

Wainwright Wildlife Society Presents:  
**Annual Sharp-tail Grouse Watch!!**

Intriguing, fascinating and adorable- most of the year evasive-Alberta's Sharp-tail grouse demonstrate a yearly, spectacular courtship dance. As winter warms into spring, grouse gather into groups on ancestral courting grounds called "leks." Males dance to attract potential mates as did the generations before them on this same native grassland. The event is of special interest to nature lovers, outdoor educators, birders and photographers. Viewing takes place between mid-April and mid-May. Our Society can provide you guidance and assistance to help ensure an enjoyable experience.



### **Tour Schedule of Events**

- Meet at a predetermined spot in Wainwright, AB (Approx. 4:45am)
- Drive your vehicle to an area nearby the grouse lek
- Review viewing protocols then a 5-10 min walk to the blind
- Viewing from the blind (No flash photography)
- Return to vehicles and share experiences (please do not post location)

### **At the Lek You May See**

- Mostly males sporting bright yellow-orange combs over each eye, inflated purple colored sacs on their necks, fluttering wings, hooting, clucking and rapid foot stomping all while spinning in tight circles reminiscent of a wind-up toy (with the occasional tiff)

### **For Best Trip Bring**

- Good footwear for a short hike
- Warm layers of clothes as the blinds have no heat (could bring blanket)
- Flashlight
- Warm Beverage
- Binoculars, camera
- No pets allowed

### **Tour Booking, Fees and Info, Contact**

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Tours run mid-April to mid-May \$25/Adult, \$15/Student

We invite you to come and witness one of nature's most fascinating and spectacular events with us!!