



## Habitat Stewardship Program Enrollment Benefits

### 1. Educational Resources

- a. You will receive a digital educational pamphlet on implementing wildlife friendly practices including resources from Birds Georgia, Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and others as they become available.

### 2. Technical Assistance Programs

- a. If you are a private landowner, our Stewardship Coordinator will act as a liaison to connect you to [Conservation Technical Assistance](#) provided by NRCS, who can help develop a [Conservation Plan](#) for your land. If you are not interested in cost-share resources, our Stewardship Coordinator will act as a liaison to connect you to your local private lands biologist from [Department of Natural Resources](#) or [Quail Forever](#) for a habitat consultation and management plan.
- b. Our Stewardship Coordinator will act as a liaison to connect you to prescribed fire Technical Assistance programs, such as regional Prescribed Burn Associations, [Georgia Forestry Commission](#), and [Georgia Prescribed Fire Council](#).
- c. Upon request, a staff member or trained volunteer (Avian Advocate) from Birds Georgia will be available to offer a virtual consultation and may be available for an in-person visit.

### 3. Cost-Sharing and Revenue-Generating Programs

- a. If you are a private landowner, our Stewardship Coordinator will act as a liaison to connect you with cost-sharing and revenue-generating programs depend on property needs including, but not limited to:
  - i. Natural Resources Conservation Service:
    1. [Conservation Stewardship Program \(CSP\)](#) – helps you build on existing conservation efforts while strengthening your operation.
    2. [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#) – helps farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners integrate conservation into working lands.
      - a. [Landscapes Conservation Initiative](#) – accelerates the benefits of voluntary conservation programs, such as



- iii. Discounts and priority registration for our [Travel Program](#) featuring statewide, domestic and international trips.
- iv. Early bird and discounted registration for [Georgia Bird Fest](#) and Fall Flyway Festival events and activities.
- v. Webinars, workshops, classes, and other events featuring guest speakers on birds, conservation, and environmental issues in Georgia.
- vi. Access to member-only content on the [Morgens Environmental Education Gateway](#), a platform housing our educational courses.
- vii. Discounts in the [Birds Georgia online store](#).

## 6. Habitat Steward Recognition

- a. As a recognized habitat steward, you are fostering a sense of connection and shared responsibility for the future of Georgia's birds and wildlife. Your engagement in the program offers a sense of personal stewardship, as well as a cultivation for the health and wellbeing of the community around you.
- b. Landowners/managers will receive a Birds Georgia Habitat Steward sign to place anywhere on their property (additional signs for larger properties can be purchased by the landowner at cost).
- c. The Stewardship Coordinator will connect you to other habitat certification programs as desired, including [Birds Georgia's Wildlife Sanctuary Program](#), among others.