



Birds are sensitive indicators of the condition of ecosystems that support life.

Scaled Quail at left by Jeff Bennett  
Natural beaver dam shown below (crossing stream at left) by Jeff Bennett  
Baird's Sparrow below right by Alan Schmierer

**SCIENCE**

The RGJV conducts and applies research, and monitors range conditions and how bird populations respond, to target root causes of problems and achieve lasting results.

**VOLUNTARY CONSERVATION**

Because land in Texas and northern Mexico is overwhelmingly privately-owned, the RGJV helps landowners to achieve forage, wildlife, and habitat goals for their operations.

**RGJV  
PARTNERSHIP**

The Rio Grande Joint Venture (RGJV) is a bird conservation partnership of federal, state, non-profit, and research organizations in the U.S. and Mexico. RGJV and partners work to achieve voluntary conservation of birds, their habitats, and the ecosystems that support life throughout the Chihuahuan Desert, Tamaulipan Brushlands, and Laguna Madre of Mexico.



We achieve positive changes on the ground and in the water by working collaboratively with partners, landowners, and communities.







# RIO GRANDE JOINT VENTURE

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Connecting  
landowners and  
communities  
through bird  
conservation.

The photo below shows a riparian area in west Texas by Jeff Bennett. Back cover shows west Texas grassland by Jeff Bennett

“What’s good for the herd is  
good for the bird!”

The RGJV provides financial incentives to landowners and communities to improve water availability, range condition, and habitats for livestock and wildlife.

