

Texas Private Lands 2008 Calendar



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Private Lands and Public Hunting Program

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This year's calendar features 16 of the 51 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) managed by Texas Parks and Wildlife throughout the state. These areas offer unique opportunities to enjoy the natural wonders of Texas and to learn about habitats that support abundant native wildlife. WMAs represent habitats and wildlife typical of nearly every ecological region. They provide places to study wildlife and to demonstrate habitat management practices for use on private lands. WMAs also provide public hunting, hiking, wildlife viewing and other outdoor recreation.

We encourage you to experience Texas's natural beauty – from the spectacular western vistas of Black Gap and Elephant Mountain to the lush green mystery of Caddo Lake and Old Sabine Bottom. Plan to attend a workshop, field day, or educational tour offered by a WMA in your region. To learn more, visit our Web site at

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma>

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Private Lands & Habitat

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Technical Guidance: Upon request, provide landowners with free, confidential technical guidance to help them achieve their wildlife management goals.

Wildlife Tax Valuation: Provide information to landowners wanting to manage agricultural land for wildlife.

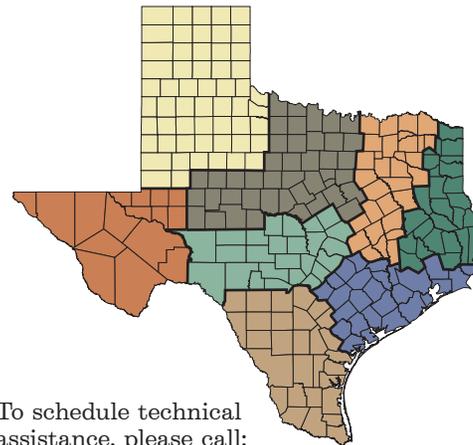
Lone Star Land Steward Awards:

Annual award to honor private landowners in each ecoregion for their outstanding land stewardship.

Wildlife Management Associations:

Locally lead groups of private landowners voluntarily working together to achieve common wildlife management goals.

Cowbird Trapping: Voluntary program for landowners designed to reduce songbird nest parasitism through control of brown-headed cowbirds.



To schedule technical assistance, please call:

■ Canyon	(806) 655-3782/3975
■ Alpine	(432) 837-2051
■ Kerrville	(830) 896-2500
■ Brownwood	(325) 643-5977
■ Tyler	(903) 566-1626
■ Jasper	(409) 384-6894
■ La Grange	(979) 968-6591
■ Pleasanton	(830) 569-8700

Farm Bill Coordination

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The TPWD Farm Bill Coordinator works with landowners, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service staff, and others to assist in the implementation of Farm Bill programs that promote and enhance wildlife habitat on private lands. Farm Bill programs offer technical and financial assistance to achieve total resource management on millions of acres currently under TPWD or NRCS management plans.

Landowner Incentive Program

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The Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) provides technical and financial assistance to private landowners interested in managing their property for the benefit of targeted plant and animal species-at-risk.

Wildlife Information

Information is provided to the public on all aspects of wildlife management, regulations and general information including the Wildlife Information Phone Bank:

(512) 389-4505

Or visit our Web site:

www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private



Hunter Education

Terry Erwin (800) 792-1112 ext. 4999
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntered

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training course. Minimum age of certification is 12 years and cost is \$15. If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and you are:

- under 12 years of age, you must be accompanied.
- age 12 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be accompanied.
- age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral*," and you must be accompanied.

*Visit our Web site for complete details.

Texas Youth Hunting Program

Jerry Warden (800) 460-5494 (San Antonio)
www.tyhp.org (210) 930-2177 ext. 123

The Texas Youth Hunting program is a cooperative program between TPWD and the Texas Wildlife Association, and includes the membership of various sportsman's and conservation groups. The goals of TYHP are to:

- Preserve the hunting heritage in Texas for future generations
- Promote the highest ethical standards in hunting
- Teach the basic skills, values, techniques and responsibilities involved with hunting
- Instill a basic understanding of practical conservation measures in youth
- Promote wildlife habitat access, enhancement and management
- Provide our youth with an initial, educational, safe, positive, mentored hunting experience

Texas Master Naturalist Program

(830) 896-2500
masternaturalist.tamu.edu

The mission of the Texas Master Naturalist Program is to train volunteers to provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities. The program currently supports 2,750 volunteers in 39 local chapters across the state. Many communities and organizations rely on these citizen volunteers for implementing youth education programs; for operating parks, nature centers, and natural areas; and for providing leadership in local natural resource conservation efforts.



Project WILD

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Project WILD and Project WILD Aquatic are national award-winning programs emphasizing awareness, appreciation and understanding of wildlife and natural resources. WILD's curriculum for grades K-12 provides easy-to-use and educationally sound hands-on activities for use in the traditional classroom, nature center, park, zoo, scout group or other settings. Activity guides are distributed during a hands-on workshop for teachers and youth group leaders. State Board for Education Certification (SBEC) credits are given to workshop participants. Workshops are offered year-round throughout the state. Visit our Web site for complete details.

Texas Nature Trackers

(800) 792-1112 ext. 7011
www.tpwd.state.tx.us/trackers

Texas Nature Trackers is a citizen science monitoring effort designed to involve volunteers of all ages and interest levels in gathering scientific data on species of concern in Texas through experiential learning. The goal of the program is to enable long-term conservation of these species and appreciation among Texas citizens.

Volunteers may participate in 4 to 7 hour Texas Amphibian and Mussel Watch Workshops scheduled throughout the state. In Texas Amphibian Watch, learn about the various frogs and toads native in your area and their calls. Information about frog and toad distribution will help scientists better determine the nature of the decline in amphibian populations. Texas Mussel Watch provides opportunities to learn about the variety of native freshwater mussels in your area and contribute to our understanding of declining freshwater mussel populations. Other TNT opportunities include Texas Horned Lizard Watch, Texas Hummingbird Round-up, Texas Monarch Watch, and Texas Black-tailed Prairie Dog Watch.

Wildlife Management Areas

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WMAs are established for the purposes of research, education, demonstration and public recreation. The WMAs serve as demonstration sites to show proven techniques for wildlife and habitat management, such as hunting, grazing, prescribed burning, brush control and other wildlife habitat management techniques. WMAs are true multiple-use sites, used by sportsmen, land managers, wildlife viewers, tourists and students. Long known for exceptional hunting opportunities, the WMA system also provides unique wildlife viewing, bird-watching, hiking, primitive camping, bicycling, horseback riding and fishing opportunities during designated time periods when compatible with the primary goals of the area.

- 51 Wildlife Management Areas totaling approximately 756,464 acres.
- Established to represent habitats and wildlife populations typical of each ecological region of Texas.

Public Hunting & Wildlife Information

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The Public Hunting program offers low cost, family-oriented hunting opportunities for a wide variety of wildlife species on a diversity of habitats covering about one million acres of public and private land. The program offers high quality hunting opportunities through drawn Special Permit hunts, the Annual Public Hunting program (including Public Dove Leases), and Big Time Texas Hunts (BTTH). Proceeds from BTTH benefit wildlife management and increase public hunting opportunities in Texas.



Photo by Earl Nottingham, TPWD

September 2007

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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2	3 Labor Day	4 ☾ LAST QUARTER MOON	5	6	7	8
9 Grandparents' Day	10	11 ● NEW MOON	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 ☾ FIRST QUARTER MOON	20	21	22
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30 ○ FULL MOON						

mason mountain wma

Located in the Llano Uplift, Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area was a working exotic game ranch before the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department acquired the tract in 1997. Today, 14 species of resident exotics provide excellent opportunities to study the effects of African ungulates on local habitat, and interactions between exotic and native wildlife. The resources of Mason Mountain WMA are dedicated to research concerning the ecology of the Central Mineral Region, and its application to wildlife management on private lands.

habittips:

- Prepare ground and plant winter food plots.
- Conduct soil tests on food plot sites.
- Shred or disk sunflowers, millet or goat weed for dove feed.
- Fallow disking from previous winter (Jan.-Feb.) will produce goat weed and other annual weeds that will attract doves.
- Shred around tanks to facilitate doves coming to water.
- Make sure tanks with pumps or windmills have some open water and bare, firm shorelines.
- Begin flooding moist soil units for ducks.
- Defer grazing in some pastures to ensure adequate nesting cover for ground-nesting birds next spring.



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October 2007

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7	8 Columbus Day	9	10	11 ● NEW MOON	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 ● FIRST QUARTER MOON	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 ○ FULL MOON
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

black gap wma

The Black Gap WMA borders Big Bend National Park on the northwestern boundary. The management area shares 25 miles of the Rio Grande with the Mexican State of Coahuila on the southern and eastern boundaries. The property contains approximately 103,000 acres where the Sierranias del Burro and Sierra del Carmen Mountain Ranges enter into Texas. The property serves as a facility where research and demonstration projects can be implemented to aid private land management of natural resources.

habittips:

- Begin planning for prescribed burning program.
- Plant wildflower seeds this month. Select plants that maximize flowering for maximum wildlife benefit.
- Plant trees and shrubs as needed for wildlife cover.
- First flights of geese begin arriving.
- MLDP properties should initiate doe harvest.
- Prepare your bird feeders for wintertime feeding.
- Purchase deer corn with aflatoxin level less than 20 ppb. Turkey and quail are particularly susceptible to aflatoxin.
- Avoid deer corn that is packaged in plastic bags and stored in the sun, or that does not have a label.



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November 2007

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				LAST QUARTER MOON		
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Daylight Saving Time Ends					NEW MOON	
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Veteran's Day						FIRST QUARTER MOON
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Thanksgiving Day		FULL MOON
25	26	27	28	29	30	

guadalupe delta wma

Guadalupe Delta WMA consists of four units, Mission Lake Unit (4,447.62 acres), Hynes Bay Unit (1,007.72 acres), Guadalupe River Unit (1,138 acres) and the San Antonio Unit (818 acres). The Guadalupe Delta WMA units are located in Calhoun, Victoria and Refugio counties within the delta of the Guadalupe River along the Texas coast between Houston and Corpus Christi.

habtips:

- Monitor grazing pressure on rangelands and adjust livestock accordingly.
- Monitor use and condition of key vegetation, especially browse, going into the winter period.
- Move livestock off fall food plots for wildlife.
- Preserve brushy fence rows, shelterbelts, herbaceous zones around playas and other cover for wildlife by fencing off corners, strips and woods.
- Disk fire lanes as needed.
- Order tree/shrub seedlings for spring plantings.
- Native plants provide an essential role in the environment including economic benefits from reduced energy costs, water and maintenance.
- Construct brush piles for winter cover as needed.
- Begin development of prescribed burn plan.
- Doe harvest should be initiated at opening of appropriate season.



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December 2007

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9 ● NEW MOON	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 ● FIRST QUARTER MOON	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 ○ FULL MOON	25	26	27	28	29
30 ● LAST QUARTER MOON	31 Christmas Day					

peach point wma

The Peach Point WMA is located west of Freeport near Jones Creek in Brazoria County. The WMA has 10,311 acres which were purchased using waterfowl stamp funds from 1985 to 1987. In 1988, an additional 1,627 acres were acquired as mitigation from the Brazos River Harbor District. Peach Point WMA is a part of the Central Coast Wetlands Ecosystem Project, providing sound biological conservation of all wildlife resources for the public's common benefit.

habittips:

- Prepare fireguards for prescribed burn program.
- Disk in proximity to woody cover to provide good habitat interspersed for game birds.
- Get prescribed burn equipment ready for use.
- Manipulate inadequate woody cover to enhance new growth.
- Strip disk to encourage native food resources.
- Focus on providing travel lanes, secure cover and over-winter cover for birds.
- Control of feral hogs through hunting or trapping should continue.
- Complete doe harvest according to wildlife management plan.
- Work toward a naturalistic landscape by imitating associations found in specific plant communities (a prairie area, wetland or woodland edge).



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Photo by Chase A. Fountain, TPWD

February 2008

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				● NEW MOON		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				Valentine's Day ● FIRST QUARTER MOON		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Presidents' Day			○ FULL MOON		
24	25	26	27	28	29	
					● LAST QUARTER MOON	

chaparral wma

The 15,200-acre Chaparral WMA was purchased in 1969 with Pittman-Robertson funds to serve as a research and demonstration area for the Rio Grande Plains ecological area. The WMA was part of a historic south Texas cattle ranch owned by the Light family since the early 1900s. The "Chap" provides a site for conducting species- and habitat-based research studies involving white-tailed deer, feral hog, javelina, bobwhite quail, Texas tortoise and Texas horned lizard. Vegetative communities have also been monitored intensively to assess the effects of various management practices. Research on vegetative response to habitat treatments provides management information to private landowners.

habittips:

- Conduct prescribed burns as needed.
- Plant trees and shrubs as needed for wildlife cover.
- Monitor turkey flocks.
- Control of feral hogs through hunting or trapping should continue.
- Conduct mechanical brush control if appropriate.
- Disk wetland areas to encourage moist soil plants as needed.
- Look for early spring bloomers (Feb.-April) that include gold-colored flowers of Texas groundsel, the small, yellow bell-shaped and fragrant clusters of Agarita, and the violet, graceful daisy-like flowers of Ten-petaled anemone.



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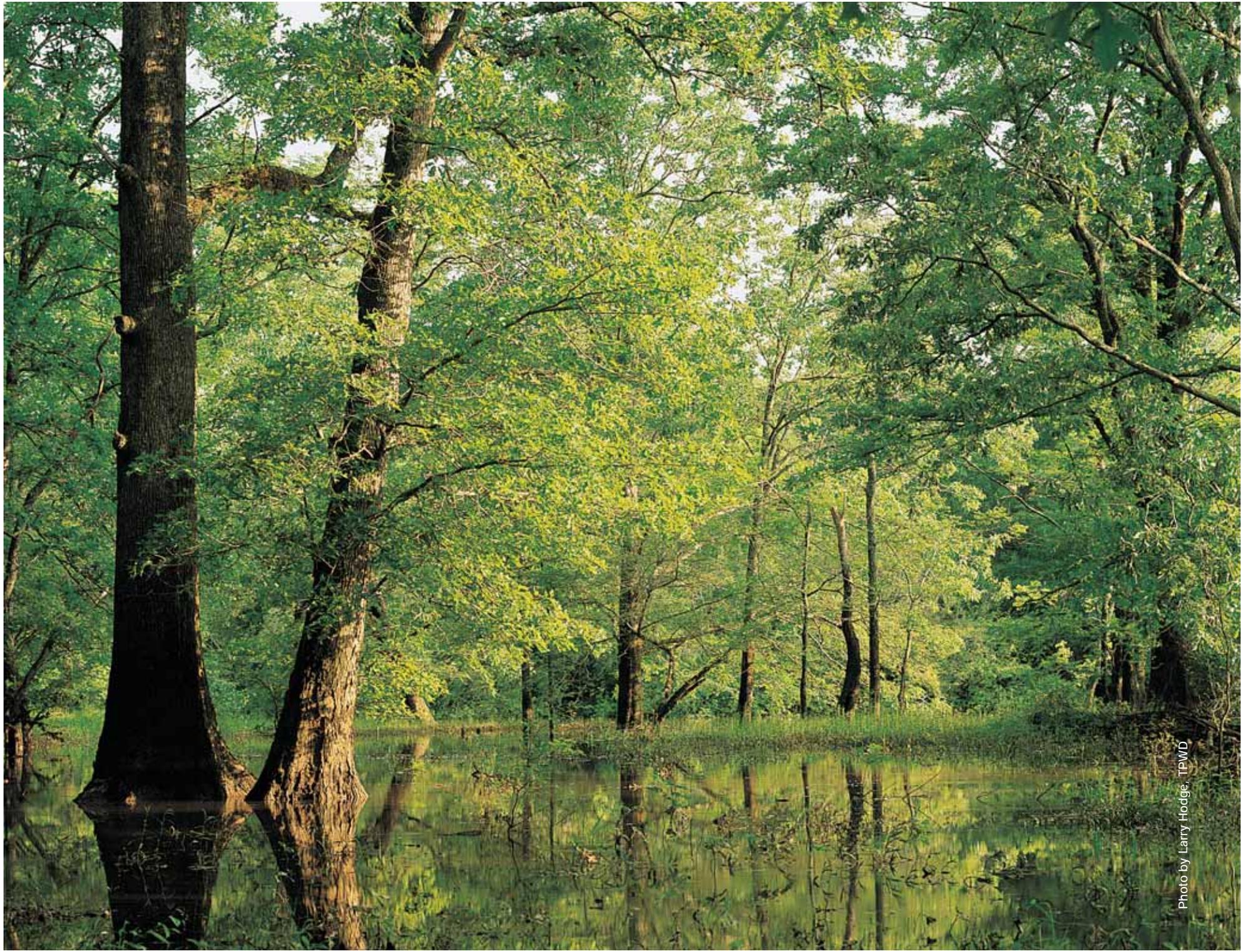


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March 2008

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Texas Independence Day					NEW MOON	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Daylight Saving Time Begins					FIRST QUARTER MOON	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Good Friday FULL MOON	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Easter Sunday						
30	31					LAST QUARTER MOON
	Cesar Chavez Day					

white oak creek wma

The White Oak Creek WMA is located in Bowie, Cass, Morris and Titus counties, in northeast Texas, near the Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas border. The WMA covers approximately 25,777 acres of mostly bottomland hardwood forest at the confluence of the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek. The WMA is managed under a license agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Outdoor recreation includes hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding and wildlife viewing.

habtips:

- Landowners who have received TPWD training should begin trapping brown-headed cowbirds.
- Plant native grasses, forbs and legumes.
- Conduct prescribed burns as needed.
- Continue controlling feral hogs through hunting or trapping.
- Watch for wildflower bloom season to begin in late March.
- Hummingbirds are attracted to tubular flowers like salvia, coral honeysuckle and cardinal flower.
- Conduct mechanical brush control if appropriate.
- De-water flooded areas to promote growth of wetland vegetation.
- Disk wetland areas to encourage moist soil plants as needed.



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Photo by Glen Mills, TPWD

April 2008

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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● NEW MOON						☾ FIRST QUARTER MOON
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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○ FULL MOON	San Jacinto Day					
27	28	29	30			
	☾ LAST QUARTER MOON					

matador wma

The Matador Wildlife Management Area is located in the central Rolling Plains of Cottle County, Texas. Using Pittman-Robertson funds, the 28,183-acre site was purchased by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1959 for the purposes of wildlife research, wildlife management, and public use. Habitat types include mesquite uplands, shinnery oak rangeland and gravelly hills consisting of red berry juniper and mesquite mix, and bottomland. Numerous wildlife species occur on the WMA, including Texas horned lizards.

habittips:

- Monitor grazing program to provide nesting cover and plant diversity.
- Continue controlling feral hogs through hunting or trapping.
- Clean and store prescribed burning equipment.
- Develop a checklist of birds you see in various habitats.
- Continue trapping of brown-headed cowbirds.
- Protection of roost sites is essential in areas with limited numbers of large roost trees. Turkeys like a lot of open space adjacent to roost sites.
- March, April and May are prime wildflower blooming months.



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Photo by Bill Reaves, TPWD

May 2008

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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4	5 ● NEW MOON	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 ● FIRST QUARTER MOON	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 ○ FULL MOON	28	29	30	31
	Memorial Day		● LAST QUARTER MOON			

walter buck wma

The Walter Buck Wildlife Management Area is located approximately five miles southwest of Junction, Texas in Kimble County off U.S. 377. The WMA is bounded on the north side by the South Llano River State Park, and consists of approximately 2,155 acres of rough Texas Hill Country composed of limestone hills with dense stands of juniper, live oak, and Spanish oak. Mr. Walter Buck Jr. donated both the Walter Buck Wildlife Management Area and the adjacent South Llano River State Park with a combined acreage of 2,630 to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 1977.

habittips:

- Leave some unharvested winter crops next to edges of field.
- Monitor grazing program to provide nesting cover and plant diversity.
- After dispersal of wintering flocks, juniper and mid-story hardwoods should be thinned near roost sites when too dense to provide open space from the ground to branches where turkeys roost.
- Begin fire ant control as daytime temperatures reach 85 degrees.
- Conduct habitat manipulation in the vicinity of turkey roosts after the dispersal of winter flocks.
- Ripe seedpods of blue-bonnets snap open six weeks after the flowers fade. Allow to set and disperse their seed, ensuring future populations of wildflowers.



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Photo by Mario Gonzalez TPWD

June 2008

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8	9	10 ● FIRST QUARTER MOON	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 ○ FULL MOON	19 Emancipation Day	20	21
Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
				28 ● LAST QUARTER MOON		
29	30					

old tunnel wma

Old Tunnel WMA is the smallest Wildlife Management Area in Texas, containing only 16.1 acres of land. Despite the WMA's small size, there are a variety of recreational and wildlife-viewing opportunities. The abandoned railroad tunnel is home to up to three million Brazilian free-tailed bats (*T. b. mexicana*) and 3,000 Cave myotis (*Myotis velifer*), more mammals than any other WMA. From May to October, visitors watch as the bats emerge each evening. Nightly educational programs provide guests with a better understanding of the life history and ecology of bats.

habtips:

- Monitor grazing program to provide nesting cover and plant diversity.
- Leave some unharvested winter crops next to edges of field.
- Before mowing, walk through hay meadows in order to reduce wildlife mortality and consider leaving unmowed strips.
- Do not mow wildflowers until the seedpods have matured. Mowing at the proper time will ensure reseeding for a good crop for following years.
- Clean your hummingbird feeders every three to four days.
- Make sure summer wildlife water sources are operable.



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July 2008

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● NEW MOON

Independence Day

☾ FIRST QUARTER MOON

○ FULL MOON

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old sabine bottom wma

The Old Sabine Bottom WMA has 5,158 acres located north of Tyler in Smith County. The area is five miles northeast of Lindale. The WMA is bounded on the west by F.M. 1804 and meanders between the Old Sabine River Channel and the Sabine River. The WMA has mostly bottomland hardwood habitat containing large stands of oak, elm and ash, and a diverse mixture of understory vegetation. The WMA provides habitat for squirrels, waterfowl, deer, hogs and turkey.

habiti**ps**:

- Monitor/fluctuate water levels in wetland areas.
- Monitor grazing program to provide nesting cover and plant diversity.
- Control of feral hogs through hunting or trapping should continue.
- Provide supplemental water for wildlife as necessary.
- Complete wetland dike repairs as needed.
- Seed exposed shoreline with Japanese millet.
- Defer grazing in some pastures to ensure adequate nesting cover for ground-nesting birds next spring.
- Start planning for fall youth hunts to assist in reaching wildlife management population goals.
- Buffalograss is a native prairie short-grass that can be used as a turf substitute, growing only 4 to 5 inches tall.



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August

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Photo by Leroy Williamson TFWB

August 2008

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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31			LBJ's Birthday			

● NEW MOON

☾ FIRST QUARTER MOON

☽ FULL MOON

☾ LAST QUARTER MOON

● NEW MOON

gus engeling wma

Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area is located in northwest Anderson County, 21 miles northwest of Palestine. This 10,958-acre site was purchased from 1950 to 1960 using Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program funds. The WMA's primary purpose is to function as a wildlife management, research and demonstration area for the Post Oak Savannah Ecoregion. Sound wildlife management tools like prescribed burning, grazing, brush control and hunting are used to demonstrate the results of proven practices to resource managers, landowners, and other interested groups or individuals.

habtips:

- Monitor playas and other wetlands for signs of botulism. Notify TPWD of disease problems.
- Deer enter a period of summer stress when natural foods are scarce. Monitor grazing pressure on rangelands and move cattle accordingly.
- Conduct deer spotlight counts during August.
- Roadside disking will promote germination of both cool and warm season forbs.
- Defer grazing in some pastures to ensure adequate nesting cover for ground-nesting birds next spring.
- Continue providing supplemental water for wildlife as necessary.



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Photo by Earl Nottingham, TPWD

September 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Grandparents' Day ● FIRST QUARTER MOON	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	○ FULL MOON					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	● LAST QUARTER MOON					
28	29	30				
	● NEW MOON					

caddo lake wma

Caddo Lake WMA has 8,005 acres in Marion and Harrison counties. In 1992 the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department purchased most of the area that is now Caddo Lake State Park/WMA. The next year, Caddo Lake was selected as "a wetland of international importance, especially as waterfowl habitat" under the Ramsar Convention. The WMA contains a permanently flooded bald cypress swamp and seasonally flooded bottomland hardwoods. Islands in the lake make up most of the land mass. The rest of the WMA is uplands forested with pine, oak and hickory trees.

habittips:

- Prepare ground and plant winter food plots.
- Conduct soil tests on food plot sites.
- Shred or disk sunflowers, millet or goat weed for dove feed.
- Fallow disking from previous winter (Jan.–Feb.) will produce goat weed and other annual weeds that will attract doves.
- Shred around tanks to facilitate doves coming to water.
- First flights of waterfowl begin arriving.
- Begin flooding moist soil units for ducks.
- Continue control of feral hogs.
- Defer grazing in some pastures to ensure adequate nesting cover for ground-nesting birds.



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Photo by Lee Smith, TPWD

October 2008

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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5	6	7 ☾ FIRST QUARTER MOON	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14 ☽ FULL MOON	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 ☾ LAST QUARTER MOON	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 ● NEW MOON	29	30	31 Halloween	

gene howe wma

The Gene Howe Wildlife Management Area is located in the Rolling Plains ecoregion in the northeastern Texas Panhandle. It consists of 5,394 acres of rolling sagebrush sandhills and riparian habitat along the north bank of the Canadian River. Management goals include habitat conservation, research and demonstration, educational outreach to local schools, and providing hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation. The area provides habitat for white-tailed deer, bobwhite quail, mourning dove, Rio Grande wild turkey, pheasant, feral hog and a variety of waterfowl.

habittips:

- Begin planning for prescribed burning program.
- Plant trees and shrubs as needed for wildlife cover.
- First flights of geese begin arriving.
- MLDP properties should initiate doe harvest.
- Prepare bird feeders for wintertime feeding.
- Control of feral hogs should be ongoing.
- When purchasing deer corn, always remember to check the label to ensure the aflatoxin level is less than 20 ppb.
- Wildlife, particularly turkey and quail, are particularly susceptible to aflatoxin.
- Avoid purchasing deer corn that is packaged in plastic bags and stored out in the sun, or that does not have a label.
- Plant wildflower seeds this month.



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Photo by Glen Mills, TPWD

November 2008

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Daylight Saving Time Ends				☾ FIRST QUARTER MOON		
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		Veteran's Day		☽ FULL MOON		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			☾ LAST QUARTER MOON			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30			Thanksgiving Day			
				● NEW MOON		

kerr wma

The Kerr Wildlife Management Area is located at the headwaters of the North Fork of the Guadalupe River. The WMA contains 6,493 acres, representative of the Edwards Plateau habitat type of Texas. The WMA serves as a wildlife management, research, and demonstration site to provide information to landowners and land managers in the Edwards Plateau. Species found include white-tailed deer, bobwhite quail, javelina, wild turkey, mourning dove, fox squirrel, bobcat, raccoon, skunk, armadillo, ringtail, rabbit, gray fox, and many species of reptiles and migratory birds.

habittips:

- Monitor grazing pressure on rangelands and move livestock accordingly.
- Monitor use and condition of key vegetation going into the winter period.
- Move livestock off fall food plots for wildlife.
- Continue controlling feral hogs.
- Preserve brushy fence rows, shelterbelts, herbaceous zones around playas and critical cover for wildlife by fencing off corners, strips and woods.
- Order tree/shrub seedlings for spring plantings.
- Construct brush piles for winter cover as needed.
- Begin development of prescribed burn plan for fall/winter burns.
- Disk fire lanes as needed.
- Doe harvest should be initiated at opening of appropriate season.



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December 2008

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elephant mountain wma

Elephant Mountain WMA consists of 23,147 acres within the Trans-Pecos Ecological Region of west Texas. The WMA is located along the east side of SH 118, approximately 26 miles south of Alpine, in Brewster County. Elephant Mountain WMA was acquired through private donation in 1985 for the purpose of conservation and development of desert bighorn and large game animals, wildlife-oriented research, and other compatible recreational uses including public hunting. Desert bighorn have been established on the area.

habtips:

- Prepare fireguards for prescribed burn program.
- Disk in proximity to woody cover to provide good habitat interspersed for game birds.
- Get prescribed burn equipment ready for use.
- Manipulate inadequate woody cover to enhance new growth.
- Strip disk to encourage native food resources.
- Focus on providing travel lanes, secure cover and over-winter cover for birds.
- Control of feral hogs through hunting or trapping should continue.
- Complete doe harvest according to wildlife management plan.



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