

Wildlife Habitat Award – Kendall Clark

The next winner I would like to introduce for the Wildlife Habitat Award is Kendall Clark, for the work he has done to promote wildlife on his acreage.

The purpose of this award is to stimulate a greater interest in fish and wildlife habitat management by giving recognition to landowners who have made outstanding progress in the development and stewardship of fish and wildlife resources.

According to Kendall, he began to work on the wildlife project beginning back in 1994. The main purpose for getting him started was that he wanted to attract quail and control erosion in an area that had it's issues prior to the project. The draw through the pasture where the plantings were established had always attracted wildlife before, and he just wanted to increase that and provide them a safe haven.

Kendall mentioned that he has always had an appreciation for wildlife, whether that be from hunting when younger or through a camera lens as he does now, and had limited use of the 20 acres he has devoted.

To attract the wildlife, Kendall has planted over 20 different species of trees and shrubs, including cedars and plums, as well as some native grasses and CRP. He's also thrown in various other trees that he finds on sale.

One of the biggest problems he has faced so far with the project is the wildlife destroying the habitat, and of course the drought when trying to keep things alive.

Kendall has seen an increase in deer moving through the area, along with antelope, and upland game birds. He's also had a few out of the ordinary visitors in a couple armadillo and even a porcupine. Along with the added wildlife it has provided a windbreak and helped to control soil erosion.

At this time, will you please welcome Kendall Clark to accept the Wildlife Habitat Award.