

ATLANTIC COAST JOINT VENTURE

South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative

Integrate planning and implementation efforts among the four major bird conservation initiatives and game bird initiatives in the southeastern coastal plain, seeking common goals and objectives for habitat conservation

The South Atlantic Migratory Bird Initiative (SAMBI) began in June of 1999 when the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture Management Board voted unanimously to deliver conservation of all birds across all habitats. The planning area is the eastern portion of Bird Conservation Region (BCR) 27, the Southeastern Coastal Plain, and includes the coastal plain of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The initiative's primary goals are to 1) integrate the goals and objectives of other major bird conservation planning initiatives with those of the ACJV, 2) determine priority habitats and species on which to focus conservation efforts, 3) delineate "all bird" focus areas, 4) develop populations and habitat objectives for high priority species, 5) and identify projects for implementation. In nine years, SAMBI has proven to be very successful in:

- delivering habitat conservation for all birds across all habitats; approximately \$38 million has been awarded for the conservation of over 225,000 acres at 77 project sites. Over two hundred twenty partners provided \$176 million in matching funds,
- serving as a model for integrated bird conservation planning in Canada, U.S., and Mexico,
- serving as a forum for both intra-state and inter-state collaboration and coordination for the delivery of habitat conservation for high priority species and habitats,
- establishing functional and active SAMBI State Working Groups,
- engaging in and facilitating new efforts such as the SAMBI Carbon Sequestration Task Force, Historic Ricefields Initiative; and working with regional initiatives on the painted bunting, swallow-tailed kite, American oystercatcher, and marine birds,
- establishing a SAMBI webpage providing plan components and other activities pertinent to bird conservation in the South Atlantic Coastal Plain.



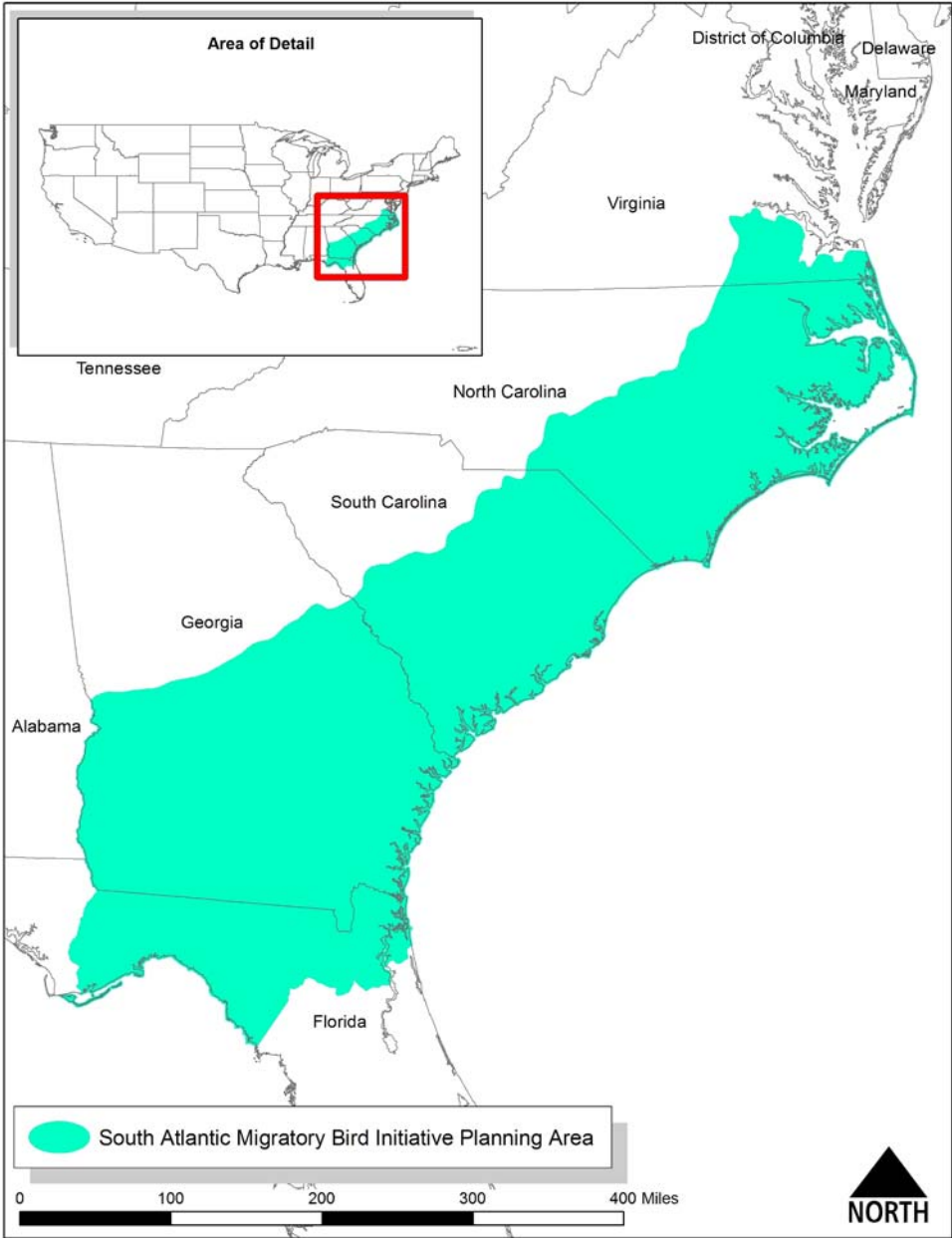
Recently, a multi-state grant funded through the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies titled: "Designing Sustainable Landscapes for Bird Populations in the Eastern United States", is being piloted in the SAMBI Planning area. A partnership between the USGS Coop Units at North Carolina State University, Auburn University, the ACJV, and the SAMBI states will work to design a sustainable landscape across the SAMBI Planning area for priority habitats and species in the face of urban growth and climate change. The SAMBI Implementation Plan and webpage is available at <http://acjv.org/> (new web url).

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