

Make a difference for all open landscape wildlife!

Open and brushland habitats include old fields, hay land, pastures, prairie, grasslands, sedge meadows, shrub swamps, open bogs, and savannas. They have very scattered brush and trees ($\leq 30\%$), providing the very open, expansive areas of perennial cover needed by sharp-tailed grouse and other open landscape dependent wildlife to survive, reproduce, and thrive.

Many wildlife benefit from protection, restoration and enhancement of these habitats, including sandhill cranes, woodcock, short-eared owls, northern harrier, bluebirds, meadowlarks, yellow rail, bobolinks, deer, waterfowl, and furbearers. Unfortunately open landscape dependent wildlife are the fastest declining group of wildlife and many are species in greatest conservation need or endangered, threatened, or special concern in Minnesota.



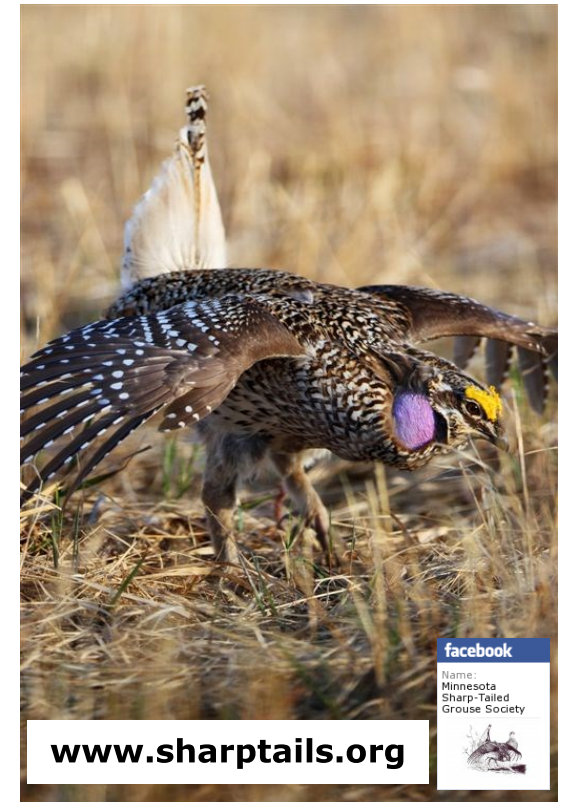
Make a difference for all people enjoying and using Minnesota's great outdoors!



MINNESOTA SHARP-TAILED GROUSE SOCIETY



Dedicated to the management and restoration of sharp-tailed grouse.



What is the Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society (MSGS)?

We are an organization dedicated to the management and restoration of sharp-tailed grouse, a unique native bird which has experienced a long term population decline in Minnesota due to loss of its required open and brushland habitats.

We were founded in 1986 and our members include hunters, birders, educators, biologists, habitat managers, researchers, and more.

Our long term goal is a sustainable population of sharp-tailed grouse in Minnesota which reflects ample, healthy and connected open and brushland habitats for dancing grounds, nesting, brooding rearing and wintering.

Striving for this goal provides multiple benefits, including increased biodiversity, carbon sequestration, water retention and filtration, and recreational opportunity such as hunting and wildlife watching.



What does MSGS do?

MSGS has contributed immensely toward achieving its goal, including:

- Biannual "Spring Fling" membership gatherings, technical meetings for sharp-tailed grouse managers and researchers, and joint meetings with sister organizations such as Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society (MPCS) and Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society.
- Volunteer Brush Cut Habitat Days to enhance habitat and generate in-kind match for grants. They include bog burgers, fresh air, and great camaraderie.
- Financial support for sharp-tailed grouse research projects.
- Procurement of grants and donations for habitat protection, enhancement and restoration.
- Collaboration with partners such as Pheasants Forever, USFWS, MN DNR, MPCS, NRCS and SWCDs to attain mutual goals.
- Support and promotion of viewing blinds, and appreciation to landowners with blinds and habitat projects.



How can I join MSGS?

Membership Categories:

(All include newsletter and decal.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student or Retired | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing (new members get a cap) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (new members get a print) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (new members get t-shirt & print) | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life (one-time payment, get framed print) | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I opt out of the above gifts to allow MSGS additional habitat funds. | |

Save Our Sharptails (SOS)

donation for habitat: _____

Total Enclosed _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Mail to:

Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society
P. O. Box 3338
Duluth, MN 55803

