



## National Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Project Office



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### Project Highlights

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### Overview

The U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Project Office is leading the safe and cost effective adoption of UAS technology by the Department of the Interior (DOI) agencies and USGS scientists. This exciting new technology will transform the earth observation methods and techniques that support scientific research investigations, monitoring environmental conditions, analysis of climate change impacts and related land management decisions.

The USGS UAS Project Office is responsible for supporting initiatives designed to implement UAS capabilities as a viable, cost effective alternative to existing land imaging resources. As well as maintaining and enhancing our ability to leverage the substantial commitment the Defense and Intelligence Communities have made supporting advanced UAS research, technology and applications for the benefit of DOI and USGS activities.

### In the News

[FAA's Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Office Meets Its Deadline](#) for developing a streamlined COA process.

[USGS In The News](#) at Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. Using military technology to track Sandhill Cranes.

USGS Releases [2010-2025 UAS Road Map](#)

Ravens Hunting Rabbits: Unmanned Aircraft Help Protect Pygmy Rabbits  
[September 2011 AUSVI Magazine](#)



[CBP Article](#)  
USGS collaborates with U.S. Customs and Border Protection in response to Mississippi River flooding.

### UAS currently utilized by the Project Office



[Raven RQ-11A](#)



[RQ-16A T-Hawk](#)



[MQ-9 Predator B](#)

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