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Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Greater Prairie Chicken- *Tympanuchus cupido*

- * One of over 150 bird species found in the Flint Hills.
- * A large grassland bird in the grouse family, the Greater Prairie Chicken requires tallgrass prairie in wide open spaces for their survival.
- * Preserve managers sometimes use a football to determine if adequate nesting habitat exists for female chickens; a hidden football in the prairie equals adequate nesting material.
 - * Booming calls can be heard over one mile away.
 - * Booming grounds (mating areas) are called leks.



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