

Southern Cone Grassland Alliance - Newsletter 47 -
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Greetings from the Southern Cone Grasslands Alliance

Dear Alliance friends:
Thanks to your support, 2015 has been a great year for our initiative. We now have over 450 Alliance farm members throughout the Southern Cone region that cover more than 520.000 hectares applying best management grassland practices, both enhancing production yields and biodiversity & ecosystem services provision.

[Greetings Nicolas Marchand](#)



IX Rancher' Gathering of the Southern Cone Grasslands Alliance

Every year, the Southern Cone Grasslands Alliance organizes a meeting of all those linked to the conservation of natural grasslands in the region. In November, 460 producers, technicians, government officials and academics shared this year's ninth meeting in the city of Santana do Livramento, Rio Grande do Sul, Brasil.

[Report](#)



Rosalind Renfrew: "Globetrotting for Grassland Birds"

I GREW UP WATCHING, in awe, the Harlem Globetrotters. Their superhuman feats on the court and their mastery of movement made them look more like magicians than basketball players. Maybe that's why I study the Bobolink, a bona fide globetrotter. Masters of movement across the globe, they travel from the prairies of Canada to the ranchlands of Argentina — 12,000 miles each year, every year. That, too, is magical.

<http://vtcostudies.org>



Ecotourism in Paraguay

Filled with grasslands, forests, and other biodiverse and threatened environments, Paraguay sits at the center of South America and hosts migratory species from the north (from Canada and the U.S.), as well as from the south (from southern South America and Antarctica).

<http://www.audubon.org/conservation/ecotourism-paraguay>



Grasslands in Brasil

Video showing the activities promoted by SAVE Brasil for the Grasslands Alliance

Ecosystem services provided by natural grasslands to the whole society.

October 2015.

[Watch video](#) .



Christian Artuso, Bird Studies Canada

Cristian Artuso, from Bird Studies Canada, stressed the importance of preserving conservation sites of many species of migratory birds that cross the American continent annually, breeding in North America and wintering in South America in the IX Rancher' Gathering of the Southern Cone Grasslan

[Watch video](#)



Gauchos of the Grasslands: safeguarding nature and culture

The pampas grasslands of the Southern Cone are recognised as a conservation priority in the Neotropics. Originally they covered an area equivalent to the size of California and Texas combined, stretching across Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay.

<http://www.birdlife.org/grassland.pdf>

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