



TEXAS

2026 STATE REPORT AND FACT SHEET



DRESSING POINT

Dressing Point Island, part of Big Boggy National Wildlife Refuge in Matagorda County, has undergone dramatic habitat loss, shrinking from 13 acres in 1984 to just 4 acres in 2022. During this same period, colonial waterbird use declined from roughly 10,000 nesting pairs to about 1,600. As a part of the Deepwater Horizon Phase IV Early Restoration Plan, Ducks Unlimited partnered with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), Texas General Land Office CEPR program, and Matagorda Bay Mitigation Trust to complete construction in April 2026.

The restored 10-acre island is expected to support more than 6,000 nesting pairs annually. Its protective rock breakwater is already fostering oyster recruitment, improving water quality, and encouraging seagrass recovery. Dressing Point showcases how rookery restoration, oyster habitat creation, and seagrass enhancement can be integrated into a single resilient coastal system.



MOODY TRACT ACQUISITION

DU is working with the Moody Foundation and the Libbie Shearn Moody Trust to acquire the 3,609-acre Moody Tract, currently under a USFWS conservation easement. Once known for its impressive numbers of canvasbacks on Lake Surprise, an acquisition would allow this expansive marsh complex to receive permanent protection. The Foundation's trustees (Francie Moody-Dahlberg, Ross Moody and Elizabeth Moody) made this acquisition possible by generously donating all its 87.5% ownership interest, enabling DU to purchase the remaining interest via DU's Habitat Revolving Fund. Once added to the National Wildlife Refuge System, the property will support enhanced land management, including controlled burning, grazing, shoreline protection, levee maintenance, and nature-based wetland restoration.

SARGENT MARSH

DU is working with landowners to acquire a 250 acre tract within the Sargent Marsh Complex in Matagorda County. Positioned between the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, this intact estuarine wetland is a DU Level 1 Non Breeding Priority. As one of the last unprotected inholdings in the area, its protection will strengthen long term coastal habitat continuity and be transferred into the National Wildlife Refuge System. Approximately 1/6 of the value is being donated to DU, with funding from Knobloch Foundation being used to purchase the majority of the interest.



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MEMBERSHIP

Grand Total: 50,000
Members: 48,568
 General Members: 43,967
 Greenwings: 2,253
 Legacy Greenwings: 294
 Sponsor Members: 2,054
Major Sponsors: 1,432
Feather Society Members: 205

STATE FUNDRAISING

Total event income dollars raised: **\$11,036,031**
 Number of committees: **133**
 Number of fundraising events: **243**
 Local chapter volunteers: **2,216**

FALL FLIGHTS INVESTMENTS TO CANADIAN PROJECTS

Total Contributions: **\$6,498,364**
Location of projects: Saskatchewan: Quill Lakes Key Program Area, East Saskatchewan Parklands, PPR target areas

US CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Total Acres Conserved in the state (historically since FY1984): **305,989**
 Total Acres of Conservation in the state (FY2025): **71,155**
 Amount spent on projects in the state: **\$184,237,822**
 Amount spent on projects in CEN Flyway (through FY2025): **\$747,353,027**
Primary waterfowl species: Mallard; Blue-Winged Teal; Green-Winged Teal; Lesser Scaup; Northern Pintail; Mottled Duck; Gadwall; American Wigeon, Redhead; Canada, White-Fronted, and Lesser Snow Goose.

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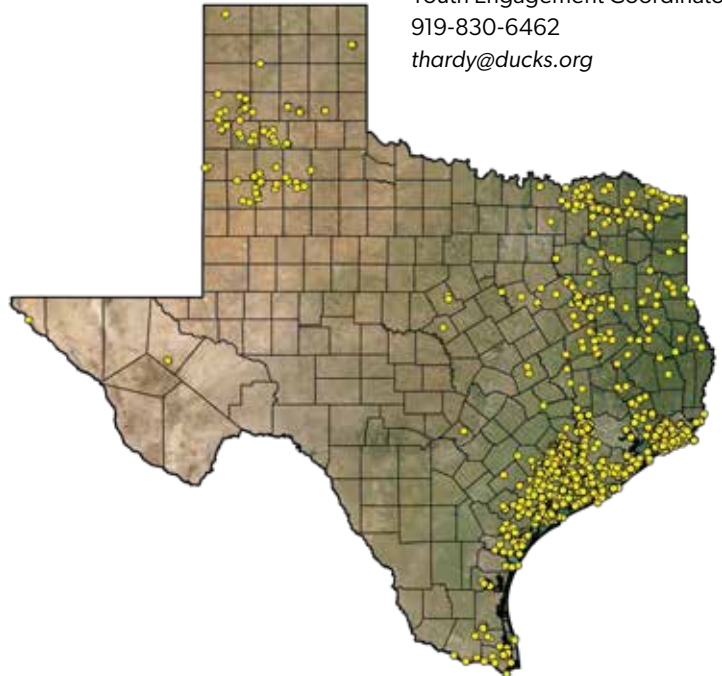
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Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

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 ● Completed Project(s)

Note: Project points may represent more than one project.



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