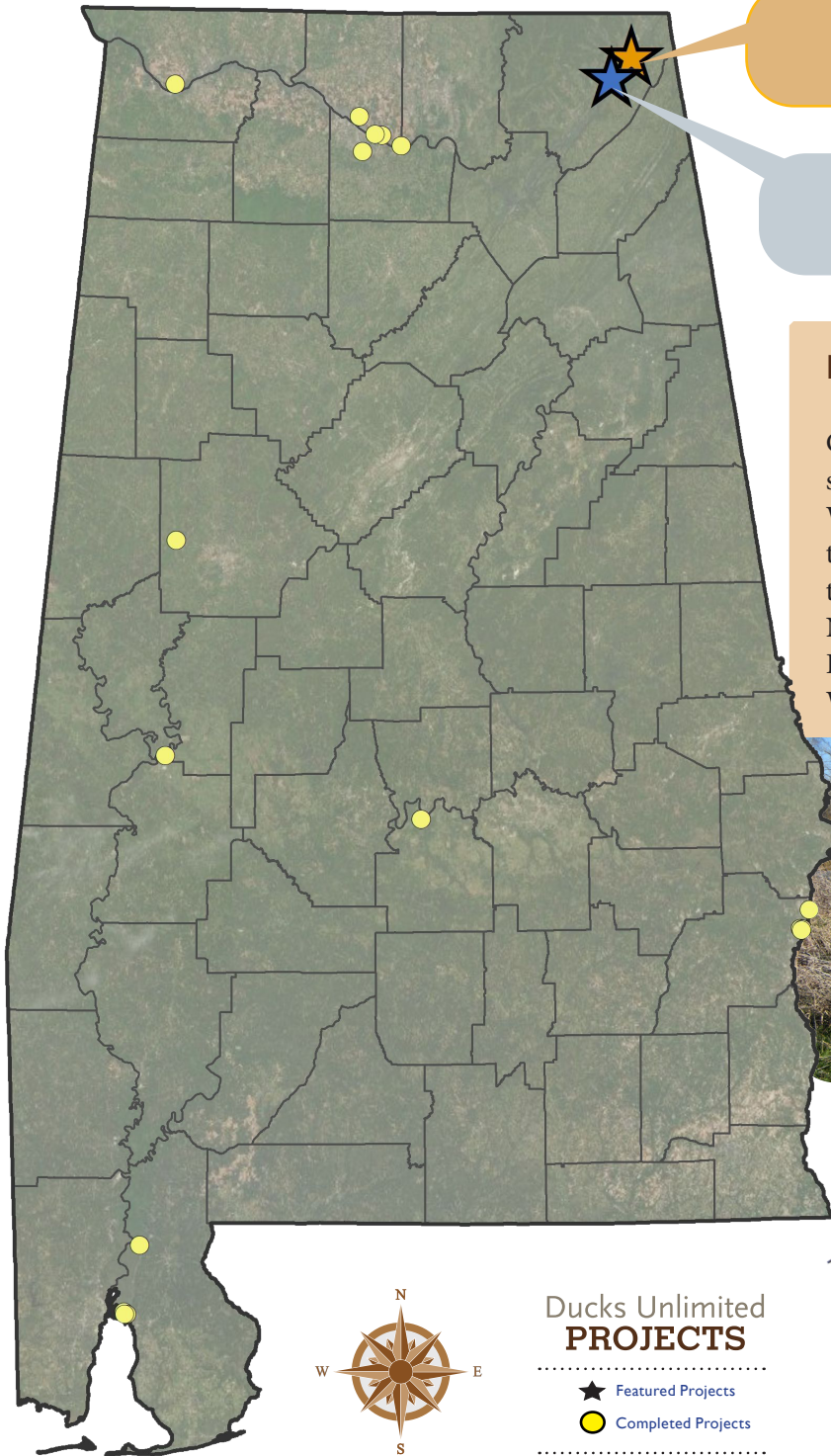


ALABAMA

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RACCOON CREEK WMA

MUD CREEK WMA

PUBLIC LAND IMPROVEMENTS

DU will be working at Mud Creek and Raccoon Creek wildlife management areas (WMA) this spring and summer installing a new pump at each WMA and replacing water-control structures to facilitate management. The partnership with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will enhance 1,100 acres at Raccoon Creek WMA and 155 acres on Mud Creek WMA.



Ducks Unlimited PROJECTS

- ★ Featured Projects
- Completed Projects

FUNDRAISING UPDATE AND VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Ducks Unlimited, and Alabama has some of the best. Alabama boasts more than 8,700 members, including 745 volunteers who hosted 490 events in 2019, raising more than \$872,024 to support DU's conservation mission. Those dollars enable DU to complete extensive conservation work in Alabama and on the breeding grounds that produce Alabama's waterfowl.

One pair of ALDU's dedicated volunteers is a dynamic, mother-daughter duo who brighten up any room with their positive attitudes. Shannon Markley, Zone 8 District Chair and Amber Markley, co-chair of the Lake Eufaula chapter are avid waterfowl, bear and deer hunters and anglers. Their passion for the outdoors is as contagious as their laughter.

"I believe in Ducks Unlimited and the efforts the organization puts into saving our natural resources," Shannon explained. "What we do now will ultimately decide how well things thrive years from now. Ducks Unlimited is one of the few organizations that gives back a large majority of received funds to actual conservation. It makes me proud to be a part of something so large and great."

The Markleys understand how crucial it is to include family in DU and outdoor adventures, and they are dedicated to sharing the importance of saving what we are given while we have the chance.



STATE CAMPAIGN REPORT AND SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

The Alabama State Campaign Committee secured 2 new Life Sponsors and 9 sponsor upgrades in 2019. This team raised more than \$246,000 in new cash and nearly \$170,000 in new commitments to benefit DU's highest conservation priorities. Clearly, major sponsors in Alabama are making a difference for the future of wetlands, waterfowl and waterfowl hunting.



Henry and Leta Gaulden from Morris, Alabama, have set a high bar for Ducks Unlimited supporters. The couple represents everything that has made Ducks Unlimited the organization it is today. For more than 30 years Henry has been a dedicated AL DU volunteer, serving in numerous capacities at the local, state and national level, and Leta is never far behind with an unwavering willingness to jump in and help. They seldom if ever miss an ALDU State Convention or National Convention, and you are likely to see them at your local event.

"In 2019, Henry and Leta made another generous commitment to become Grand Slam Life Sponsors, which also made them Ducks Unlimited Heritage Sponsors through their cumulative giving. Their dedication and continued support of our organization is truly inspiring," said Sr. Director of Development Shawn Battison.

ALABAMA BY THE NUMBERS

2019

- \$875,024 raised
- 49 events

CUMULATIVE

- 18,790 acres conserved
- \$2,070,632 invested

ADCNR's cumulative contributions to DU for habitat conservation in Canada: \$1,919,117.

(Information through 1/1/20)

Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.

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