



## *Native Prairie Speaker Series*

**Presentation:** Research and Conservation of an Iconic North American Grassland Bird, the Loggerhead Shrike.

**Speaker:** Dr. Amy Chabot, Research and Conservation Program's Coordinator, African Lion Safari

### **Biography:**

Amy first became involved in research and conservation of the Loggerhead Shrike in 1991, when she quantified the reproductive biology and habitat requirements of the species in Ontario and Quebec for her Master's thesis. She continued to work with the species while employed at Bird Studies Canada and later as a biological consultant. The Loggerhead Shrike was the focal species for Amy's PhD research, during which she re-assessed the species taxonomy using morphological and genetic markers, and quantified patterns of migratory movements. Amy has served as a scientific advisor to the Eastern (Canadian) Loggerhead Shrike Recovery Team since the mid-1990s and is the Coordinator of the North American Loggerhead Shrike Working Group, founded in 2013. Amy completed a post-doctoral fellowship at African Lion Safari in Cambridge, Ontario, in 2016, during which she assessed diversity of genes involved in immune system function in the captive population of Loggerhead Shrike. In 2017, Amy was hired as ALS's first Research and Conservation Programs Coordinator, where she continues to coordinate collaborative research on both wild and captive populations of Loggerhead Shrike.

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