

2010 Grassland Bird Survey – Volunteers needed!

Dear Pembroke Area Field Naturalists:

We are seeking volunteer surveyors for our Grassland Bird Survey (GBS) beginning on the spring of 2010 and hope we can count on your participation! This project is being run as a joint effort between Wildlife Preservation Canada, Bird Studies Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Services. The main goal of the project is to locate Loggerhead Shrike and incidentally, a suite of grassland bird species in Ontario mainly on habitat that has been previously identified through associated recovery activities. The information gathered will provide a greater understanding of bird species composition and linkages in Ontario's remaining short-grasslands.

The GBS will focus on grassland habitats in the key breeding areas of the Loggerhead Shrike which includes the area around Pembroke/Renfrew among others. Depending upon interest and skill level, participants can choose to complete a survey of ALL grassland bird species or a SUBSET of species that are of special interest to the project and readily identifiable. Surveyors will conduct 15 minute roadside surveys along assigned 'sites' for which high quality short-grassland habitat is visible. A survey kit containing detailed survey methodology, data forms and survey maps will be provided to all participants and can be delivered via post or email.

If you are interested in participating in this project and would like more information, please feel free to contact the GBS coordinator at Wildlife Preservation Canada by phone at 519-836-9314 or 1-800-956-6608 (toll free) or through email at gbs@wildlifepreservation.ca.

Sincerely,

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