

Audubon Conservation Ranching Initiative Fact Sheet

RCPP Project – 2237

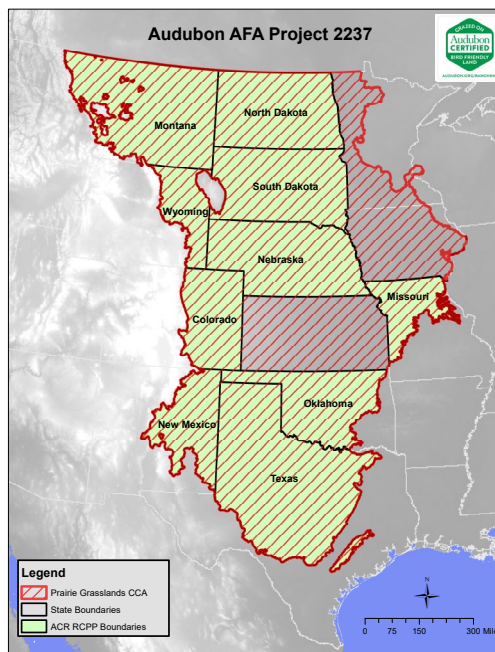
The National Audubon Society will build on a successful NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants project, expanding Audubon's Conservation Ranching (ACR) Initiative, which works with private landowners to enhance ecological, economic and social outcomes with ranch management practices.

To save grassland birds, we're enlisting and assisting America's ranchers – the stewards of our remaining grassland landscapes – in implementing conservation ranching practices on hundreds of thousands of acres in the project area. We're working with them to develop Habitat Management Plans that implement regenerative grazing and other bird conservation practices, such as controlling invasive species and native plant seeding.

By mimicking America's historic bison herds, regenerative grazing invigorates diverse plant communities and supports nutrient cycles that rebuild soil and conserve water. It even has potential to remove carbon from the atmosphere and add enormous amounts of carbon to soil organic matter. We measure the effectiveness of these practices by monitoring bird diversity and abundance, vegetation change, and soil health.

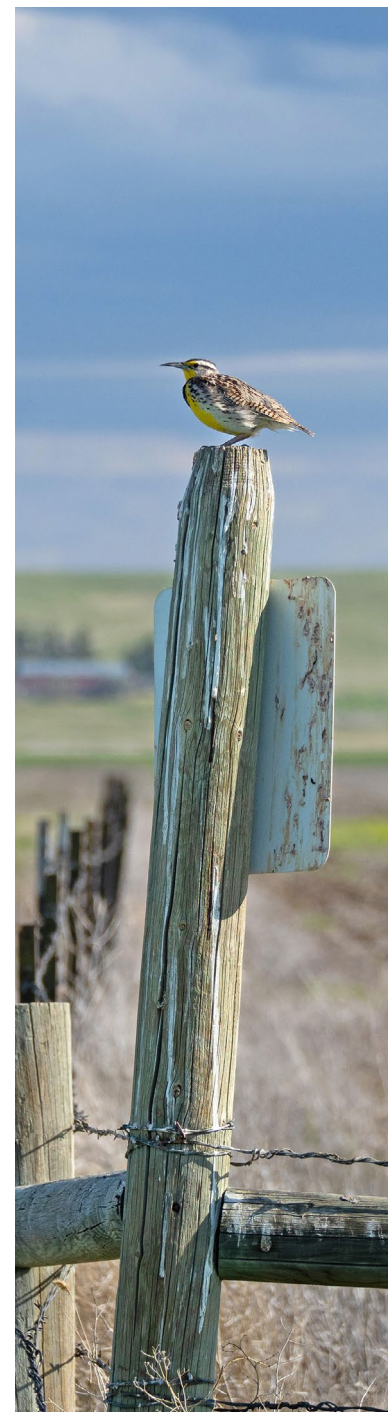
How to Apply

For more information or to submit an application contact Thomas Schroeder at (512) 663-2944



Approved Conservation Practices

- 314 – Brush Management
- 315 – Herbaceous Weed Treatment
- 327 – Conservation Cover
- 340 – Cover Crop
- 362 – Diversion
- 382 – Fence
- 390 – Riparian Herbaceous Cover
- 449 – Irrigation Water Management
- 500 – Obstruction Removal (Brush and Trees)
- 512 – Pasture and Hay Planting
- 516 – Livestock Pipeline
- 520 – Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Soil Treatment
- 533 – Pumping Plant
- 550 – Range Planting
- 578 – Stream Crossing
- 580 – Streambank and Shoreline Protection
- 582 – Open Channel
- 587 – Structure for Water Control
- 612 – Tree/Shrub Establishment
- 614 – Watering Facility
- 642 – Water Well
- 643 – Restoration of Rare or Declining Natural Communities (Beaver Dam Analogues)



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