



With your support of DU's Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative, DU will continue to find solutions for providing quality habitat in the mid-continent's most important places for migrating waterfowl.



THE HEARTLAND HERITAGE AND HABITAT INITIATIVE NEEDS YOU NOW

Your gift to Ducks Unlimited is invaluable, and it is truly the greatest contribution you can make to secure the future of wetlands and waterfowl. Every dollar you give to Ducks Unlimited is leveraged multiple times to create a conservation impact far beyond your initial gift. In addition, we invest at least 80 cents of every dollar received in our conservation mission. Start making a difference right now for waterfowl, outdoors enthusiasts, and future generations of wildlife and people by making your gift to DU's Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative. Join us in *Banding Together for Waterfowl*.

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HEARTLAND HERITAGE AND HABITAT INITIATIVE



PROVIDING INNOVATIVE WATER SOLUTIONS FOR DUCKS AND PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN GREAT PLAINS, ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST IMPORTANT WATERFOWL MIGRATION AREAS

The Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative focuses on a major staging area for waterfowl during both spring and fall migrations. Dynamic and highly productive seasonal wetlands, braided prairie rivers, and backwater sloughs are priority habitats that provide high-energy food resources for millions of ducks and geese. Publicly managed wildlife areas also offer excellent hunting opportunities for veteran and novice waterfowlers.

The Southern Great Plains is a mostly arid place, making water a valuable commodity. Many cities are thirsty and their populations are consuming more water each year. The needs of waterfowl and other wildlife often are not even part of the conversation. As part of our Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative, Ducks Unlimited is implementing water solutions for all on the

Southern Great Plains—solutions that will work for people while still providing for waterfowl. Through this effort, DU is bringing together farmers, ranchers, industry, public entities, and conservation partners to provide habitat in some of North America's most important waterfowl migration areas.

Among the most notable sections of the Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative area are the Platte River, Rainwater Basin, and wetlands dotting the Kansas landscape, such as Jamestown Wildlife Area. These three components of the Southern Great Plains comprise some of North America's most important waterfowl migration areas and will require unique conservation strategies to ensure a strong future for the birds and the waterfowl hunters and enthusiasts who enjoy them.



CROSS-BORDER CONSERVATION



Waterfowl are a continentally shared resource, and Ducks Unlimited has worked across North America since 1937 to ensure a strong future for ducks and for waterfowl hunters. By contributing to DU's Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative, you will be supporting important waterfowl habitat conservation in America's heartland, as well as on the breeding grounds of the Prairie Pothole Region and Western Boreal Forest of the United States and Canada, where the vast majority of birds are produced before beginning their journey to the wintering grounds.

AN OASIS FOR MIGRATING BIRDS AND HUNTERS

Ducks Unlimited is restoring and protecting wetlands along the south, north, and central Platte River in Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming to provide an oasis for migrating waterfowl and other wetland birds, such as sandhill cranes. DU is restoring and protecting wetlands along the Platte that provide water for agriculture, communities, waterfowl, and other wildlife. These conserved lands also help preserve our cherished hunting heritage in the region.

Spring in Nebraska is a spectacle to behold when millions of migrating waterfowl stop in the Rainwater Basin on their way to the northern breeding grounds. The birds need good-quality foods high in protein and carbohydrates to prepare for nesting. DU is working with landowners and public agencies to restore habitat to provide for waterfowl on private and public lands.

Kansas is one of the most productive agricultural states in the country, so it is easy to understand why land for waterfowl comes at a premium here. DU is working hard to provide habitat for migrating waterfowl and public access for hunters across Kansas.

HEARTLAND HERITAGE AND HABITAT INITIATIVE IMPACT

Heartland Heritage and Habitat is a crucial part of Ducks Unlimited's *Rescue Our Wetlands* Campaign, a seven-year, \$2 billion effort aimed at changing the face of conservation in North America. *Rescue our Wetlands* is the largest wetlands and waterfowl conservation campaign in history.

Located in the heart of the Southern Great Plains, The Heartland, Heritage and Habitat Initiative focuses on protecting and restoring grassland and wetland habitat in one of the continent's most critical migration paths.

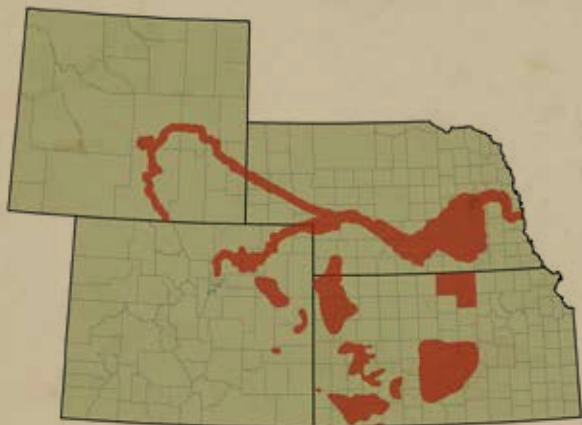
INITIATIVE STATES

Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming and Kansas

INITIATIVE GOALS:

Your contribution toward the Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative is part of the *Rescue Our Wetland's* Wintering and Migration Landscapes goal of **\$484 million**.

Supporting the Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative is pivotal in fulfilling DU's vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. Visit www.ducks.org/rescue for details.



CONSERVATION PRIORITY AREA

DU'S PLAN FOR HEARTLAND HERITAGE AND HABITAT

Contributions to the Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative also enable DU to conduct important science, public policy and outreach efforts, as well as conserving the breeding habitats important to waterfowl that migrate through this region. DU's research and evaluation efforts are the foundation upon which our direct conservation programs and our policy and outreach work are based.

Conservation work under the Heartland Heritage and Habitat Initiative will focus on continentally significant migration habitat along the Platte River in Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming; in

Nebraska's Rainwater Basin; and in publicly managed wetlands in Kansas. Waterfowl in the Central Flyway depend on the wetlands and river habitat in America's Heartland to rest and refuel as they make their way north to the nesting grounds and south to the wintering grounds. DU is working to restore and protect wetlands and provide water for people and waterfowl on this thirsty landscape.

This critical habitat also depends on public dollars, which DU is working to secure through public policy efforts.

MAXIMIZING THE POWER OF A DOLLAR

In many instances, your conservation investment allows DU to leverage your gift with other private, public and contractual funds, sometimes matching it as many as seven or eight times.