



**Animal Enhancement Activity – ANM23 – Multi-species native perennials for biomass/wildlife habitat**

**State Criteria**

The following species are considered at-risk or of conservation concern and are found within Nebraska’s Natural Legacy Project as “Tier I” species. These species are the most likely to benefit from a multi-species, native perennial habitat planting. One of these species must be addressed by the enhancement.

**Birds**

- Bell's Vireo
- Brewer's Sparrow
- Burrowing Owl
- Ferruginous Hawk
- Greater-Prairie Chicken
- Henslow's Sparrow
- Long-billed Curlew
- McCown's Longspur
- Mountain Plover
- Short-eared Owl
- Whooping Crane

**Insects**

- American Burying Beetle
- Bucholz Black Dash
- Iowa Skipper
- Ottoo Skipper
- Regal Fritillary

**Reptiles**

- Massasauga

**Mammals**

- Plains Harvest Mouse
- Plains Pocket Mouse
- Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep
- Swift Fox

Assistance from a qualified wildlife biologist is required to develop the management plan and the benefits of that plan to the selected species from the list above. An [NE-CPA-14](#) Wildlife Development/Management Plan may be used to document these items.

Primary nesting and fawning season is May 1 through July 15. Disturbance, including haying or harvest of biomass, may not occur during this period. Generally, harvest should be completed prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> to allow adequate time for regrowth prior to frost. Typically, a minimum of two growing seasons will be required following seeding prior to implementing a grazing management plan. An assessment should be made to determine establishment prior to grazing.

A 30 foot field border around the outer perimeter of the area being managed for biomass and wildlife habitat will be managed specifically for wildlife and pollinators. This area will not be harvested more frequently than once every three years. The seeding within this 30 foot field border zone must contain forbs and/or legumes at a seeding rate of 25% of the grass mixture (i.e. 5 PLS/ft<sup>2</sup> of forbs/legumes for a grass seeding at 20 PLS/ft<sup>2</sup>). Acceptable species are located on the “wildlife friendly” plant list (List A) on the Conservation Measurement Tool (CMT) OR the list of native forbs to be used with the pollinator enhancement ([PLT01](#)).

**DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS**

**I certify that the multi-species, native perennial planting meets these specifications including the following documentation as applicable:**

1. Completed [NE-CPA-8 Grass Seeding Job Sheet](#) and associated seed tags, and bills as required.
2. Written plan developed by a biologist that identifies target species and management actions.
3. Map with multi-species, native perennial planting clearly identified (highlighted, outlined, etc.).

**Certified by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_