

## Manager of Conservation Programs **Ducks Unlimited**



Todd Merendino grew up in the rice fields and marshes of southeast Texas and has enjoyed the opportunity to get paid to "play" in the mud and water as his dad likes to say. Todd has a B.S. in Wildlife Management and an M.S. in Wildlife Science from Texas Tech University, and a Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Western Ontario. In pursuit of his formal education and during his employment, Todd has been able to work in the waterfowl wintering grounds of Texas, the breeding grounds of Canada's prairie pothole region, and the farmlands and boreal forest areas of Central Ontario. Todd is currently the

Manager of Conservation Programs for Ducks Unlimited in Texas, and oversees DU's conservation efforts on private lands and public lands in Texas. Todd previously worked with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a project leader of the Central Coast Wetlands Ecosystem Project, and oversaw habitat management, research, and public hunting activities on state-owned Wildlife Management Areas along middle Texas Coast. Todd lives in Bay City with his wife Terry and their two children: a daughter who will be attending Texas Tech University this fall, and a son, who is in 9th grade and who loves to hunt and fish with his dad..