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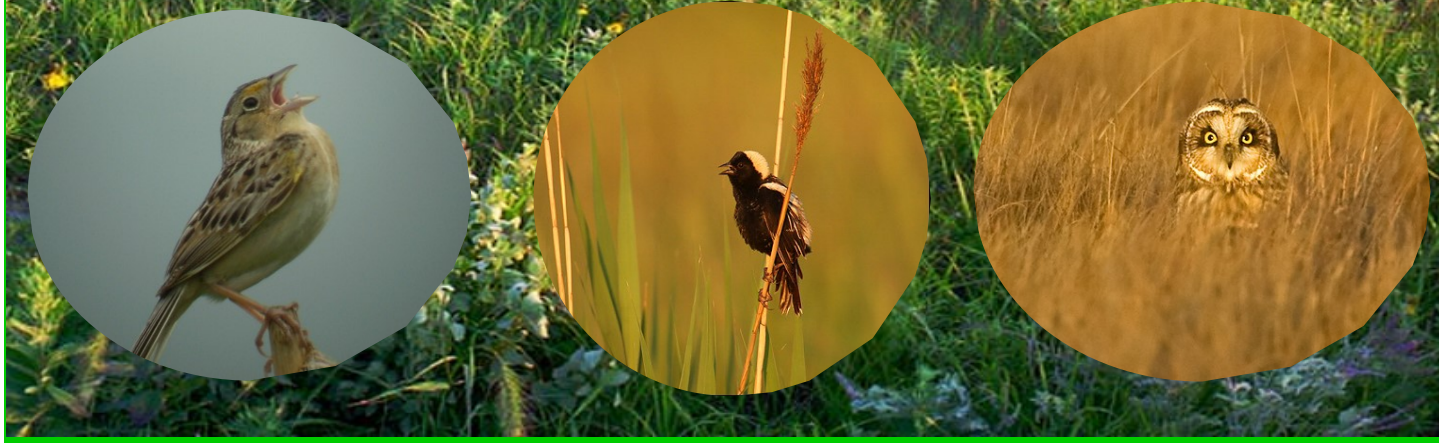
Grasslands, a Vanishing Landscape

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Tallgrass prairies once covered 140 millions acres across the United States. Today, all that remains is between 1 and 4% . Short and mixed grass prairies are also declining. As grasslands are our fastest declining habitats, so are the birds utilize them. Of the 48 species of birds breeding in grasslands, approximately 50% of them are in trouble. Tonight we will explore these vanishing ecosystems and their inhabitants. Pictured above, three grassland birds from left to right: grasshopper sparrow, bobolink and short eared owl.

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