



KANSAS

2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



BAKER UNIVERSITY AND DU TEAM UP TO MANAGE WETLANDS

Baker University entered new agreement with Ducks Unlimited (DU) and the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands & Streams (KAWS) to manage the Baker University Wetlands, nearly 1,000 acres of highly biodiverse upland and riparian habitat that includes over 600 acres of wetlands.

Recognizing the Baker University Wetlands' importance to the community, landscape, and region, DU and KAWS approached Baker University to collaborate on the services and care the area requires. The partnership allowed the hiring of Andrew Rutter, a full-time director with wetland management experience and provides internal support from DU's highly skilled wetland and wildlife biologists, land managers, fundraisers and engineers.

This is a win-win for our organizations, the community, and the wildlife that call it home," said Matt Hough, DU manager of Conservation Programs in Kansas. Working together to improve the Baker University Wetlands will help connect people with Kansas's waters and lands, allow DU and the KAWS to promote other work on locally relevant conservation projects and increase the understanding of and improvement of Kansas' water resources.



DU PROTECTS 4,308 ACRES IN THE CENTRAL FLYWAY

Last fall, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) awarded grants to Ducks Unlimited (DU) for three projects in the Great Plains, including \$8 million to endeavors in the heart of Kansas' prairie wetlands. The funding, allocated through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA), will be matched with additional funds from DU, the Nature Conservancy, the Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams and private individuals.

The Kansas proposal includes nine tracts to protect, restore or enhance wetland and associated grassland habitat. Over half of the acres in the proposal will have perpetual benefits and some will include a public access component. The majority of the funds will focus on around 1,848 acres of permanent protection around the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, which includes approximately 7,000 acres of wetlands, to ensure habitat is available for many wetland and grassland-dependent species for generations to come. In addition, this project will include work on 1,134 acres of public land to improve habitat for wildlife and people on several popular tracts, including the Jamestown Wildlife Area, Neosho Wildlife Area, and several other public areas.



DU'S STARTS OGALLALA INITIATIVE

The Ogallala Aquifer is a critical natural resource spanning over 111 million acres across eight states in the Central Flyway, provides drinking water for at least 2 million people in the U.S., and supports around 30% of the nation's agricultural and livestock production. This area has significant overlap with Ducks Unlimited's priority conservation landscapes, which offer important habitats for waterfowl during winter, breeding, and migration. DU's work reduces pressure on wetlands and the aquifer by removing invasive plants with high rates of water consumption compared to native vegetation, preserves playas—which act as wetlands and can recharge the aquifer—and improve rangeland and water availability. The bottom line is it's good for the land and the livestock, it's good for the ducks.



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MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 15,638
Members: 15,146
 General Members: 13,150
 Greenwings: 806
 Legacy Greenwings: 282
 Sponsor Members: 908
Major Sponsors: 492
Feather Society Members: 60

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised:
\$2,015,281
 Number of committees: **55**
 Number of fundraising events:
143
 Local chapter volunteers: **1,091**

FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: **\$1,567,090**

Location of projects: Manitoba, Saskatchewan: Eastern Saskatchewan Parklands Landscape, Saskatchewan PPR Target Areas

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984):
81,558

Total Acres of Conservation in the state (FY2025): **11,224**

Amount spent on projects in the state: **\$43,592,603**

Amount spent on projects in CEN Flyway (through FY2025):
\$747,353,027

Primary waterfowl species:

Mallard; Northern Pintail; Canada Goose; Blue-Winged Teal; Green-Winged Teal and Wood Duck.

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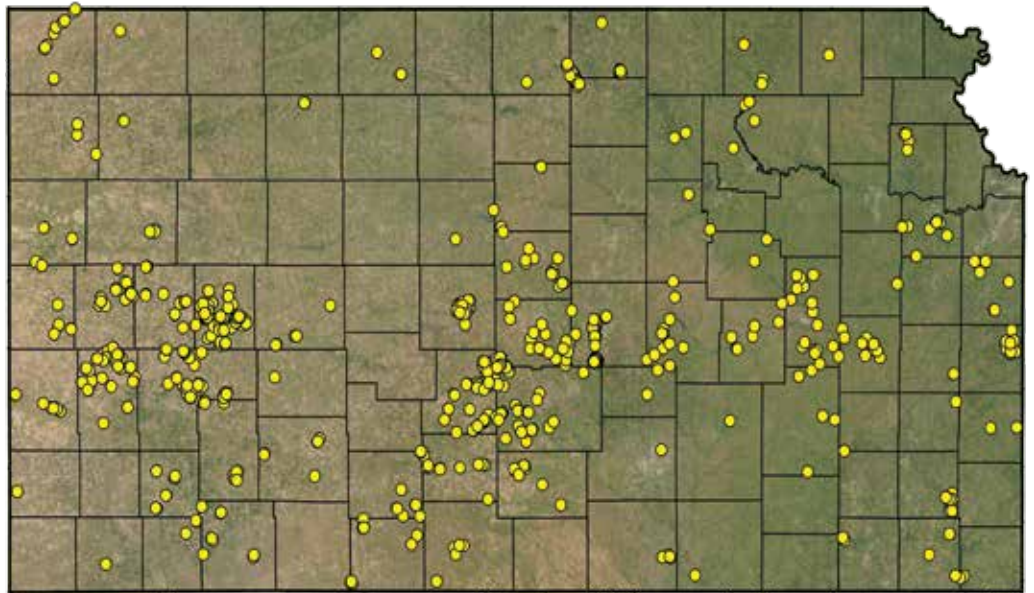
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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.



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