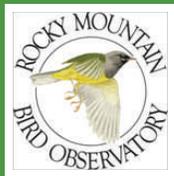


Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory and Colorado Parks and Wildlife—Wetlands Partnership



Partnerships 2007—2013⁺

Total project value = \$2,117,581

CPW Wetlands* = \$508,906

Natural Resources Conservation

Service (Farm Bill) = \$877,148

NAWCA = \$95,000

Partners for Fish and Wildlife =

\$72,735

Joint Ventures = \$195,444

NFWF = \$66,504

BLM = \$28,963

Private landowners = \$89,496

Other state and local = \$112,085

RMBO = \$71,300

⁺totals include values for projects that will continue beyond 2013

*includes funds RMBO has received directly or that we were a technical lead on

Accomplishments

4,706 acres of wetland/riparian habitat enhancement

- 100 open water/emergent marsh acres created
- 10 acres of riparian re-vegetation
- 4,582 acres of tamarisk, Russian olive, and other invasive vegetation removal along riparian and wetland habitats
- 14 acres of southwestern willow flycatcher habitat

OBJECTIVE: To advance wetland and riparian habitat delivery in Colorado

CPW—Wetlands/ GoCo funding has been instrumental in:

- *Increasing staff capacity* to deliver habitat projects and leverage partner dollars. In particular, funds support 1/3 of expenses for a private lands biologist who focuses on wetlands inventory, conservation, restoration and delivery along the South Platte River. The biologist has been instrumental in getting \$1 million in Farm Bill funds dedicated to WRP in CO and completing a S. Platte WRP inventory on 7,598 acres to guide future management and conservation efforts.
- *Leveraging additional funding sources.* State dollars allow us to provide required match on federal funding sources such as North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), and Farm Bill/NRCS. Every CPW/GoCo dollar spent is matched 4:1.
- *Sustaining partnerships.* RMBO staff have chaired two of the Wetland Focus Areas in CO (Prairie & Wetlands and South Platte). Focus Areas are important for information sharing and collaboration on project development and delivery. Specifically, since 2004, PWFA successes include secured funding for a total of 158 projects benefitting over 159,641 acres.
- *Encouraging conservation on private lands.* The majority of conservation dollars for private lands comes from Farm Bill Conservation Programs. Landowners are required to provide cost-share, and partner funds help alleviate the financial burden for landowners and make projects economically viable.
- *Delivering habitat enhancement projects.* With CPW-Wetlands/GoCo funds leveraged with partner funds, RMBO and partners have been able to enhance 4,706 acres of wetlands and riparian areas (see Accomplishments section at left) to improve habitat for at-risk species such as Long-billed Curlew, Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, and the Arkansas Darter.
- *Keeping management local and non-regulatory.* This is essential to building consensus and capacity for wetland conservation, providing hunting and viewing opportunities for CO and managing at-risk wildlife species listed in Colorado's State Wildlife Action Plan.

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