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VIRGINIA GRASSLAND BIRD INITIATIVE

The Virginia Grassland Bird Initiative—a partnership between Smithsonian’s Virginia Working Landscapes, The Piedmont Environmental Council, American Farmland Trust, and Quail Forever—is innovating new ways to reverse the declines of grassland birds on working lands in the Virginia Piedmont, Blue Ridge, and Shenandoah Valley. Together, VGBI partners work with landowners and producers in 16 counties to restore grassland ecosystems for the benefit of birds, farms, and farmers.

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Our Conservation Goals

- Raise **awareness** about the plight of grassland birds.
- Identify **science-based** best management practices that benefit grassland birds, landscape resiliency, and farm production goals.
- **Unify** conservation messaging and technical assistance advice across regional conservation practitioners.
- Create opportunities for **training and dissemination of knowledge**.
- Assist producers and landowners in adopting **bird-friendly practices**.
- Place Virginia on the map as a **nationally-recognized** region of bird conservation.



Scan this QR code or visit our website (vagrasslandbirds.org) to learn more about our programs, how to support grassland birds, and more!

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