

## Did you know...

a newly-hatched Attwater's Prairie Chicken chick will eat its weight in insects every day?

## Can you believe...

one Attwater's Prairie Chicken hen can lay as many as 15 eggs each season?

## Ever wonder how...

biologists help prairie chickens at zoos, wildlife centers, and universities across the state feel like they're home on the prairie?

## Find out more...

**by adopting an endangered Attwater's Prairie Chicken!**



## ***Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas***

The Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas, Inc. was formed in 1991 to provide private support for the efforts of Texas Parks and Wildlife and to take a leading role in ensuring both the protection of Texas' unique heritage and the provision of full outdoor opportunities for future generations. The Foundation's challenge is to provide funds where the need is greatest and where private support has made the critical difference in the success of protecting Texas' rich natural and cultural resources. Contributions to the foundation are fully deductible to the extent allowed by law.

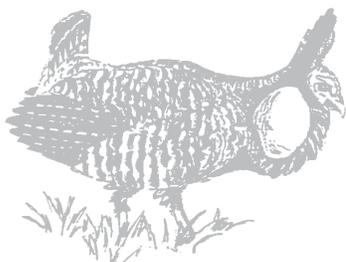
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## ***Special Nongame & Endangered Species Conservation Fund***

The "Special Fund" was created by the Texas Legislature in 1983 to underwrite the conservation and management work performed on Texas' nongame and endangered wildlife. This fund, sustained entirely by voluntary contributions, has provided support for a variety of projects benefitting nongame and endangered species, including prairie chicken habitat improvement. For more information on this fund call the TPW Wildlife Diversity Program at 1-800-792-1112.

## Your donation can help...

A tax-deductible gift of \$25 will cover the cost of feeding insects to one Attwater's Prairie Chicken chick from the time of hatching until it is old enough to eat commercial food. In addition to helping save this species from extinction, supporters will receive:



- ★ *regular updates on what's happening at the captive breeding sites*
- ★ *photo and description of the natural history of Attwater's prairie chickens*
- ★ *a packet of educational activities to use or donate to a school*
- ★ *the opportunity to attend special lectures and trips at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge and captive breeding facilities.*

Your opportunity to help in the effort to save the endangered Attwater's Prairie Chicken...

Adopt-a-  
Prairie Chicken

— people willing to —

**WANTED**



TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

# Attwater's Prairie Chicken

## Texas' most endangered species

The sights and sounds of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken once gave life to the 6 million acres of coastal prairie stretching from south Texas to western Louisiana. The sound of male prairie chickens booming on display grounds filled the air on early spring mornings. Their quick, shuffling steps inspired the dances of Plains Indian tribes. Prairie chickens exploded from the tall grasses under the feet of explorers' horses, and thousands provided food for early settlers. But now the prairies are strangely quiet.

Once numbering millions, Attwater's Prairie Chickens have disappeared as their native prairie has disappeared. Despite the fact that private landowners and a federal refuge are helping to conserve prairie chicken habitat, in 2001 counts estimated only 42 prairie chickens left in the wild, scattered in two counties.

With such small numbers vulnerable to natural catastrophe, in 1993 biologists began efforts to breed Attwater's Prairie Chickens in captivity as insurance against extinction and to hopefully one day repopulate habitat in the wild. Several captive populations of Attwater's Prairie Chickens now exist including Fossil Rim Wildlife Center, the Abilene Zoo, San Antonio Zoo, Caldwell Zoo, Houston Zoo and Seaworld in San Antonio. In 1994 biologists at Fossil Rim celebrated the hatching of the first Attwater's Prairie Chicken chicks from birds bred in captivity. These birds are now being released on two sites.

But prairie chickens need your help if they are to survive in captivity and retain their place on the prairie. Costs of captive breeding are high and have no secure funding source. Just as private landowners have been partners in the habitat conservation effort, you can be a partner in the captive breeding effort.

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Send to:

Adopt-a-Prairie Chicken  
Wildlife Diversity Branch  
Texas Parks and Wildlife  
4200 Smith School Road  
Austin, Texas 78744

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ other amount

\$25 for one chick  
for one year

I have enclosed:

Yes, I want to adopt the Attwater's Prairie Chicken(s)