

Properly Implementing Your Wildlife Management Plan & Keeping Good Records

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WHAT WE'RE GOING TO COVER:

- General overview
- Do's and don'ts
- Activity categories
- Things to consider
- Resources & help
- Questions





This is what you're doing now instead of keeping cows and other livestock, or producing crop or timber.

Wildlife are your "crop" now.

Getting started, getting comfortable and staying that way.

GENERALLY SPEAKING...

- Activity based, not just results based just do it!
- Following a good plan can increase success and enjoyment
- Doing the activities is the fun part what you are doing instead of feeding cows, tending fences or harvesting timber
- Falling behind and bad timing can make wildlife less **rewarding**, as well as more difficult and expensive
- You're not in this alone



Do's & Don'ts

Wait until you are "approved" to get started



Expect to hear from the Appraisal Districts (CAD) about approval



Do the minimum



Fail compliance by performing fewer than three activities in a calendar year



Think that you have to do everything in your plan



Think that you can only do what is in your plan



Hesitate to ask for help



Have fun!



Get started early



More than is "required"



Get organized and prepared with your plan



Keep good records



Take a lot of photos



Think about your annual report



Expect your property to be inspected



Expect your property to change





Get some reward out of wildlife management valuation



Make it easier on yourself



Get help if needed – it's okay!

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Wildlife Management Activities

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Must Complete 3 of 7 Activities

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





HABITAT CONTROL

Game population management Brush management Riparian management







EROSION CONTROL

Pond/tank construction Streamside, pond, wetland re-vegetation Dam construction/repair

10 Year Wildlife Management 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 WATER

Wildlife rain collectors Wells, troughs, windmill overflow Spring development/enhancement







SUPPLEMENTAL SHELTER

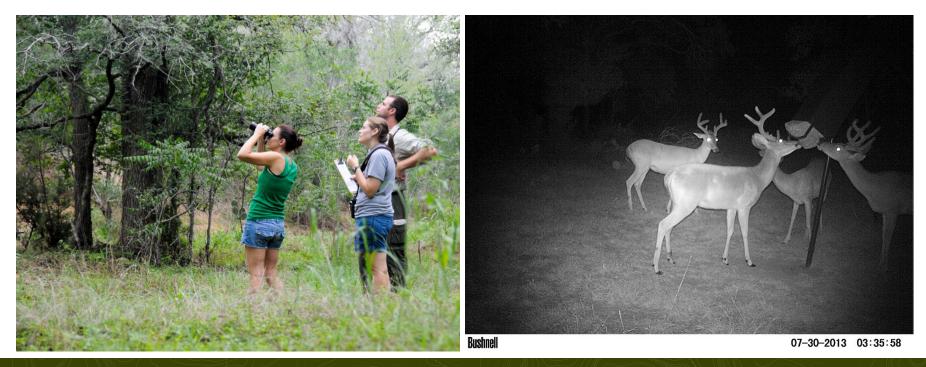
Nest boxes, bat boxes Brush piles & slash retention Pasture management (strip mowing)





CENSUS

Spotlight counts Harvest data collection Songbird count





Considerations

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Tools
- Timing
- Action
- Assistance





TOOLS

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



LOG SHEETS – PLATEAUWILDLIFE.COM/FORMS

Property Name:			Installation			
Note: Take pho	to of each wi	ldlife water source. Keep receipts. La		each water source on man		
Date	Name/#	Type of water source	Water added? (Y/N)	GPS coordinates (optional)	Photo taken?	Have receip
Ex: 12/30/11	W01	305 gallon rain water catchment	Yes	30.2747, -97.7403	 	
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Prescribed Control of Species

Property Name:

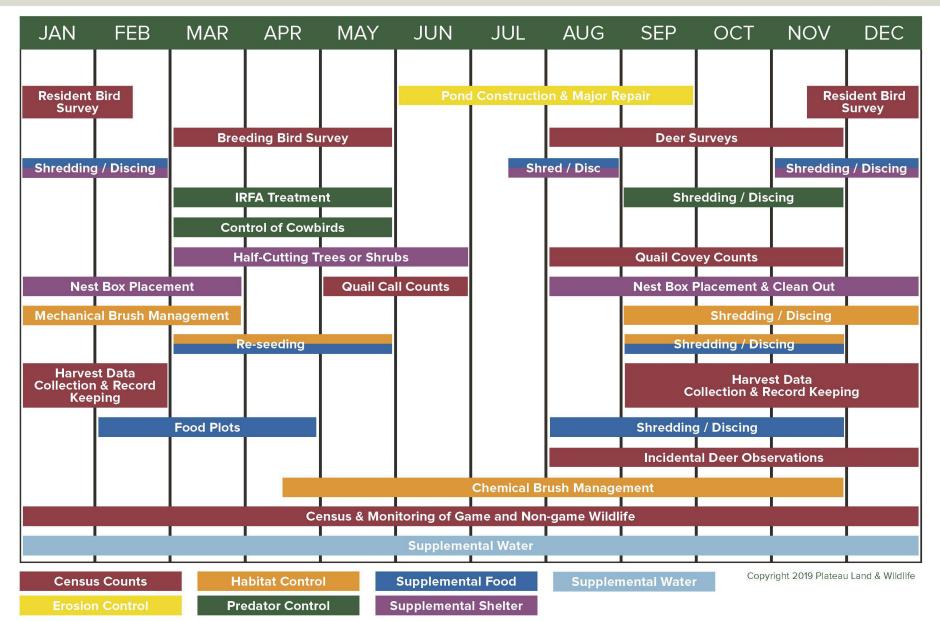
Note: Take before and after photos of representative vegetative areas. Outline approximate area of prescribed control of vegetation on map. Also include animals removed in applicable harvest log sheet.

D	Date	Species targeted	# seen	# removed	Control method	Photos taken?	Notes
Ex: 12	12/30/11	Axis deer	2	1	Bow	✓	Juvenile, male
Ex: 12	12/30/11	Chinaberry	20	15	Herbicide	✓	Treated approx. 2 acres



Timing for Wildlife Management Activities





ACTION

- 1. Habitat control
- 2. Erosion control
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ASSISTANCE – PLATEAU RESOURCES

- Refer to your wildlife management plan or the Plateau website for contact information
- Sign up for Plateau Post and Seasons Newsletter
- Visit plateauwildlife.com
- Call (512) 894-3479



SUMMARY

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



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THANK YOU!

Plateau Land & Wildlife Management Less work, more enjoyment.

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Questions?