

# Birds. At Home, On the Range. Bird Watching Tour



Meadowlark  
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## June 8 - 9, 2007 Black Hills of South Dakota

Hosted by:  
South Dakota Grassland Coalition  
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24690 299<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Presho, SD 57568

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Party: \_\_\_\_\_ (Make copies of this form as needed. Each participant must submit a registration form.)

Special accommodations needed:  YES  NO If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail registration form and \$15 per person registration fee to:

Judge Jessop  
24690 299<sup>th</sup> Ave. Presho, SD 57568  
(605) 280-0127

Space is limited to 85  
attendees.

**Register now!**

For planning purposes, registration form and fee must be received by June 4, 2007.



Gadwall

## Two-day Itinerary

### Friday, June 8, 2007

- 7:00\* am Depart from Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City
- 7:30 Arrive at Mark Kieffer's East Ranch
- 7:45 Watch birds and record species
- 8:45 Break
- 9:00 Discuss bird group highlights
- 9:15 Featured Speaker, Greg Schenbeck
- 10:00 Watch birds and record species
- 11:00 Break and cookout
- 12:00 Travel to Kieffer's hills Ranch
- 1:00 Presentation by Mark Kieffer
- 1:30 Group discussion and questions
- 2:00 Ranch and birding tour
- 3:00 Return to Kieffer's East Ranch
- 4:00 Presenters, Doug Backlund & Guy Tillett
- 5:00 BBQ and refreshments at Kieffer Ranch
- 5:15 Slide show featuring participants' photos \*
- 6:00 Return to Ramkota Hotel

### Saturday, June 9, 2007

- 7:00\* am Depart from Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City
- 7:00 Travel to Ellen Reddick Ranch, St. Onge
- 8:15 Watch birds and record species
- 9:00 Break
- 9:15 Discuss bird group highlights
- 9:45 Featured Speaker, Greg Schenbeck
- 10:30 Watch birds and record species
- 11:30 Presentation by Ellen Reddick
- 12:00 Break and lunch
- 1:00 Ranch and birding tour
- 3:00 Closing comments and discussion
- 3:15 Return to Ramkota Hotel

- \* All times Mountain Daylight Time
- \* Bring your digital camera to take photos during the tour!

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### Cost to Participate:

\$15 per person for two-day event.

### To Register:

Complete the registration form and mail to  
Justin "Judge" Jessop  
24690 299<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Presho, SD 57568

Lodging is not included in the registration fee. However, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel for tour participants. Please ask for the "Birds-At Home on the Range Tour" block. To take advantage of the group rate, please make your reservations by May 18, 2007.

Best Western Ramkota Hotel  
2111 N Lacrosse St  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
PH: (605) 343-8550

I-90, Exit 59 – located on the north side of the interstate, next to the Rushmore Mall.

\* The tour will begin in the northwest corner of the Ramkota parking lot. Please meet at this location, per the itinerary.

### Cancellation Policy:

No refunds after June 7, 2007.



Black-capped Chickadee



Mountain Bluebird

South Dakota is truly a birder's paradise. Numerous species of rare and common birds make their homes across the state, especially in the Black Hills. The rugged terrain of rolling hills and granite peaks in addition to the lush vegetation and fresh water lakes makes for exceptional habitat for birds... not to mention breath-taking backdrops for birding enthusiasts.

The South Dakota Grassland Coalition invites you to take a journey through western South Dakota to view the abundant populations of birds that make their home there. Learn how rangeland management plays an important role in the state's agricultural industry as well as provides adequate habitat for South Dakota's native feathered friends.

This two-day tour features visits to ranches situated in the beautiful Black Hills. As a participant, you will watch and record bird species, hear presentations from land owners and learn about conservation techniques used in this area.

Space is limited to 85 participants, so register now! Pre-register by completing the attached registration form and mailing a check, for \$15 per person, to the South Dakota Grassland Coalition.

For more information on the tour contact:

### South Dakota Grassland Coalition

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