

## **BirdNote®**

### **Sound Escapes Episode 3 - How to Help**

Prairie and grassland birds have experienced significant declines in recent decades. Here are a few organizations helping birds and the places they need to thrive.

#### **[Prairie Pothole Joint Venture](#)**

The Prairie Pothole Joint Venture is a coalition of organizations working to protect and restore wetlands and grasslands for waterfowl, shorebirds and prairie land birds in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

#### **[Citizens for Conservation](#)**

Citizens for Conservation is an Illinois-based nonprofit organization that maintains and restores a network of land preserves in northeastern Illinois.

—mentioned in BirdNote show [Restoring Prairies for Grassland Birds](#)

#### **[The Nature Conservancy's Nachusa Grasslands](#)**

With the goal of acquiring a large plot to restore native grassland, the Nature Conservancy has purchase or gotten conservation easements on over 3,500 acres at their Nachusa Grasslands. Grassland birds like grasshopper sparrows, dickcissels and Henslow's sparrows can be found here, and even bison.

#### **[American Prairie Reserve](#)**

"American Prairie Reserve aims to restore a complete and fully functioning prairie ecosystem, the largest of its kind in North America. This is critical to securing long-term conservation of our grasslands. We also aim to restore the natural abundance of species in the region by we relying on sound science. Our approach is rigorous, collaborative and action-oriented."

#### **[Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory](#)**

Prairie Partners is a program designed by the Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory to conserve prairie birds and the habitat. Since over 70% of the Great Plains is privately owned, Prairie Partners works to build a coalition of landowners and land managers who are actively involved in the conservation of lands important to prairie birds.