

Volunteer Program

2024 Annual Accomplishments



BY THE NUMBERS

25,610 volunteers

1 MILLION hours

33.5 MILLION
dollars in contributed
labor value

Volunteer Mary Bristow releasing a duck that she banded at Tetlin NWR, in Alaska. Image: USFWS



Working With Others

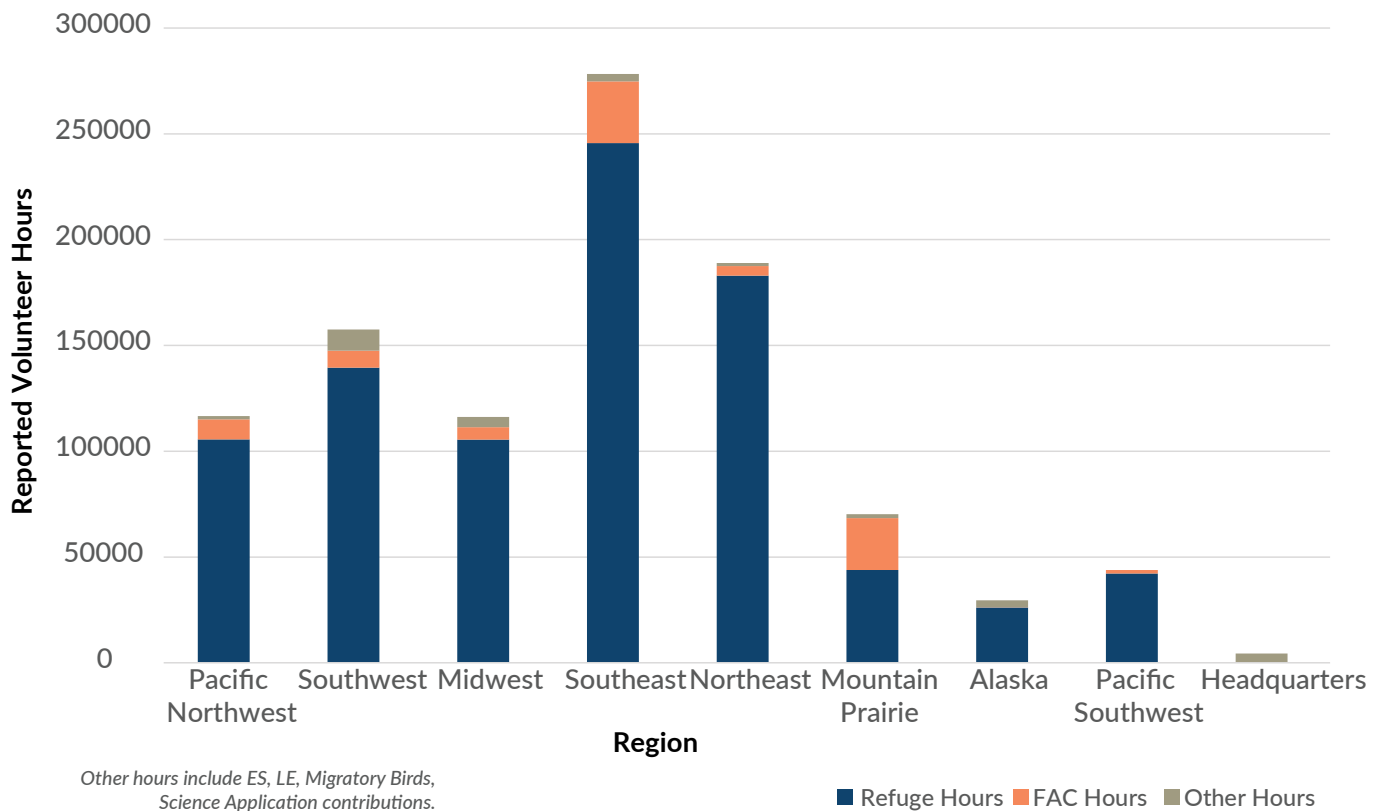
Volunteers are vital to the work we do at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, contributing invaluable time, talent, and energy. In Fiscal Year 2024, 25,610 volunteers provided over one million hours of service. Using the Independent Sector value of volunteer time, this equates to more than \$33.5 million of in-kind labor. Volunteers are recruited, trained, supervised and supported by Service employees. This ensures volunteer safety and quality experiences in helping to meet the mission of the Service.

An Inks Dam NFH volunteer assists staff with a fish harvest. Image: USFWS



Volunteer Lisa Kirby holding a red cockaded woodpecker while assisting the refuge biologist. USFWS photo.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Volunteer Hours



Refuge system volunteers contributed the majority of hours for each region, in 2024, with significant additional contributions from FAC and other programs. Southeast region reported the most hours, followed by Northeast and Southwest regions. Other programs contributing hours included Ecological Services, Migratory Birds, Science Applications, and Law Enforcement.

