***Native Prairie Speaker Series***

**Title:** Current Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment landcover and species-habitat modelling initiatives

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**Abstract:**

Two major initiatives are being undertaken by Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment staff. The first major initiative includes a pilot project to assess the cost and feasibility of updating southern Saskatchewan landcover, with a particular focus on distinguishing native and tame grasslands. In addition, the Saskatchewan Conservation Data Centre houses significant amounts of species location data and the goal of our second initiative is to produce border-to-border predictive species occurrence maps. Species chosen will be of particular conservation interest where sufficient data is currently available.