

# Landowner Services

*Helping landowners achieve their wildlife management goals*

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**For over 40 years, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has provided guidance and recommendations to landowners and managers who want to include wildlife and habitat management considerations in present or future land use decisions. Our services are free to landowners upon request.**

The goal of the Private Lands program is to help landowners assess the wildlife potential of their land and recommend ways to improve the land to support a diversity of wildlife. TPWD biologists, through a holistic approach to land management, help landowners to achieve their wildlife and habitat management goals. Through on-site assistance, we provide recommendations to landowners on how to manage the various habitats, watersheds, and wildlife populations on their land. We provide practical information on ways to manage wildlife resources consistent with other land use goals, ensure plant and animal diversity, provide aesthetic and economic benefits, and conserve soil, water and related natural resources. Over 95% of Texas is privately owned or operated, so the conservation of wildlife and natural resources in our state depends on the stewardship of private landowners. We want to provide the information and services you need to enhance the wildlife and natural resources on your land for your benefit and the benefit of all Texans.

## Requesting Assistance

Landowners can request assistance by contacting one of the wildlife district offices (see map). A biologist assigned to the landowner's county will schedule a site visit with the landowner or manager to assess the habitat potential and offer guidance on ways to improve habitats for the species of interest consistent with the landowner's overall land management goals. Once the property's potential has been determined, the biologist will provide recommendations and, if requested, help the landowner develop a written wildlife management plan (WMP). The WMP is a guide to achieve the landowner's stated natural resource goals. Components of the WMP include a description of habitats, land uses and management practices, and specific habitat management recommendations and population management goals for various species and habitats of interest. We provide follow-up assistance as needed to help you evaluate progress toward your management goals and suggest additional management actions. WMPs developed or approved by TPWD biologists are confidential by state law (Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 12.0251).



## Habitat Enhancement and Management Tools

Habitat recommendations focus on increased ecological diversity benefiting a wide variety of native wildlife, along with specific management practices designed to benefit featured species identified by the landowner. Landowners are taught how to recognize plants important to various wildlife species and how a diversity of grasses, forbs (weeds), and woody plants provide basic food and cover needs. Unique plants, animals and habitats are identified and management options suggested to enhance or conserve these resources. Habitat management tools such as grazing, brush management, prescribed fire and native plant restoration are explained, along with the use of proper harvest to maintain big game populations in balance with available food supplies. For landowners interested in big game management, we provide guidance on how to achieve and maintain desired population parameters such as age structure, production level and sex ratio. We also help landowners assess and enhance habitat for upland game birds such as quail and turkey, and suggest practices that result in diverse, productive native grasslands. Information is provided on survey techniques designed to monitor population levels to guide and assess the success of management objectives. The merits of various



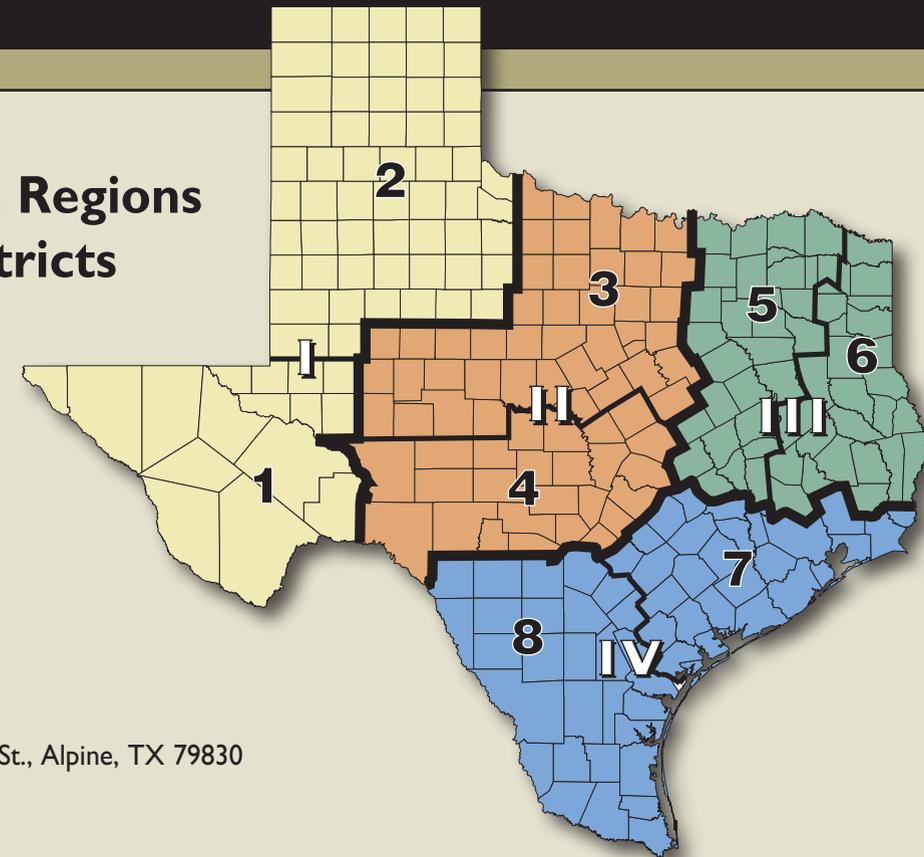
survey techniques, including their relative accuracy and cost, are explained and landowners are taught how to conduct surveys of various game and nongame species of interest.

## Financial Assistance

Information on various financial assistance programs offered by TPWD and other resource agencies is provided based on the landowner's interests and resource needs. These include USDA Farm Bill programs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, and the TPWD Landowner Incentive Program. Our biologists are also available to provide recommendations to landowners interested in managing for wildlife as their primary agricultural use under the I-d-I Open Space Agricultural Valuation for wildlife management. For more information please visit [www.tpwd.texas.gov/landowner](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/landowner).



## Wildlife Regions and Districts



### REGION I

(432) 837-2051  
109 S. Cockrell St., Alpine, TX 79830

### District I

(432) 520-1581  
4500 W. Illinois Ave., Ste. 203, Midland, TX 79703

### District 2

(806) 651-3012  
P.O. Box 659, 301 23rd St., Canyon, 79015

### REGION II

(325) 641-9234  
114 Center Ave., Ste. 300, Brownwood, TX 76801

### District 3

(325) 643-5977  
114 Center Ave., Ste. 300, Brownwood, TX 76801

### District 4

(830) 896-2500  
309 Sidney Baker South, Kerrville, TX 78028

### REGION III

(903) 566-1626  
11942 FM 848, Tyler, TX 75707

### District 5

(903) 566-1626  
11942 FM 848, Tyler, TX 75707

### District 6

(409) 384-6894  
289 CR 098, Jasper, TX 75951

### REGION IV

(361) 790-0306  
715 S. Hwy. 35, Rockport, TX 78382

### District 7

(979) 968-6591  
111 E. Travis, Ste. 200, La Grange, TX 78945

### District 8

(830) 569-8700  
426 West Oaklawn, Pleasanton, TX 78064

