

Prairies of the Big Muddy



Sedge Wren

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6:00 p.m. Social Hour

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Two hundred years ago around a quarter of the floodplain of the Missouri River was covered by waving grasses, sedges, rushes and wildflowers – a bottomland prairie community. Inhabiting this natural community was a wide array of creatures from massasauga rattlesnakes to American bitterns.

Mike Leahy will describe the physical, biological and cultural attributes that led to the formation and then destruction of the prairies of the Missouri River floodplain. We'll also explore current places to visit to see remnants of this natural community type and current efforts at protecting, restoring or recovering bottomland prairies and associated habitats of the floodplain.



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