

DIRECTORY



STEWARDS
OF THE GEORGIA COAST

Conservation
Organizations
Serving the
Coast of Georgia



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It is a rare thing to have the opportunity to care for a region whose natural features are remarkably intact. The Georgia Coast encompasses one-third of the remaining salt marsh on the entire East Coast and the greatest biodiversity in Georgia, including rare and endangered shorebirds, sea turtle nesting grounds and the only known calving waters for North Atlantic right whales. In short, the Georgia Coast is an ecological treasure.

Knowing the region is growing and with concern that the next ten years will be crucial for its long-term sustainability, we are hoping you will join the effort to conserve Georgia's coast for future generations.

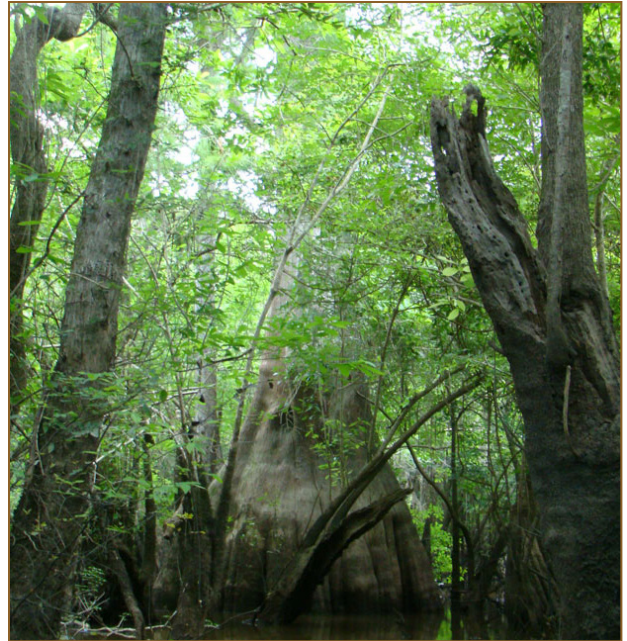




This Directory provides a quick reference to non-profit organizations working on behalf of coastal conservation in Georgia. The list includes long-standing organizations and newcomers and their particular missions and programs are understandably varied. Together, they represent a talented, committed community of professionals and volunteers. To be effective, they need your talents, influence, and financial support.

Stewards was established in 2014 by Cody Laird and the R. Howard Dobbs, Jr. Foundation, Wendy Paulson and the Bobolink Foundation, and Roy Richards, Jr. In addition to the Directory, Stewards publishes periodic electronic newsletters about pressing issues for coastal conservation and philanthropy and organizes occasions to gather and learn. For more information, contact: David Weitnauer (dweitnauer@rhdobbs.net), Scott Coleman (scottc@littlessi.com), or Burch Barger (stewardsofgacoast@gmail.com).

Christa Frangimore Hayes produced the Directory and all of the beautiful photographs are hers. The project was underwritten by Stewards of the Georgia Coast, an informal affinity group supporting the growing community of donors with a passion for coastal conservation in Georgia.



Altamaha Riverkeeper

The Altamaha Riverkeeper is a grassroots organization dedicated to the protection, defense and restoration of Georgia's biggest river, the Altamaha, including its tributaries the Ocmulgee, Oconee and Ochoopee.

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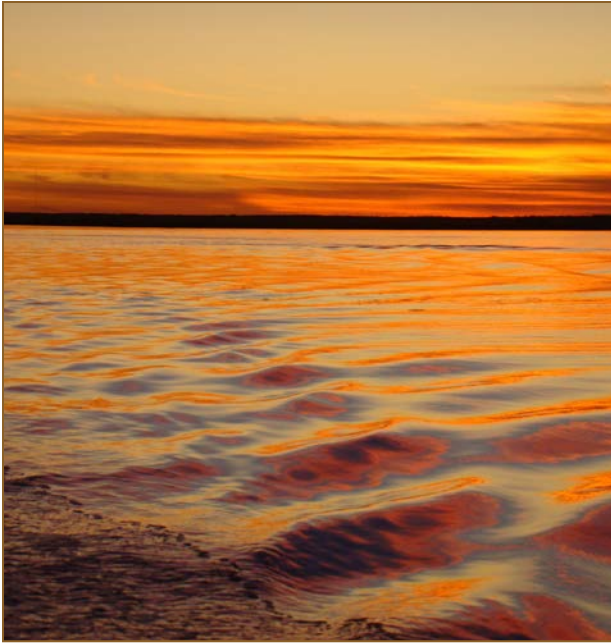
Caretta Research Project of Savannah Science Museum

The Caretta Research Project is a hands on research, conservation and education project that protects loggerhead sea turtles on the Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge.

Contact

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Center for a Sustainable Coast

The purpose of this non-profit membership organization is to improve the responsible use, protection, and conservation of coastal Georgia's resources — natural, historic and economic.

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<http://www.sustainablecoast.org>

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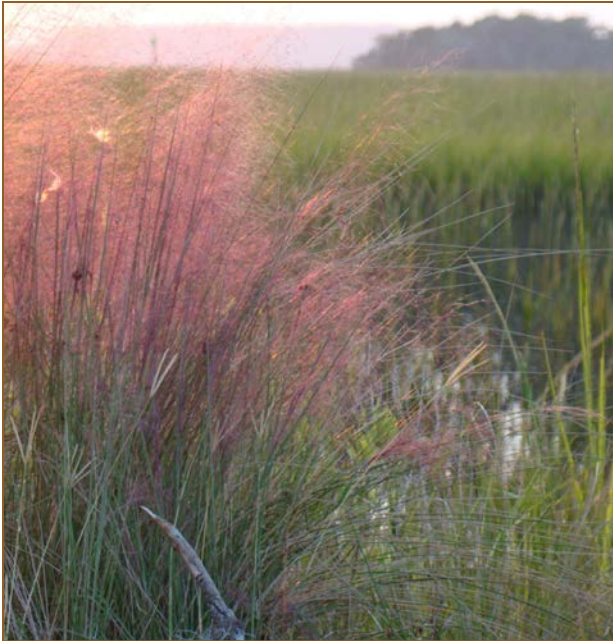
Coastal Conservation Association

Coastal Conservation Association Georgia (CCA GA) is a non-profit, grassroots organization dedicated to the conservation, promotion and enhancement of Georgia's marine resources. CCA GA's strength is drawn from the thousands of recreational saltwater anglers that make up its membership. Chapters are located in Savannah, Atlanta, and Skidaway.

Contact

<http://ccaga.org>

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Coastal WildScapes

The mission of Coastal WildScapes is to protect existing native habitats, rebuild connectivity of impaired habitats and minimize fragmentation of the highly significant biodiversity of Southeastern coastal ecosystems through: education and outreach to the general public; partnering with other organizations by providing volunteers and expertise to conservation initiatives that protect and rebuild coastal habitats.

Contact

<http://www.coastalwildscapes.org>

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Cumberland Island Conservancy

The mission of The Cumberland Island Conservancy, Inc. is: to support educational and scientific research on Cumberland Island, Georgia; to provide monetary and physical support for the preservation of Cumberland Island, and to work with the National Park Service as co-stewards in preserving this great natural, cultural, and historical resources; and to aid in the dissemination of educational and scientific information regarding Cumberland Island to the National Park Service, the public at large, and the residents of Cumberland Island.

Contact

<http://cumberlandisland.com>

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Driftwood Education Center

The Center's mission is to cultivate a personal responsibility and awareness for coastal aquatic ecosystems. Learner based classes and activities focus on four main themes (intertidal zones, freshwater habitat, terrestrial ecosystems, and stewardship) which promote personal growth and critical thinking. A major goal is for participants to become responsible members of their community and continue to have a lasting desire to care for and preserve their aquatic resources.

Contact

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Friends of Sapelo

FOS is a non-profit volunteer organization supporting the research, education and outreach mission of the Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve. It is dedicated to the natural, cultural and historical resources of Sapelo Island. This volunteer organization also provides direct and indirect support for portions of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division work on Sapelo Island.

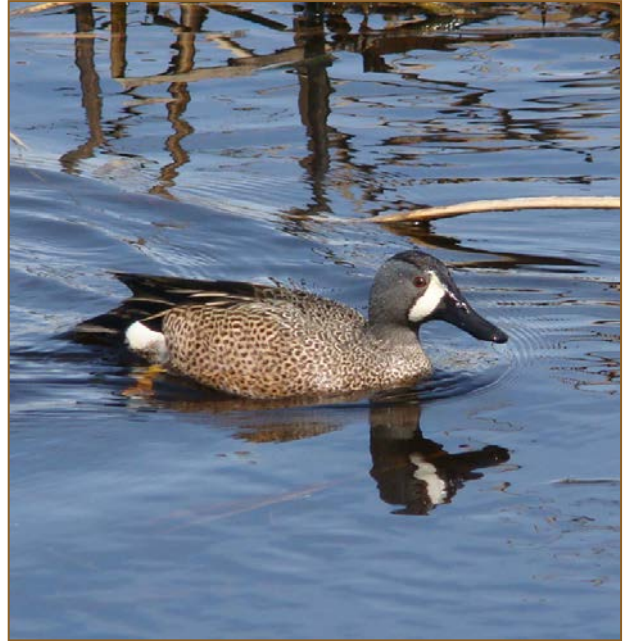
Contact

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Friends of the Savannah Coastal Wildlife Refuges

FSCWR is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to preserving and protecting the seven National Wildlife Refuges in our area. These refuges are managed by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. Activities include: working with and supporting the efforts of the F&WS staff assigned to our refuges; public outreach and education; fund raising; staffing Visitor Centers and Nature Stores; refuge maintenance and improvement; advocating for the refuges at all levels of government, and much more.

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Georgia Conservancy

The Georgia Conservancy's mission is to protect and conserve Georgia's natural resources through advocacy, engagement and collaboration. Protecting the coast has been a priority of the Georgia Conservancy for more than 40 years. The conservancy maintains an office in historic downtown Savannah that works on a range of projects to protect the precious natural resources of the coast.

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Georgia-Alabama Land Trust

The Georgia-Alabama Land Trust assists landowners, cities, counties, the Department of Defense and other partners by conserving lands, including those in coastal Georgia, primarily with conservation easements. To date, GALT has protected over 300,000 acres. This includes historical lands, marsh hammocks, farms, forests, wetlands and other coastal resources. Our coastal office staff includes a wildlife biologist, a conservation attorney and administrative staff.

Contact

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Georgia Natural Resources Foundation

The mission of the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation is to support the efforts of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to sustain, enhance, protect and conserve Georgia's natural, historic and cultural resources for present and future generations, while recognizing the importance of promoting the development of commerce and industry that utilize sound environmental practices.

Contact

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Georgia Sea Turtle Center

The Georgia Sea Turtle Center was created as a primary conservation program dedicated to increasing awareness through sea turtle education, rehabilitation, and research programs. It has expanded to include other species, such as diamondback terrapins. The Center empowers individuals to act locally, regionally, and globally to protect the environment. The GSTC's philosophy is committed to increasing awareness of habitat and wildlife conservation challenges, promoting responsibility for ecosystem health.

Contact

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Glynn Environmental Coalition

A community non-profit organization committed to assuring a clean environment and healthy economy for citizens of Coastal Georgia. GEC's goal is to foster and maintain a safe and healthy place to live and raise our families. The Coalition is active in areas such as: Community Organizing; Technical Assistance; Water Quality and Safe Seafood; Air Quality; Education; Public Hearings; Lobbying Efforts; Clean-Ups; and Superfund Work

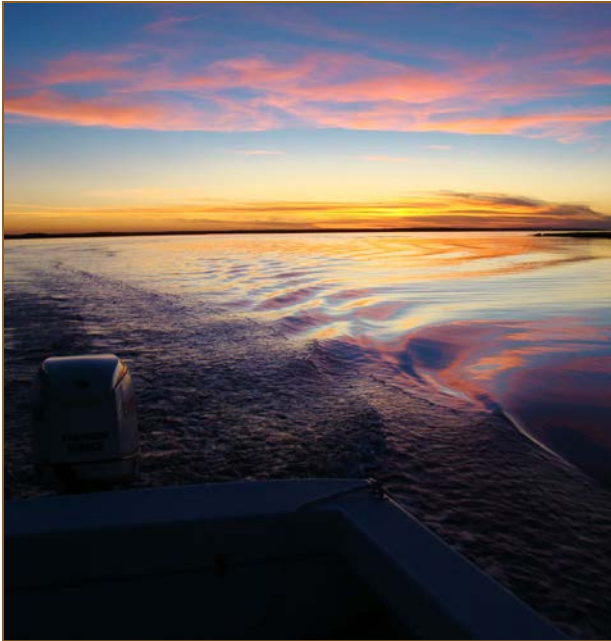
Contact

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Executive Director, Rachael Thompson — 912-466-0934

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Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary Foundation

The foundation's mission is to support and strengthen Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary and to expand and strengthen the network of national marine sanctuaries through education, public awareness. It supports research and conservation initiatives of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary and promotes their initiatives, raises funds on their behalf, makes grants to the Sanctuary, and develops events to raise awareness for ocean conservation.

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<http://www.graysreefnmsf.org/about-us>

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10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, GA 31411



Jekyll Island Foundation

The Jekyll Island Foundation preserves and conserves Jekyll Island's historic and natural resources. Jekyll Island receives no state funds for operating expenses and private contributions are necessary to ensure Jekyll Island's uniqueness for future generations. The Foundation and the Jekyll Island Authority have identified specific projects in need of immediate attention.

Contact

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Manomet

Manomet believes people can help recover declining shorebird populations by applying cutting-edge science to protect and improve the coastal and wetland habitats they rely on. It engages a diverse coalition of people and organizations across the Americas—including state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, private and public wetland managers, local communities, and landowners—to develop and implement science-based solutions to conserve critical sites and improve the quality and availability of habitats for imperiled shorebirds.

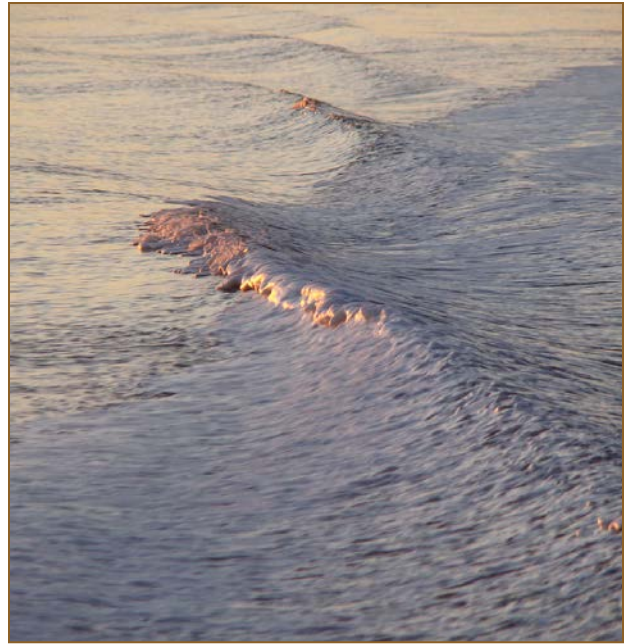
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Ocean Exchange

Ocean Exchange advocates for collaboration across industry and geography, while protecting the intellectual property of the innovator. As a worldwide network it uses its influence to elevate awareness, motivate and accelerate the adoption of the solutions around the globe. Working together across disciplines and organizations, their actions collectively accomplish more than they can accomplish individually, thereby strengthening their contribution to today's environment and economy. The advancement and enhancement of the solutions by our worldwide network will create new industries and jobs and recharge economies.

Contact

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Ogeechee Riverkeeper

This region of Georgia is experiencing increased pressures from agribusiness, population growth, water withdrawals and wastewater discharges — forcing rivers to undergo drastic changes in water quality and face serious ecological decline. Ogeechee Riverkeeper was founded to reverse these trends, improve the river basin's condition, and amplify the voices of concerned citizens while strengthening their efforts to protect their rivers and communities.

Contact

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One Hundred Miles

One Hundred Miles is a coastal advocacy organization with a mission of protecting, preserving, and enhancing the 100-mile Georgia coast. The focus is on core issues of water and wetlands, land use, changing climate, and wildlife. One Hundred Miles builds programs around the guiding principle that preserving the natural features of Georgia's coast is critical for long-term quality of life and sustainable economic growth.

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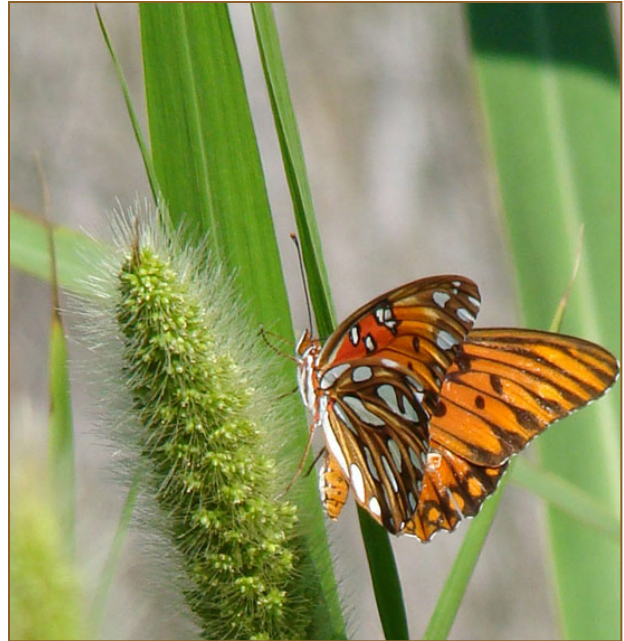
<http://www.onehundredmiles.org/about-100-miles/>

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Ossabaw Island Foundation

The non-profit Ossabaw Island Foundation, through a public-private partnership with the State of Georgia, inspires, promotes and manages exceptional educational, cultural and scientific resources that are designed to maximize the experience of Ossabaw Island, while minimizing the impact on its resources.

Contact

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Satilla Riverkeeper

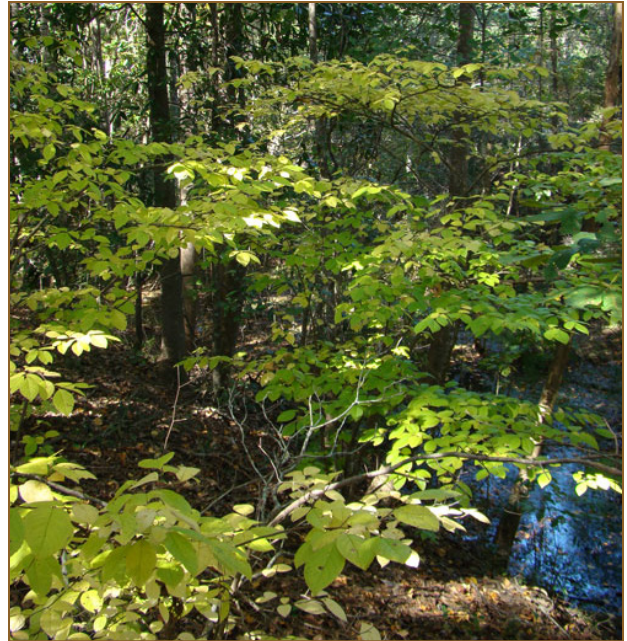
The mission of the Satilla Riverkeeper is to protect, restore, and educate about the ecological values and unique beauty of the Satilla River. The overarching goal is to insure adequate quality and quantity of water in the Satilla River for all uses, and serve as the eyes and ears of the watershed and estuary.

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Savannah River Clean Water Fund

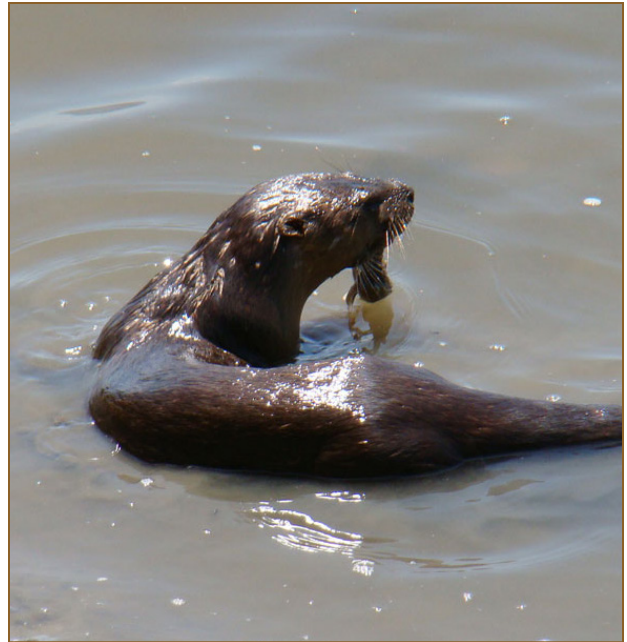
The endowment seeks to help local communities within the Lower Savannah River watershed develop sustainable funding streams that allow them to protect their forested watersheds. This section of the Savannah River watershed encompasses 2.8 million acres, 78% of which are forested, and serves more than 475,000 people. The goal of this project is to explore a watershed protection program and support local efforts to implement such a project.

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Savannah Riverkeeper

The Savannah Riverkeeper serves as the primary guardian of the Savannah River striving to respect, protect, and improve the entire river basin through education, advocacy, and action. The effects of pollution spread far downstream, impacting a huge area and every living thing on or near the river. As an advocacy group, the Savannah Riverkeeper strives to be an effective and sustainable organization solely focused on making the Savannah River a healthy and productive watershed ensuring the natural, economic, and recreational viability of the basin as a whole now and for generations to come.

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Sierra Club, Coastal Group

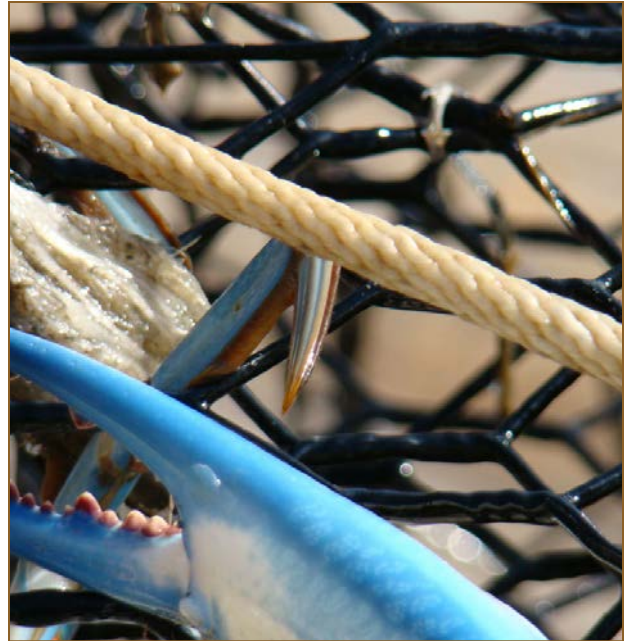
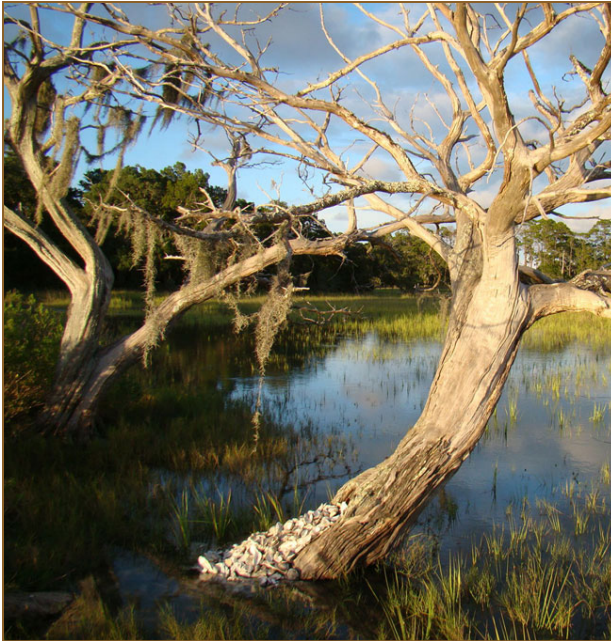
The Coastal Group is part of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club. The coastal group serves residents in Savannah, working to protect Georgia's coastal marshland with legislative, legal, scientific, technical, communications and advocacy techniques. A current campaign is against Elba Island Liquefied Natural Gas Expansion. For more information on this campaign, please visit the Savannah Against Fossil Fuel Export Website.

Contact

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Southern Environmental Law Center, Georgia

SELC uses the power of the law to champion all the things you love about the South: clean water, healthy air, mountains, forests, rural countryside, and the coast. By working at the national, regional, state, and local levels and in all three branches of government, this organization is able to do what it takes to get results. SELC strengthens laws, makes government agencies do their job, and, when necessary, goes to court to stop environmental abuses or to set far-reaching precedents.

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St. Simons Land Trust

The mission of the St. Simons Land Trust is to preserve the island's natural and scenic character, and to enhance the quality of life of the island community for present and future generations. The many accomplishments of the land trust are exemplified by the acquisition of Cannon's Point Preserve in 2012, a 608 acre wilderness tract which quadrupled the amount of protected land on St. Simons Island.

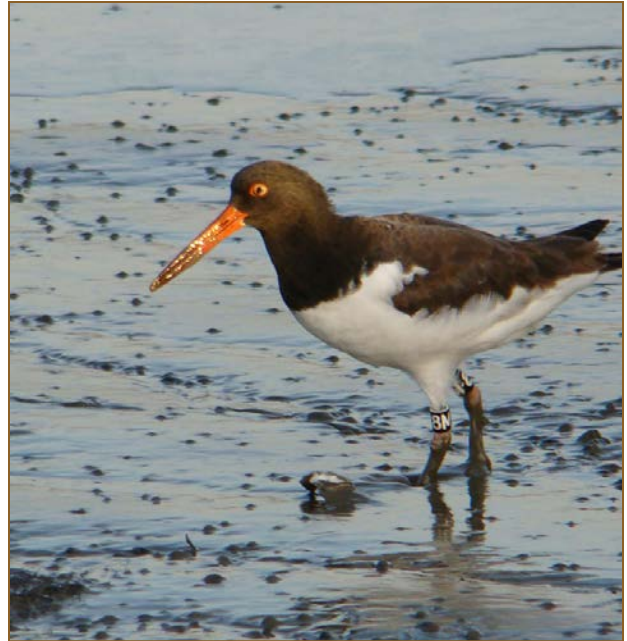
Contact

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1810 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, GA 31522



The Environmental Resources Network

TERN, is the friends group of the Georgia DNR Non-game Conservation Section. Donations are used to fund projects which rely on private funding to operate and carry out its mission to conserve non-game and endangered species. TERN supports conservation projects, from a web-based guide to Georgia's crayfishes to providing transponder tags for bog turtles. Low overhead allows TERN to pass 93% of donations directly to the Non-game Conservation Program.

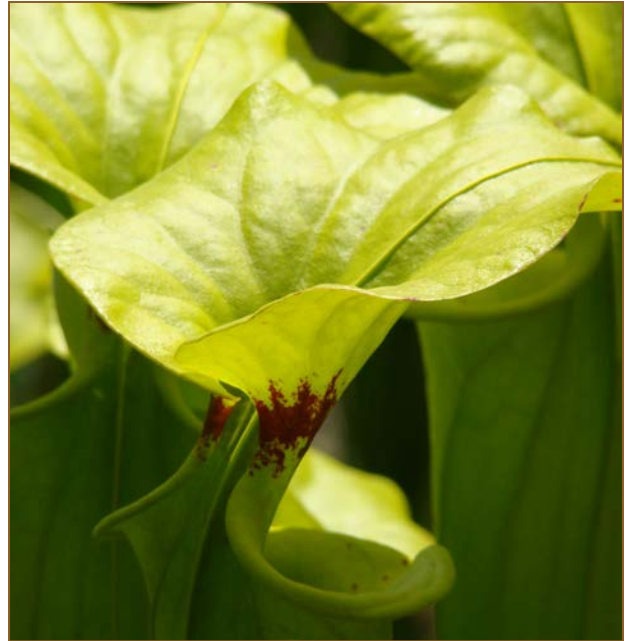
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The Nature Conservancy, Coastal Office

The Georgia coast encompasses some of the most diverse and productive natural habitats in the world. The Nature Conservancy works with landowners, businesses, and government agencies to develop sustainable solutions to protect this priceless resource. Habitat is enhanced through living shoreline pilots, oyster restoration, maritime restoration, marine mapping, community engagement, and sharing our science.

Contact

<http://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/georgia/>

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The Orianne Society

TOS works to conserve reptiles and amphibians in the wild, as well as the habitats they need to persist. TOS works with a diverse group of partners to achieve success using science, education and applied conservation, and succeeds through dedication, knowledge and hard work. The Longleaf Savanna Initiative focuses on the conservation of reptiles and amphibians, such as gopher tortoises and indigo snakes, within specific landscapes of the coast and coastal plain.

Contact

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CEO, Chris Jenkins — 706-224-1359

cljenkins@oriannesociety.org

11 Old Fruit Stand Lane, Tiger, GA 30576



Tidelands Nature Center

Tidelands Nature Center offers hands-on marine environmental science programs for the general public and school groups. Tidelands Nature Center is a University of Georgia 4-H Program. In addition to summer programs, Tidelands offers nature walks, kayak tours, school group coastal ecology programs, as well as an exhibit area open to the public.

Contact

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Tybee Island Marine Science Center

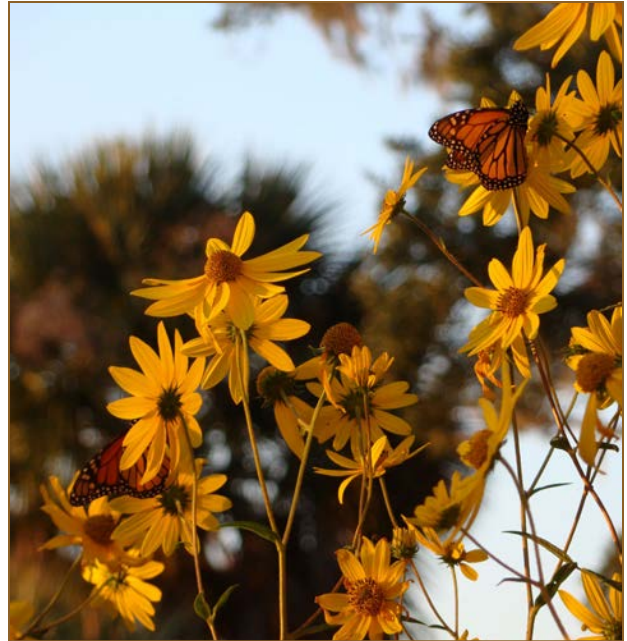
The Tybee Island Marine Science Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to cultivate responsible stewardship of coastal Georgia's natural resources through education, conservation, and research.

Contact

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Wormsloe Institute for Environmental History

The Wormsloe Institute for Environmental History (WIEH) is an interdisciplinary team of ecologists, geographers, landscape architects, historic preservationists, environmental planners, archaeologists, historians, foresters, artists, students and government agencies, all with a common goal of conserving, documenting and studying the human and natural history of the historic Wormsloe property and the surrounding region of coastal Georgia.

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From here life ebbs, from here it springs
without question — life and death, death and life.
Yet one cannot help but think of love.
The flower loves the sky that loves the bog
that loves how the fly loves even the frog.

From "All Art Has Three Subjects" by Janisse Ray

