

LOWER MISSISSIPPI VALLEY JOINT VENTURE

Coordinated Songbird Monitoring Project - Update -

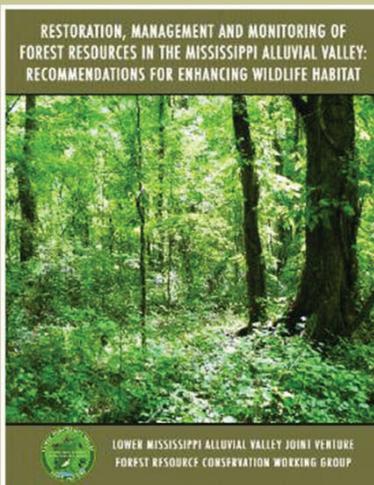
The Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture is a self-directed, non-regulatory private, state, federal conservation partnership that exists for the purpose of sustaining bird populations and their habitats within the Lower Mississippi Valley region through implementing and communicating the goals and objectives of relevant national and international bird conservation plans.



The Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture recently completed a 5-year project to evaluate forest breeding songbirds in relation to forest management on public lands across the Mississippi Alluvial Valley. **A big thanks to all that conducted counts and contributed to the effort.** The data collection portion of the Project was a success with >2,000 point counts being conducted within >300 silvicultural treatments in Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

As with most Projects, there is a snag somewhere along the way. We have had significant difficulty with data formatting and compilation, precluding timely data summarization and analysis. However, through the efforts of Refuge I&M staff in the Southeast, along with staff at the USGS-National Wetlands Center in Lafayette, a solution is in sight. These partners are developing methods (i.e., computer program) that will cross-walk and reconcile data to a common format. This effort is going well and we have approximately 40% of the data reconciled and anticipate completing the remaining data reconciliation in the near future. Once all data is in a common format, Dr. Dan Twedt (USGS-Patuxent Wildlife Research Station) has agreed to assist with analysis and the generation of a summary report. As soon as summary results are available, they will be shared widely.

If you have additional questions, feel free to contact Randy Wilson (601.965.4903 ext 300).



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