

# Rodgers' Prairie

Tim and Sue Rodgers – Louisburg, Kansas

“If you love nature, you will find beauty everywhere.” –Vincent Van Gogh

Eastern Kansas was once covered in prairie plants with their benefits to pollinators, wildlife and the eco system; however, less than 4 per cent of this critical habitat remains and most has been subverted to pasturing cattle. Tim Rodger's conversion of 8 acres of his land from agriculture back to native tall grass prairie began in 2014 after Tim and Sue purchased the 40 acre property. Even in the severe summer and fall drought of 2022, this prairie was healthy and vibrant without supplemental watering. These native prairies contain soil microbes, insects and birds that have adapted specifically to the plants over thousands of years. These symbiotic relationships maintain diversity and ensure survival and growth among both plants and animals.



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