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The “good enough” guide to identifying Treasure State “shorbs”

By Sneed B. Collard III

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My young son Braden, his friend Nick, and I were driving a dirt road south of Three Forks looking for burrowing owls, and we were striking out.

We had heard or seen plenty of sparrows, meadowlarks, swallows—even a northern harrier or two—but the owls eluded us. As we turned down a side road, Nick suddenly shouted, “Stop the car!” I braked and looked to where he pointed.

“Long-billed curlews!” Braden exclaimed.

My brain sputtered. What? Shorebirds? In the middle of a field in central Montana?

It didn’t make sense, but there they were, and on their nesting ground no less. It was a revelation—and the opening chapter in my discovery of one of Montana’s most interesting and unexpected bird groups.

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