

# SPRING 2024 GROUSE VIEWING BLIND OPPORTUNITIES

- These opportunities generally run mid-March to mid-May, and are latitude, weather, ground-condition, and availability dependent.
- They are listed by state and grouse species, then mostly by nearest town, site, and host. Text in blue has links to additional information.
- Call, email, or register as indicated to reserve a morning, get instructions, and directions. Some fill quickly and far in advance, conduct a lottery, and/or have a fee.
- RESPECT ALL RULES, such as dates, and arrival and departure times from blinds to minimize disturbance to birds and maximize their mating success. Some blinds may be located on private land. It is always wise to follow the [American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics](#), prepare well, and dress accordingly.
- If you are aware of opportunities that should be added or updates, email [jodie@grousepartners.org](mailto:jodie@grousepartners.org). This list is intended to be as helpful as feasible for grouse enthusiasts. We are aware it is likely not always completely up to date as information changes locally.

## CALIFORNIA

### Greater Sage-Grouse

Mono County – Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power - See Eastern Sierra Audubon Society's [Greater Sage-Grouse Guide](#) for information, guidelines, and permission.

## COLORADO

### Gunnison Sage-Grouse

Gunnison - [Waunita Watchable Wildlife Site](#) - [Sisk-A-Dee](#) – 970-641-3959 or [contact form](#)

## IOWA

### Greater Prairie-Chicken

Kellerton – Kellerton [Bird Conservation Area](#) – Iowa DNR - 641-783-2166

## KANSAS

### **Greater Prairie-Chicken**

Manhattan - [Flint Hills Discovery Center](#) – [tours](#) – 785-587-2726

Great Bend – [Kansas Wetlands Education Center](#) - 877-243-9268

### **Lesser Prairie-Chicken**

Oakley – [Buffalo Bill Cultural Center](#) - tours by Prairie Tours and Guide Service – 785-953-1139  
or [jhmillensifer@gmail.com](mailto:jhmillensifer@gmail.com)

### **Greater & Lesser Prairie Chickens**

Hays – [Kansas Lek Treks](#) Prairie Chicken Festival (mid-April) - [Audubon of KS](#) – 785-537-4385

## MINNESOTA

### **Greater Prairie Chicken** ([MN Prairie Chicken Society](#))

Audubon - [Hamden Slough NWR](#) – USFWS - 218-844-3406

Glyndon – [Bluestem Prairie SNA](#) – The Nature Conservancy (TNC) - [swinter@tnc.org](mailto:swinter@tnc.org)

Mentor - [Glacial Ridge NWR](#) – USFWS - 218-687-2229 x31478

Rothsay – [Fergus Falls Area Wildlife](#) - MN DNR – 218-671-7978

[Window on Wildlife](#) lek cam – MN DNR – Enjoy the birds live on-line in the morning.

### **Sharp-tailed Grouse** ([MN Sharp-tailed Grouse Society](#))

Baudette – [Baudette Area Wildlife](#) - MN Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) - 218-395-6033

Crookston - [dsvedars@crk.umn.edu](mailto:dsvedars@crk.umn.edu) (“Sharpie Shack”)

## MONTANA

### **Sharp-tailed Grouse**

Great Falls – [Benton Lake NWR](#) – USFWS – email top 3 dates to [bentonlake@fws.gov](mailto:bentonlake@fws.gov) or call 406-727-7400 x226 before late March to enter in lottery

## NEBRASKA

### **Greater Prairie Chicken & Sharp-tailed Grouse**

Burwell – Switzer Ranch – [Calamus Outfitters](#) - 308-346-4697 or [hbswitzer@nctc.net](mailto:hbswitzer@nctc.net)

Halsey – [Bessey Ranger District](#) – USFS – 308-533-2257

## **Sharp-tailed Grouse**

Bassett – [Hutton Niobrara Wildlife Sanctuary](#) – [Audubon of KS](#) – 785-537-4385

Niobrara – [Niobrara State Park](#) – NE Game & Parks – 402-857-3373

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

### **Sharp-tailed Grouse**

Grand Forks - (also possibly near Bismarck, Jamestown, and Watford City/Williston) - complete on-line form at [forms.gle/wrQQNx7B7AwciYGm6](https://forms.gle/wrQQNx7B7AwciYGm6) - Pheasants Forever & Audubon

Kenmare - [Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge](#) (NWR) - USFWS – [paul\\_halko@fws.gov](mailto:paul_halko@fws.gov)

Moffit - [Long Lake NWR](#) – USFWS - 701-387-4397 x14

Minot - [Upper Souris NWR](#) – USFWS – 701-468-5467 or [uppersouris@fws.gov](mailto:uppersouris@fws.gov)

Pingree - [Arrowwood NWR](#) – USFWS – [kory\\_richardson@fws.gov](mailto:kory_richardson@fws.gov)

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

### **Greater Prairie Chicken & Sharp-tailed Grouse**

Pierre – [Fort Pierre National Grassland](#) – USFS - 605-224-5517

## **WISCONSIN**

### **Greater Prairie Chicken**

Milladore - [Paul J. Olson Wildlife Area](#) – WI DNR & [WI Prairie Chicken Festival](#) (mid-April) – [wisconsinprairiechickenfest@gmail.com](mailto:wisconsinprairiechickenfest@gmail.com)

Wisconsin Rapids - [Buena Vista Wildlife Area](#) - WI DNR & UW–Stevens Point - 715-346-4681

### **Sharp-tailed Grouse** ([WI Sharp-tailed Grouse Society](#))

Danbury - [Namekagon Barrens Wildlife Area](#) – WI DNR - 715-645-0072

Grantsburg – [Crex Meadows Wildlife Area](#) – WI DNR – 715-463-2739

## **WYOMING**

### **Greater Sage-Grouse**

Multiple locations across WY - See WY Game & Fish Department [Sage-Grouse Lek Viewing Guide](#) for locations, instructions, and directions.