

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://sdgrass.org/bird-watching-tour/>

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/State/zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number in Party: _____ ADULTS _____ STUDENTS

Interested in earning college graduate credit? YES NO *Contact Dr. Kristel Bakker: 605.256.5182 or Kristel.Bakker@dsu.edu*

Registration is FREE to all SDGC members or \$35 per person (includes a 1-year membership)

Please mail registration form and payment to: **Judge Jessop**
24690 299th Ave
Presho, SD 57568

Please make checks payable to the South Dakota
Grassland Coalition.

For planning purposes, registration form and fee must
be received by **May 29, 2026**

Birds. At Home, on the Range. June 3-4, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

LOCATION

Bien Ranch
Veblen, SD

COST

Free to current SDGC members and students; \$35 per person for non-members (includes a 1-year SDGC membership).

Meals included.

Lodging is on your own.

REGISTER



WHAT TO BRING

Bring your digital camera & binoculars. Wearing appropriate clothing and sturdy, enclosed footwear for walking on uneven terrain, changing weather conditions and protection from the elements and injury is recommended.

LODGING

There are multiple options nearby, including Roy Lake State Park, Prairie Coteau Lodge, Prairie Sky Guest & Game Ranch, motels, and more. Check our website for a full list.



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AT HOME ON
THE RANGE**

Annual BIRD WATCHING TOUR

June 3-4, 2026

BIEN RANCH
VEBLEN, SD



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BIRD TOUR AGENDA

CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME

BIEN RANCH
JUNE 3-4, 2026

WED, JUNE 3

Central Daylight time

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| GATHER AT BIEN RANCH | 2:25-3:00PM |
| WELCOME & INTRO TO SD GRASSLAND COALITION | 3:00-3:15 |
| RAINFALL SIMULATOR | 3:15-4:00 |
| HISTORY OF THE BIEN RANCH | 4:00-4:45 |
| BIRD IDENTIFICATION | 4:45-5:45 |
| SUPPER & REFRESHMENTS | 5:45-6:30 |
| INTRO TO PRAIRIE PHOTOGRAPHY | 6:30-7:30 |
| BIRDING | 7:30 |

THURS, JUNE 4

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| GATHER | 5:30AM |
| SUNRISE COFFEE & ROLLS | 5:30-5:55 |
| BIRD WATCH/RECORD SPECIES | 6:00-8:35 |
| GROUPS TO ROTATE TO DIFFERENT STATIONS <i>(40 min per station)</i> | 8:40 - 10:40 |
| BREAK/DISCUSS GROUP HIGHLIGHTS | 10:45-11:05 |
| HABITAT PRESENTATION: GRASSLAND BIRDS | 11:05-11:35 |
| LUNCH & SLIDESHOW | 11:35-12:35 |
| GRASS MANAGER'S VIEW | 12:40-1:30 |
| KIDS' ACTIVITIES | 1:30-2:00 |
| CLOSING COMMENTS | 2:00 |

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Join us for a unique opportunity to explore the diverse grasslands of northeastern South Dakota and observe the abundant bird species that call this region home.

Experience firsthand how thoughtful rangeland management supports thriving wildlife populations while sustaining working ranches.

Whether you're an experienced birder, rancher, student, or simply someone who appreciates South Dakota's open spaces, this event offers learning, connection, and unforgettable early-morning birding.

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