of biologists and planners identify potential new lands to be acquired or preserved in some other way. The team works with local communities, landowners, state agencies, private conservation groups, and other interested parties to carefully plan where new lands and waters should be protected or restored for endangered species, migratory birds or other nationally important fish and wildlife conservation purposes.
- The Service is also required to prepare management plans for existing refuges. These Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) detail management direction on refuges for a 15 year period. The Planning staff ensures that all planning efforts comply with National Environmental Policy Act requirements.
- Public involvement is an important component of all these planning processes.

### *Realty Management*

- Once properties are acquired, the Realty Management staff is responsible for managing real estate records for over one million acres of Service owned lands throughout Region 3.

The Realty Management staff also:

- Works to assure that counties receive revenue sharing payments
- Processes non-funded land acquisition such as exchanges, donations, transfers and withdrawals
- Processes right-of-way permits across Service owned land
- Provides surveying capabilities for land acquisition and boundary retracement
- Produces cartographic products for Service use

### *Land Acquisition*

- The Realty Division's staff of appraisers and realty specialists works with landowners who have indicated an interest in selling their property, or property interests, to the Service. The appraisers determine fair market value and the realty specialists make the fee-title or easement purchases from these willing landowners. Lands are acquired by using funds from:
  - The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (received from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps)
  - The Congressionally appropriated Land and Water Conservation Fund
  - Natural Resource Damage Assessments

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