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Native Prairie Speaker Series Webinar

What's On the Menu? Diet Analysis of Prairie Amphibians During the Breeding Season



Tuesday May 12th, 2026 at 12:00pm MT

Speaker: Jo Vos, recent M.Sc. Graduate, University of Lethbridge

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About this Webinar:

In the vast, semi-arid landscapes of Southern Alberta, amphibians like the Boreal Chorus Frog and the Plains Spadefoot play vital yet often overlooked roles in the ecosystem. This talk explores Jo Vos' Master's research, which utilized dietary analysis to examine how these species sustain themselves within the prairie mosaic. By understanding the trophic interactions of these amphibians, we gain a clearer picture of wetland health and the complex food webs that support Southern Alberta's unique biodiversity. Jo will share key findings from the field, the challenges of studying these elusive species, and why their conservation is essential for a resilient prairie ecosystem.

About the Speaker:

Jo Vos (M.Sc.) is an environmental scientist and educator specializing in the prairie ecosystems of Southern Alberta and Saskatchewan. Having recently completed an M.Sc. at the University of Lethbridge, Jo's research provides critical insights into the dietary ecology of amphibians (specifically the Boreal Chorus Frog and Plains Spadefoot) and their roles within the prairie landscape. Beyond research, Jo has a diverse background in curriculum development and field logistics, with a particular focus on bridging the gap between scientific data and public outreach. As a farmer and rancher's daughter, Jo is passionate about the intersection of ecology, education, and the unique biodiversity of the Canadian prairies.

PCAP's Native Prairie Speaker Series is a monthly webinar about prairie conservation or species at risk.

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

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