



Lesser Prairie-Chicken



The Lesser Prairie-Chicken is a member of the Grouse Family and is dependent on prairie and grassland habitats that have evolved under the interaction of fire and grazing. Starting in early spring (about the same time as Spring Break), the males gather on traditional lek sites to “fight” for the right to any females that visit the lek. This activity continues until about the first of May. The females incubate the eggs and raise the young without the aid of the males. This is the one time of the year that you can see and hear these prairie-chickens.

Where to see Lesser Prairie-Chickens: On the [Bats and Bluffs Loop](#), the Playa Lakes Loop and the High Plains Loop.