



A STRONG AND LASTING WETLANDS PARTNERSHIP

Ducks Unlimited is a waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization supported by waterfowl hunters and other conservationists. We acquire, restore, and manage wetlands and associated upland habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.

DU shares with the Colorado Department of Parks & Wildlife's Wetlands Program a commitment to conserving landscapes in the state that play a role in sustaining North American waterfowl populations while enabling a strong and lasting waterfowl hunting tradition with growing public support for that heritage.

For nearly two decades DU and CPW's Wetlands Program have worked together towards these shared goals. Through wetland management, restoration, and property acquisitions we have improved the quality and availability of over 40,000 acres of wetland and associated habitats for waterfowl and the citizens of Colorado.

Over the 20-year term of our partnership we have cooperated on 155 projects, utilizing over \$6M in Wetlands Program funds to accomplish our wetland and waterfowl habitat conservation goals.



DU works with the Wetlands Program and our other partners to identify, design, permit, construct and/or acquire waterfowl conservation projects on both public and private lands.

Our work has improved habitat conditions on important public waterfowl areas including Banner Lakes SWA, Brush Prairie Ponds SWA, Elliott SWA, Horsethief Canyon SWA, Lake John SWA, Pueblo SWA, Rio Grande SWA, Russell Lakes SWA, and Yampa SWA.

CPW Wetlands Program funds have been critical to the success of the **North American Wetlands Conservation Act** in Colorado. We have worked together to bring 14 NAWCA grants to the state, matching at least \$2.5M in Wetlands Program funds to more than \$12M in federal dollars and \$34M partner match. This represents a leverage ratio of nearly \$18 of match for every \$1 of program funds. More than 93,000 habitat acres were conserved in Colorado with these efforts.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN CONSERVATION (2008-13)

- **25 WATERFOWL HABITAT PROJECTS DELIVERED**
- **4,600 WETLAND ACRES ON HUNTABLE PUBLIC LANDS**
- **\$1.2M IN PROGRAM FUNDS EXPENDED**
- **\$1.3M IN MATCH FUNDS EXPENDED**
- **6,222 WETLAND ACRES CONSERVED**
- **12 PROJECTS FOR MIGRATING WATERFOWL**
- **13 PROJECTS FOR BREEDING WATERFOWL**
- **ALSO PROVIDING HABITAT FOR SAGE GROUSE, MOOSE, SHOREBIRDS, SONGBIRDS, FROGS, FISH & OTHER WILDLIFE SPECIES OF CONCERN**