

Native Prairie Speaker Series

Title: Bats in Saskatchewan: Conservation, Collaboration, and Current Research

Speaker: Dana Green, PhD Candidate, University of Regina

Summary: Whether acting as a natural form of pest control, pollinating flowering plants, or spreading seeds across the landscape, bats are essential members of the ecosystems where they reside. However, in our changing world, bats are facing a slew of conservation concerns. In Saskatchewan, we are facing conservation issues such as a growing wind industry impacting our migratory species, and white-nose syndrome, known for decimating some bat populations. Researchers in Saskatchewan are working together to learn as much as they can about our amazing bat species. From understanding how multiple migratory species are capable of co-existing, to locating endangered species maternity roosts and observing foraging behaviour, Saskatchewan researchers are working together to protect our bats!

About the Speaker:

Dana Green is a PhD Candidate at the University of Regina studying migratory bat ecology. Originally from Missouri in the US, Dana has worked with bats and other mammals across North America. Her passions in life revolve around being in the outdoors, whether conducting her research in the Cypress Hills or flying her falconry bird. Dana aims to continue doing active bat research in Canada, for both migratory species and species effected by white nose syndrome. She hopes to add baseline ecological knowledge for Canadas migratory bat species through her PhD work, aiding in their conservation in the dynamic modern world. Dana is active in outreach and education, collaborative research, and in professional scientific communities. She is currently a student representative for the North American Society for Bat Research and a board member of the American Society of Mammalogists.

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