

Native Prairie Speaker Series Webinar

Habitat quality and the genetic population structure of the Ord's kangaroo rat

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Speaker: Jessie Bainbridge, MSc Candidate, University of Regina, Department of Biology

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About the Speaker:

Jessie Bainbridge is a second-year MSc student in Biology at the University of Regina. She obtained a Renewable Resource Management diploma and a Bachelor of Ecosystem Management from Lethbridge College. Jessie is passionate about research that informs conservation strategies and translates findings into actions that protect vulnerable species and their habitats. Outside of research, Jessie enjoys hiking, discovering new hobbies that engage her mind and hands, and spending quality time with her fiancé, dog, and cat.

About this Webinar:

The Ord's kangaroo rat is an endangered species in Canada, with habitat loss identified as the primary threat. Jessie's research aims to better understand habitat characteristics that influence Ord's kangaroo rats at a local and landscape scale. Specifically, Jessie is investigating how Ord's Kangaroo Rat reproductive success and body condition vary with local sand dune characteristics. Additionally, she is examining the genetic population structure of kangaroo rats across their Canadian range and identifying landscape features that may serve as barriers to dispersal and gene flow. These research objectives are intended to help inform ongoing and future habitat remediation and conservation strategies for the species.

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Hosted by: Caitlin Mroz-Sailer, Stewardship Coordinator, Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan

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