

Tax season provides a unique opportunity for Nebraskans to contribute to wildlife and habitat conservation.

Line 42 on the 2011 state income tax form (Form 1040N) allows individuals to donate all or a part of their tax refund to the Wildlife Conservation Fund, which is used to manage nongame and endangered species in the state.

“The check-off is one of the principal sources of state funding used to conserve more than 95 percent of fish and wildlife species that are considered nongame,” said Kristal Stoner, wildlife diversity program manager for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The tax check-off is an important funding source for implementation of Nebraska’s Natural Legacy Project. This plan was developed to conserve wildlife before they become rare and more costly to protect.

For taxpayers not entitled to a state tax refund, contributions can be made via NebraskaWildlifeFund.org or by mail to: The Wildlife Conservation Fund, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370.