



# **Wildlife Management Midyear Check In**

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# Overview

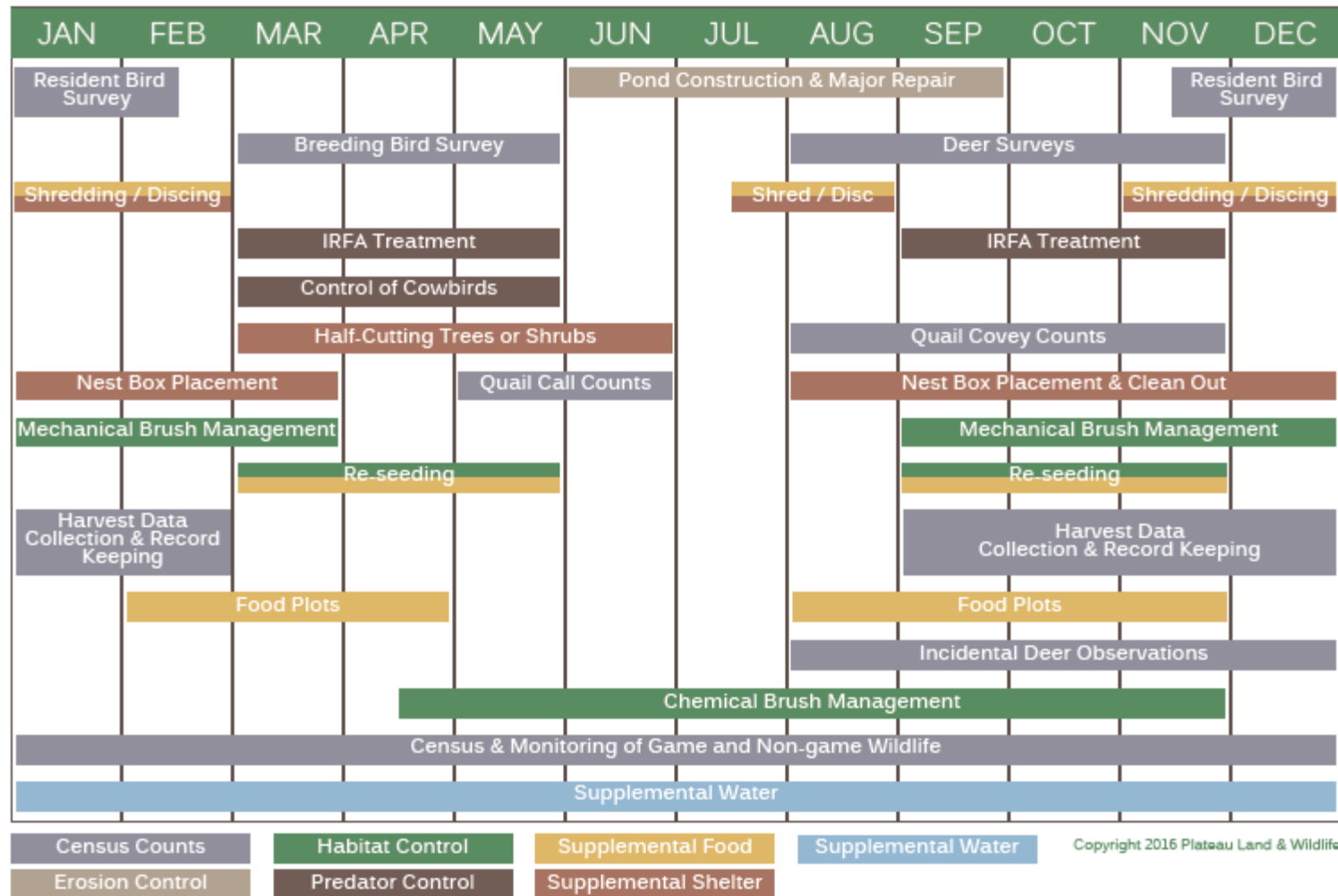
Midyear is a good time to review your plan, confirm expectations and goals, see what has been accomplished, confirm adequate record keeping, plan the rest of the year and get help if needed. We still have half the year, but it will fly by.

1. Why is all of this important and what if I don't do it?
2. Examples of various activities and documentation that qualifies
3. Activities well suited for after midyear
4. What Plateau can help you do right now
5. Set yourself up for success so you're never worried
6. Summary and questions

# Why is it important to stay on track?

- Your property tax valuation can depend on it
- If you get behind now it can be hard (cost & time) to catch up, in both compliance and management goals
- More and more central appraisal districts (CADs) are requesting annual reports of activities – don't wait until they ask
- Timing of activities is important – wildlife management works best when you follow a plan
- It's nice to know if you're on the right track
- Establish a habit of periodic check points which sets you on a course to success and peace of mind

# Timing for Wildlife Management Activities



# What qualifies?

The 7 wildlife management activities – check your plan and make sure you're following through meeting requirements for intensity and keeping good records.

Proper documentation is key to peace of mind.



# Wildlife management activities

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

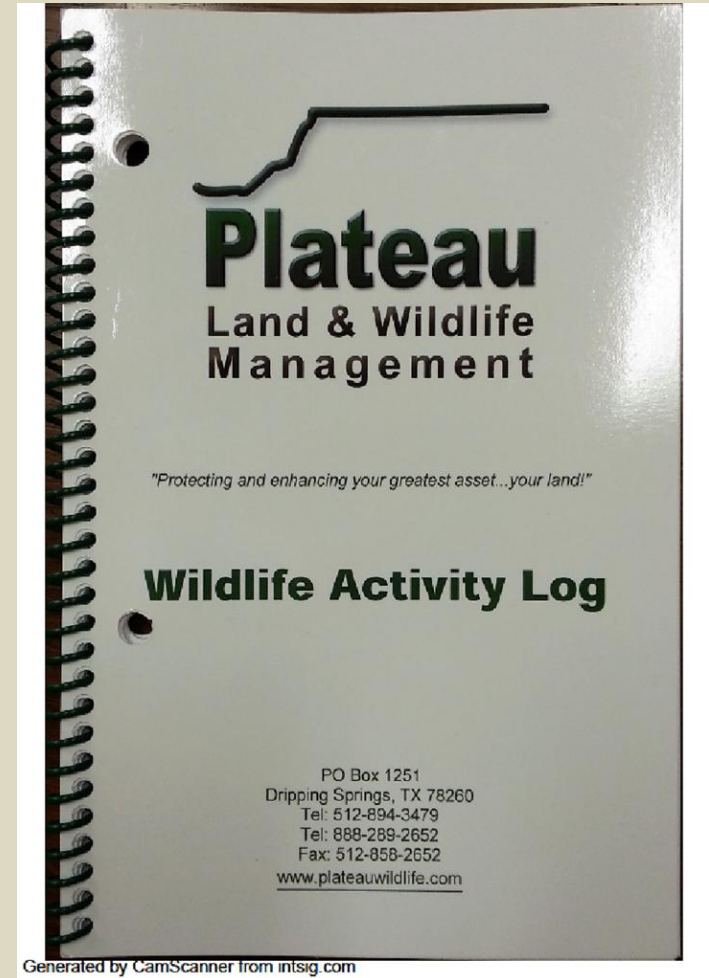


# Documentation

- Use a system of some kind to keep it organized
- Calendar, log book, photos, receipts
- Matrix, schedules of activities
- Create a checklist if you don't have one
- Annual report – send it all to Plateau and let us hold and organize it for you. This is the safest way to know you will not have an issue with the CAD and is often time the only thing the CAD has to verify what you're doing.

# 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	
<b>1. Habitat Control</b>									
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									
<b>TREATMENTS</b>									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
<b>2. Erosion Control:</b>									
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									
<b>TREATMENTS</b>									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
<b>3. Predator Control</b>									
a. Predator Management									
b. Imported Red Fire Ant Control									
c. Control of Cowbirds									
d. Grackle / Starling / House Sparrow Control									
<b>TREATMENTS</b>									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
<b>4. Supplemental Water:</b>									
a. Marsh / Wetland Restoration or Development									
b. Well/Trough/Alley/Drill Overflow/Other Wildlife Waters									
c. Spring Development and / or Enhancement									
<b>TREATMENTS</b>									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
<b>5. Supplemental Food:</b>									
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									
<b>TREATMENTS</b>									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
<b>6. Providing Shelter:</b>									
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									
<b>TREATMENTS</b>									
Cod e	Acre s	Notes	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
<b>7. Censuses:</b>									
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									





# Habitat control

Game population management

Brush management

Riparian management



# Erosion control

**Pond/tank construction**

**Streamside, pond, wetland re-vegetation**

**Dam construction/repair**

10 Wildlife Management year activity \*\*

\*\* Enhanced recreational value

\*\* Increased property value





# Predator control

Feral animals (hogs, cats, etc.)

Imported Red Fire Ant control

Native predators (skunks, raccoons)



# Supplemental food

Grazing management

Food plots

Feeders & mineral supplementation





# Supplemental shelter

Nest boxes, bat boxes

Brush piles & slash retention

Pasture management (strip mowing)





# Supplemental water

Wildlife rain collectors

Wells, troughs, windmill overflow

Spring development/enhancement



# Census counts

Spotlight counts

Harvest data collection

Songbird count





# Midyear activities

- Chemical control – summer is a good time to treat prickly pear
- Scheduling IRFA treatment – spring & fall is the best time to perform IRFA treatment
- Supplemental water – while this is a good idea throughout the whole year, summer is when wildlife need water most
- Supplemental food/strip discing – get started before it's needed so the wildlife has time to get familiar
- Installing nest boxes – again, install early to give wildlife time to make themselves at home
- Schedule your Winter Resident Bird Survey for late fall/early winter
- Deer surveys (start in August)

# Ways Plateau can help now

- **WMAC (\$395)** – an on-site check up with one of our wildlife field techs to review your current documentation and activities with GPS, photos and log sheet entries
- **Biologist CSV or Plan Review (\$795)** – consulting site visit with a Plateau biologist who will let you know where you stand and make recommendations to move forward
- **Plan review by phone (\$325)** – a Plateau biologist will review your current plan and activities by phone; send us your stuff and we'll call to go over it all with you
- **Annual Report (\$495)** – we will help you stay on top of all your activities throughout the year and provide a complete report

# Ways Plateau can help now

- **Plateau Service Agreement (price varies)** – Plateau can do as many or as few activities for you so you don't have to think twice about meeting compliance; Plateau will complete an activity, take documentation and keep records for your annual report
- Get on our mailing list and you'll get periodic reminders to do your activities during the most effective seasons
- Your Plateau account manager can help at any time if we wrote your plan



# Summary

- Don't put it off until someone asks
- More expensive and stressful to wait
- Review your wildlife management plan
- Review your timing of chosen activities
- Create a checklist of some kind
- Be consistent with your record keeping – have a system
- Be prepared to show off your work, look forward to it
- Consider a check-up of some form from Plateau
- Get help if you need it and where it makes sense
- Consider a service agreement from Plateau
- Rest easy knowing compliance is no longer a concern



- 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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# Thank you!

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