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# Prairie's Got the Goods Week!

## A Habitat and Biodiversity Assessment Tool for Saskatchewan - HBA+

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HBA Tool Progress

### Habitat and Biodiversity

The Habitat and Biodiversity Assessment Tool has been designed to help you identify potential at-risk wildlife, plants, and habitats on your land. The tool asks for your directed input about features on the site and then offers suggestions for stewardship opportunities that can be implemented to help protect these species and the environment. It is understood that some landowners have a large number of quarter sections that they manage. We ask you to select a representative location to help you with a larger land area. If there is large variation, it is best to generate a report for a number of different representative quarter sections. Get started by completing the form below!

**Please note: We are making suggestions that may not match with either your farm operation or your management preferences. You are under no obligation to undertake any activities.**

**01 Geographic Screening**

Land Parcel Information

Land Description    River Lot    Block/Parcel Number

Wednesday March 8th, 2023 at 3:00pm CT

Presenters: Heather Peat Hamm and Francois Blouin,  
Canadian Forage and Grasslands Association

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## **More Information:**

HBAT+ is an online tool for landowners and conservation workers to assess specific land locations for potential stewardship and resilience-building opportunities for farm operations. Following reviews, the output of the tool has been made customisable for landowners' preferences; this is very useful update from the previous versions of the tool . We will discuss the inputs to the tool and demonstrate the on-line functioning of the tool and output report options that are available.

## **About the Presenters:**

### François Blouin:

François Blouin is a Wildlife Biologist with over 26 years of experience within governments, NGOs, and the private sector on prairie biodiversity conservation and habitat stewardship for species at risk. Starting in 2016, François led the development of the first Habitat and Biodiversity Assessment Tool (HBAT) in Alberta under the Alberta Environmental Farm Plan, and is currently the Technical Project Lead under the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association, supporting the implementation of HBAT in 6 other provinces, including British Columbia where he now resides with his wife and two children.

### Heather Peat Hamm:

Heather is a consulting plant ecologist who has been working on the interface of agriculture and species at risk since 2006. Heather is pleased to see this work to fruition, making this information accessible to landowners in the form of the SK HBAT+. Currently Heather is working on finalising the SK HBAT+, contributing to BC HBAT+, organising ground truth data collection for the National Grasslands Inventory, and assisting with the Saskatchewan Prairie Landscape Inventory. Heather's happy place is working in the field surrounded by native grasslands.