



OREGON

2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



UPPER BAUER'S CREEK RESTORATION STRENGTHENS HABITAT AND RANCH RESILIENCE

In October 2025, Ducks Unlimited completed an important irrigation upgrade and fish passage improvement on Upper Bauer's Creek in the Goose Lake watershed in Lake County, Oregon. The watershed is part of the SONEC wetland complex, a key spring migration area for waterfowl. The project restored 77 acres of palustrine emergent marsh and improved floodplain connectivity on a privately owned ranch.

The previous diversion structure had deteriorated and failed during high spring runoff in 2025, creating a fish passage barrier and causing downstream erosion. Ducks Unlimited replaced it with a rock chute design that provides a reliable, fish friendly passive diversion. Habitat elements were added downstream to slow flows and improve aquatic conditions. The upgrade enhances both irrigation reliability and wildlife habitat.

Landowner Larry Maxwell of Maxwell Cattle Company expressed his enthusiasm for the completed project. A long time Ducks Unlimited partner, Maxwell has worked closely with biologists and engineers to improve natural resources on his multi generation ranch. Ducks Unlimited appreciates his commitment to innovation and stewardship, which helps make projects like this possible.

WESTERN MALLARD PROJECT BEGINS WITH OREGON TRAINING

The Western Mallard Project has officially launched with field workshops in Oregon and Idaho to train wildlife agency staff on attaching GPS transmitters to ducks. While agencies regularly capture and band birds, few have experience deploying GPS units, so this training fills an important skills gap and enables broader participation in the study. DU is also helping fund transmitter purchases and providing scientific staff to support the research.

This pilot season will deploy 93 GPS units, with nearly 20 placed during the workshops. Staff from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho wildlife agencies participated. Early deployments in western Oregon and Washington target wintering birds linked to Alaska's breeding grounds, while units deployed in Idaho will help track regionally breeding birds and migrants tied to Canada's western prairies.

The four year study will expand next year to include all seven Southern Pacific Flyway states.



OREGON DU VOLUNTEERS EARN NATION'S TOP STATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HONOR

Ducks Unlimited has recognized Oregon Ducks Unlimited as the number one State Campaign Committee in the Nation for 2025, honoring the state's exceptional volunteer leadership, fundraising excellence, and conservation impact. Led by State Campaign Chair Greg Parrott, Oregon's volunteers delivered a record setting year, surpassing one million dollars in revenue across all major fundraising categories, Event Fundraising, Major Gifts, and Planned Gifts, marking an unprecedented achievement for the state.

Oregon's State Campaign Committee played a pivotal role in expanding DU's conservation mission by welcoming new Major Sponsors and Feather Society Members while strengthening relationships with long-term supporters. Their work directly supports major initiatives such as DU's Wings and Wetlands Initiative and ensures long term investment in habitat protection across the Pacific Flyway.

This national recognition reflects the dedication of Oregon's volunteers and donors who work together to keep wetlands thriving and skies filled with waterfowl, today and for generations to come.

ENGINEERING A COMEBACK IN THE KLAMATH BASIN

After years of severe drought and declining wetland conditions, the Klamath Basin saw meaningful progress during the 2025 season thanks to improved water management, strong partnerships, and Ducks Unlimited's science driven approach. New data and collaborative decision making helped restore habitat conditions at Tule Lake and Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuges, supporting spring migration and reducing disease risk following a major botulism outbreak in 2024.

As part of Ducks Unlimited's Klamath Basin Initiative, partners worked together to flood 37,000 acres at Lower Klamath during the 2024-2025 winter, a significant milestone for a refuge that had been nearly dry just two years earlier. Improved water deliveries supported brood production, enhanced wetland function, and demonstrated the power of coordinated action among refuge staff, agricultural partners, Tribes, and conservation groups.

Proactive water management at Tule Lake further helped stave off conditions that previously triggered large scale bird mortality. The collective efforts show that with collaboration, strategic investments, and strong science, the Klamath Basin can rebound, offering renewed hope for the wildlife and communities that depend on these wetlands.



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MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 6,620
Members: 6,359
 General Members: 5,477
 Greenwings: 367
 Legacy Greenwings: 66
 Sponsor Members: 449
Major Sponsors: 261
Feather Society Members: 104

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised:
\$1,065,637
 Number of committees: **27**
 Number of fundraising events: **118**
 Local chapter volunteers: **451**

FY25 FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: **\$598,500**

Location of projects: British Columbia

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984):
148,726

Total Acres of Conservation in the state (FY2025): **13,214**

Amount spent on projects in the state: **\$84,666,650**

Amount spent on projects in PAC Flyway (through FY2025):
\$739,317,624

Primary waterfowl species:

Dusky and Taverner's Canada Goose; Green-Winged Teal and Cinnamon Teal; Wood Duck; American Wigeon; Mallard; Northern Pintail; Tundra and Trumpeter Swan; Redhead; Gadwall; White-Fronted, Cackling and Lesser Snow Goose

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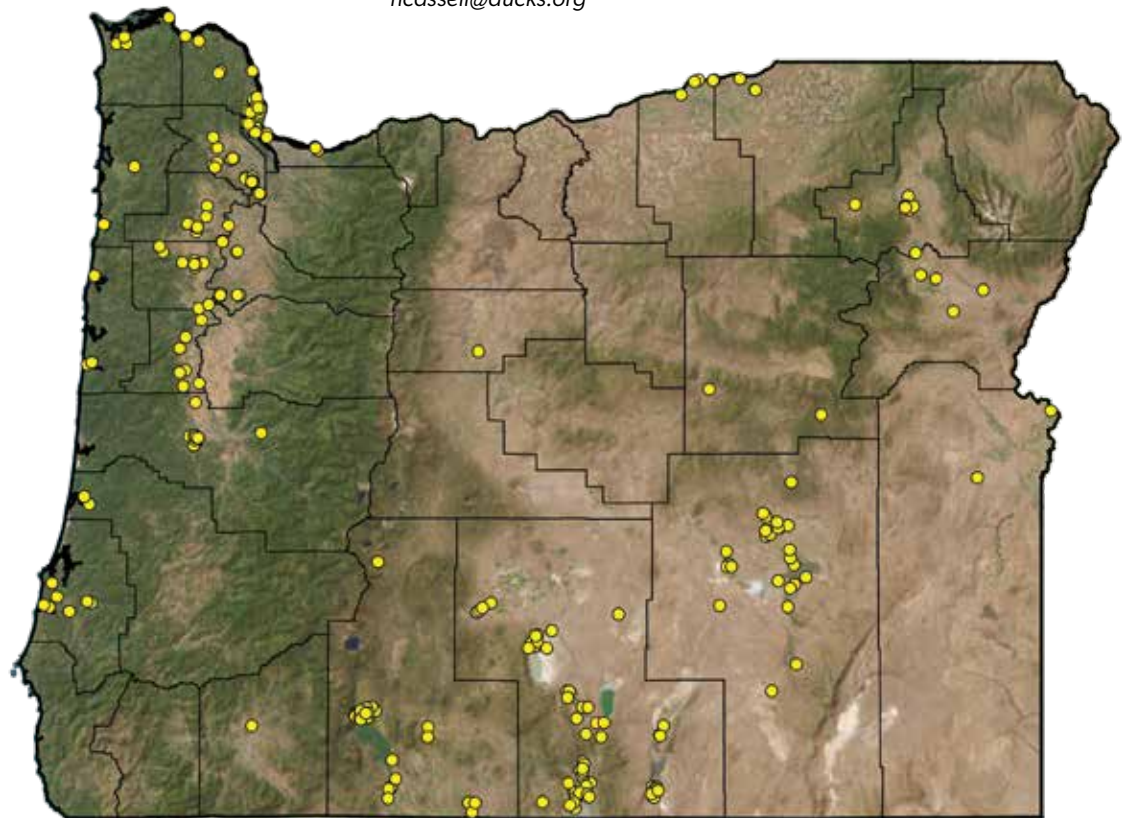
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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.



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