BIRDS. AT HOME ON THE RANGE

Annual BIRD WATCHING TOUR

June 3-4, 2026

BIEN RANCH
VEBLEN, SD

SOUTH DAKOTA GRASSLAND COALITION

sdgrass.org

LOCATION

Bien Ranch
Veblen, SD

COST

Free to current SDGC members and students; $35 per person for non-members (includes a 1-year SDGC membership). Meals included.
Lodging is on your own.

REGISTER

WHAT TO BRING

Bring your digital camera & binoculars. Wearing appropriate clothing and sturdy, enclosed footwear for walking on uneven terrain, changing weather conditions and protection from the elements and injury is recommended.

LODGING

There are multiple options nearby, including Roy Lake State Park, Prairie Coteau Lodge, Prairie Sky Guest & Game Ranch, motels, and more. Check our website for a full list.

REGISTER ONLINE:
https://sdgrass.org/bird-watching-tour/

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ **Organization:** _____

Address: _____ **City/State/Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Number in Party: _____ **ADULTS** _____ **STUDENTS**

Interested in earning college graduate credit? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO** *Contact Dr. Kristel Bakker 605 256-5182 or Kristel.Bakker@dsu.edu.*

Registration is FREE to all SDGC members or $35 per person (includes a 1-year membership)

Please mail registration form and payment to:

Judge Jessop
24690 299th Ave
Presho, SD 57568

Please make checks payable to the South Dakota Grassland Coalition.

For planning purposes, registration form and fee must be received by **May 29, 2026**

BIRD TOUR AGENDA

CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME

WED, JUNE 3

Central Daylight time

GATHER AT BIEN RANCH	2:25-3:00PM
WELCOME & INTRO TO SD GRASSLAND COALITION	3:00-3:15
RAINFALL SIMULATOR	3:15-4:00
HISTORY OF THE BIEN RANCH	4:00-4:45
BIRD IDENTIFICATION	4:45-5:45
SUPPER & REFRESHMENTS	5:45-6:30
INTRO TO PRAIRIE PHOTOGRAPHY	6:30-7:30
BIRDING	7:30

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GATHER	5:30AM
SUNRISE COFFEE & ROLLS	5:30-5:55
BIRD WATCH/RECORD SPECIES	6:00-8:35
GROUPS TO ROTATE TO DIFFERENT STATIONS *(40 min per station)*	8:40 - 10:40
BREAK/DISCUSS GROUP HIGHLIGHTS	10:45-11:05
HABITAT PRESENTATION: GRASSLAND BIRDS	11:05-11:35
LUNCH & SLIDESHOW	11:35-12:35
GRASS MANAGER'S VIEW	12:40-1:30
KIDS' ACTIVITIES	1:30-2:00
CLOSING COMMENTS	2:00

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USDA United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Join us for a unique opportunity to explore the diverse grasslands of northeastern South Dakota and observe the abundant bird species that call this region home.

Experience firsthand how thoughtful rangeland management supports thriving wildlife populations while sustaining working ranches.

Whether you're an experienced birder, rancher, student, or simply someone who appreciates South Dakota's open spaces, this event offers learning, connection, and unforgettable early-morning birding.

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