

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary  
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher

Program: WHIP 2008	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program?	40 Point(s)
1. b. Address and support existing conservation initiatives such as but not limited to the following or new conservation initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans: Sage Grouse, Lesser Prairie Chicken, Longleaf Pine, New England-New York Forestry	40 Point(s)
1. c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	20 Point(s)
1. d. Benefit prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	20 Point(s)
1. e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	20 Point(s)
1. f. Eradicate or control prioritized noxious or invasive species?	20 Point(s)
1. g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the State WHIP Plan?	20 Point(s)
1. h. Implement conservation practices which benefit prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	15 Point(s)
1. i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	10 Point(s)
1. j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	10 Point(s)
1. k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for prioritized wildlife?	15 Point(s)

Business Lines – Conservation Implementation - Additional Ranking Considerations – Will the applicant in the proposed project:	
2. a. Complete habitat development within the first two years of the agreement?	20 Point(s)

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Based upon available species occurrence data and information, is the SWFL assumed to occur within the offered area? 300 Pts	300 Point(s)
2. Is the offered area adjacent or proximate (as appropriate to species dispersal abilities) to areas with known populations? 100 Pts	100 Point(s)
3. Is there credible verification (with or without a site visit) of species occurrence (for example photos, Heritage Database, USFWS, NRCS or State fish and wildlife agency documentation)? 75 Pts	75 Point(s)
4. Will 75% or more of the practices be located within the 'Focal Area'? 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
5. Screening Criteria - High Priority Applications within the Focal Area where a core practice will be installed on all of the contract acres will be placed in the HIGH priority category. 0 Pts	0 Point(s)
6. Screening Criteria - Medium Priority Applications where a core practice will be installed outside the Focal Area and that meet state specified criteria will be placed in the MEDIUM priority category. OR applications within the Focal Area where a core practice will not be installed on the entire contract acres will also be placed in the MEDIUM priority category. 0 Pts	0 Point(s)
7. Screening Criteria - Low Priority Any application not meeting the above criteria will be placed in the LOW priority category. 0 Pts	0 Point(s)

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Select Question 1, 2 or 3 - Impaired stream/floodplain hydrology that has restoration potential, and the applicant agrees to restore hydrology function on the offered acres, by including one or more of practices 314, 395, 390, 391, 657, 659. 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
2. Functional or partially functional stream/floodplain hydrology that will be enhanced by planning/implementing one or more structural or vegetative practices related to practices 314, 390, 391, 395, 657, 659. 15 Pts	15 Point(s)

3. Impaired stream/floodplain hydrology with no hydrology restoration potential. Application will be placed in the LOW priority category. 0 Pts	0 Point(s)
4. Select Question 4, 5 or 6 - Within the existing riparian area, invasive woody plants (e.g. salt cedar, russian olive, mesquite, etc.) are present at <25% cover. Applicant agrees to implement practices (e.g. 314, 390 and/or 391) to reduce invasive plant cover and restore native vegetation. 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
5. Within the existing riparian area, invasive woody plants (e.g. salt cedar, russian olive, mesquite, etc.) are present at <25% cover. Applicant agrees to implement practices e.g. 314, 390 and/or 391) to reduce invasive plant cover and restore to a primarily native plant community. 10 Pts	10 Point(s)
6. Within the existing riparian area, invasive woody plants (e.g. salt cedar, russian olive, mesquite, etc.) dominate (>50% cover) or the site cannot support a native plant community. 0 Pts	0 Point(s)
7. The width of the woody riparian area extends 1 times, or less, the active channel width on each side of the waterway or it covers at least 1/2 of the active floodplain. The applicant agrees to extend the riparian zone to greater than 2 times the active channel width on each side or to cover the majority of the active floodplain by implementing practices such as 314, 395, 390, 391. 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
8. Through a prescribed grazing management plan (528) the applicant agrees to exclude livestock from the riparian area until vegetation is fully restored (generally 5 years post restoration) and will avoid grazing during the nesting season (April 15-Sept. 15). Other practices which facilitate livestock grazing may be needed. 25 Pts	25 Point(s)
9. All SWFL WHEG limiting habitat factors will have an 'after plan implementation' score of 0.5 or greater. 80 Pts	80 Point(s)
10. Select Question 10 or 11 The overall cumulative SWFL WHEG improvement (difference between the 'before' and 'after' score) is >0.75. 40 Pts	40 Point(s)
11. The overall cumulative SWFL WHEG improvement (difference between the 'before' and 'after' score) is >0.5 - 0.75. 20 Pts	20 Point(s)
12. Partner contributions (including in-kind) committed in writing (i.e. letter of intent) by the contract signing date, will cover at least 10% of the participants total cost. 15 Pts	15 Point(s)

13. Applicant(s) who have or are currently pursuing a conservation easement, or land transfer to a conservation entity, which has a goal of ensuring long-term SWFL habitat. 15 Pts	15 Point(s)
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**Land Use:**

**Crop;**

**Forest;**

**Grazed Forest;**

**Grazed Range;**

**Hay;**

**Native/Naturalized Pasture;**

**Natural Area;**

**Pasture;**

**Wildlife;**

Resource Concerns	Practices
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Access Control
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Animal Trails and Walkways
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Brush Management
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Fence
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Forage and Biomass Planting
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Forest Stand Improvement
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Heavy Use Area Protection
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Herbaceous Weed Control
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Integrated Pest Management
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Pipeline
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Prescribed Grazing
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Riparian Forest Buffer
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Structure for Water Control
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Water Well
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Watering Facility
Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality	Wetland Restoration
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Herbaceous Weed Control
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Prescribed Grazing
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Restoration and Management of Rare and D
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Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Stream Habitat Improvement and
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Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Watering Facility
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Wetland Enhancement
Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation	Wetland Restoration
Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations	Access Control

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Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Access Control
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Animal Trails and Walkways
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Brush Management
Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Forage and Biomass Planting
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Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter	Wetland Restoration
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Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Forage and Biomass Planting
Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants	Forest Stand Improvement
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