



Women in Conservation

North Dakota

WE SURVIVED

Spring is FINALLY here! Planting season is upon us, baby calves are frolicking, grassland birds are singing and wouldn't you know it? We all survived winter once again! Within this newsletter you'll find a survival kit for the busy spring season, a tidbit on our mission, and some fun bird and plant ID to get your

mind off all the work that needs to be done. Enjoy the sunshine, be mindful of nesting birds, and as always, feel free to reach out if you'd like me to include any events or have questions about a particular event, practice or program.

Spring Top 10 survival kit

By: Carie Moore, Towner County Farmer

- 1) Coffee. Must NOT be decaf and must be in a special travel tumbler based on the day and my activities. For example, "May My Coffee Be Stronger Than My Children"...



- 2) The zip-lock package containing my yellow/black rubber handled side cutter pliers, Carmex with three small hair rubber bands wrapped around it, gum, toilet paper, blue-inked pen, zip-ties, and other female "necessities." Did you know zip ties make a better hairband than duct tape?



- 3) Phone with music and other apps like TED talks, church sermons, and YouTube. In many of our fields, you only get radio reception on some stations when the tractor is going one direction only. Seriously, you can't make this stuff up. This is also important for communication. Any day of field season is a good time to have a phone, but the first day of planting and harvest are especially important!



May 2019

Spring Bird ID 101

Bobolink

Habitat: Grasslands
Call : Resembles R2D2



Chestnut-collared Longspur

Habitat: Grasslands
Call : Resembles Western Meadowlark



Eastern Kingbird

Habitat: Grasslands
Call : Resembles a squeaky wheel



Least Flycatcher

Habitat: Shrubs and woodland edges
Call : "che-bek"



Wilson's Snipe

Habitat: Marshes
Call : A very distinctive ascending winnow



Yellow Warbler

Habitat: Woody areas near wetlands
Call : "Sweet, sweet, sweet, little more sweet"



Photos from Cornell Lab of Ornithology



4)



Box of blue shop towels with the cutout handle. When the coffee mug spills going over a

protruding rock, when the kids have a bathroom emergency, when hooking up that hydraulic hose that has the coupler covered in spewed old fluid that has that layer of dirt, bird poop, cattail poofs, and Lord only knows what else covering it. They also work as a seat for a buddy and the hole in top is a great coffee cup holder!

5)

Grace and patience. Especially when you know more about the smoking tractor combine than your husband, because you read the manual...

6)

Family/Friends. These sweet, dear, wonderful children of mine who have been in this glass box with me for hours eating, sleeping, fighting, crying, singing, begging are driving me crazy so can you please come get them? Pretty please? I'll buy you Dairy Queen, a new car, a hut in Tahiti, you name it as long as you TAKE THEM NOW!



7)

Food. I can't go anywhere without food. Hangry is not cool when I'm out of grace and patience.



8)

Great parts guys. The ones who see me five times in one day and finally say, "Just go in the back and get the one you really need." They are the ones I bring doughnuts and coffee to because parts runs mean doughnut store and expensive coffee stops. Whoot! Whoot! If they deliver your parts you end up paying a service call fee. Doughnuts and coffee are a small price to pay!

9)

Social Media. I love to show what I'm doing and why to those who don't farm. I love to encourage women because we all struggle and have joys no matter who we are. As women, we are always trying to do more. It's better to try and fail than to sit and wonder if you can or not. We all have different skills.

10)

And finally, timely rain days to stop the high emotions, catch up on dishes, laundry, groceries, and repairs that were temporary field fixes.



Upcoming Events

May 13th

Goose Lake PF Chapter
Youth Pollinator Habitat Project
12:00 PM — 3:00 PM
Braddock, ND

May 14th

Women's Wing-shooting Series
Capital City Sporting Clays
6:00 PM — 8:00 PM
Bismarck, ND

May 15th

Peaceful Valley PF Chapter
Youth Pollinator Habitat Project
9:00 AM — 3:00 PM
Tioga, ND

May 16th

Knife River PF Chapter
Youth Pollinator Habitat Project
9:00 AM — 3:00 PM
Beulah, ND



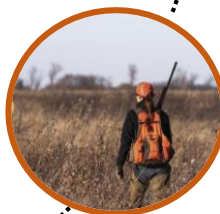
Habitat, Hunt, Harvest: Connecting the D.O.T.S

You might be looking at our calendar of upcoming events, or even wondering what Pheasants Forever is doing dabbling in the world of agriculture. Sometime last year we came up with the slogan and hashtag “habitat, hunt, harvest” to embody the work we do and the connections it has to one another in North Dakota.

Habitat: Our namesake is “The Habitat Organization.” We’re dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail, and other wildlife and we recognize the need to incorporate private landowners into that mission. Especially given the importance of elements of both working grasslands and croplands to pheasant’s subsistence.

Hunt: This comes second because we would not be privileged with the opportunities to hunt without habitat supporting the species we love to pursue. Education and outreach also play a big role in our mission. Hunters are on the decline and through excise taxes on gear and license sales, they’re footing the bill for conservation. Simply put, fewer hunters means fewer dollars, but additionally, fewer people to carry on our legacy. We’re doing our part by trying to attract and diversify the next generation of hunters.

Harvest: Sort of the “why” we do it all, for time spent decompressing afield, for the intimate moments in nature, for quality time with family and friends, to watch a well-trained bird-dog, or to bring home clean, and locally-sourced meat... This is an evolving definition that is often unique to each individual, but we want to make sure we do a better job of expressing the “harvests” we truly reap from hunting as we seek to promote hunting and attract the next holders of our legacy.



Upcoming Events (Continued)

June 1st

BisMarket Opening Day
Kiwanis Park
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Bismarck, ND

June 11th

Women’s Wing-shooting Series
Capital City Sporting Clays
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Bismarck, ND

July 9th

Women’s Wing-shooting Series
Capital City Sporting Clays
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Bismarck, ND

July 11th

Garden Tour
Menoken Farm
Menoken, ND

June 20th

Women Caring for the Land
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Towner, ND

For questions or to RSVP for an event contact Cayla Bendel
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Conservation Note of the Quarter:

Prairie turnips!



Indian Breadroot, Prairie Turnip, or Scurf-Pea is a member of the pea family that you can catch blooming in our mixed-grass prairies pretty soon (May-early June)! The tuber formed by the root was used by Native Americans either as a potato-like food source or ground into flour! It’s also an excellent attractant of pollinators. So if you’re feeling creative this spring, you can search for some, but wait until mid-summer to harvest!

Partner Shout-out!

A big thank you to the North Dakota Game and Fish Department for their recent grant dollars for our women’s hunting recruitment efforts. Thanks to their support, we’re helping 15 women improve their skills and confidence on the range and providing opportunities for them and others to take those skills afield this fall!



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Got ideas or photos you want to share? Send them my way!

