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## **SOUTH DAKOTA GRASSLAND COALITION TO HOST BIRDING TOUR**

The South Dakota Grassland Coalition will host a bird watching tour in the Black Hills, June 8-9, 2007. The two-day tour, titled "Birds. At home, on the Range.", features visits to ranches to observe and record native bird species. Participants will hear presentations from land owners, wildlife and agricultural experts and will also learn about conservation techniques used in this area.

"The goal of the birding tour is to provide information to a diverse public to demonstrate the relationship between land stewardship and grassland wildlife populations", said Dave Steffen, former NRCS Range Management Specialist. "We will convey the important role rangeland management plays in South Dakota's agricultural industry while maintaining adequate habitat for the state's native birds."

Anyone interested in participating in the birding tour should contact Judge Jessop at (605) 895-2301 or [jjessop@sdconservation.org](mailto:jjessop@sdconservation.org). Registration information can also be found at the Coalition's website, [www.sdgrass.org](http://www.sdgrass.org). Cost to participate is \$15 per person. Registration is due by May 18, 2007.

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