



Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory



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...and their habitats

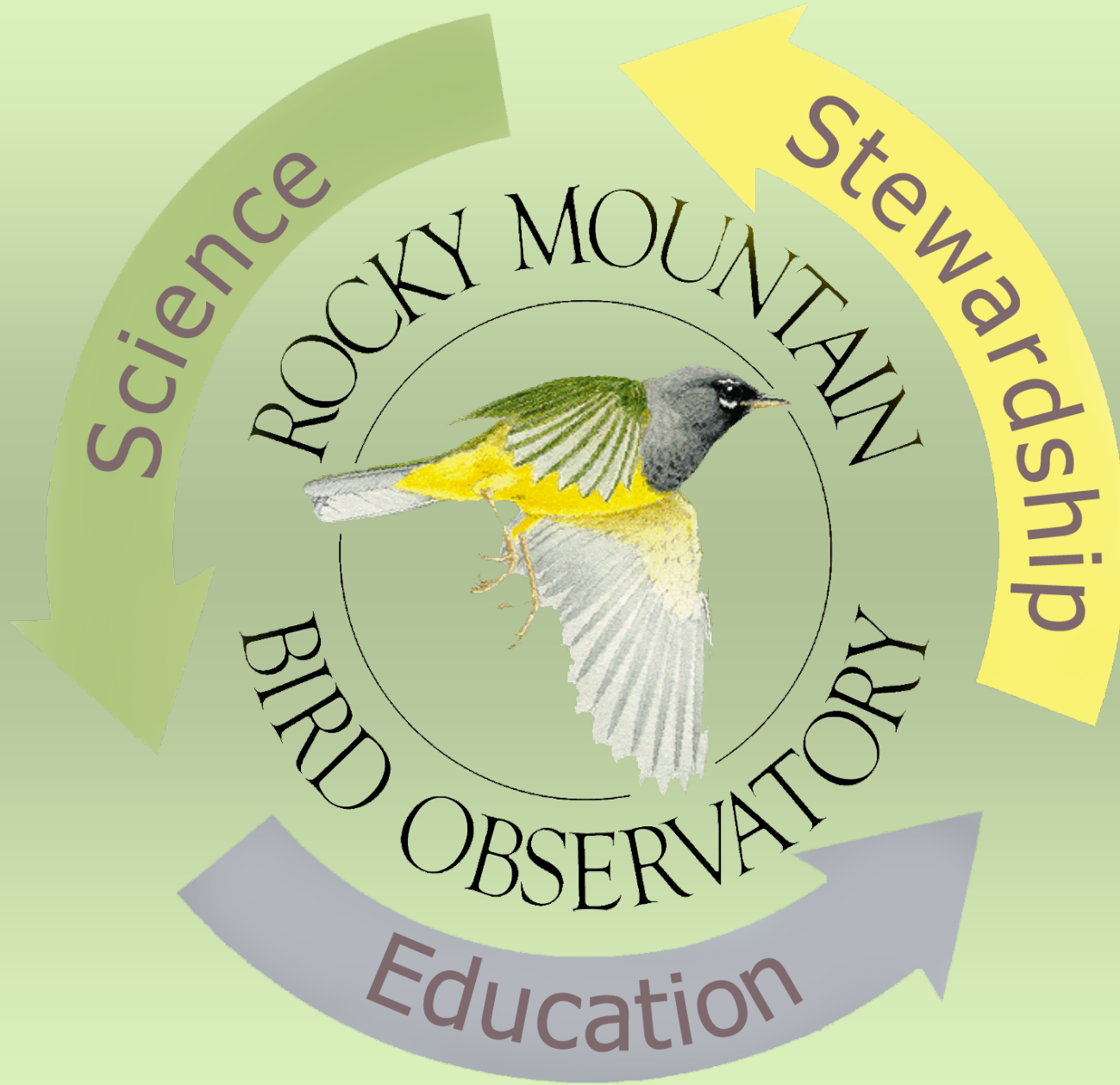


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Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory

- **501(c)3 non-profit**
- **Over 300 members**
- **12 states and Mexico**
- **36 permanent staff, 60 seasonal staff, 200 volunteers**
- **Agencies, landowners, public, conservation organizations, universities**





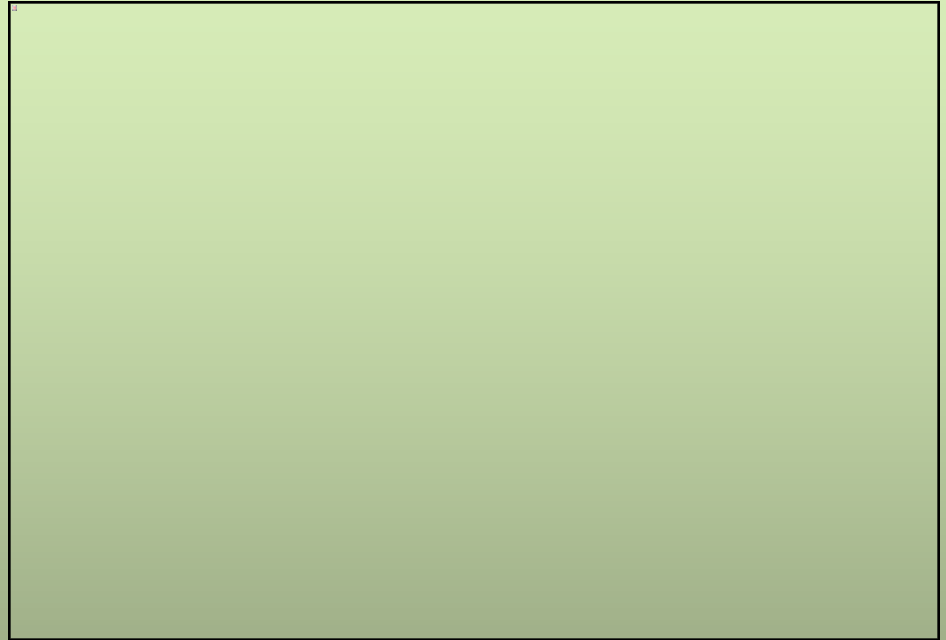
~ Prairie Partners ~

**partnerships and voluntary
conservation efforts...**



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What Prairie Partners *IS* ...

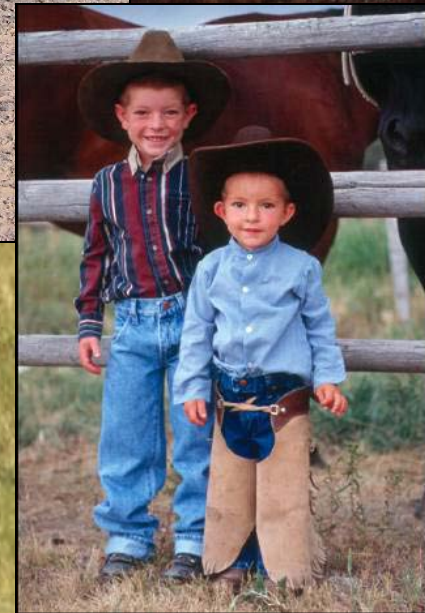
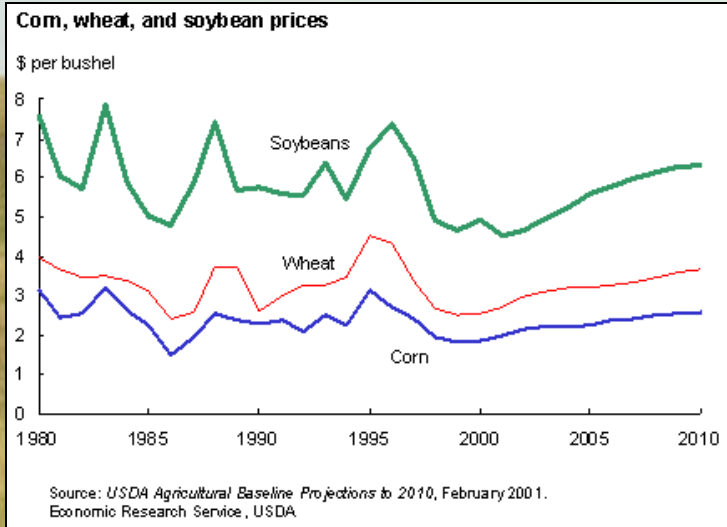


A program addressing shortgrass prairie conservation issues and declining species by seeking cooperative and voluntary partnerships with landowners and land managers



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Agriculture At Risk



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Prairie Partners Conservation Model

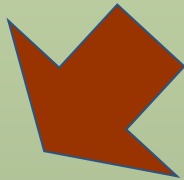
Outreach

(workshops & landowner visits)

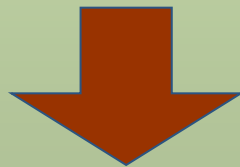


Simple conservation efforts

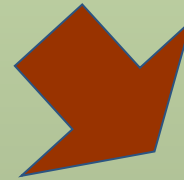
(stock tank ladders, increased awareness)



**Habitat
Projects**



**Economic
Diversification**



**Species
Conservation**



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Landowner Workshops

- Hosted by a landowner
- Wildlife habitat, incentive programs, economic diversification
- Resource professionals and landowners networking



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Landowner Visits



- **Ranch bird inventories**

- **Discuss habitat projects and partnerships**

- **Discuss economic diversification opportunities**



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Simple Conservation Efforts



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Habitat Projects

A close-up photograph of tall, golden-brown grasses and green shrubs, representing the native vegetation being re-seeded.

Native Grass Re-seeding

A wide-angle photograph of a vast, flat, green landscape under a blue sky with scattered clouds. A body of water is visible in the distance, representing a restored playa.

Playa Restoration

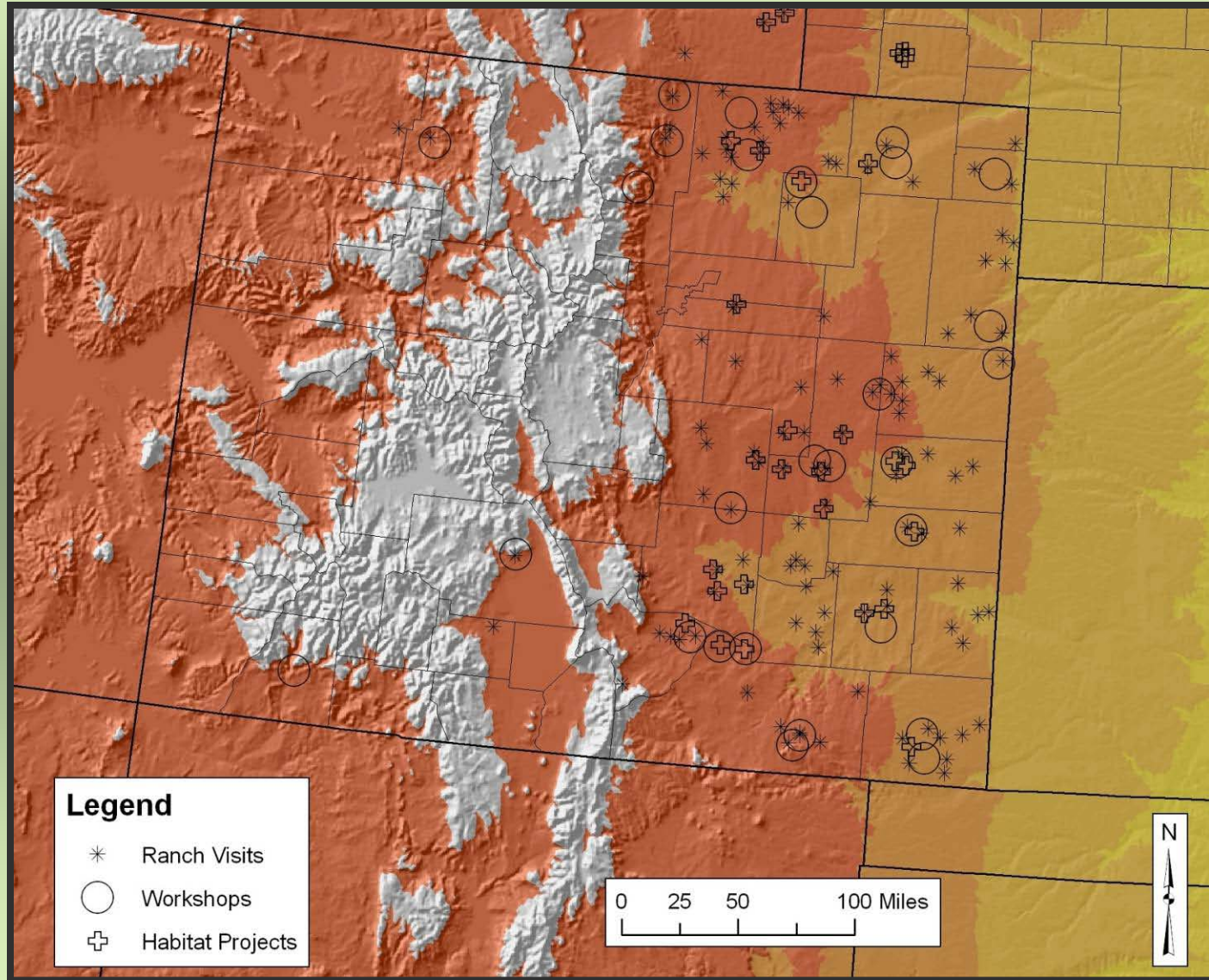
A photograph of a herd of black and brown cattle grazing in a dry, open field. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a cloudy sky.

Grazing Management

A photograph of a yellow CAT skid steer loader working in a field of dense green shrubs, representing the management of invasive species.

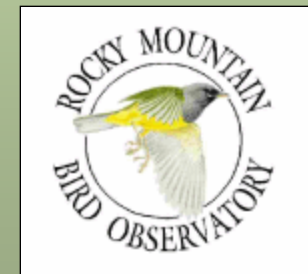
Invasive Species Management

'Contagious Conservation'



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Private Lands Wildlife Biologist Program (PLWB)



Accomplishments since 2003

100 habitat enhancement projects
100,000 acres enhanced
Reached thousands of people



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Transition of Attitudes



“Prairie Partners is unique because they recognize landowners as a part of the conservation equation and the people as part of the ecosystems they strive to preserve”

- Las Animas County landowner



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What we've learned!



Non-regulatory approach opens doors

Long-term investment required

This is working! Need more people to deliver!



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Partners

