



WETLAND HABITAT INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

BirdReturns Wetland Programs

PRIVATE WETLAND MANAGERS— receive compensation for providing flooded wetland habitat outside of the hunting season!

APPLICATIONS OPEN!



Central Valley,
Suisun, Delta

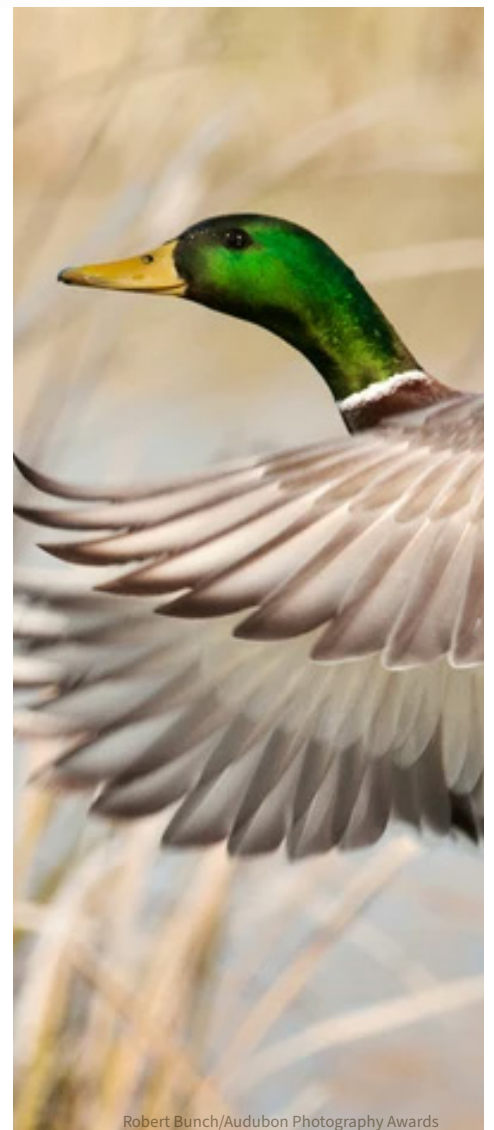


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SPRING

Hold winter water into April for migrating shorebirds

SUMMER

Boost resident waterfowl populations with summer brood habitat





SPRING PROGRAM

- **Support migration:** Create nutrient-rich mudflats for shorebirds during their March–April peak.
- **Eligibility:** Wetlands larger than 25 acres.
- **Compensation:** Earn \$10–\$160/acre dependent on management selection and location.



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What are Private Wetland Owners saying?

BirdReturns has helped our small duck club to pursue habitat improvement projects. The extra income from their programs is plowed into the property, which in turn benefits not only the shorebirds, but the ducks as well!

- Rick Ramirez, Riverfield Duck Club, San Joaquin

BirdReturns helps us to deliver year-round benefits to shorebirds, waterfowl, and other wildlife on our wetland conservation property in the Suisun Marsh. It's a win for wildlife!

- Andrew Bogan, The Teal Club, Suisun Marsh

LET'S DO IT AGAIN!

- Anonymous, Tulare

SUMMER PROGRAM

- **Create Vital Habitat:** Provide essential nesting and brood-rearing areas for waterfowl, shorebirds, and wetland birds.
- **Eligibility:** Wetlands >15 acres (5-acre minimum in Tulare).
- **Compensation:** \$81–\$988/acre dependent on management selection and location.



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