



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

2021 UPDATE

OVERVIEW

- Communicate
- Protect
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Birds of Prairie Ridge State Natural Area

BY KATHY ANDREWS WRIGHT

Bob Gillespie from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources joins us for a Q&A on grassland birds of Prairie Ridge State Natural Area. Listen in to learn tips for planning a trip at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area and more.

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A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF MIKE WEFER

Welcome to the February 1, 2021 edition of the online magazine OutdoorIllinois Journal, featuring timely, seasonally based stories about the Prairie State's wildlife resources, with an expansion of content to include a broader range of subjects—including endangered and threatened species and Illinois' unique, high-quality habitats and the people working to preserve, protect and manage these resources.

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PROTECT — SPECIES

- Illinois Monarch Action Plan approved on Sept 24th
- Series of Virtual Events
 - Oct. — Kick-off for Monarch Action
 - Nov. - Route 66 Corridor for Monarchs
 - Jan. — Resources for Action
 - Feb. — Engaging Monarch Ambassadors
 - **May — Spring into Action on the Ground**



PROTECT - SPECIES

- Spatial data models used to guide surveys for species
- I-View facilitates us working with other landowners



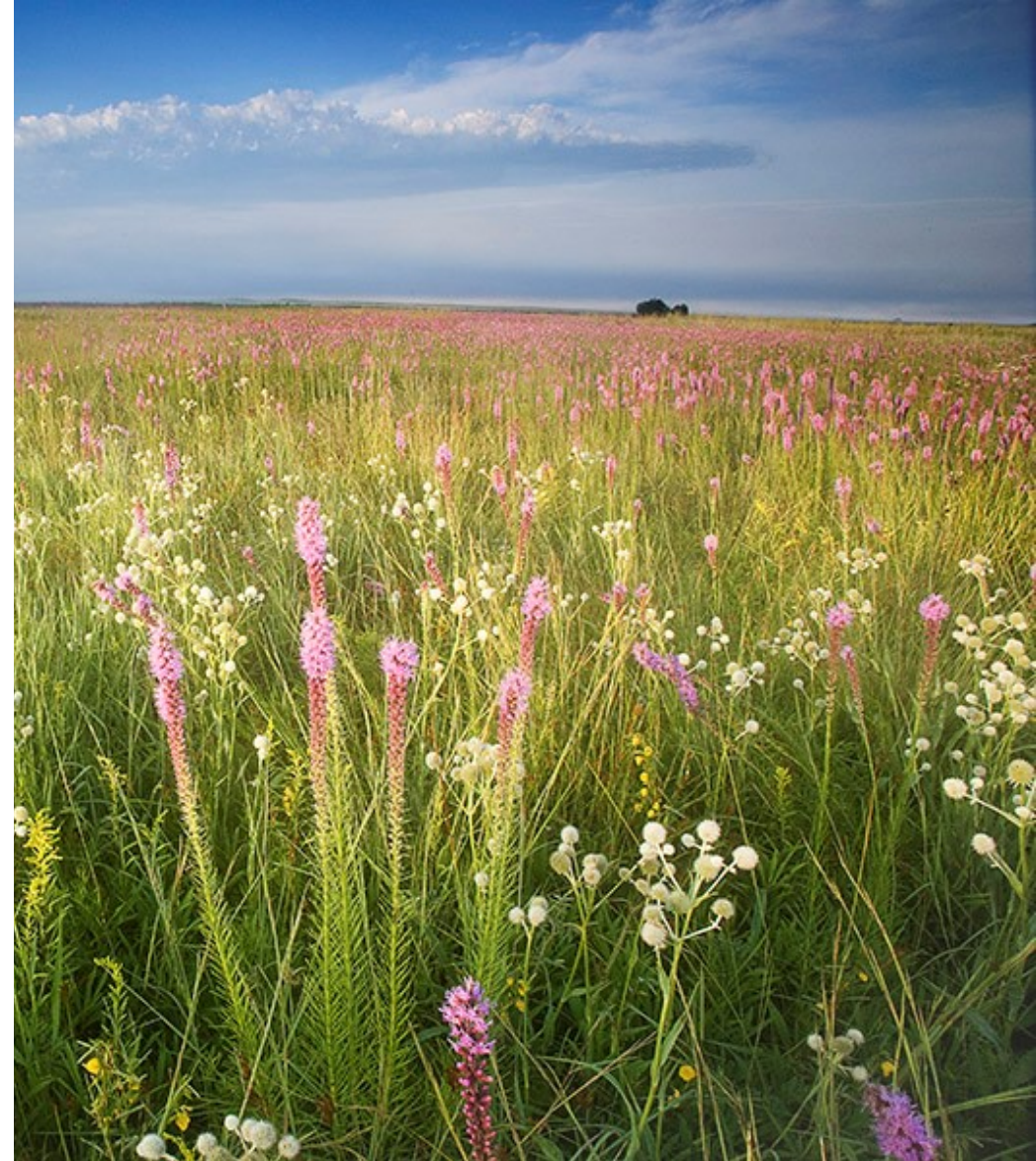
PROTECT — NATURAL COMMUNITIES

- Natural Areas Evaluation Committee
 - Internal technical committee that provides oversight of additions, deletions, and changes to Illinois Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) boundaries
- Updating procedures



PROTECT — IDNR DEDICATIONS/REGISTRATIONS

- 215 sites in Illinois Nature Preserve System
- Actively planning to bring additional sites to INPC



STEWARD

- Innovative approach for procurement
- Master contact and work orders
- Facilitate timely application of funding to stewardship in natural areas and habitats for listed species



STEWARD - GRANTS

- Eligible Lands – INPC sites with current and approved management plan
- Owned by Conservation Land Trust or have agreement with property owner
- Eligible expenses



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Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Grant Program



Grants

- PARC Grants
- Duck Stamp Grants
- Special Wildlife Funds Grant Program
- Recreation Grants
- Clean Vessel Act Grants

What is the Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Grant Program?
The Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship Grant Program provides grants to Conservation Land Trusts to

- 1) Increase stewardship on dedicated Illinois Nature Preserves and registered Land and Water Reserves, and
- 2) Increase stewardship capacity within Conservation Land Trusts.

GRANT PREPARATION

- All applicants **must** be registered on the [State of Illinois Grantee Portal](#) prior to the application deadline date.
- Determine relevancy to:
 - Illinois Natural Areas Plan
 - Illinois Sustainable Natural Areas Vision
 - Illinois Wildlife Action Plan
- Questions provided to guide response



GRANT TIMEFRAME

- Notice of Funding Opportunity
April 1
- Application Deadline
May 31
- Projects announced in August
- Agreements (start dates) in
September*





QUESTIONS

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