



# Conservation Grant Project Proposal Criteria

## PRIORITY HABITATS

Coastal Prairie and Marshes  
Old-growth Bottomland Forest  
Coastal Oak Motte and Cheniers  
Riparian Corridors  
Mudflats, Beaches and Dunes  
Laguna Madre Tidal Flats, Barrier Island,  
Nesting Islands  
South Texas Plains

## IMPORTANT AVIAN SITES

Breeding sites for endangered species or high priority birds  
Migrant stopover sites or staging areas for migrating birds  
Hawk watch sites for migrating raptors  
Sites with colonial-nesting birds  
Sites with extensive populations of wintering waterfowl, grassland birds,  
and other species  
Sites that include priority species from the Texas Wildlife Action Plan  
([www.tpwd.state.tx.us/twap](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/twap)) and/or benefit state or federal threat-  
ened and endangered species or species of concern

## PRIORITY SPECIES OF LANDBIRD, SHOREBIRD, AND WATERBIRD GUILDS

### Landbird

Northern bobwhite  
Loggerhead shrike  
Le Conte's sparrow  
Seaside sparrow  
Red-cockaded woodpecker  
Greater prairie-chicken (Attwater's)

### Migratory Landbird

Cerulean warbler  
Golden-winged warbler  
Swainson's warbler

### Shorebird

Snowy plover  
Wilson's plover  
Piping plover  
Long-billed curlew  
Hudsonian godwit  
Western sandpiper  
Stilt sandpiper  
Buff-breasted sandpiper  
Short-billed dowitcher

### Waterbird

Reddish egret  
Little blue heron  
Wood stork  
King rail  
Black rail  
Gull-billed tern  
Black skimmer  
Whooping crane  
Least tern  
Long-billed curlew

## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Seek matching funds. We are interested in projects that leverage grant dollars to accomplish more for conservation.
- All dollars must be spent within the 41 designated counties.
- Organizations who have ongoing previous Birding Classic grant awards are ineligible to submit new projects until project completion and final financial and programmatic reports are submitted (may submit a project if all reports will be submitted by April 2011).  
This includes previous grants awarded for acquisition projects.
- Project work may commence as soon as written notification is received from Tournament Coordinator, Carol Jones, that you may begin work. Expect written notification in early summer 2011.
- All grants are reimbursable grants (i.e., work or portions of the project must be completed and reported to the Birding Classic Coordinator before funds will be reimbursed).

*For examples of previous projects funded and the Official Project Proposal Form,  
go to our Web site: [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/gtbc](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/gtbc)*

*Examples of well-written project proposals can be found at [www.birdingclassic.org](http://www.birdingclassic.org)*

*Call Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff at (512) 389-4500 or  
Tournament Coordinator Carol Jones at (979) 480-0999 with additional project proposal questions.*