Wisconsin Greater Prairie-Chicken And Sharp-Tailed Grouse Observation Survey Now Available For Smartphones

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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is excited to announce that the greater prairie-chicken and sharp-tailed grouse observation surveys are now available on smartphones. These surveys are available for Wisconsin DNR staff, cooperators and residents to collect year-round observations of greater prairie-chickens and sharp-tailed grouse. The information collected will help identify changes in the range and production of both species. The surveys are designed to collect opportunistic observations of each species throughout the year, particularly in late spring and summer during the brood-rearing period (when adult females are raising their young). These observation surveys do not replace the Wisconsin DNR's long-standing lek surveys.

To get started, scan the QR code for one of the species below. The surveys use the ArcGIS Survey123 app. If you do not have it installed on your device, you'll be directed to options to download the app. Once installed, open the survey for the species for which you'd like to record an observation. The app may ask you to sign in. If you do not have an ArcGIS account, click "Continue without signing in."

At the start of each observation, users are provided with the opportunity to click on expandable fields to get information on each species, including a range map, guidance on identifying males/females/young and examples of similar species.

The information collected from each observation includes the date, time, location, observer name and affiliation, dog use at the time of the observation, the total number of birds (e.g., males, females, young, unknown) and an option to attach up to three photos.

If you're out of cell signal, don't worry. Observations can be recorded offline and saved in the ArcGIS Survey 123 app to be submitted later.

Greater prairie-chicken

Sharp-tailed grouse