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Conservation Incentive Programs Workshops

Calling all Central Valley Growers – You are Invited!

Join us for two upcoming workshops to learn more about Central Valley bird habitat and conservation incentive programs in 2026 that may be available to growers like you.

This event is hosted by the **Migratory Bird Conservation Partnership** and is a great opportunity to connect with other key partners—including the **California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation**, **California Waterfowl Association**, and more—to learn more about supported practices and how you can potentially receive compensation for participating.

Please see the back page for additional details on the highlighted programs.

Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to connect, ask questions, and provide feedback!
Light refreshments will be served.

Sacramento Valley

Thursday, March 19th, 1-3pm
Sutter County Ag Commissioners Office
142 Garden Hwy A, Yuba City, CA 95991

Delta

Thursday, March 26th, 1-3pm
Staten Island House
23319 N. Staten Island Rd, Thornton, CA 95686



[RSVP with this link](#), scan the QR code above, or email us at birds@TNC.org



Highlighted Programs

Bid4Birds | California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation | California Rice Commission (CRC)

Provides financial assistance for rice farmers, mostly through competitive auctions, to create habitat with targeted seasonal flooding in the spring and fall for migratory birds. More details available at calricewaterbirds.org

BirdReturns-Farmlands Habitat Programs | Migratory Bird Conservation Partnership | The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Provides financial assistance for farmers of various field crops in the Delta and Sacramento Valley regions to create shallow-flooded habitat for migratory waterbirds during the late summer/fall and spring shoulder seasons. Sandhill Cranes. More details at <https://birdreturns.org/program/farmlands/>

BirdReturns-Wetlands Habitat Programs | Migratory Bird Conservation Partnership | Audubon California

Provides financial assistance for private wetland managers in the entire Central Valley to provide flooded habitat for migratory waterbirds in late spring and early fall, and nesting and brood-rearing habitat in summer. More details at <https://birdreturns.org/program/wetlands/>

Proposition 4 Solicitation | Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy

This topic will focus on stopping subsidence with rice and managed wetlands, habitat restoration, and community development.

Rice Conversion Incentive Program | Conservation Farms & Ranches (CF&R)

Provides conversion costs to farmers interested in converting existing row crops to rice in the Central Delta to bird-friendly rice cultivation.

Egg Salvage Program | California Waterfowl Association (CWA)

The Egg Salvage Program offers services to growers who have waterfowl nesting activity in their fields. Eggs are rescued before fields are disced, mowed, or harvested and brought back to hatchery facilities where they are raised and released back into the wild. <https://calwaterfowl.org/conservation-programs/egg-salvage>

Nesting Bird Habitat Incentive Program | California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and CWA

The Nesting Bird Habitat Incentive Program pays landowners to cultivate or retain upland cover such as cover crops, cereal grains, grasses, forbs, and pollinator plants for the benefit of nesting waterfowl, game birds, and pollinators. More details can be found at <https://calwaterfowl.org/nesting-bird-habitat-incentive-program>



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