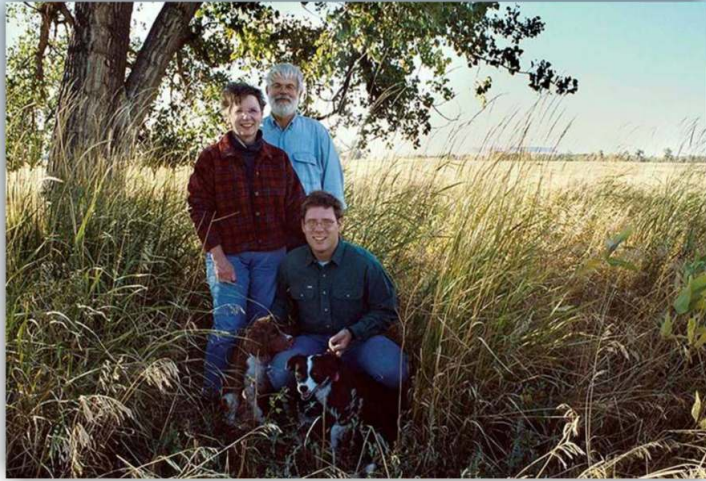


# Wetland Stewardship Award Winner

## Bird Creek Ranch near Cascade, Montana

### Jim and Cindy Kittredge



Jim and Cindy Kittredge, with their son Stephen, manage the Bird Creek Ranch with a conservation mindset.

#### Bird Creek Ranch Accomplishments:

- Entire 2,293-acre family ranch is protected by a conservation easement, including 300 acres of wetlands
- Restored dike protects 118 acre Missouri River oxbow slough
- Riparian fencing includes 3.3 miles of Missouri River and 4 miles of Bird Creek
- Landowners partnered with American Bird Conservancy, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Conservation Fund, and others to complete restoration, enhancement, and conservation activities
- Public outreach and education efforts include ranch tours, educational field trips, and media articles



Aerial photo of Bird Creek Ranch showing Missouri River and Bird Creek riparian areas and 118 acre oxbow slough.



Cindy Kittredge explains the stewardship activities that are occurring on the ranch.



Eight miles of riparian fencing was installed in a partnership with the American Bird Conservancy and Montana Conservation Corps.



Wetlands, riparian areas, and uplands are all part of the Bird Creek Ranch landscape, as can be seen in this spectacular fall setting.

