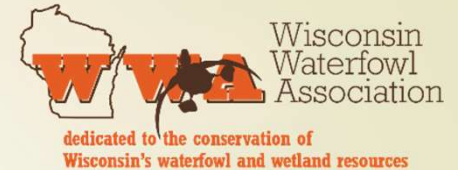




2018 Adopt a Wildlife Area Report



Program Overview



What have we done to date?

- Deployment of Wood Duck boxes and nesting structures.
- Invasive species eradication and education, through purple loosestrife beetle projects and boot cleaning stations.
- Clearing projects for brush control, habitat restoration or ease of public access and safety.
- Maintenance projects like repainting gates with high visibility yellow.
- Parking lot clean-ups.
- Wetland and lake clean-ups.
- Education through project reports via email, social media, and our website www.wisducks.org.
- Waterfowl identification panels on public lands.
- Helping with signage maintenance like closed areas for hunting.
- Experimental projects like floating nesting platforms for black terns.
- Grant application writing for nesting island restoration and wetland restoration, with our first AWA focused grant approved in August of 2018 for Lake Mills Wildlife Area.

AWA Status by Wildlife Area

• Rome Pond WA	105.5 hrs / \$1000
• George W Mead WA	129 hrs 2018
• Lake Mills WA	8 hrs / New Grant
• Jackson Marsh WA	50 hrs / Due May
• Paradise Valley WA	0 hrs / Due June
• Big Muskego WA	5 hrs / Due March
• Mud Lake WA	96 hrs/ Due March

Wood Duck Installation Success

- Boxes were newly installed:
 - Jackson Marsh WA
 - Rome Pond WA
 - Mud Lake WA
- Boxes were relocated on Paradise Valley WA
- Inspections and maintenance were done:
 - George W Mead WA w/ UWSP Students
 - Paradise Valley WA
 - Rome Pond WA
 - Lake Mills WA



Nest Tube Installation Success



- Nesting Tubes were added to:
 - Mud Lake WA
 - Jackson Marsh WA
 - Rome Pond WA



Chain Saw Training

- ▶ Training was funded by the DNR with trained chainsaw specialists instructing the class.
- ▶ The classes were held at George W Mead WA and Mud Lake WA for WWA volunteers from Wausau, Madison and Waukesha Chapters



Clearing Projects



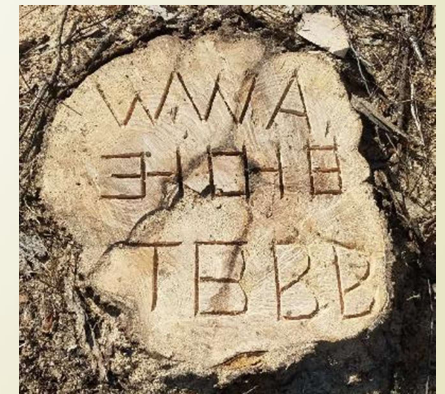
- Paradise Valley WA Clearing Projects at Beaver Dam Lake and School Section Units



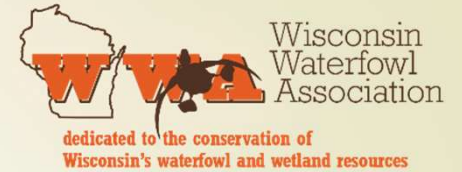
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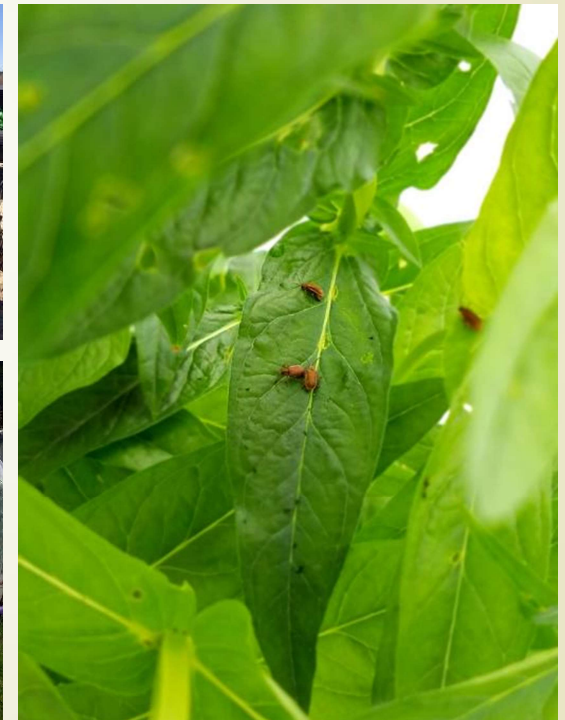
- Clearing Projects at George W Mead WA, Rome Pond WA and Jackson Marsh WA



Purple Loosestrife Project



- Rome Pond WA: Volunteers and DNR Staff removed plants from the marsh, infested them with purple loosestrife eating beetles and replanted them into the marsh in a two to three month project.



Black Tern Nest Platforms – Rome Pond WA



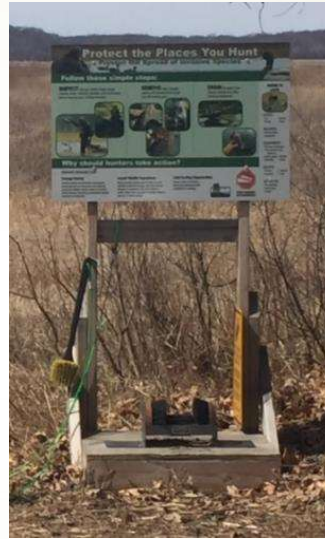
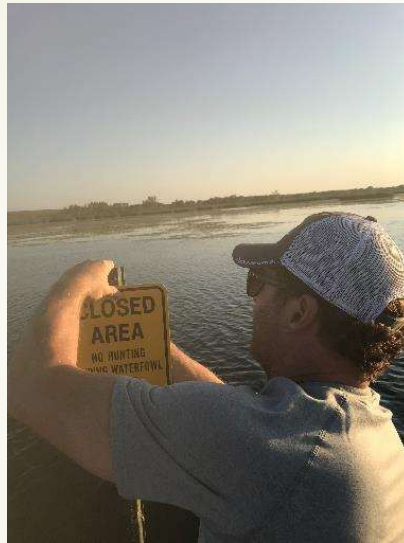
Marsh and Lake Clean-ups



- Blind Removal at Rome Pond WA and Smith Lake in Support of Jackson Marsh WA



Miscellaneous Projects



- Duck Banding at Lake Mills WA
- Closed Area Posting at Mud Lake WA
- Boot Cleaning Station Construction
- Apple Tree Planting at Mud Lake WA
- Gate Painting at Paradise Valley WA