



WSO UnConvention Field Trip

Creating grassland bird habitat through managed grazing

Hosted by Judy Fossen & Dale Gasser of Six Sons Farm



Grassland birds are the fastest declining group of birds in North America, having lost approximately 50% of their populations since 1970. The primary driver of this loss is the parallel loss of grassland habitat to development and woody encroachment enabled by the elimination of historic and natural management (fire & grazing by bison). If we are to bring back grasslands and the birds associated with them, we must be creative in replicating these management practices through utilizing similar tools on the landscape.

Join us as we learn from the owners of Six Sons Farm about how they use their rotationally grazed cattle to create healthy grasslands for birds, wildlife, and the health of their community!

MEET AT SIX SONS FARM BY 8:00 am

What to bring:

- Binoculars
- Hiking boots or shoes
- Weather appropriate clothing

Parking:

Park along the right side of the driveway leading up to the main house.

Address: E7415 Spring Drive
Sauk City, WI



8:00 – Welcome & Introductions

8:15–9:30 – Tour of Six Sons Farm
(Dale & Judy)

- Overview of rotational grazing & benefits seen
- Audubon Conservation Ranching & first year's bird survey results (Krysten Zummo, Audubon)

9:30 – Drive to Wintergreen Nature Preserve:

5320 Hwy County C
Spring Green, WI 53533