

Incentive Programs Workshop

Central Valley Growers, please join our
upcoming workshop on 2025 conservation programs.

We are thrilled to invite you to an event hosted by the **Migratory Bird Conservation Partnership**, where we will dive into conservation program opportunities available for growers like you. This is a chance to connect with key partners, including the **California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation**, **California Waterfowl Association**, **The Nature Conservancy**, and other organizations, to learn about the practices and how to get **compensated** for participating. **See back page for more details on highlighted programs**

Lunch will be provided!

RSVP today at birds@tnc.org to ensure we have enough food and materials ready for you.

Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to connect, ask questions, and provide feedback!

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Staten Island House
23319 N. Staten Island Rd, Thornton, CA 95686

- **February 26th: 12-2 p.m.**
**RSVP by February 21st

Sacramento Valley

Ag Commissioners Office – UCCE
142 Garden Hwy, Yuba City, CA 95991

- **March 12th: 12-2 p.m.**
**RSVP by March 7th



Highlighted Programs:

- **Bid4Birds| California Ricelands Waterbird Foundation | Kristin Sesser, California Rice Commission**
Provides financial assistance for rice farmers, mostly through competitive auctions, to create habitat with targeted seasonal flooding in the spring and fall for migratory birds. More details available at calricewaterbirds.org
- **BirdReturns-Late Summer Farmlands Habitat Program | Migratory Bird Conservation Partnership | Julia Barfield, The Nature Conservancy**
Provides financial assistance for farmers of various field crops in the Delta and Sacramento Valley regions to create shallow-flooded habitat for migratory waterbirds during the late summer/fall and spring shoulder seasons. More details at birdreturns.org
- **BirdReturns-Wetlands | Migratory Bird Conservation Partnership | Ashley Seufzer, Audubon California**
Provides financial assistance for private wetland managers in the entire Central Valley to provide flooded habitat for migratory waterbirds in late spring and early fall, and nesting and brood-rearing habitat in summer. More details at birdreturns.org
- **Delta Rice Conversion Incentive Program | The Nature Conservancy and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy | Jerred Dixon, Conservation Farms & Ranches**
Provides conversion costs to farmers interested in converting existing row crops to rice in the Central Delta to bird-friendly rice cultivation.
- **Egg Salvage | California Waterfowl Association | Jason Coslovich, CWA**
The Egg Salvage Program offers services to growers who have waterfowl nesting activity in their fields. Eggs are rescued before fields are disced, mowed, or harvested and brought back to hatchery facilities where they are raised and released back into the wild.
- **Nesting Bird Habitat Incentive Program | California Waterfowl Association | Jason Coslovich, CWA**
The Nesting Bird Habitat Incentive Program pays landowners to cultivate or retain upland cover such as cover crops, cereal grains, grasses, forbs, and pollinator plants for the benefit of nesting waterfowl, game birds, and pollinators. More details can be found at <https://calwaterfowl.org/nesting-bird-habitat-incentive-program>.

For more information, please visit birdreturns.org or email us at birds@tnc.org

