

Southwest Grasslands Research and Management Workshop

November 7, 2019 | 9:30am - 5:00pm

University of Arizona, Student Union (Sonora Room)

Agenda

9:30	Registration, coffee, networking
10:00	Welcome and introductions Setting the stage - <i>Matt Grabau, US Fish and Wildlife Service & Peter Warren, The Nature Conservancy (retired)</i>
10:20	Lightning talks <i>Brief presentations from partners to inform work in breakout groups</i> Moderator: <i>Damian Rawoot, The Nature Conservancy</i> • Grassland Restoration for Wildlife - <i>Glen Dickens, Arizona Antelope Foundation</i> • Fire as a Grassland Management Tool - <i>Willie Sommers, Arizona Department of Fire and Forestry Management</i> • Soil Health and Erosion - <i>Trevor Hare, Watershed Management Group</i> • Enhancing Working Lands - <i>Mary Miller, Altar Valley Conservation Alliance</i>
11:00	Break
11:15	Breakout I Discussions: Partner work - Goals, challenges and opportunities <i>Small group discussions on the following topics:</i> • Supporting grassland restoration for wildlife: Birds • Supporting grassland restoration for wildlife: Other species of conservation need • Managing problematic plants • Improving soil health and combating erosion • Enhancing working lands • Fire management
12:30	Lunch (provided)
1:15	Shareback from Breakout I
1:45	Lightning Talks Moderator: <i>Alex Koeberle, University of Arizona</i> • Grassland Restoration for Migratory Birds - <i>Adam Hannuksela, Sonoran Joint Venture</i> • Spatial Assessments and Prioritization - <i>Gita Bodner, The Nature Conservancy</i> • Addressing Research Needs - <i>Molly McCormick, Restoration Assessment and Monitoring Program for the Southwest</i> • Lessons Learned from On-the-Ground Grassland Restoration - <i>Emilio Carrillo, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service</i>

2:30	Break
2:45	Breakout II Discussions: Moving Ahead - Collaboration and information sharing on key issues <i>Topics may include:</i> • Grassland Restoration for Birds • Grassland Restoration for Non-Bird Species • Maintaining/Improving Grassland Connectivity • Erosion Control Techniques • Mesquite/Brush Removal • Invasive Grass Control • Fire Management • Synthesis of spatial Prioritization Methods • Synthesis of Research Needs
3:45	Break
4:00	Panel Discussion: Lessons learned from collaboration on large-scale grassland restoration Moderator: <i>Larry Fisher, University of Arizona</i> • Myles Traphagen, <i>Wildlands Network</i> • Bob Rogers, <i>The Nature Conservancy</i> • Karen Simms, <i>Pima County NRPR</i>
4:45	Next steps and closing - <i>Esther Rubin, Arizona Game and Fish Department</i>
5:00	Adjourn Happy Hour at Gentle Ben's Brewing