

RECOVERING AMERICA'S WILDLIFE ACT

Good for wildlife. Good for business. Good for Texas.



OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY



Our booming outdoor recreation economy relies on healthy fish and wildlife populations. The Recovering America's Wildlife Act will help us protect and grow this important part of our state's economy. In Texas, the outdoor recreation economy generates **327,000 jobs**, **\$14.4 billion in wages and salaries**, and **\$3.5 billion in state and local tax revenue**. The **Total Outdoor Recreation Value Added** to the Texas economy is **\$35.9 billion**.



NEW JOBS

By investing in our natural infrastructure, Recovering America's Wildlife Act would create thousands of new jobs—tree planting, grassland restoration, habitat work, outdoor recreation projects, and wildlife management. It has the potential to add between **23,800 and 33,600 jobs**, while adding **\$3.36 billion of national economic output**. All of this would lead to a net positive gain of **\$1.96 billion annually** to the **Gross Domestic Product**.



NATURE TOURISM

People travel from all over the world to get a glimpse of our unique Texas wildlife. We have **4.4 million wildlife watchers** in Texas—their activity amounts to **\$1.82 billion in retail sales** and supports **146,000 jobs**. Many of the wildlife that brings tourists to Texas—such as coastal birds and songbirds—are rapidly declining. Recovering America's Wildlife Act will help us to stabilize and recover at-risk wildlife populations.

NATURAL CAPITAL



Wildlife and wildlife habitat enrich our lives—and we depend on them too. Native wild pollinators provide more than a **\$9 billion per year service to U.S. agriculture**. Through natural pest control, bats provide a **\$1.4 billion per year service to Texas farmers**. Wildlife habitat provides clean water, healthy soils, storm water management, and flood mitigation services. Native grasslands and forests are nature's carbon capture technology.

