

## Ranking Tool Summary

### for FY2013 - Golden Winged-Warbler

(Released 12/14/2012 )

#### Description:

#### Land Uses:

Crop, Forest, Grazed Forest, Grazed Range, Hay, Headquarters, Native/Naturalized Pasture, Natural Area, Pasture, Wildlife

#### Efficiency Score:

Scoring Multiplier: 100.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 100 - 75	Medium: 74 - 50	Low: 49 - 0
The conservation practices that will be established in the proposed contract are in the high point score range	The conservation practices that will be established in the proposed contract are in the medium point score range	The conservation practices that will be established in the proposed contract are in the low point score range

#### Optional Notes:

#### National Priorities:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 250 - 170	Medium: 169 - 90	Low: 89 - 1
The application is in the high point score range for addressing national priorities	The application is in the medium point score range for addressing national priorities	The application is in the low point score range for addressing national priorities

#### Questions:

Number	Question	Points
1	a. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	40
1	b. Support existing or new national or landscape initiatives that support State, National or tribal fish or wildlife plans such as: Working Lands for Wildlife	40
1	c. Benefit federally listed threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, fish or wildlife species of concern?	25
1	d. Benefit State WHIP Plan (SWP) prioritized native habitat critical to a fish or wildlife species?	20
1	e. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	20
1	f. Eradicate or control SWP prioritized noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	15
1	g. Benefit declining or important aquatic wildlife species prioritized in the SWP?	20
1	h. Benefit SWP prioritized fish or wildlife species in forested areas?	15
1	i. Establish habitat on pivot corners and irregular areas on agricultural land?	10
1	j. Provide self-sustaining habitat for SWP prioritized fish and wildlife while reducing net carbon emissions or boosting carbon storage (e.g., warm season perennial grasses, trees or shrubs)?	10
1	k. Benefit migration and other movement corridors for SWP prioritized wildlife?	15
2	a. Implement wildlife habitat practices scheduled in the Schedule or Plan of Operations (NRCS-CPA-1155) within the first two years of date of obligation of the agreement?	20
Total Points		250

#### State Issues:

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 400 - 270	Medium: 269 - 140	Low: 139 - 1
The application is in the high point score range for addressing state resource	The application is in the medium point score range for addressing state	The application is in the low point score range for addressing state resource

concerns	resource concerns	concerns
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Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		Species Presence within or near the offered area. ONLY One YES answer is allowed	
	1	1. Species Presence: Based upon available species occurrence data* and information, is the target species assumed to occur within the offered area? *Is there credible verification of species occurrence (for example, photos, Heritage Database, USFWS, NRCS or State fish and wildlife agency documentation)? This should not be taken to imply that a site visit is required.	50
2		Is the offered area adjacent (i.e. next to, contiguous, touching) or proximate (as appropriate to species dispersal abilities) to areas with known populations? Answer only one.	
	1	1. Is the offered area within the 50% Core Area? Refer to GIS layer.	200
	2	2. Is the offered area within the 75% Core Area? Refer to GIS layer.	150
	3	3. Is the offered area within the 95% Core Area? Refer to GIS layer.	100
3		General	
	1	1. Will 75% or more of the practices be located within the "Focal Area"?	25
4		Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Score (answer only one)	
	1	Is the planned WHEG score > .9	125
	2	Is the planned WHEG score > .8 < .9	75
	3	Is the planned WHEG score > .75 < .8	25
Maximum Points: 400 Total Points			750

**Local Issues:**

Scoring Multiplier: 1.000

Scoring Ranges and Results Text:

High: 250 - 170	Medium: 169 - 90	Low: 89 - 1
The application is in the high point score range for addressing local resource concerns	The application is in the medium point score range for addressing local resource concerns	The application is in the low point score range for addressing local resource concerns

Questions:

Sub-heading Number	Question Number	Question	Points
1		General Questions	
	1	1. For a forested project area, is it adjacent to suitable GWWA early successional open land habitat? For an open land project area, it is adjacent to appropriate GWWA forest habitat?	75
	2	2. The project is in the counties of Lee, Buchanan, Tazewell or Bland (These counties border focal areas in other states but are not part of VA's focal area)?	50
	3	3. The project site is located in a Virginia Important Bird Area?	25
2		Elevation of project site - Pick only one elevation	
	1	1. Project site is =>2200 feet (100 pts)	100
	2	2. Project site is => 2000 feet, but < 2200 feet	75
	3	3. Project site is => 1600 feet, but < 2000 feet	50
	4	4. Project site is< 1600 feet	0
Maximum Points: 250 Total Points			375

**Selected Resource Concerns and Practices:**

- Domestic Animals: Inadequate Quantities and Quality of Feed and Forage
- Access Control (472)
- Brush Management (314)
- Critical Area Planting (342)

- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
- Forest Stand Improvement (666)
- Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Domestic Animals: Inadequate Shelter
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Domestic Animals: Stress and Mortality
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Fence (382)
  - Forest Stand Improvement (666)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Fragmentation
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Conservation Cover (327)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
  - Field Border (386)
  - Forest Stand Improvement (666)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
  - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
  - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Fish and Wildlife: Imbalance Among and Within Populations
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Conservation Cover (327)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
  - Field Border (386)
  - Forest Stand Improvement (666)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
  - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
  - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Cover/Shelter
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Conservation Cover (327)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
  - Field Border (386)
  - Forest Stand Improvement (666)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
  - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
  - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Food

- Access Control (472)
- Brush Management (314)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
- Field Border (386)
- Forest Stand Improvement (666)
- Mulching (484)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Space

- Access Control (472)
- Brush Management (314)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
- Field Border (386)
- Forest Stand Improvement (666)
- Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Fish and Wildlife: Inadequate Water

- Access Control (472)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Fish and Wildlife: T&E Species: Declining Species, Species of Concern

- Access Control (472)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Plant Condition: Noxious and Invasive Plants

- Access Control (472)
- Brush Management (314)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
- Field Border (386)
- Forest Stand Improvement (666)
- Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
- Mulching (484)
- Prescribed Burning (338)
- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)

Plant Condition: Plants not adapted or suited

- Access Control (472)
- Brush Management (314)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Critical Area Planting (342)
- Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
- Field Border (386)
- Firebreak (394)
- Forest Stand Improvement (666)
- Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
- Prescribed Burning (338)

- Prescribed Grazing (528)
- Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
- Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
- Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
- Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Plant Condition: Productivity, Health and Vigor
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Conservation Cover (327)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Early Successional Habitat Development/M (647)
  - Field Border (386)
  - Firebreak (394)
  - Forest Stand Improvement (666)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
  - Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
  - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
  - Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644)
- Plant Condition: Wildfire Hazard
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Firebreak (394)
  - Forest Stand Improvement (666)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (490)
- Soil Erosion: Streambank
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Conservation Cover (327)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Field Border (386)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)
- Soil Erosion: Wind
  - Access Control (472)
  - Brush Management (314)
  - Conservation Cover (327)
  - Critical Area Planting (342)
  - Field Border (386)
  - Herbaceous Weed Control (315)
  - Mulching (484)
  - Prescribed Burning (338)
  - Prescribed Grazing (528)
  - Restoration and Management of Declining (643)
  - Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
  - Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)