

Wisconsin Society for Ornithology UnConvention 2026

Wintergreen Nature Preserve - Driftless Area Land Conservancy

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Grassland Birds — Their Habits and Their Habitats

8 a.m. **Optional Field Trip** – Audubon's Conservation Ranching Program Six Sons Farm

9:30 a.m. Travel to Wintergreen

10 a.m. **Welcome coffee**

10:15 a.m. **Introductions/Hands on Activity**

10:45 a.m. **Grassland Birds 101 – *the big picture*. David Sample**

11:15 a.m. **Atlas II and Grassland Birds – What's the connection? Tom Prestby, Wisconsin Conservation Manager, Audubon Great Lakes**

11:45 a.m. **Seeking Safe Havens: How Grassland Birds Can Persist in a Warming World, Benjamin Zuckerberg**

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. **"Grazing for the Birds" Krysten Zummo, AWB Range Ecologist, National Audubon Society**

1:45 p.m. **"Activating Superpowers: The Southern Driftless Grasslands Partnership", Andy Bingle *Southern Driftless Grasslands Partnership Coordinator***

2:15 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. **Where are the grassland birds? Their haunts in Wisconsin. Steve Holzman, President Wisconsin Society for Ornithology**

3:15 p.m. **"The Fieldcraft, Composition, and Mechanics of Bird Photography", Joe Luedtke**

3:45 p.m. **Ending comments**

4 p.m. **Close UnConvention**

Happy Hour