



Native Prairie Speaker Series

Presentation: Developing Predictive Models of Occurrence For Grassland Birds in Alberta

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Biography:

Julie Landry-DeBoer is a wildlife biologist with the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) and has worked for the company since 2001 from their Lethbridge office. She has worked on various projects including MULTISAR, the Pronghorn project, and the Taber Pheasant Festival. She grew up on a crop and livestock farm along the Red River in Manitoba and her love for the outdoors was molded by the countless hours spent in and around an oxbow lake on their property. Her personal interests include spending time with her 2 kids, birding, hiking, gardening, and volunteering for her local church, community garden, and the Navy League of Canada.

Presentation Summary:

Many grassland birds are experiencing population declines across the Canadian prairies with some listed as 'Threatened' by the Canadian Species at Risk Act, such as the Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*). Understanding the habitat requirements for grassland birds may guide their future conservation. Within pre-determined areas in the mixed-grass, foothills fescue, and dry mixed-grass regions of southern Alberta, we utilized grassland bird point-count data and range health data to examine the breeding habitat requirements for native bird species.

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