



# Trinity Bird Count

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# North Central Texas Master Birders



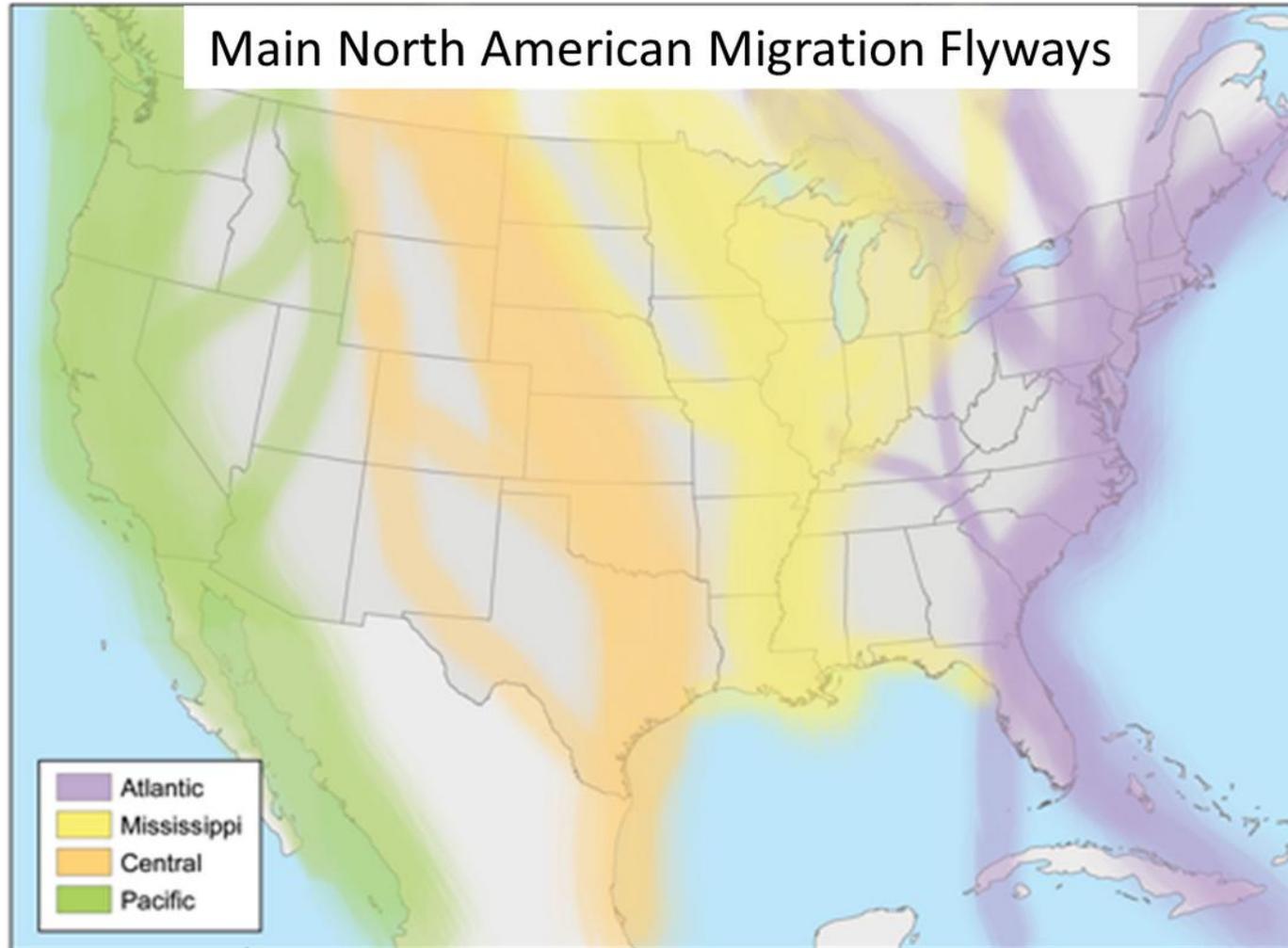
Texas is host to more species of birds—about 630—than can be found in any other state or province in North America. Some species cannot be found anywhere else!



Over 385 species have been seen in North Central Texas



More than half of the birds seen in Texas don't live here year-round. They are just passing through!



# Bird Seasons in North Central Texas

Spring (migration) March-May

Summer June-July

Fall (migration) August-November

Winter December-February

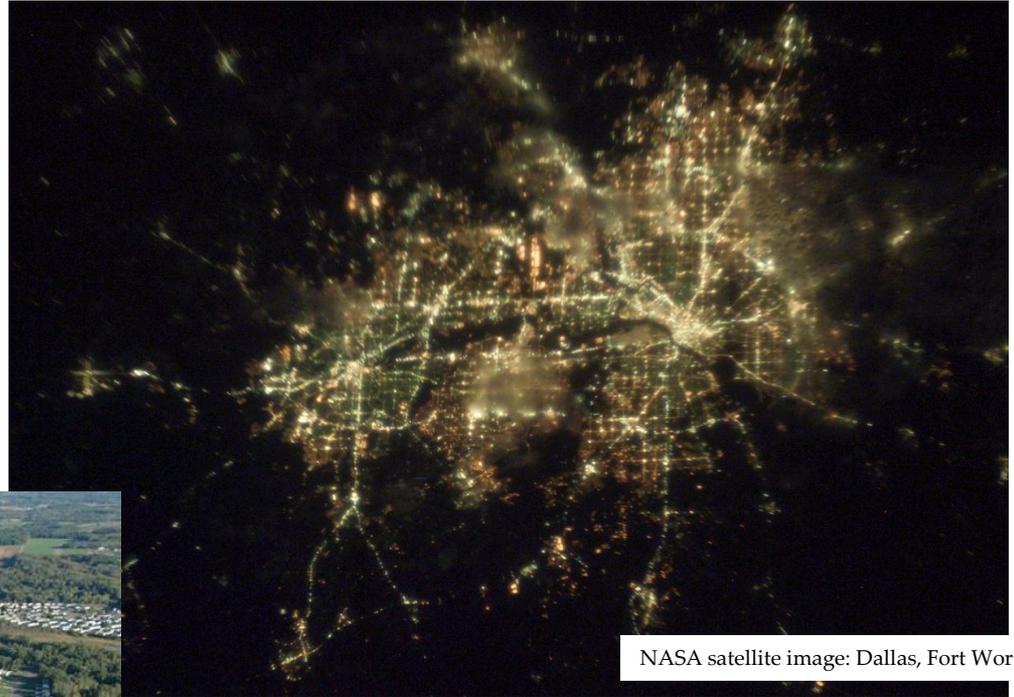
# Many birds are struggling to cope with human's alterations of their habitat



Google Maps: Plano, Texas



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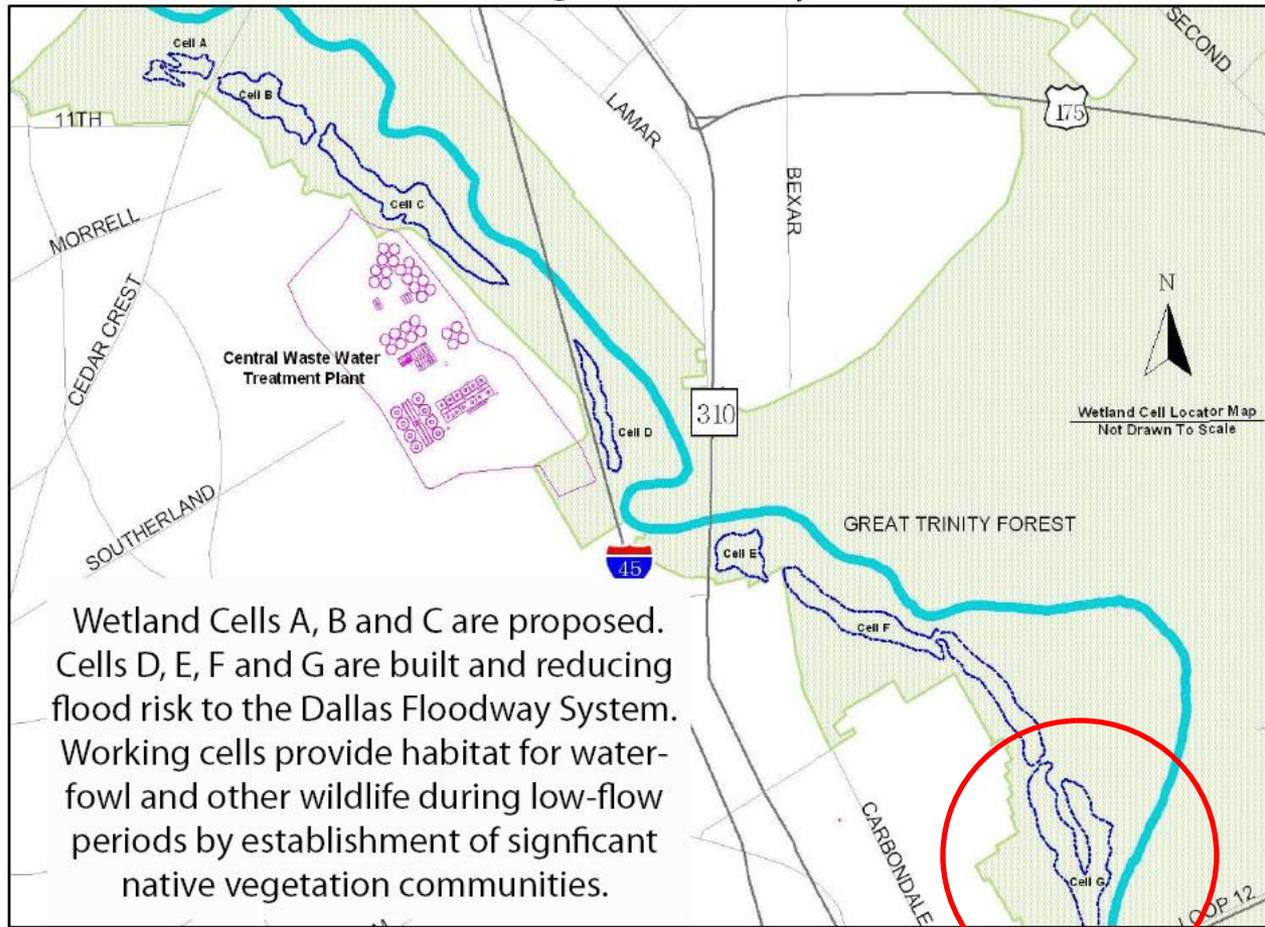


NASA satellite image: Dallas, Fort Worth

Protecting and developing the places they live is important. For them and... for us!



## Wetland cells along the Trinity River in Dallas



Wetland Cells A, B and C are proposed. Cells D, E, F and G are built and reducing flood risk to the Dallas Floodway System. Working cells provide habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife during low-flow periods by establishment of significant native vegetation communities.

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Construction of the Lower Chain of Wetlands began in 2004



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The Trinity Bird Count was designed to accomplish two broad goals

- Gather more information about the bird activity throughout the Trinity River Corridor during all four seasons of the year.
- Get people out into the Trinity River Corridor to discover and enjoy the natural treasures that exist in the middle of Dallas



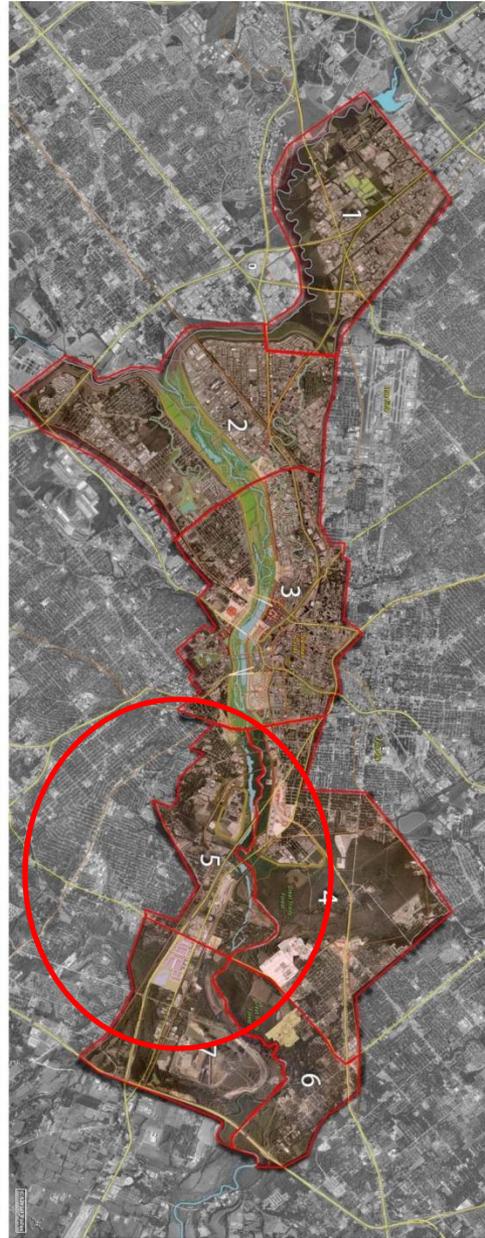
TRINITY COMMONS FOUNDATION





Started  
Spring  
2011

1-Elm Fork 2-Levee Stretch A 3-Levee Stretch B 4-Great Trinity Forest 5-Chain of Wetlands 6-Audubon Center 7-McCommas Bluff



# Common birds in Dallas neighborhoods



Northern Cardinal



Carolina Chickadee



Northern Mockingbird



Blue Jay

# Birds in the woods on the edge of the wetland



Painted Bunting



Red-shouldered Hawk



Mississippi Kite

# Grassland birds



Savannah Sparrow



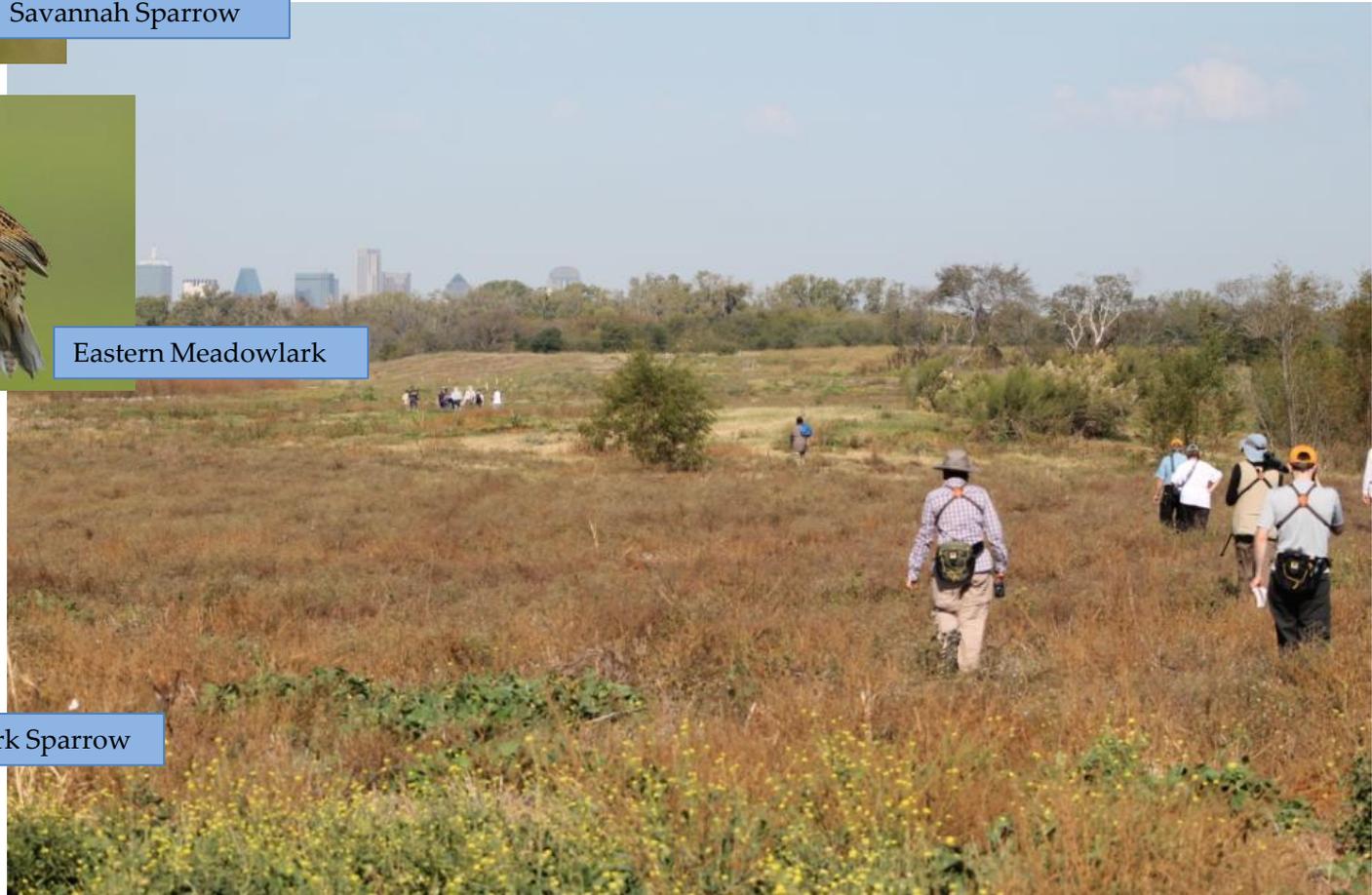
Western Kingbird



Eastern Meadowlark



Lark Sparrow



# Wetland birds



Common Yellowthroat



Black-necked Stilt



Blue-winged Teal



Green Heron

# Occasional winter visitor!



Bald Eagle

# At the end of the first year of the Trinity Bird Count

- Over 21,500 birds, 164 species were seen in Dallas' Trinity River Corridor!
- The most birds have been seen in Area 5 (the Lower Chain of Wetlands): 125 species!



# Thank you!



Audubon Texas now coordinates the continuation of the Trinity Bird Count project. Staff at both the Trinity River and Dogwood Canyon Audubon Centers work with interested volunteers to continue birding exploration of the Trinity River Corridor. The Trinity Commons Foundation will provide assistance for this continuing effort.

## We hope you will join us in the future!