

\$500 to Courtney Duchardt / Univ. of Illinois

This is a research grant to assist in the study of nest site selection by grassland birds. Birds may choose nesting sites based upon the breeding success of other species in a given area. In Ringgold County, in May and June 2012, researchers looked at Grasshopper Sparrow reliance on early-breeding Eastern Meadowlarks as a signal of high quality habitat. Results of this study will be forthcoming after another year of observation.