



SEEKING FARMERS

Get paid to transform your fields into temporary habitat for migratory shorebirds!

2024 LATE SUMMER FARMLANDS HABITAT PROGRAM

The BirdReturns program is now soliciting applications for the Late Summer Farmlands Habitat Program, which compensates growers for providing critical habitat for waterbirds during their migration from mid-July to September 30. BirdReturns is managed by the Migratory Bird Conservation Partnership in partnership with the Delta Conservancy, with funding and support from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. **VISIT [BIRDRETURNS.ORG](https://birdreturns.org) AND APPLY > May 8 - June 17, 2024 at noon**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Farmers located in the Sacramento Valley and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta regions.
- Most row or field crops are suitable where shallow flooding (mud flats up to 4 inches) can be maintained.
- Fields must be open with no trees or vines.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- Post-harvest stubble management
- Provide habitat for a minimum of 3 weeks between July 15-September 30.
 - Weeks 1-3: Shallow flooding
 - Weeks 4-5: Evaporative drawdown
- Minimum of 30 acres

LEARN MORE! Join us at an in-person workshop!

Lunch and giveaways will be provided!

North Delta

Staten Island House
23319 N. Staten Island Rd. Thornton, CA 95686

➤ May 21 or June 11 at noon

South Delta

San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation
3290 Ad Art Rd. Stockton, CA 95215

➤ May 22 or June 12 at noon

Sacramento Valley

Yuba – Sutter Farm Bureau
475 Palora Ave STE A Yuba City, CA 95991

➤ May 23 or June 13 at noon

QUESTIONS? VISIT birdreturns.org OR CONTACT US:

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NEW!! Virtual workshop coming to our website in late May!



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Imagine traveling thousands of miles without food or rest. Migratory birds arriving in the Delta **are in dire need of safe habitat to complete their migrations.**

Wet fields in late summer and early fall make a difference because shallow flooding mimics historically plentiful mud flat conditions, helping migratory shorebirds rest and refuel on their southward migrations along the Pacific Flyway.

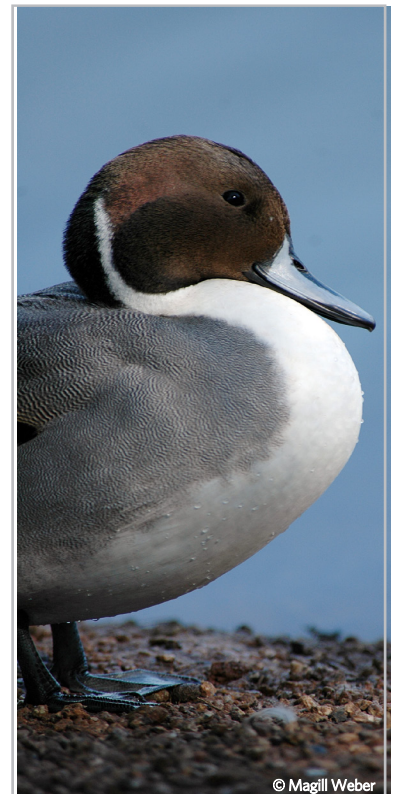


Guest Speakers Include:

- **Julia Barfield**, Program Manager at The Nature Conservancy
- **Billy Abbott**, Avian Field Science Manager at The Nature Conservancy or **Greg Golet**, Senior Scientist at The Nature Conservancy
- **Representatives from the Delta Conservancy**

Additional representatives from Audubon California may be on site.

Apply at [BirdReturns.org](https://birdreturns.org)



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