

UPLAND SANDPIPER AND GRASSHOPPER SPARROW MANAGEMENT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES 2009 – 2024

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GOAL

Ensure the long-term viability of Upland Sandpipers and Grasshopper Sparrows and their habitat in Maine to prevent extirpation, maintain genetic diversity, and maintain or increase viewing opportunities for these species.

Funding Objective: By 2010, develop a plan and begin to secure funding to accomplish the following objectives.

Outreach Objective: Through 2024, and in conjunction with partners, continue to conduct outreach regarding grassland habitats in Maine. Outreach should target affected towns, landowners, conservation partners, and the general public.

Upland Sandpiper

Population Objective: By 2024, promote expansion of the Upland Sandpiper breeding population to at least 300 nesting pairs.

Habitat Objective: By 2024, improve compatible, long-term management on at least the top 10% of Upland Sandpiper sites in Maine, to encourage population growth.

Research Objective: By 2024, determine limiting factors of Upland Sandpiper habitat in order to develop compatible management practices.

Grasshopper Sparrow

Population Objective: By 2024, promote expansion of the Grasshopper Sparrow breeding population to a five-year average of at least 100 nesting pairs (i.e. singing males) distributed among at least three sites in Maine.

Habitat Objective 1: By 2024, maintain or enhance habitats for existing populations of Grasshopper Sparrows.

Habitat Objective 2: By 2024, investigate, and if possible, identify at least one new area that can be realistically managed to help meet the population objective for Grasshopper Sparrows.

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Research Objective: Determine minimum viable population size for Grasshopper Sparrow.