

### **Wildlife Preservation Fund, Grant # RC05L09W**

The purpose of this project was the restoration of a rare habitat type called a hill prairie. Hill prairies are found on tops of southwest/west facing bluffs mainly above the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. A main issue in hill prairie management is brush/exotic species control. This habitat type is of an early successional stage. Constant maintenance, being it cutting, burning, etc., is required.

From June 30 through July 22, 2005, a work crew of 3 - 4 people employed by Vern LaGesse and Associates, Inc. spent eight (8) days totaling 248 man - hours cutting brush, stacking brush and applying herbicide on Walnut Grove Hill Prairie in Pike County, Illinois.

From August 11 through August 19, 2005, a work crew of 3 - 4 people employed by Vern LaGesse and Associates, Inc. spent five (5) days totaling 161 man - hours cutting brush, stacking brush and applying herbicide on Sprauge Hill Prairie in Pike County, Illinois.