

**Wisconsin's Wildlife Action Plan (2005-2015)  
Priority Conservation Actions & Conservation Opportunity Areas**

**SOUTHWEST SAVANNA ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPE**

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**HIGH PRIORITY SGCN AND NATURAL COMMUNITIES**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Bell's Vireo</li> <li>➤ Dickcissel</li> <li>➤ Eastern Meadowlark</li> <li>➤ Grasshopper Sparrow</li> <li>➤ Henslow's Sparrow</li> <li>➤ Loggerhead Shrike</li> <li>➤ Northern Bobwhite</li> <li>➤ Short-eared Owl</li> <li>➤ Upland Sandpiper</li> <br/> <li>➤ Prairie Vole</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Ozark Minnow</li> <li>➤ Slender Madtom</li> <br/> <li>➤ Blanchard's Cricket Frog</li> <li>➤ Prairie Ringneck Snake</li> <br/> <li>➤ Regal Fritillary</li> <li>➤ Prairie Leafhopper</li> <li>➤ Red-tailed Leafhopper</li> <li>➤ Leafhoppers (<i>Paraphilaenus parallelus</i>, <i>Laevicephalus</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>vannus</i>, <i>Attenuipygga vanduzeei</i>, <i>Prairiana cinerea</i>, <i>Driotura robusta</i>, <i>Prairiana kansana</i>, <i>Memnonia panzeri</i>)</li> <br/> <li>➤ Dry Prairie</li> <li>➤ Dry-Mesic Prairie</li> <li>➤ Oak Opening</li> <li>➤ Oak Woodland</li> <li>➤ Surrogate Grassland</li> <li>➤ Warmwater Streams</li> </ul> |
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**PRIORITY CONSERVATION ACTIONS**

- Work with Partners to protect and manage at least three 10,000-acre grassland bird conservation areas, with 2,000-acre cores of permanent grassland, including native prairie to the extent possible. Incorporate shrub-stage component for Bell's Vireo and other shrub land species.
- Work with Partners to protect prairie remnants within open landscapes that are conducive to larger prairie restoration and meta-population management of associated rare species.
- Partner with prairie and savanna restoration groups including FSA/NRCS to more efficiently accomplish habitat management.
- Actively manage appropriate patches for oak savanna and woodland restoration using prescribed fire.
- Develop educational tools and demonstration/training areas that promote prescribed fire and other prairie/savanna management practices.
- Protect and restore Ozark Minnow habitat in the watersheds and tributaries of the Platte River.

**CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY AREAS**

**Large Sedge Meadows, Fens and Prairies – Upper Midwest Significance**

Extensive grassland mostly surrogate, but also including proportionally large embedded patches of Dry Prairie, Dry-Mesic Prairie, Southern Sedge Meadow, Oak Opening, Oak Woodland, and Surrogate Grassland.

**COA(s):** Southwest Grasslands and Streams (13.01); Hardscrabble Prairie (13.02)

SGCN – Blanchard's Cricket Frog, Bullsnake, Prairie Ringneck Snake, Yellow-bellied Racer, American Golden Plover, Bell's Vireo, Bobolink, Brown Thrasher, Dickcissel, Eastern Meadowlark, Field Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Henslow's Sparrow, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Bobwhite, Northern Harrier, Red-headed Woodpecker, Short-eared Owl, Upland Sandpiper, Vesper Sparrow, Western Meadowlark, Willow Flycatcher, Prairie Leafhopper, Red-tailed Leafhopper, Regal Fritillary, Ottoe Skipper, Whitney's Underwing, Marbleseed

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Leafminer, and multiple leafhopper species (*Paraphilaenus parallelus*, *Laevincephalus vannus*, *Attenuipyga vanduzeei*, *Prairiana cinerea*, *Driotura robusta*, *Prairiana kansana*, *Memnonia panzeri*).

Public Land – Hardscrabble Prairie State Natural Area, Yellowstone Lake State Park, Yellowstone Lake Wildlife Area, Remnant Fishery Areas, Barneveld Prairie State Natural Area, Southwest Grassland Resource Area (in process).

Legacy Places – Blue Mound – Blanchardville Prairie and Savanna, Fever River – Hardscrabble Prairie, Pecatonica River and Grasslands, Platte River, Yellowstone Lake.

Important Bird Areas – Military Ridge – York Prairie and Pecatonica River Prairie.

**Diverse Aquatic Communities – State Significance**

Warmwater Stream systems featuring rare fish habitat.

**COA(s):** Little Platte River and Tributaries (A.55)

SGCN: Ozark Minnow, Blanchard's Cricket Frog, Timber Rattlesnake, and Bat Hibernacula

Public Land: None