


# Midwest Grassland Bird Conservation & Monitoring



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Midwest Grassland Bird Conservation Working Group



We are dedicated to monitoring grassland birds to effectively inform management, conservation, and policy decisions to maintain these populations on our Midwestern landscape in perpetuity.

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**Working Group Notes** Edit


I will periodically update this with conference call and meeting notes for your reference.


Here are notes from an Eastern US Grassland Bird Conference Call, an effort to start linking Midwest grassland bird partners with the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative and Eastern US Grassland Bird Working Group:

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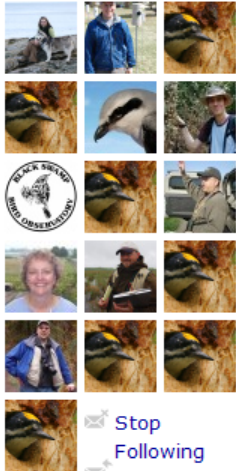
 **7th Eastern Native Grasslands Symposium, October 5-8, 2010**  
7TH Eastern Native Grass Symposium "Native Grasses on Working and Natural Landscapes" October 5 - 8, 2010 Knoxville Marriott Hotel Knoxville, TN The Eastern Native Grass Symposium features a speci...  
Started by Katie Koch Jul 15.

 **Factors Influencing Grassland Bird Demography** 2 Replies  
For our regional CBM and grassland bird meetings in September, one of the major topics we'll be discussing is synthesizing factors influencing grassland bird demography. To start the discussion of t...  
Started by Thomas J. Benson. Last reply by Andy Paulios Jul 7.

 **Research Priorities for Grassland Birds in the Upper Midwest (outside of the PNJ)** 1 Reply

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***Problem:*** We have been working on grassland bird conservation for the past 40 years, yet grassland birds are still declining on a continental scale. How can we synthesize and link our collective knowledge to improve the effectiveness of conservation delivery for grassland birds?

***Objective:*** Develop a common vision for building source landscapes for grassland birds on a regional scale that incorporates coordinated evaluation and feedback and engages appropriate implementation partners.

***Geographic Scope:*** This workshop is centered on grassland bird conservation practitioners throughout the Midwest eight-state region of IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, and WI. However, we are engaging experts from throughout the Eastern US grassland landscape to integrate Midwest strategies with collective efforts for grassland bird conservation.

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- 1) Overview of the “state of grassland birds” in the Midwest
  - Continental, Regional, and State population trends
  - Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region and Central Hardwoods Joint Venture conservation targets
  - State efforts to address grassland bird conservation needs
  
- 2) Discuss how grassland birds are responding to:
  - Issues of scale
  - Patch size
  - Landscape context
  - Habitat quality
  - What has been working? Why? What hasn't?

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- 3) What does a source population look like? What does it mean to be successful?
- 4) The importance of private lands to grassland bird conservation
  - How does the Farm Bill work on a state-by-state level?
  - At what level(s) can we be most successful in influencing
  - private land grassland bird conservation efforts?
- 5) Based on what we know, what should we ask partners to build in order to reach their goals to increase bird populations?
  - Case studies (what has worked)
  - Bird Conservation Opportunity Area concept
  - Where should we *not* work?
  - What should we advise partners to stop doing?

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- 6) What are the key assumptions we are making?
  - How do we test those assumptions?
  - Can we do this cooperatively across the region? How?
  
- 7) How do we evaluate our conservation delivery efforts?
  - How do we track change over time at different scales?
  - Can we stitch together tracking at multiple scales and sum it up at landscape or rangewide scales?
  - Given the scale that we think is relevant, how do we evaluate the bird population response to our focused efforts?
  
- 8) Aggregating Midwest Grassland Bird Datasets
  - What are the questions for analyses?
  - What datasets are out there?
  - How can we bring them together?
  - How can results be presented in a way that influences conservation action?

# Midwest Avian Data Center

*A New Regional Node to the Avian Knowledge Network*

The screenshot shows a Ning network page for the Midwest Avian Data Center. The top navigation bar includes the Ning logo, a search bar with the text "Search Midwest Coordinated Bird", and the user name "Katie Koch" with a "Sign Out" link. The main header area features the title "Midwest Coordinated Bird Monitoring Partnership" and the subtitle "Monitoring to Conserve Midwestern Birds". A secondary navigation bar contains links for "Main", "Invite", "My Page", "Members", "Groups", "Forum", "Events", "Monitoring Registry", "Avian Data Center" (which is highlighted), and "Manage". Below this, there are tabs for "All Pages" and "My Pages", and a "+ Add a Page" button. The main content area displays the title "Midwest Avian Data Center" and a paragraph of text describing the project's goals and current status. To the right of the main content is a user profile sidebar for "Katie Koch" with links for "Sign Out", "Inbox", "Alerts", "Friends - Invite", and "Settings", along with a "Quick Add..." dropdown. At the bottom of the sidebar is an advertisement for "Bird Baths Decorative Style" with a 120% low price guarantee and a link to "LampsPlus.com/Fountains".

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### Midwest Avian Data Center

The world's ecosystems face ever more urgent challenges. We need to put the extensive avian databases already in existence to work as soon as possible. This requires technology which can keep abreast of wide-ranging impacts, offering scientists and land managers real-time data to enable them to craft timely and effective adaptive management plans for conserving wild birds and their habitats. Therefore, we are partnering with Point Reyes Bird Observatory (and the California Avian Data Center; CADC - [www.prbo.org/data](http://www.prbo.org/data)) in the development of the Midwest Avian Data Center, a new regional node of the Avian Knowledge Network (AKN; [www.avianknowledge.net](http://www.avianknowledge.net)). The Midwest Avian Data Center will greatly broaden the amount and types of bird monitoring data from the Upper Midwest region that can be archived, accessed and analyzed across the Internet. Customized data visualization and query tools will enable regional constituents to access information for management units relevant to conservation. As a part of the AKN, our data will be integrated with a global network of bird monitoring data and tools developed to query and analyze these data. (Under development until 2011)

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**Birding Vest**

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1. Who needs to be involved from this part of the region?
2. Who holds important datasets?
3. Who manages grasslands in MI, IN and OH?
4. Who is doing grassland bird research?
5. What are we missing with the proposed meeting and futuring for the working group?

