

Cry of the Wild



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Minnesota Twins Rally For Wildlife Forever

Nearly the entire Minnesota Twins team showed up at Maynard's on Lake Minnetonka in **Minnesota** to help #16 first baseman Doug Meintkiewicz raise \$50,000 for Wildlife Forever and wildlife conservation.

The Doug Meintkiewicz Bass Fishing Classic was held Monday, June 23, 2003. Early morning thunderstorms threatened to delay the "gentlemen's" tournament. But by 8:15 AM the sky had started to clear allowing the boats to leave on time. For the 1:00 PM weigh-in, blue skies brought out a large crowd to watch each Minnesota Twin weigh-in with his bass pro guide and amateur angler.

The tournament was a catch and release event with 99% of the 141 bass returned to the water. After each team weighed their maximum of five fish, Meintkiewicz declared #17 Twin Dustan Mohr the winner along with his fishing teammates of pro angler Brad Cline and amateur Steve Burke of Chanhassen. Their total weight was 18.13 lbs.

The Doug Meintkiewicz Bass Fishing Classic was a rare type of fundraising event in that nearly 90% of gross proceeds were given to Wildlife Forever. Frequently, charity events provide a small percentage of gross revenue to the charity due to high costs. Expenses were kept very low thanks to the donated support of the Minnesota Pro/Am Bass Tour,

Maynard's, the Minnesota Twins and volunteer pro bass anglers.

"Wildlife Forever is very fortunate to the beneficiary of the Twins' generosity," said Douglas H. Grann, President and CEO of Wildlife Forever. "Mother Nature threw us a curveball with the severe weather

forecast but in the end she smiled warmly on the event."

Sponsors of the tournament included: Genmar, WCCO Radio, Twin City Co-ops Federal Credit Union, Jiffy Pop Popcorn, Waste Management, ST Specialties, Cambria, and Cabela's.



Meintkiewicz, #16 laughs it up with Twins manager Ron Gardenhire during the weigh-in at the first Doug Meintkiewicz Bass Fishing Classic.



From The Field

New Local Grants

Wildlife Forever recognizes that many of our members are involved with local conservation organizations, NWR Friends groups or sportsmen's clubs. We want to assist these grassroots efforts by matching conservation dollars and leveraging local donations.

Therefore, I'm pleased to announce the creation of a special fund to support the conservation efforts of local sportsmen's groups. This pool of \$50,000 when matched by local contributions will produce \$100,000 for grassroots



conservation projects.

Sportsmen's Challenge grants will be made available up to \$2,500 each to qualifying groups. The funds must be matched from a third-party donor and sent to Wildlife Forever for validation of the match. Groups that promote fish and wildlife habitat are eligible to apply. Programs that enhance fish and wildlife populations through management and research can also compete.

Grant applications will be reviewed by a Sportsmen's Challenge review committee and challenge grants awarded throughout the year 2003.

Details and grant applications can be found on the Wildlife Forever web site or by calling or writing Wildlife Forever.

It is the local projects by our members that truly make a difference for fish and wildlife in America. The Sportsmen's Challenge grants will help support these efforts in communities across America

Yours in conservation,

Doug
Douglas H. Grann
President & CEO

Upland Bird Project Highlights



Improving Upland Habitat in Northern Washington

The upland bird population of the Tonasket Ranger District in the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests got a major boost, thanks to a fencing project supported by Wildlife Forever.

The fences were designed to control livestock along Cox Creek and in Cox Meadow, which were overgrazing and preventing grasses and sedges in the meadow from serving as important habitat for ruffed grouse and other upland birds. Vegetation began recovering immediately after the fences were constructed.

Guzzlers for Quail

An ambitious water source program provided better management of water guzzlers in Southern California for quail and larger animals.

Between the 1940s and 1960s the California Department of Fish and Game constructed 2,000 artificial water sources in the state. Unfortunately, over time, the locations of these guzzlers had been lost due to budget cuts and personnel changes. Wildlife Forever and several Quail Unlimited chapters provided global positioning system (GPS) equipment for wildlife biologists to pinpoint the location of these guzzlers in order to maintain them for quail and larger animals.



Upland Habitat Created For Indiana Forest

Wild turkey and other upland species in the Hoosier National Forest received new and improved brood habitat, thanks to Wildlife Forever and the U.S. Forest Service. Over 125 acres received edge maintenance, involving the cutting back of encroaching cedar and small trees. About 76 forest openings were maintained to remain open and provide habitat for wildlife species.

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Private Stewardship Provides Protection for 900 Acres

More than 900 acres in South Dakota's Black Hills region recently became public property. The land was saved from potential resort development and now becomes key wildlife habitat and a favorite destination for hunters, hikers, and campers. Thanks to financial support from Wildlife Forever, the land was purchased and the public has more land to enjoy. Among the wildlife that are benefiting from this purchase include wild turkeys, white-tailed deer, mule deer, neotropical migratory songbirds and other species.



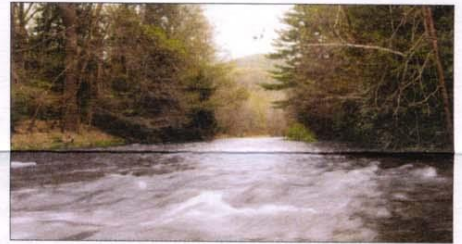


Nebraska Landowners Help Upland Birds

Nebraska has improved wildlife habitat for upland birds, thanks to support from Wildlife Forever. The project focused on corners of center pivot irrigation fields by providing incentive to landowners to make long-term wildlife habitat improvements including winter cover plantings and nesting cover establishment. Over 84,000 trees and 890 acres of nesting cover were planted, providing a critical component for resident wildlife that is missing from much of Nebraska's fields and prairies.

Upland Project Adds 15,000 Acres

"This property is a real gem!" stated Barry Jones, a former Land Management Supervisor for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, about a two-mile stretch of the Little Schuylkill River in Schuylkill County. Soon after, Wildlife Forever joined an effort to acquire the 1,510-acre property, doubling the size of a State Game Land area open for public use. The Game Commission has improved the habitat through forest management, with an emphasis on increasing the wild turkey, grouse and deer habitat.



Low Numbers Available On New Limited Edition Knife

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More Upland Habitat

Two hundred acres of rugged, mountainous terrain in Campbell County, **Tennessee** was enhanced for upland birds, thanks to support from Wildlife Forever. The Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area (WMA) was dominated by mature hardwood forests. By clearing and planting 200 acres in long linear strips linking fields throughout the target areas, a significant portion of the Royal Blue WMA's 50,000 acres were improved for bobwhite quail, wild turkey, and ruffed grouse.

Wild Turkeys Re-Introduced

Wild turkey enthusiasts in **Delaware** have seen the numbers of these majestic birds increase thanks to support from Wildlife Forever. Approximately 15 wild turkeys were obtained from another state and released in western Delaware at a location that was not populated by wild turkeys. The release was coordinated by the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. When the population has grown to a sufficient level, the area will be included in the annual lottery for turkey hunting permits.



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Vast Enhanced Area Serves Upland Birds

More than 2,500 acres were improved to help upland game birds and other wildlife species in **New York's** Finger Lakes National Forest, thanks to help from Wildlife Forever. Prescribed burns were used to improve the conditions in tracts of shrub lands, grasslands, and pasture. Approximately 65 percent of the vertebrate species in the region rely upon the created habitat for their life requirements. The fires have opened areas and promoted grasses to grow and create more beneficial wildlife nature sites and habitat.

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