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## Bird Conservatory of the Rockies offers Family Nature Clubs in Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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Scottsbluff, NE – Family Nature Club is a monthly event for children and adults to encourage discovery of the wonders of nature. The first session—December 4 in Scottsbluff—will focus on birds!

**Delanie Bruce** (Nebraska Wildlife Education Coordinator) will lead the program at 10 a.m. at the Elks Shelter at Riverside Park. Participants will learn about bird adaptations for surviving Nebraska's winters, bird songs and field identification, and a mini-bird count along the North Platte River.

A different program will be presented each month with interactive nature explorations and outdoor skills activities. Each family group will receive its own Exploration Kit to use during the series to investigate the nature around them and to complete challenges at home between sessions.

Other sessions are Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4.

Registration is required. Click here to register online.

The club is offered for FREE through funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission as part of the "Connecting Youth and Families to the Natural World in the Nebraska Panhandle" project.

Family Nature Clubs fulfills a need for environmental education programs and services in western Nebraska by empowering communities to learn about local natural resources and inspire the next generation of Nebraska conservation stewards. Through partnerships, collaboration and support from local partners: The Trust, NGPC and Chadron State College, all of Bird Conservancy's education programs and services in the Nebraska Panhandle are provided at no cost to the participant. Together we are empowering communities to explore, appreciate and conserve their local natural resources through the lens of bird conservation.



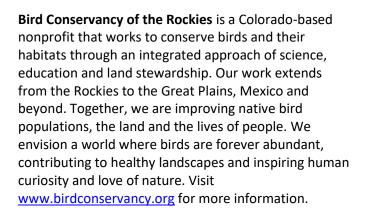
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The Nebraska Environmental Trust is a state program dedicated to the preservation of Nebraska's natural resources. It was created on the conviction that a prosperous future is dependent upon a sound natural environment and that Nebraskans could collectively achieve real progress on real environmental issues if seed money were provided. The Trust especially seeks projects that bring public and private partners together collaboratively to implement high quality, cost-effective projects. Visit <a href="https://www.environmentaltrust.org">www.environmentaltrust.org</a> for more information.



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