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Grassland Coalition hosts 2nd Annual Bird Watching Tour near Bristol, SD

The South Dakota Grassland Coalition will host a bird watching tour, June 6-7, 2008 at the Peckham Ranch near Bristol, SD. The tour, “Birds. At Home, on the Range”, will take participants on a journey throughout the ranch to observe and record native bird species. The two-day tour will feature presentations from experts on conservation techniques, wildlife management, habitat development and the connection between grassland animals and birds.

“The bird tour is designed to educate adults and youth about the types and characteristics of birds that live in this area,” said Kyle Schell, Range Management Outreach Coordinator for South Dakota State University. “Tour participants will also examine how proper range management plays a vital role in preserving habitat for all types of animals.”

The cost to participate in the birding tour is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple, if accompanying a student. Students, high school and under, are free. The registration fee includes birding materials, meals and transportation.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Judge Jessop, (605) 280-0127 or jjessop@sdconservation.org. Registration information and a brochure can also be found online at SDGrass.org.

Space is limited. Registration is due by Monday, June 2nd.

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