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of the
**United States
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***conserve,
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fish, wildlife, and
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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

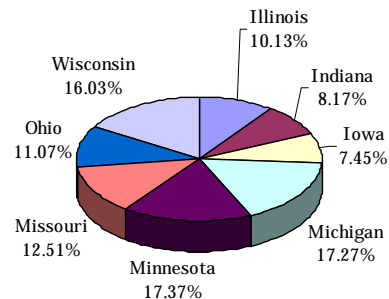
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 10 Fisheries stations
- 10 Ecological Services offices
- 22 Law Enforcement offices

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



Missouri

State Highlights

2002 Missouri State Facts

- Employment: The Service employs more than 60 people in Missouri
- The Fiscal Year 2002 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Missouri totals \$5.7 million

National Wildlife Refuge Facts

- Ten National Wildlife Refuges in Missouri total 70,586 acres
- In 2002, more than 268,000 people visited refuges in Missouri to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife
- More than 18,000 school children participated in Service educational programs

Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

- In 2002 Missouri received:
 - \$7.0 million for sport fish restoration
 - \$5.1 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education
- Sport Fish Restoration Act funds helped design and construct the Lost Valley hatchery, a warm/cool water culture facility in Benton County. The facility will provide sufficient rearing space to produce most of the fish needed for the Missouri Department of Conservation's sport fish program. The project included hatchery production, a visitor center and storage facilities, as well as 68 acres of lined ponds. This is the single largest capital improvement project ever undertaken with Sport Fish Restoration Act funding.

Missouri River Endangered Species

The Columbia Field Office helped develop a biological opinion on the impacts of Missouri River dams and navigation operations on endangered and threatened species. The Service provided the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with an assessment of threats to endangered species -- including the pallid sturgeon and least tern -- and provided recommendations to minimize impacts as river operations continue.

Conserving Mississippi River Wetlands

The Columbia Field Office continues to provide input to the Corps of Engineers on the impacts of a proposed flood control project along the Mississippi River that would jeopardize the state's last remaining wetland connected to the river. The Service has provided information on expected impacts of the project and alternative ways to accomplish project purposes while conserving irreplaceable wetland habitat for fish and wildlife.

Bagnell Dam

The Columbia Field Office is participating in a review of the Osage Hydroelectric Relicensing Project, specifically Bagnell Dam, which created Lake of the Ozarks. The office participates in stakeholder meetings and works closely with the Missouri Department of Conservation and others to address the loss of endangered freshwater mussels below the dam.



Missouri

Celebrating a Century of Conservation

March 14, 2003, will mark the 100th 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 ten in Missouri. 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 recreational opportunities. Many offer hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education and interpretation.

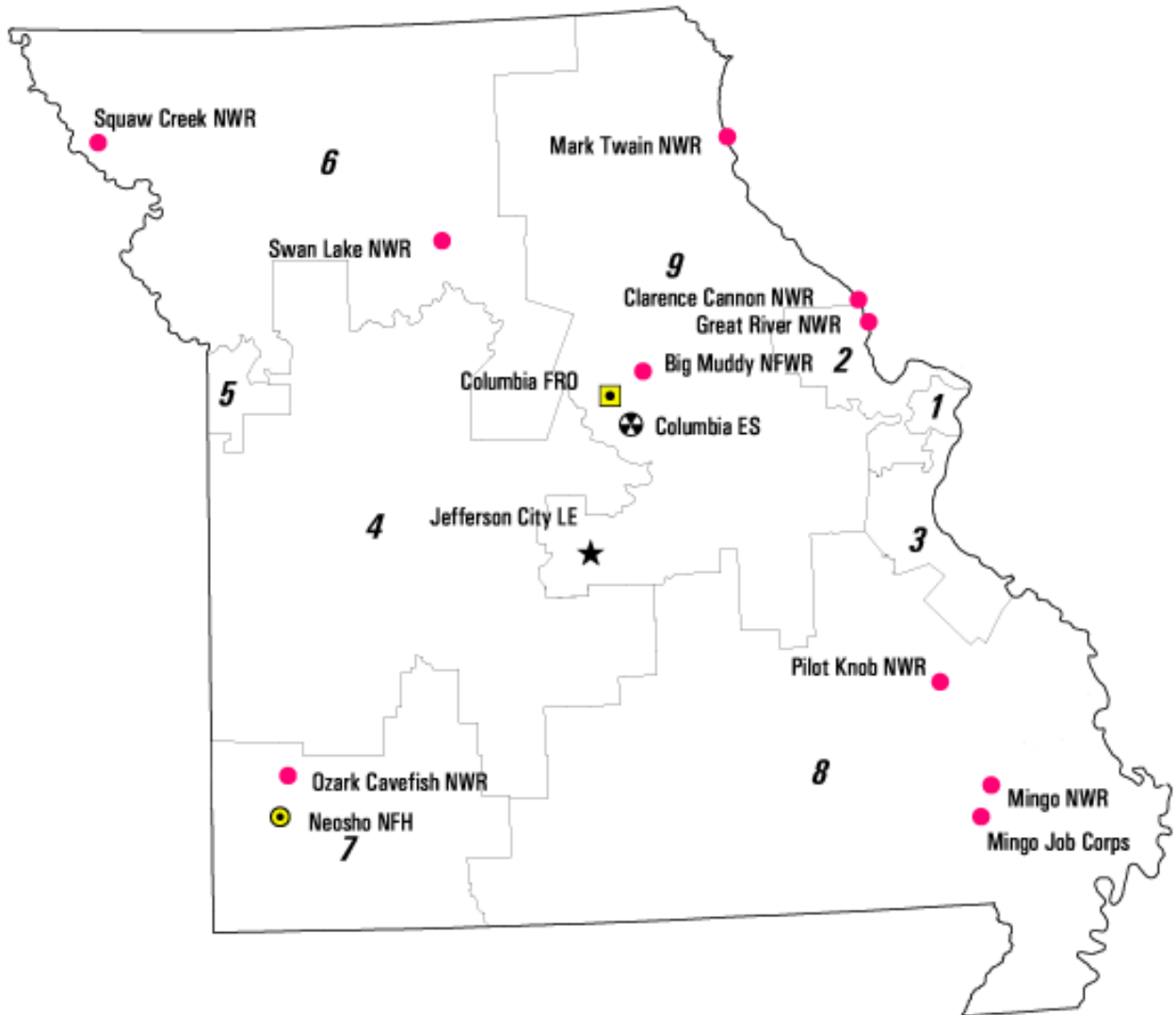
Centennial events in 2003 will be great opportunities to visit your local Refuges. Each state in Region 3 has at least one major Centennial event scheduled. For information on attending a refuge event, contact your local Refuge manager.





Missouri

Congressional Delegation



Missouri Senators and Representatives

Sen. Jim Talent (R)

Sen. Christopher Bond (R)

Representatives by District:

MO-1 William Clay (D)

MO-2 Todd Akin (R)

MO-3 Dick Gephardt (D)

MO-4 Ike Skelton (D)

MO-5 Karen McCarthy (D)

MO-6 Samuel Graves (R)

MO-7 Roy Blunt (R)

MO-8 JoAnn Emerson (R)

MO-9 Kenny Hulshof (R)



Big Muddy

National Fish and Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

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Columbia, MO 65201
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Fax: 573/876 1839
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Thomas G. Bell
e-mail: tom_bell@fws.gov



Located in eight units along the Missouri River; headquarters is located in Columbia, Missouri

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1994
- Acres: 10,400
- Authorized to expand to 60,000 acres in 25 to 30 units in the Missouri River flood plain from Kansas City to St. Louis
- Many landowners were interested in selling their Missouri River bottomland following the floods of 1993
- The Service was originally authorized to acquire these lands from willing sellers with funding derived from Emergency Supplemental Appropriations
- The Service continues to acquire land from willing sellers with Land and Water Conservation Funds

Natural History

- The pre-settlement Missouri River was subject to large seasonal variations in flows which coursed through a 1,500-foot to one-mile-wide braided channel, providing diverse riverine and flood plain habitat
- Because of extensive human development of the flood plain, most of that diversity is gone
- The refuge is part of a major migration corridor for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Habitat consists of bottomland forests, lakes, sloughs and cropland
- The lower Missouri River provides habitat for seven threatened and endangered species

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Six person staff, will expand to ten
- 5,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$556,000

Refuge Objectives

- Restore portions of the Missouri River flood plain
- Improve and restore wetland habitat
- Improve fishery and wildlife resources
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Wetland rehabilitation
- Reforestation
- Water management
- Archeological resource protection
- Outreach and environmental education

Public Use Opportunities

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



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Great River and Clarence Cannon *National Wildlife Refuges*

Contacting the refuge:

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Annada, MO 63330
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TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov/greatriver/index.htm>

Refuge Manager: David Ellis
e-mail: dave_ellis@fws.gov

*Headquarters located one mile east of
Annada, Missouri, via Highway 79
to County Road 206*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1958 and 1964 (respectively)
- Acres: 15,000
- Great River NWR was formerly known as the Annada District of the Mark Twain NWR and was made a separate refuge in 2000
- The 3,750-acre Clarence Cannon NWR (Pike County) also serves as headquarters for the Great River NWR
- Great River NWR is separated into three divisions: Fox Island, Long Island and Delair

Natural History

- The Mississippi River, including refuge lands, is one of the most important migration corridors on the continent for waterfowl and many other birds
- The Long Island Division lands were originally purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the nine-foot navigation channel project; management of the land was transferred to the Service

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Five person staff
- 45,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$384,650

Refuge Objectives

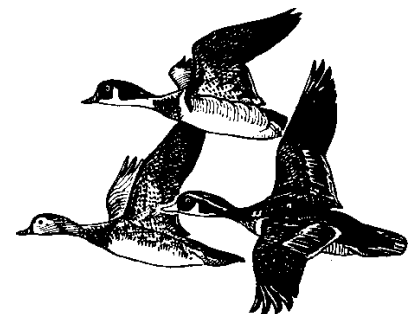
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered and threatened species
- Provide optimum habitat for migratory birds and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck and neotropical songbird production
- Provide recreational and public use opportunities

Management Tools

- Cooperative farming
- Prescribed burning
- Wetland restoration
- Water management
- Moist soil management
- Reforestation

Public Use Opportunities

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





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Mingo

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

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Puxico, MO 63960
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<http://midwest.fws.gov/mingo>

Refuge Manager: Kathleen A. Maycroft
e-mail: kathleen_maycroft@fws.gov

*Located two miles north of Puxico,
Missouri, on State Highway 51*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1944
- First land was acquired in 1945
- Acres: 21,676 (7,730-acre wilderness area)
- The Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is located on the southeast corner of the refuge
- Also administers Pilot Knob NWR and Ozark Cavefish NWR

Natural History

- Refuge lies in a basin formed in an ancient abandoned channel of the Mississippi River, bordered on the west by the foothills of the Ozark uplift, and on the east by a terrace called Crowley's Ridge
- The only remaining large tract of bottom-land forest (15,000 acres) of the original 2.5 million acres native to the boothill of Missouri is on the refuge
- Refuge contains seven natural areas and 99 archaeological sites
- 6,190-acre State Duck Creek WMA joins the refuge on the north and east boundary
- Refuge provides wintering habitat for over 150,000 ducks and 75,000 geese

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Nine person staff
- More than 150,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$794,000

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Wetland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Water management
- Archeological resource protection
- Outreach and environmental education
- Timber management
- Crop and grassland management

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking
- Visitor center
- 25-mile auto tour route





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Squaw Creek

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

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Mound City, MO 64470
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TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Refuge Manager: Ronald Bell
e-mail: ron_bell@fws.gov



*Located 35 miles northwest of
St. Joseph, Missouri, on Interstate 29,
then three miles west on Highway 159*

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1935
- Acres: 7,350
- Refuge is filling-in due to siltation
- Large wintering area for bald eagles and snow geese

Natural History

- Refuge lies in the Missouri River floodplain
- Most of the refuge is gumbo soil overlaid with rich silt
- Area was once a large marsh with meandering creeks that were straightened for agricultural drainage
- Refuge includes bluff hills, an unusual geologic formation caused by wind deposited soil, which hold some of the last remnants of native prairie
- Refuge hosts 301 bird species, 33 mammal species and 35 reptile and amphibian species

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Seven person staff
- 157,000 visitors annually
- FY 2002 Budget: \$865,000

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Wetland restoration
- Cooperative farming
- Water management
- Outreach and environmental education
- Grassland management

Public Use Opportunities

- Wildlife observation
- Environmental education
- Auto tour route
- Hiking
- Picnicking
- Hunting
- Mushroom picking



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Swan Lake

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the office:

Route 1, Box 29A
Sumner, MO 64681
Phone: 660/856 3323
Fax: 660/856 3687
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov/swanlake>

Refuge Manager: John Guthrie
e-mail: john_guthrie@fws.gov

*Located 30 miles southeast
of Chillicothe, Missouri,
on County Road RA*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1937
- Acres: 10,795
- Designated as a regional site under the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network
- Large wintering area for the eastern prairie population of Canada Geese
- Peak fall migration of ducks exceeds 100,000 birds
- Over 100 wintering bald eagles on refuge

Natural History

- The majority of the current refuge land was once cleared and converted to farmland
- Because of the frequency of flooding, the area was poor for farming and much of the land was sold to the Service
- Refuge lies entirely within the floodplain of the Grand River near its confluence with the Missouri River
- The Yellow Creek Research Natural Area is one of the few remaining old growth bottomland hardwood habitats in the state

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Six person staff
- 18,000 visitors annually
- FY 2001 Budget: \$442,000

Refuge Objectives

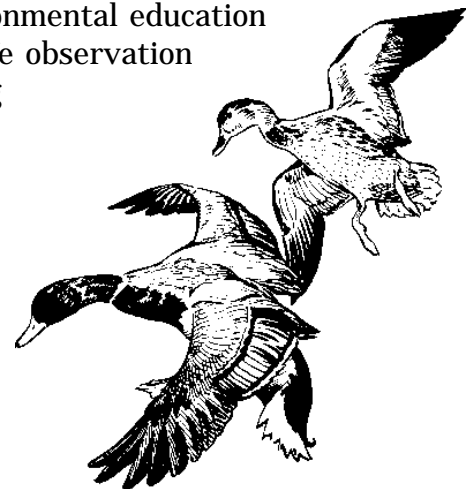
- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
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- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Wetland restoration
- Cooperative farming
- Water management
- Outreach and environmental education
- Grassland management
- Moist soil management

Public Use Opportunities

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





U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Columbia

Ecological Services Field Office

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<http://midwest.fws.gov/columbiaes>

Field Supervisor: Charlie Scott
e-mail: charlie_scott@fws.gov



Office Facts

- Established: 1982
- FY 2002 Budget: \$1,100,000
- Staff of ten

Office Goals

- Conserve endangered species through a proactive program involving candidate species assessment, listing, recovery and consultation with federal agencies
- Coordinate and assist federal agencies and others on actions affecting fish and wildlife and provide recommendations to avoid, minimize and compensate for these impacts
- Investigate and remediate effects on environment contaminants on fish and wildlife and coordinate restoration of trust resources
- Promote and develop diverse partnerships for the long-term conservation of imperiled trust fish and wildlife in Missouri

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Federal, state and local agencies
- Corporations and consulting companies
- Interstate river basin associations, committees and organizations

Activity Highlights

- Provided more than \$300,000 to public and private partners in 2002 for cost-shared projects and studies to benefit imperiled species, migratory birds and habitats
- Increased assistance to Mark Twain National Forest on project reviews and endangered species consultations and reduced Service turn-around time by 50 percent
- Continued lead Service role working with Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Army Corps of Engineers to implement mitigation projects and increase recreation opportunities on 735 miles of the Missouri River
- Worked with the State of Missouri and responsible parties to investigate and remediate several Superfund sites
- Coordinated with Missouri Department of Conservation, Ameren UE and other stakeholders on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydropower re-license for Lake of the Ozarks (Bagnell Dam)
- Listed the Tumbling Creek cavesnail and scaleshell mussel as endangered and prepared a proposal to reclassify the Missouri bladderpod from endangered to threatened



Neosho

National Fish Hatchery

Contacting the hatchery:

East Park Street
Neosho, MO 64850
Phone: 417/451 0554
Fax: 417/451 4632
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov/neosho>

Hatchery Manager: David Hendrix
e-mail: david_hendrix@fws.gov



Hatchery Facts

- Established: 1888
- FY 2000 Budget: \$360,000
- Staff: six permanent
- Oldest operating federal fish hatchery

Geographic Area Covered

- Missouri-Ozark Ecosystem
- Kansas-Platte/Kansas Ecosystem
- Lower Missouri Ecosystem

Hatchery Mission

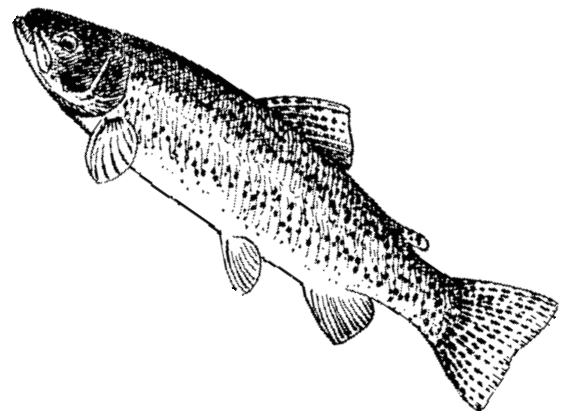
- Provide mitigation fish (rainbow trout) for Lake Taneycomo
- Provide for the protection of the endangered blind Ozark cavefish
- Experiment to produce freshwater drum to serve as “fish host” for rearing threatened and endangered freshwater mussels
- Provide environmental education
- Provide endangered pallid sturgeon for recovery effort in Lower Mississippi River

Fish Species and Capability

- 225,000 (over 85,000 lbs.) 9.5 - 10-inch rainbow trout
- 3,000 9-inch endangered pallid sturgeon
- Maintain blind Ozark cavefish stock
- Experimental juvenile mussel rearing

Public Use Opportunities

- Over 45,000 visitors annually
- Blind Ozark cavefish display and portable display for off-site presentations
- Hatchery tours
- Off-site presentations
- Walking/exercise perimeter road inside hatchery
- Display room
- Aquariums





Columbia

Fishery Resources Office

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Columbia, MO 65201
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Fax: 573/876 1914
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<http://midwest.fws.gov/columbiafisheries>

Project Leader: Jim Milligan
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Office Facts

- Established: 1991
- FY 2002 Budget: \$473,000
- Staff: three permanent; two term; two temporary; and two student interns

Geographic Area Served

- Missouri
- Iowa
- Illinois - lands bordering the Mark Twain NWR on the Mississippi River
- Kansas and Nebraska - lands bordering the lower Missouri River

Office Goals

- Manage fishery trust resources and habitat on Service and other federal lands within the geographic area served
- Provide Service perspective and assistance in the conservation, restoration, and management of interjurisdictional Missouri and Mississippi river fish and their habitats
- Provide optimum recreational fishing opportunities on Service and other federal lands

Services Provided To

- Nine National Wildlife Refuges within the project area of responsibility
- Missouri River Natural Resources Committee
- Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee
- Department of Defense and other federal and state agencies
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

Activity Highlights

- Coordinate and assist in the planning, acquisition and development of the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
- Manage and coordinate multi-state pallid sturgeon investigations on the lower Missouri and middle Mississippi rivers
- Participates in activities to restore interjurisdictional fish and their habitats
- Participates in the 23-state Mississippi River Basin paddlefish tagging and stock assessment project
- Cooperates with the Missouri Department of Conservation and MICRA in projects to evaluate status and stocks of Missouri River candidate and other fish species of concern



Independence

Law Enforcement Field Office

Contacting the office:

301 West Lexington, Suite 260
Independence, MO 64050
Phone: 816/461 5245
Fax: 816/461 4715
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>



Office Facts

- Established: 1991
- Staff: one Special Agent
- The Independence Field Office is administered by the Jefferson City, Missouri 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



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Jefferson City

Law Enforcement Field Office

Contacting the office:

1103-A Southwest Boulevard
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Phone: 573/636 7815
Fax: 573/634 6045
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
<http://midwest.fws.gov>

Resident Agent in Charge: Larry T. Keck
e-mail: larry_keck@fws.gov



Office Facts

- Established: 1992
- Staff: one Special Agent
one Administrative Assistant
- The Jefferson City Field Office also administers the following Law Enforcement Offices in Missouri and Iowa:
Independence, Missouri
St. Peters, Missouri
Des Moines, Iowa

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- Wild Bird Conservation Act





St. Peters

Law Enforcement Field Office

Contacting the office:

1230 Jungerman Road

St. Peters, MO 63376

Phone: 636/441 1909

Fax: 636/447 3566

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

<http://midwest.fws.gov>



Office Facts

- Established: 1991
- Staff: two Special Agents
- The St. Peters Field Office is administered by the Jefferson City, Missouri Field Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

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- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act



Missouri

North American Waterfowl Management Plan



Contacting the program:

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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

State Contact

Dave Erickson
Missouri Department of Conservation
P.O. Box 180
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: 573/751 4115 ext. 3142
FAX: 573/526 3976
Email: erickd@mdc.state.mo.us

About the Plan

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal is to return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970s
- 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
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Tribal governments

Habitat Accomplishments

- More than 79,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Restored bottomland hardwood forests

Missouri Projects

Wetland, grassland and bottomland restorations within:

- Missouri Bootheel Partners
- Nodaway Valley Conservation Area Wetlands Restoration
- Lewis and Clark Floodplain Heritage Partnership
- Four Rivers Wetland, phase III
- B.K. leach Memorial Conservation Area addition
- Perry Conservation Area
- Federal, state and county lands
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling more than \$50 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 14 grants totaling over \$10.6 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



Missouri

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
 e-mail: bradley_v_johnson@fws.gov



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 Missouri

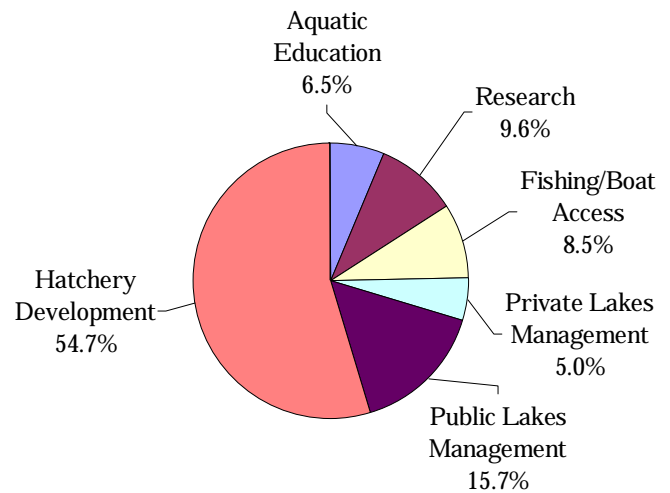
- Fishing
 Number of anglers.....1.2 million
 Fishing expenditures.....\$744 million
- Hunting
 Number of hunters.....489,000
 Hunting expenditures.....\$804 million

How much money is involved (2002 apportionments)

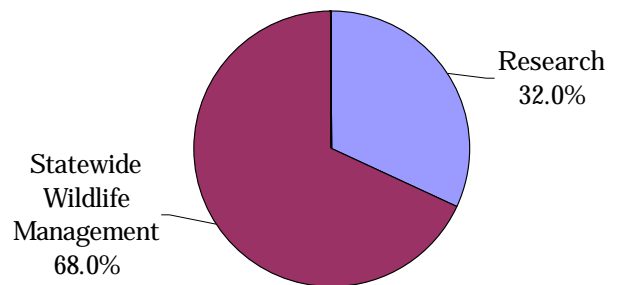
Sport Fish Restoration.....\$7.0 million
 Wildlife Restoration.....\$5.1 million

Federal dollars at work in Missouri

Use of Total Sport Fish Restoration Funds



Use of Total Wildlife Restoration Funds





Missouri

Migratory Bird Conservation

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USFWS Division of Migratory Birds
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Inventory and Monitoring

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

Research

- Study of song bird use of flood plain habitats of the Lower Missouri River watershed
- Study of waterfowl spring use of moist soil units
- Study of grassland bird at the Dunn Ranch Bird Conservation Area

Management

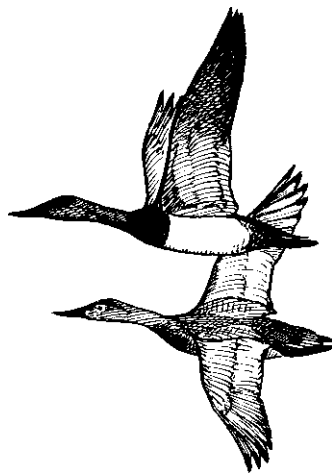
- Wetland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Hunting regulations development
- Issue of migratory bird permits

Partnerships

- Missouri Department of Conservation
- U.S. Geological Survey
- University of Missouri
- Ducks Unlimited
- Missouri 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





Missouri

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

Contacting the Program:

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608 East Cherry Street, Room 200
Columbia, MO 65201
Phone: 573/876 1911 ext. 112
Fax: 573/876 1914
TTY: 1-800-877-8339 (Federal Relay)
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Local Coordination Offices

Northeast	Mark Twain NWR	573/847 2333
Southeast	Mingo NWR	573/222 3589
Southcentral	Mo. Pvt. Lands Office	573/876 1911
North	Swan Lake NWR	816/856 3323
Northwest	Squaw Creek NWR	816/442 5754

Opportunities on Private Lands

Habitat Restoration

- Wetlands and associated uplands
- Migratory bird habitat
- Watersheds of National Wildlife Refuges
- Voluntary participation
- Threatened/endangered species restoration

Technical Assistance

- Wetland and Conservation Reserve Programs
- Wetlands Conservation Provisions
- Farm Service Agency Conservation Easements
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Partnerships

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Private conservation organizations
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
- The Nature Conservancy
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Wetland Restorations (1987-2002)

- 288 sites
- 9,619 acres

Upland Restorations (1987 - 2002)

- 90 sites
- 8,987 acres

Stream Restorations (1987 - 2002)

- 19 sites
- 11.97 miles





Missouri

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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