



Mellish Uplands Project

The Tom Smalling Marsh - Arkansas' 5th Legacy Greenwing Project

The **LEGACY GREENWING** program is a bridge between Ducks Unlimited's habitat conservation and youth programs and is open to youths up to age 17 for a one-time contribution of \$200. Legacy Greenwing membership funds are dedicated to a waterfowl habitat project on the Canadian breeding grounds, with the child's name cast on a bronze plaque placed on a cairn erected at the project site. This membership forever links the child to DU's mission of waterfowl habitat conservation on the Canadian breeding grounds.

LOCATION: The Mellish Uplands project lies near the town of Allen, Saskatchewan, approximately 47 miles southeast of Saskatoon in the parkland ecoregion. It is situated within one of the most productive waterfowl areas of North America – the Allan Hills - and is 12 miles south of the A.J. Cline / Don McSwain Project, Arkansas' 4th Legacy Greenwing Project.

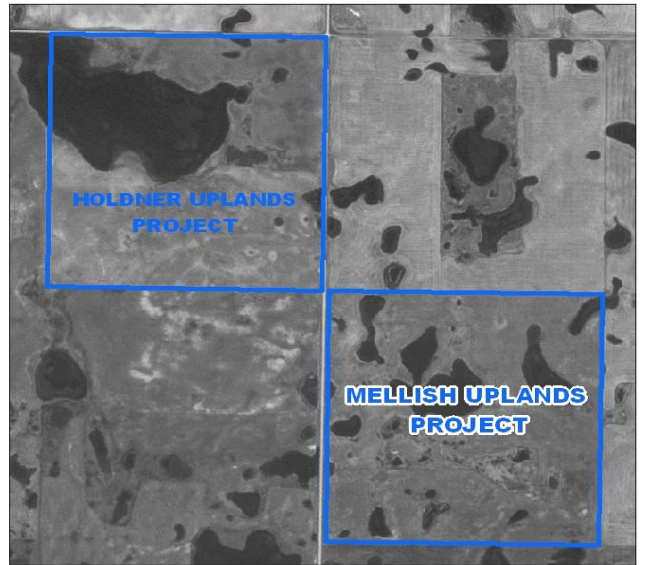
DESCRIPTION: The project consists of 97 acres of dense nesting cover, 23.5 acres of wetland and 39.5 acres of native parkland. Adding to the value of this project is the high wetland density in the surrounding area and its close proximity to several other DU projects.

IMPROVEMENTS: The property was purchased in 2001 and managed for 3 years prior to seeding. In 2004 the 97 acres were seeded to a perennial cover mixture of 5 grass species and 2 forb species. In 2005 a small 2 acre wetland was restored by constructing an earthen plug in an existing ditch. The now well-established cover and intact wetlands makes this an excellent duck production area.

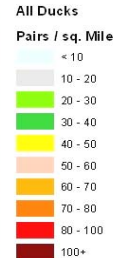
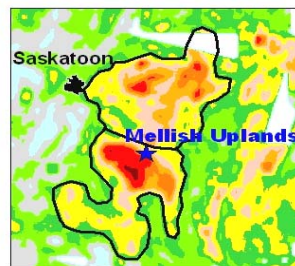
WATERFOWL and OTHER WILDLIFE BENEFITS: The area supports waterfowl densities in excess of 60 pairs per square mile. Some of the common duck species seen in this area include Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, Canvasback, and Lesser Scaup. The establishment of permanent nesting cover in an area of high wetland density will provide significant waterfowl production value. In addition, many other animals such as whitetail deer, mule deer and numerous species of songbirds also benefit from the habitat improvements.

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Arkansas Ducks Unlimited has committed to raise \$22,000 which will be matched with North American Wetlands Conservation Act funds. Therefore, each Legacy Greenwing membership will leverage \$200 of federal funds, and will go toward completion of the **Tom Smalling Marsh -Mellish Project: Arkansas' 5th Legacy Greenwing Project.**



Allan / Dana Hills Priority Area



A color photograph of the plaque with your child's engraved name will be sent to you following the project dedication. Your tax-deductible contribution will leave a legacy for both a child and North America's waterfowl.

Please return to: **ARKANSAS DUCKS UNLIMITED
LEGACY GREENWING PROGRAM
2401 Mount Carmel Road
Paragould, AR 72450**

____ Enclosed is my check for a \$200 Legacy Greenwing membership.

____ VISA ____ MC ____ DISCOVER ____ AM EX

CARD NUMBER _____ EXP DATE _____

NAME ON CREDIT CARD _____ SIGNATURE _____

LEGACY GREENWING'S NAME _____ BIRTHDATE (MM/YY) ____ / ____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

APPLY to: (ARKANSAS COMMITTEE NUMBER and NAME) _____