

# Discovery Tours & Black Swamp Bird Observatory

PROUDLY PRESENT:

## Dancing on the Prairies

Sandhill Cranes, Prairie Chickens and Sharp-tailed Grouse  
A Nebraska Platte River Spring Spectacle!



March 19 - 25, 2011

—bWl XYg. + 'XUngž'a YU'g/ 'fUbgdcfHUh]cb ]b'BYVfUg\_U'  
: cf'Zi fh\Yf ]bZcfa Uh]cb cf'hc'a U\_Y'mci f'fYgYfj Uh]cb'W'' , \$\$!) - \$!&\* \* -

This is an experience that mirrors the March Magic story in the April 2010 issue of Audubon Magazine.

J ]Yk 'hk c'gdYVWUW 'Uf'k ]X'ZY'Yj Ybhg/ h\Y' [ Uh\Yf]b[ 'UbX'gdf]b[ 'XUbW'g'cZ'a ][ fUh]b [ 'GUbX\ ]''7fUbYg'UbX'h\Y'Vēi fhg\ ]d'X]gd'Umg'cZ'DfU]f]Y'7\ ]W\Ybg'UbX'G\Ufd! hU]YX'  
; fci gY''J ]g]h'DfU]f]Y'7\ ]W\Yb'UbX' [ fci gY'f'Y\_g] 'i d'WcgY'cb'U'k cf\_]b[ 'fUbW' ]b'h\Y'  
Wbh'fU'GUbX\ ]'g''—b'UXX]h]cbž'VYVēa Y' ]a a YfgYX' ]b'h\Y' [ Uh\Yf]b[ 'cZ'h'ci gUbXg'cZ'  
k UhYfZck 'UbX'i d'hc') \$\$\$\$\$\$'GUbX\ ]''7fUbYg'fUbX'U'Zyk 'K \ccd]b[ '7fUbYgk'U'cb[ 'h\Y'D'UhY'F ]j'Yf''

- ✓ &'b][ \hg ]b'U'a cXYfb''cX[ Y'cb'U'k cf\_]b[ 'fUbW''
- ✓ 8]gVēj Yf'h\Y'ZJa ci g'GUbX\ ]'g'UbX'GUbX\ ]''DfU]f]Yg''
- ✓ K UhW'Vch\ [ fYUhYf'DfU]f]Y'7\ ]W\Ybg'UbX'G\Ufd! hU]YX'; fci gY'i d'WcgY'cb'h\Y'f''Y\_g''
- ✓ J ]Yk 'a cfb]b[ 'UbX'Yj Yb]b[ 'Z][ \hg'cZ'WUbYg'Zcfa 'U'f]j Yfg]XY'cVgYfj Uh]cb'UfYUg'
- ✓ J ]g]h'k UhYfZck 'dfYgYfj Yg']b'h\Y'F U]bk UhYf'6Ug]b'
- ✓ J ]g]h'h\Y'F ck Y'GUbW'UfmcZ'h\Y'BUh]cbU'5i Xi Vcb'GcWYhmi
- ✓ Ci h'h\Y'VUW'Xccf'V]fX]b[ 'Uh'ci f'\ch'' ]b'; fUbX'g'UbX'
- ✓ Ci h'h\Y'Zcbh'Xccf'V]fX]b[ 'Uh'h\Y'fUbW''
- ✓ GYUfW'Zcf'K \ccd]b[ '7fUbYg'
- ✓ F Udhc'fgž'j Uf]YfmcZ'k UhYfZck 'ž'dY'W]bgž'YhW''
- ✓ BYVfUg\_U'GUbX\ ]'g'VUW'fcUXg'UbX'ga U''hck bg''
- ✓ >YYd'hc'i f'h'fci [ \h\Y'fi [ [ YX'VUW'Vēi bh'fmcZ'U'gUbX\ ]'g' =65'fUbW''
- ✓ H\Y'dfc[ fUa 'VY[ ]bg'UbX'YbXg']b'@]bVē'b'BYVfUg\_U'f5a hfU\_ 'UggYggUV'Yē''

8Um%'GUi fXUnž'A UfW '%- . 'H\Y'dfc[ fUa 'cZ]WU'mVY[ ]bg'Ut the'U]fdcfh'\chY''Uh\* . \$\$'da ''  
fH\YfY'k ]''VY'U''cW'Z]Y'X'f]d'Zcf'YUf'mUff]j'U'gē''  
@cX[ ]b[ . U]fdcfh<Ua dhcb'—bb'  
A YU'g. '8]bbYf'

8Umī&"Gi bXUnž'A UfW &\$.. 5ggYa V'Y'Uh, 'U'a "'j b'h'Y'c'V'V'm'h'c'f'Uj Y'hc'ci f'c'X[ ]b[ 'Uh'U' [ i Ygh fUbW' c'j Yf'cc\_]b[ 'h'Y'7'U'Ua i g'F'Yg'Yf'j c]f' b'Y'Uf' h'Y'G'U'X' \ ]'g'Đ'h'c'k' b'c'Z'6'i' f'k' Y'~"'K' Y'a' U'm'g'h'c'd' 'Uh' g'Y' Y'f'U' 'G'U'X' \ ]'~'b'U'h' f'U' 'U'f'Y'U'g' 'U'X' 'd'f'Y'g'Y'f'j' Y'g' 'Z'c'f' 'k' ]'X' ]Z'Y' 'k' U'H'W' ]b[ ' 'U'X' 'b'U'h' f'U' ' \ ]g'h'c'f'm' ]b'h'Y'f'd'f'Y'h'U'h' ]c'b' " 5Z'h'f'g'Y'h' ]b[ ]'b' 'U'X' 'f'Y' 'U' ]b[ ' 'U'h'ci' f' 'G'U'X' \ ]'g' 'f'Y'f'Y'U'h'k' Y'k' ]'~'Y'b' 'c'm'U' 'f'U'X' 'V'č'c' 'Y'X' ]b'Y'f' 'U'X' ' 'U'h'Y'f' 'f'Y'h'f'Y' 'hc'ci' f' 'd'f' ]' U'h' 'f'c'c'a' g'f'k' ]'h' 'd'f' ]' U'h' 'V'U'h' 'E' ]b' 'c'b'Y' 'c'Z' 'h'Y' 'a' c'X'Y'f'b' 'Vi' b\_ '\ 'ci' g'Y'g' " " "

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A YU'g. '6fYU\_žUghž@ bWž/ '8]bbYf' :

8Umī " 'A cbXUnž'A UfW &% 'Gi bf]gY' HfY\_ 'hc' h'Y' @\_! f'g'h'c'd' [ 'f'ci' g]b[ 'E' " H\ ]g'k' ]'~'V'Y' 'U'j' Y'f'm'Y'U'f'm'Y'j' Y'b'h'c'j' ]'Y'k' 'D'f'U' ]f'Y' '7' \ ]W'Y'bg' 'U'X' '#c'f' 'G' \ 'U'f'd'! 'H' ]'Y'X' ; 'f'ci' g'Y' 'd'Y'f'Z'c'f'a' ]b[ ' 'h'Y' ]f' 'U'X' 'V'Y' 'b'h' 'V'č' 'i' f'h' ]b[ ' 'f' ]'i' 'U'g' 'c'b' 'h'Y' 'c'd'Y'b' 'd'f'U' ]f'Y' " 'K' Y'k' ]'~'V'Y' ]b' 'i' b' \ ]Y'U'h'Y'X' 'V' ]b'X'g' 'U'X' 'a' i' g'h'g'h'U'm'e'i' ]'Y'h' " 5Z'h'f' 'ci' f' 'a' c'f'b' ]b[ ' 'f' 'Y\_ ' 'h'f'Y' 'f' 'U'X' 'U' 'Y'U'f'm'f'U'X' 'V'f'Y'U\_ 'žU'g'h'k' Y'k' ]'~'c'U'Z'U'V'ci' h' 'h'Y' 'f'U'X' 'U'X' 'Y' 'I' 'd' 'c'f'Y' 'b'Y'U'f'V'm'V' ]f'X' ]b[ ' 'g' ]'h'Y'g' " 'K' Y'k' ]'~'U'g'c' ' \ ]U'j' Y' 'U'X' 'Y' 'I' 'V' ]h' ]b[ ' 'V'U'W' 'V'č' 'i' b'h'f'm' 'Y'Y'd' 'h'ci' f' 'hc'j' ]'Y'k' 'c'Z' 'h'Y' 'f'Y'a' c'h'Y' 'g'U'X' \ ]'g' 'U'X' 'd'Y'f' \ 'U'g' 'a' c'f'Y' 'D'f'U' ]f'Y' '7' \ ]W'Y'bg' 'U'X' [ 'f'ci' g'Y' " " "



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8Umī ( " 'H' i YgXUnž'A UfW &&. : c'ck ]b[ ' 'U'X' 'h'Y'f' 'g'i' b'f' ]g'Y' 'Y\_ 'j' ]g' ]h' 'U'X' 'V'f'Y'U\_ 'žU'g'h'k' Y'k' ]'~'X'Y'd'U'f'h' 'h'Y' 'G'k' ]m'Y'f' 'F' 'U'X' 'U'X' 'h'U'j' Y' 'hc' 'h'Y' 'D' 'U'f' 'H' ]'j' Y'f' " 'C' 'i' 'f' 'ci' 'h'Y' 'g' 'U' 'c'b[ ' ]' [ \ 'h'm' 'h'f'U'j' Y'Y'X' 'g' ]'h'Y' 'f'c'U'X'g' 'U'X' 'k' Y' 'a' 'U' 'm' \ ]U'j' Y' 'U'X' 'c'd'd'c'f' 'h' 'b' ]'m' 'h'c'j' ]'Y'k' 'U'j' 'U'f' ]'Y' 'm'c'Z' 'f'U' 'd' 'h'c'f'g' " 'b' 'a' ]'X' 'U'Z' 'h'Y'f' 'b'c'c'b' 'k' Y'k' ]'~'j' ]g' ]h' 'h'Y' 'F' 'c'k' Y' 'G'U'X' 'V' 'U'f' 'm'c'd'Y'U' 'h'Y'X' 'V' 'm' 'h'Y' 'B'U' ]h'c'b'U' '5' 'i' X' 'i' 'V'c'b' 'G'c'V'Y'f'm' ]b' 'h'Y' ' \ ]Y'U'f' 'h'c'Z' 'h'Y' 'G'U'X' \ ]'~'7' 'f'U'X' 'U'f'Y'U' " @U'h'Y' ]b' 'h'Y' 'X'U'm'k' Y'k' ]'~'h'f'U'j' Y' 'hc'ci' f' 'c'X[ ]b[ ' 'k' ]'h' 'V'U'X' 'g'z'k' 'U'Y'f'Z'c'k' 'ž' 'g' 'c'f'Y'V' ]f'X'g'z' 'U'X' 'c'h'Y'f' 'k' ]'X' ]Z'Y' ]f' [ \ 'h'ci' h' 'h'Y' 'V'U'W' 'X'c'c'f' " 5g' 'h'Y' 'V'U'W' 'X'c'c'f' 'V'U'X' 'g'Y'X'Y'd'U'f' 'h'Z'c'f' 'h'Y' ]f' 'Y'j' Y'b' ]b[ ' 'f'c'c'g'ž' 'k' Y'k' ]'~'g'Y'h'Y' 'X'c'k' 'b' 'hc'X' ]b'Y'f' 'U'h'ci' f' 'Y'j' Y'b' ]b[ ' 'f'c'c'g' 'U'X' 'Y'U'f' 'm' 'h'c' 'V'Y'X'ž' 'V'Y'W' 'i' g'Y'Ä' " " "

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8Um) " 'K' YXbYgXUnž'A UfW &' . 'Å'k' Y'k' ]'~'V'Y' 'i' d' 'U'X' 'c'b' 'h'Y' 'f'c'U'X' 'V'Y'Z'c'f'Y' 'X'U'k' 'b' 'U'j' 'Y'U'f' 'm' ]' [ \ 'h'U'g' 'k' Y' 'h'f'U'j' Y' 'hc'ci' f' 'c'V'g'Y'f'j' 'U'h'c'b' 'V' ]b'X' 'c'j' Y'f'cc\_]b[ ' 'h'Y' 'D' 'U'f'Y' 'F' ]'j' Y'f' " 'H' 'ci' 'g'U'X'g' 'U'X' 'h'ci' 'g'U'X'g' 'c'Z' 'W'U'X' 'g'k' ]'~'X'Y'd'U'f' 'h' 'h'Y' 'g'U'X' 'V'U'f'g' 'c'Z' 'h'Y' 'f' ]'j' Y'f' 'U'X' 'Z' ]'~'h'Y' 'g\_ ]'Y'g' 'U'g' 'h'Y' 'm'X' ]g'd'Y'f'g'Y' 'hc' 'h'Y' ]f' 'Z'Y'X' ]b[ ' [ 'f'ci' 'b'X'g' " 5Z'h'f' 'h'Y' 'a' c'f'b' ]b[ ' ]'ž'c'Z' 'ci' f' 'Y'b' 'h'ci' f'U' [ 'Y'k' ]'~'f'Y' 'h' 'b' 'hc' 'h'Y' ' \ ]c'h'Y' 'Z'c'f' 'U'g' 'c'f' 'h'V'f'Y'U\_ 'U'X' 'h'Y' 'b' 'k' Y'k' ]'~'V'Y' 'W' 'i' ]g' ]b[ ' 'h'Y' 'V'U'W' 'f'c'U'X'g' 'V'U'X' 'Y'k' 'U'X' ]b[ ' 'U'X' ' \ ]c'd' ]b[ ' 'hc' 'g'Y'Y' 'h'Y' 'c'V'W'U'g' ]c'b'U' 'K' \ ]c'c'd' ]b[ ' '7' 'f'U'X' 'g' 'h'U' 'h' 'a' 'U' 'm' 'V'Y' 'a' ]'j' Y'X' 'k' ]'h' 'h'Y' 'G'U'X' \ ]'~'7' 'f'U'X' 'g' " @U'h'Y'f' 'k' Y'k' ]'~'Y' 'I' 'd'Y'f'Y' 'b'W' 'h'Y' 'Y' 'I' 'h'f'U'j' 'U' [ 'U' 'b'U' 'c'Z' 'h'Y' 'G'U'X' \ ]'~'7' 'f'U'X' 'g' 'i' 'b'g'Y'h'f'c'c'g'h' ]b[ ' 'Z' ]' [ \ 'h'U' 'c'b[ ' 'h'Y' 'D' 'U'f'Y' 'F' ]'j' Y'f' " " "

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A YU'g. '6fYU\_žUghž@ bWž/ '8]bbYf' :

Df]W. " &% ( - 'd'Y'f' 'd'Y'f'g'c'b'ž' 'X'ci' 'V'Y' 'c'W'W' 'd'U'X' 'W'Y' " ) '\$' ]g' ]b[ ' 'Y' 'g' 'i' 'd' 'd' 'Y'a' 'Y' 'b' 'h' " =Z'Y' 'b'f'c' 'a' 'Y' 'b' 'h' 'Z' 'U' 'g' 'V'Y' 'c'k' , 'U' " & ) '\$' ]g' 'i' 'f'W' 'U'f' [ 'Y' 'k' ]'~'V'Y' 'U'X'Y'X' " " "

: c'f' 'f'Y'g'Y'f'j' 'U'h' ]c'bg. '7'U'~'8' ]g'W'č'j' Y'f'm' 'H'ci' 'f'g' 'U'h' , '\$\$! ) - \$! & \* \* - " " "