



Leks, like this one near Laramie, Wyoming, can have a few or hundreds of grouse during the spring sunrise dances.

What the heck is a lek?

The Game and Fish is very busy in the spring. Part of the work biologists and volunteers do each spring is count how many greater sage grouse gather together to breed at special areas called leks. Each spring, male sage grouse do a sunrise dance at leks to attract females. Leks are often found in open areas where the males can be better seen and heard by females. Because most of the male sage grouse in an area can be found at a lek, it is a good time to find out about how many sage grouse are in that area. Since lek

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counts have been happening in some parts of Wyoming since the late 1940's, the biologists can get a good idea about whether sage grouse numbers are going up or down.

March and April are the best time to visit a lek and see sage grouse. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department

has guide on where to go find leks around Wyoming. It also includes tips to make sure that you do not bother the sage grouse at a lek. The guide and can be viewed or downloaded from the Game and Fish website: <https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Habitat/Sage-Grouse-Management/Sage-Grouse-Lek-Viewing-Guide>