



2008 CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN OKLAHOMA

- Acquired the most important inholding at the J.T. Nickel Family Nature and Wildlife Preserve. This 1,620-acre tract is surrounded on three sides by the preserve and includes one of the biggest springs in northeast Oklahoma.
- Black bears were officially documented for the first time in over a century through motion sensing cameras on the Nickel Preserve. This is clear evidence that restoration efforts there are working.
- Our first conservation easement is almost completed along the Blue River. Large-scale riparian forest restoration is in process with another landowner on the Blue River.
- Natural river flows are being considered for the first time in the decision making process associated with the state's water plan thanks to the technical expertise and information provided by our conservation staff and other conservation partners who have been working with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.
- The wind energy industry, Conservancy staff and partners are working together to address potential effects on wildlife habitats by wind farms. The goal is to protect high quality prairie habitat from fragmentation by new infrastructure.

2009 KEY FUNDING PRIORITIES

Your support through the Acres for Nature Program will help fund:

- Critical “on the ground” conservation stewardship work including the management of Conservancy preserves and establishing key landowner partnerships.
- Conservation equipment and infrastructure needs at our nature preserves.
- Supplies to combat invasive species such as redcedar and sericea lespedeza that, if left unchecked, disrupt natural cycles, crowd out native species and cost billions in property damage and lost economic productivity.
- Continued protection of natural habitats for black bears, prairie chickens, Ozark cavefish and horned lizards at Conservancy preserves.