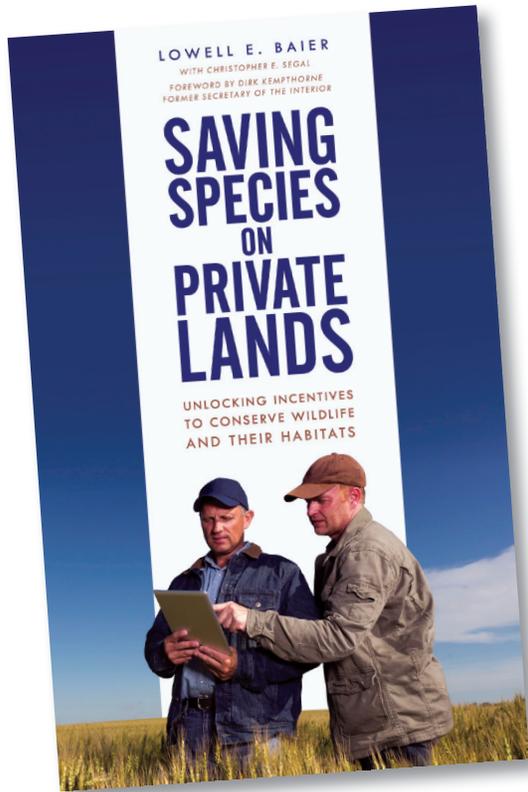


# Book Review



**WILDLIFE MISSISSIPPI**  
Reviewed by James L. Cummins

## **SAVING SPECIES ON PRIVATE LANDS** **UNLOCKING INCENTIVES TO CONSERVE WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITATS**

BY LOWELL. E. BAIER



Lowell Baier has done it again. His first book unlocked the misuse of the Equal Access to Justice Act; his latest one unlocks the many incentives available to private landowners to conserve species. I have never seen such a well-written and informative book on private lands conservation. Conserving candidate and listed species on private land is difficult. However, Lowell's book makes it seem easy as it discusses the ins and outs of the many programs and tools available to private landowners.

It is divided into several, easy-to-read parts – proactive conservation on private land; conservations tools; the Farm Bill and its conservation provisions; non-Farm Bill incentives for private land conservation; and achieving regulatory certainty under the Endangered Species Act.

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Voluntary, incentive-based mechanisms work for conservation. Before 1990, for instance, wetland birds and waterfowl were on the decline, trending downward by 10 percent per year. Since Wetland Reserve Easements were added to the Farm Bill in 1991, those populations have soared 51 percent.

Better understanding and utilizing the programs, tools and practices that Lowell has so eloquently described will greatly aid in species conservation. Expanding incentives for voluntary species is also imperative if we are to achieve large-scale species conservation.

I have to think Aldo Leopold would be very proud of Lowell and this great book.

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