

Tulare Basin Riparian & Wildlife Corridor Conservation Report

The Tulare Basin Riparian & Wildlife Corridor Conservation Plan, completed by Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners in 2009, focuses on riparian and wildlife corridors that connect the Tulare Basin with the foothills on three sides: the Sierra Nevada to the east, the Transverse Ranges to the south, and the Coast Ranges to the west; as well as the San Joaquin Valley to the north.

Elevation gradient, coupled with a range of soil chemistry and texture, presents a unique juxtaposition of wet- and dry-adapted plant communities. Throughout the region, riparian systems connect the entire habitat continuum from high mountain meadows and forests to low elevation deserts, prairies, woodlands and floodplains.

These diverse riparian and wildlife corridors encompass 39 different habitat types, which support populations of 100 threatened, endangered or special status plant and animal species. This conservation plan seeks to conserve or restore movement and migration corridors from the Tulare Basin to protected areas in the foothills and mountains along rivers, streams, creeks and upland corridors.

The Tulare Basin Riparian & Wildlife Corridor Conservation Report recommends the following:

- Protect 350,000 acres of existing upland habitat;
- Protect and restore 185,000 acres of upland habitat;
- Protect and restore 20,000 acres of riparian habitat; and
- Protect and restore 15,000 acres of wetland habitat.

By collaborating with private landowners, businesses and agency partners to conserve important riparian and wildlife corridors, the Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners aims to leave a legacy of protected land and water for our children and grandchildren to enjoy.

[Read more](#) about the report's goals and corridor conservation recommendations.