



ARKANSAS

2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



CONSERVATION

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) has completed infrastructure renovations at Hurricane Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA), including restoration of the decommissioned south unit Green Tree Reservoir (GTR). Supported by Ducks Unlimited (DU) and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), the work restored natural hydrologic functions, improved forest health, enhanced downstream water quality, and benefited the bottomland hardwood ecosystem. The south GTR project was funded by \$1.7 million from AGFC, more than \$285,000 from DU, and nearly \$1 million from NAWCA. Final improvements on Glaise Creek included a 68-foot water control structure to improve hydrology in the north GTR. AGFC, NAWCA Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust, YETI Coolers, the Walker and Walton Foundations, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and major donors collectively funded this \$7.5 million effort.

SPONSOR

Since 2015, Walmart Foundation's funding support has helped the USA Rice | Ducks Unlimited Rice Stewardship Partnership transform Arkansas rice country through voluntary, incentive-based programs. Farmers are adopting advanced technologies—soil moisture sensors, pump automation, and alternate wetting and drying. These improvements reduce groundwater use by up to 25% per acre, while maintaining yields and improving profitability. At the same time, public water management districts such as Bayou Meto and Grand Prairie are being activated to deliver surface water, easing pressure on groundwater reserves. The Walmart Foundation's latest \$1.69-million grant brings their total funding support for Rice Stewardship to over \$5 million.



SOUTHERN
REGION

ducks.org/arkansas



ARKANSAS 2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 30,503

Members: 29,738

General Members: 27,452

Greenwings: 997

Legacy Greenwings: 406

Sponsor Members: 883

Major Sponsors: 765

Feather Society Members: 232

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised: **\$3,004,951**

Number of committees: **69**

Number of fundraising events: **112**

Local chapter volunteers: **1,355**

FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: **\$10,345,210**

Location of projects:

Saskatchewan: Thickwood Hills & Missouri Coteau, Allan Tiger Minichinas Hills, Saskatchewan Prairie Pothole Region

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984): **385,556**

Total Acres of Conservation in the state (FY2025): **15,515**

Amount spent on projects in the state: **\$85,520,687**

Amount spent on projects in MS Flyway (through FY2025): **\$921,117,840**

Primary waterfowl species: Mallard; Blue-Winged Teal; Gadwall; American Wigeon; Canada and Snow Goose; Black Duck and Wood Duck.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mark Perry
State Chairman
(501)529-5151
mark@pandpbenefits.com

For Information on DU Events:

Zachary Hopper
Regional Director
(662) 934-4316
zhopper@ducks.org

Derrick Davis
Director Fundraising and Volunteer Relations
(337) 534-7999
ddavis@ducks.org

For Information on Becoming a Major Sponsor:

Shawn Battison
Managing Director of Development
(334) 430-8622
sbattison@ducks.org

Corey Dunn
Senior Director of Development
(501) 553-3815
cdunn@ducks.org

For Information on DU's Gift Planning Program:

Chris Cole
Managing Director of Gift Planning
901-758-3763
ccole@ducks.org

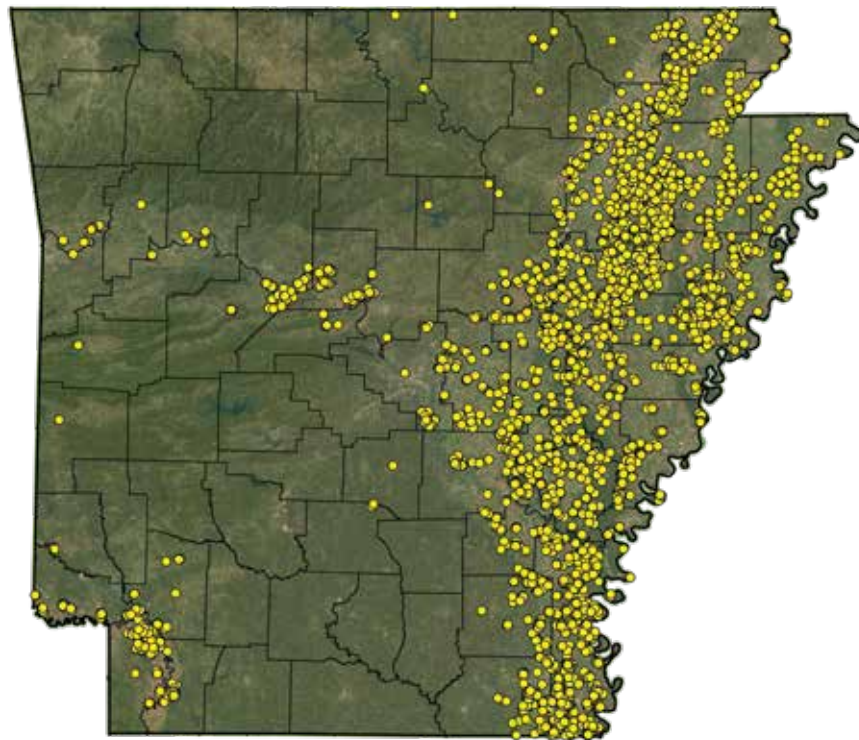
For Info on Arkansas's Conservation Programs:

James Austin
Director of Conservation Programs
(912) 481-3821
jaustin@ducks.org

Nick Biasini
Manager of Conservation Programs
(601) 206-5434
nbiasini@ducks.org

For Information on DU's Youth Engagement Programs:

Betsy Newbill
Youth Engagement Coordinator
(731) 445-2472
bnewbill@ducks.org



Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.

For a digital copy of this and other state reports, use your phone to scan the QR code.



SOUTHERN REGION

193 Business Park Dr., Suite E
Ridgeland, MS 39157-6026

For more information about DU's work in your state visit

ducks.org/arkansas