



How to Properly Implement Your Wildlife Management Plan

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Wildlife Management Basics

- Activity based
- A good plan is an important piece
- Following a plan increases success and enjoyment
- Timely management improves results
- Doing the activities is the fun part
- Falling behind or bad timing can make it less rewarding and more difficult

Generally speaking

- Wildlife management plan – what you're going to do
- 3 of 7 practices at the very minimum – **more is better**
- Shows that you've been active in your management
- Most appraisal districts now ask for an annual report
- Activity based, not results based – just do the work
- Proper implementation can get results
- Effort is always rewarded

Four main areas of interest

- Getting started
- Maintaining
- Reporting and compliance
- Result/reward



Things to consider

- Tools
- Timing
- Action
- Assistance



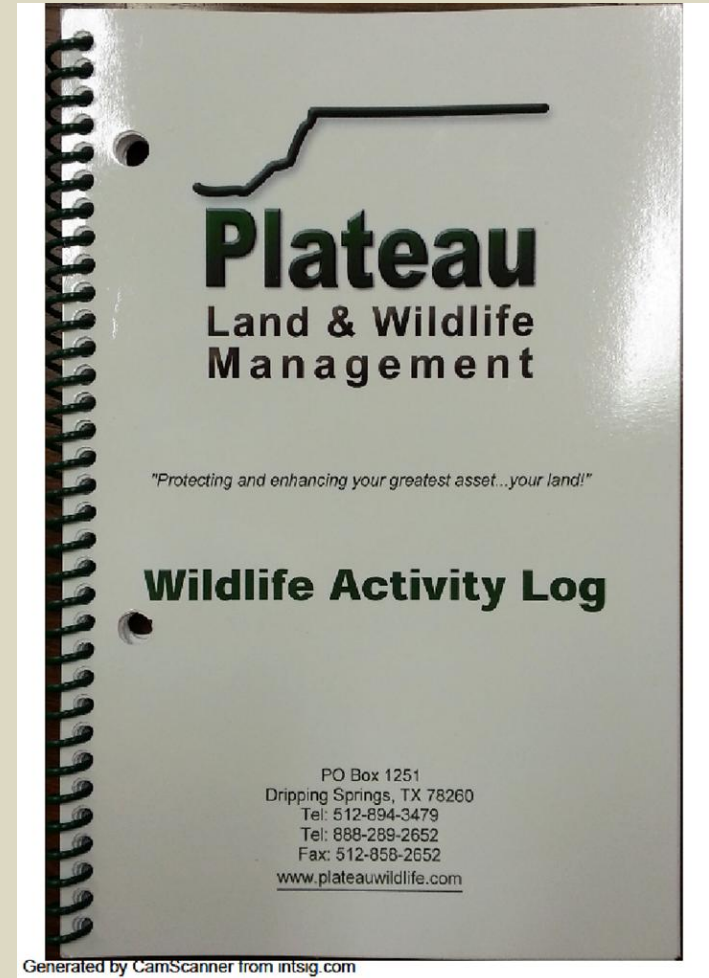
Tools

Tools

- Wildlife management plan – the tool you'll use most
- Matrix/checklist
- Activity calendar
- Camera (phone) – most important
- GPS – good, but not a most
- Maps – always helpful
- Log book – for notes
- Calendar – more notes
- Folder (outline or otherwise) – receipts, reports, etc.
- Annual report

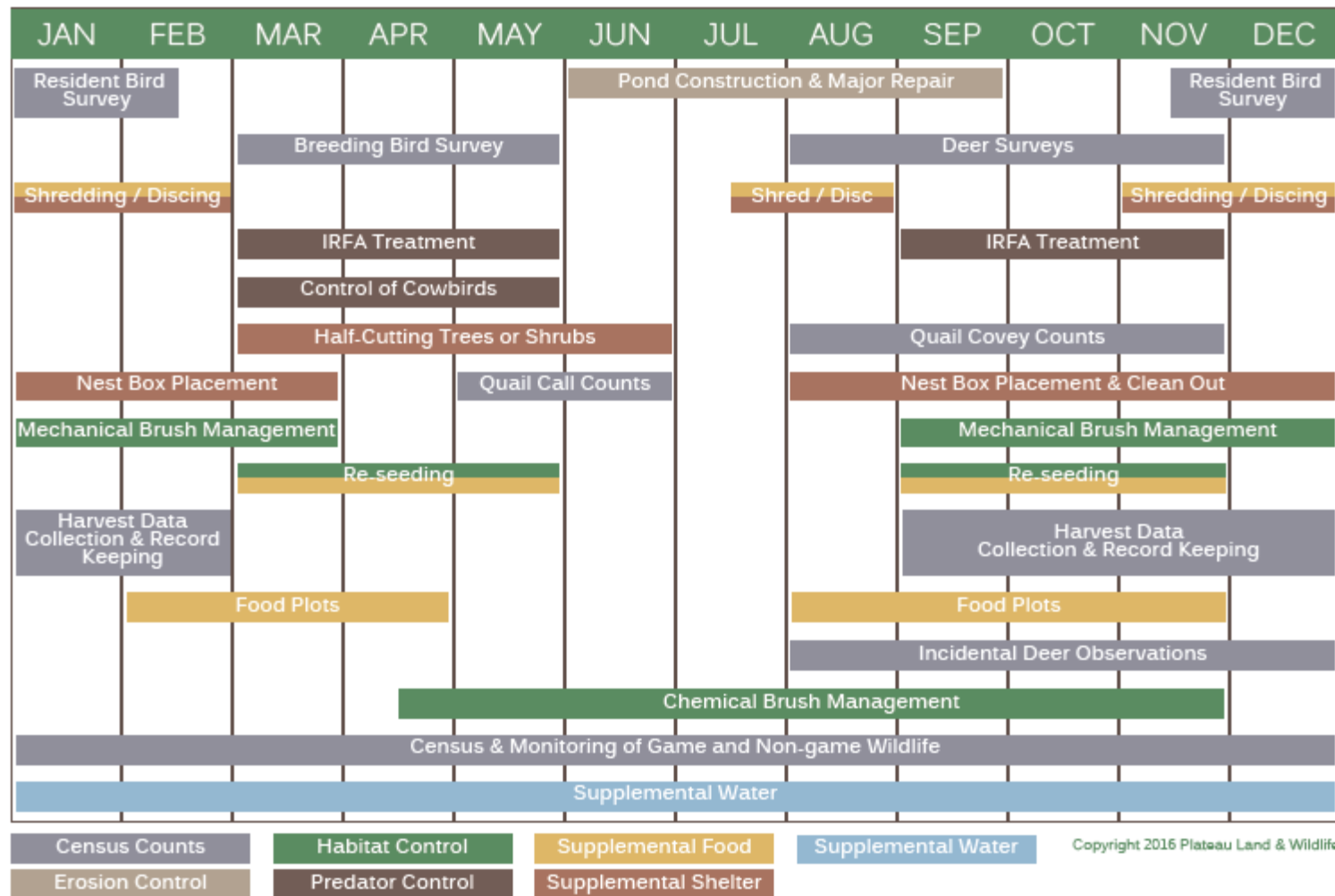
Matrix/checklist & log book

Wildlife Management Planning Matrix				Property:					
Target species:				Date:	County(ies):				
TREATMENTS	Cod e	Acre s	Notes (Raw, Species, Timing, Intensity, etc)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
1. Habitat Control									
a. Grazing Management									
b. Prescribed Burning									
c. Range Enhancement (Re-seeding)									
d. Brush Management									
e. Riparian Management and Enhancement									
f. Wetland Enhancement									
g. Habitat Protection for Species of Concern									
h. Prescribed Control of Species									
i. Wildlife Restoration									
TREATMENTS									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
2. Erosion Control:									
a. Pond Construction and Major Repair									
b. Gully Shaping									
c. Streamside, Pond and Wetland Revegetation									
d. Native Plant Establishment on Eroding Areas									
e. Dike / Levee Construction / Management									
f. Establish Water Diversion									
TREATMENTS									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
3. Predator Control									
a. Predator Management									
b. Imported Red Fire Ant Control									
c. Control of Cowbirds									
d. Grackle / Starling / House Sparrow Control									
TREATMENTS									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
4. Supplemental Water:									
a. Marsh / Wetland Restoration or Development									
b. Well/Trough/Alley/Drill Overflow/Other Wildlife Waters									
c. Spring Development and / or Enhancement									
TREATMENTS									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
5. Supplemental Food:									
a. Grazing Management									
b. Prescribed Burning									
c. Range Enhancement (Re-seeding)									
d. Food Plots									
e. Feeders and Mineral Supplementation									
f. Managing Tame Pasture, Old Fields, Croplands									
g. Transition Management of Tame Grass Monocultures									
TREATMENTS									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
6. Providing Shelter:									
a. Nest Boxes, Bat Boxes									
b. Brush Piles and Slash Retention									
c. Fence Line Management									
d. Hay Meadow, Pasture and Cropland Mgmt. for Wildlife									
e. Half-Cutting Trees or Shrubs									
f. Woody Plant / Shrub Establishment									
g. Natural Cavity / Snag Development									
TREATMENTS									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
7. Censuses:									
a. Spotlight Counts									
b. Aerial Counts									
c. Incidental Observations & Stands: Counts									
d. Daylight Deer Herd, Wildlife Composition, Photo Stations									
e. Harvest Data Collection and Record Keeping									
f. Browse Utilization Surveys									
g. Endangered, Threatened or Protected Species									
h. Census and Monitoring of Game and Nongame Wildlife									



Timing

Timing for Wildlife Management Activities



Action

1. Habitat control
2. Erosion control
3. Predator control
4. Supplemental food
5. Supplemental shelter
6. Supplemental water
7. Census counts



This is what you're doing now instead of keeping cows, other livestock, or producing crops or hay.

Wildlife are your “crop” now.

Habitat control

Game population management

Brush management

Riparian management



Habitat control

- When you can / when it makes sense
- Invasive
- Over abundant
- Improve habitat
- Increase diversity
- Plan and tackle in reasonable amounts
- Maintenance

Erosion control

Pond/tank construction

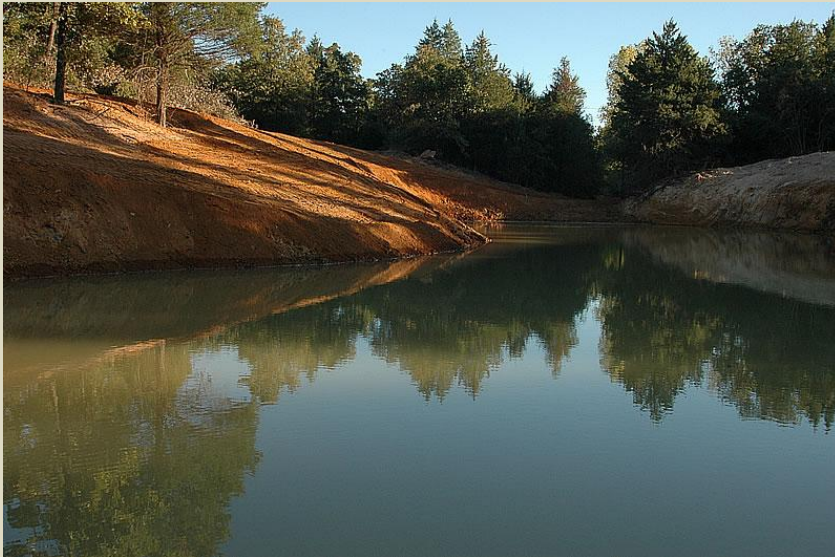
Streamside, pond, wetland re-vegetation

Dam construction/repair

10 Wildlife Management year activity **

** Enhanced recreational value

** Increased property value



Erosion control

- Get help to identify areas of concern
- Anytime
- After a rain event
- Before it gets out of hand and expensive
- Long term benefits
- Soil equals money
- Maintenance

Predator control

Feral animals (hogs, cats, etc.)

Imported Red Fire Ant control

Native predators (skunks, raccoons)



Predator control

- Timing is important
- When damage is evident
- Before it gets out of hand and expensive
- Consistent attention
- Persistence and dedication pays off
- Long term benefits, diversity
- Monitor wildlife populations to see the rewards of your hard work

Supplemental food

Grazing management

Food plots

Feeders & mineral supplementation



Supplemental food

- When the time is right
- Early, before wildlife needs it
- Need time to get used to new food sources
- Feeders, food plots, discing
- Think small – quail
- More abundant and diverse wildlife
- Less stress on mothers and babies
- Less movement for small and vulnerable
- Monitoring populations can be rewarding

Supplemental shelter

Nest boxes, bat boxes

Brush piles & slash retention

Pasture management (strip mowing)



Supplemental shelter

- Early, before wildlife needs it
- Takes time for wildlife to use new resources
- Where it's lacking for best response
- Proper placement can improve results
- An easy and fun activity for kids to help with
- It's okay to pick up baby birds
- Help those that need help most
- Maintenance, don't forget about them

Supplemental water

Wildlife rain collectors

Wells, troughs, windmill overflow

Spring development/enhancement



Supplemental water

- Now – anytime, anywhere
- Prior to spring rains
- Before wildlife needs it
- Water collection
- Existing structures
- Troughs, windmills and pans
- More abundant and diverse wildlife
- Low maintenance
- Long term benefits

Census counts

Spotlight counts

Harvest data collection

Songbird count



Census counts & surveys

- Proper timing for best results
- When it's meaningful it will continue
- One of the more fun and rewarding activities
- Inspect what you expect – is this working
- Be consistent and learn something from it
- Lots of different methods coming together
- See what is there when you are not
- Use what you know to make better decisions

Summary

- A good plan makes wildlife management fun and rewarding
- Work with Plateau to get started properly
- Proper timing will improve results
- Inspect what you expect – is this working?
- Use tools like calendars, cameras and checklists
- Use what you know, and what we know, to make better decisions
- Look for little rewards and go forward with confidence
- What you are doing is working

This is what you are managing now instead of traditional Ag.

Wildlife are a “crop” and crops take a little work to produce.



- Private company, est. 1997
- Founders helped establish WMV law
- Central Texas based
- Serving Texas landowners
- Staff wildlife biologists
- Trained, dedicated field technicians
- Registered property tax consultants

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