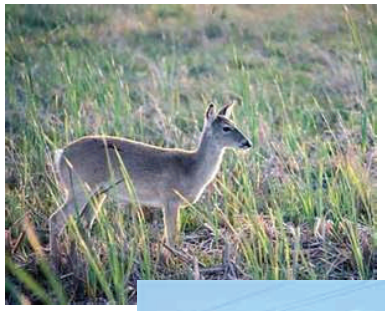
It's Almost In Your Backyard!

The Wildcat Hills!

Near Nature, Near Perfect!



Make plans to attend this event and take advantage of the information available from these significant partner organizations and enjoyable activities dedicated to getting you back in touch with nature!

Learn About:

- **Birding**
- **Range Management**
- **Wildlife Habitat**
- **Timber Management**

Partners bringing you the 2012 Wildcat Hills Day include:

Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory

Pheasants Forever

Platte River Basin Environments Inc.

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Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition

University of Nebraska Lincoln Extension

Get Out For the:

2012 Wildcat Hills Day

May 19, 2012 (6am—5pm)

Wildcat Hills Nature Center
(6 miles So. of Gering on Highway 71)

Nebraska Game & Parks

ENJOY A DAY OUTDOORS!... No Matter What Your Interests Are

SCHEDULE

This day will provide great things for everyone in the family including hunters, birders, athletes, ranchers, kids, hikers, and local citizens!

- **6:00 AM Bird/Grazing Tour**—Get out with the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, TNC and birders to see "what's singing" at the Murphy Ranch Watchable Wildlife Area (meet at the Center or at the Murphy Ranch parking area at the south end of Old Stage Road. Door prizes will be given). Learn how ranching and birds help each other.
- **8:00 AM FUN RUN**—Kick in gear for the Wildcat Hills Fun Run (pay your $20, do paperwork, get your T-shirt and win the race!)
- **9:30 AM BIRDING W/ TNC**—Jill Wells will lead a tour of a wildlife enclosure.
- **10:00 AM FUN RUN AWARDS**
- **10:30 WILDFLOWER WALK**—Connie McKinney will show some of the beautiful flowers native to the Wildcat Hills. Maybe you will spot one of the rare flowers!
- **All MORNING:**

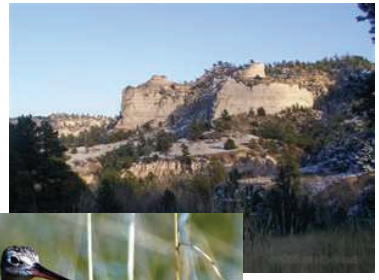
  - **Turkey Calling Contest for kids** sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation.

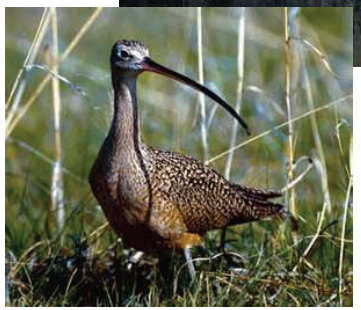
  - **Crafts for Kids** in the Center!

  - Kids hanging **Bluebird Houses** along the trails!.
- **10:00—12:00 LANDOWNER HELP DESK** —NGLC, TNC, NGPC, and PF will provide answers to landowners on subjects ranging from monitoring rangelands to enhancing

wildlife habitat.

- **1:00 PM—BIGHORN SHEEP TOUR** of Cedar Canyon WMA by NGPC, biologists.
- **2:00 PM CARTER CANYON RANCH Tour** where PRBE will discuss wildlife and grazing enhancement, archeological resources and land use issues. Wagon rides by PRBE and NGLC will visit timber thinning projects every 1/2 hour to show how habitat and disease issues are improved.
- **3:00 PM—PHEASANTS FOREVER PARKING AREA** will be delineated and dedicated for public use.
- **3:30 PM—GRAZING/WILDLIFE**





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