

Jordan River Riparian Wildlife Habitat Restoration Demonstration Areas

This list was compiled by Dr. Ty Harrison, (Jan 15, 2011) as examples of recent, successful native riparian restoration projects in Salt Lake County which could be used for field trip destinations, public education and edible native plant foraging.

1. **Willow Creek Restoration Project.** Great Salt Lake Audubon Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve from 10700 S. to 11000S. The earliest native tree and shrub plantings were started in 1997, with almost yearly later plantings to 2010. Over 98,000 seedling trees and shrubs have been planted there on a 120 acre parcel.
2. **Wildlife Grove Plantings.** Five, 100 ft. diameter circular wildlife groves, each with approximately 140 native tree and shrub species, were planted in 2010-2011 on the historic Hardcastle and Harrison Pasture areas of the Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve. Keith Johnson with Great Salt Lake Audubon is the contact person.
3. **Audubon Riparian Forest.** In 2009 over 7,000 native tree and shrubs were planted on an irrigated 13 acre former pasture. The area is owned and managed by Great Salt Lake Audubon. Keith Johnson is the contact person.
4. **Bend-in-the-River** project of the University of Utah's Bennion Center. The site contains an Urban Tree House facility for outdoor education. The initial planting of native trees and shrubs was by Tree Utah and Bennion Center volunteers in the late 1990's. The location on the east side of the Jordan River Parkway Trail is on Fremont Avenue, immediately south of Salt Lake City's Jordan Park. Current contact person?
5. Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation's **Redwood Nature Area.** This large nature park at approximately 2900 S. on the west side of the Jordan River, has had an extensive exotic removal of Russian Olive and planting of native trees and shrubs. In 2010 a Trees for Eagles Wildlife Spiral was planted with 140 native trees and shrubs to be signed for public education. Lynn Larson or Morgan Selph with Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation are the contact persons.

6. **River Walk at Bingham Junction Wetland.** This private mitigation site in Midvale at approximately 7200 S. was designed by SWCA an environmental consulting company under private contract. In 2007 several thousand native trees and shrubs were planted on this 13 acre wetland site on the east side of the Jordan River. Eric McCully of SWCS is the contact.

7. **River Bend Natural Area.** This 13 acre parcel at approximately 13200 S. in Riverton, Utah contains an important, remnant floodplain grassland. It is managed by Salt Lake Parks and Recreation who removed exotic trees with a Utah NRCS Wildlife Habitat Improvement grant. Over 300 native trees and shrubs were planted by Tree Utah volunteers in 2010.