

## DFO Field Trips, September 2008

### **Saturday, September 6**

#### **Waterton Canyon**

Leader: Sue Schulman, (303)773-3540. Meet Leader at 0800 at the Audubon Center at Chatfield - from C-470 at Wadsworth Blvd. , proceed south 4.4 miles and turn left on Waterton Road, then an immediate left into the parking lot. Come on out for Fall warblers and other riparian songbirds! Be prepared to walk a mile or two; bring lunch, water, sunscreen and insect repellent. After lunch we may head over to the Chatfield Marina to catch the action there.

### **Sunday, September 7**

#### **Prewitt Reservoir**

Leader: Ira Sanders, (303)278-7172. Meet Leader at 0630 at the DOW office at 6060 Broadway (I-25 to 58th Avenue, west to Broadway and north to DOW). Explore the reservoir for migrant shorebirds and the riparian areas and inlet canal for migrant passerines and resident species. Full day trip; carpooling encouraged. Bring lunch, plenty of water and don't forget the insect repellent and sunscreen.



## 2008 Fall Count

Denver has conducted Fall Bird Counts for over 20 years. Denver Field Ornithologists and ASGD sponsor this tradition. No fees, but some sites require a state parks pass or pre-registration. Bring binoculars, scopes for the reservoir counts, field guide, and lunch. Everyone welcome to help – more eyes see more birds.

### **Saturday September 13**

**Waterton**, downstream. 4-5 mile hike. Wear long pants (not shorts) due to bare-leg-unfriendly plants such as poison ivy, thistles, and knapweed. Leader: Hugh Kingery, 303-814-2723. Meet at 0630 at Discovery Pavilion (left turn immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon).

#### **Cherry Creek Reservoir**

Leader: Bob Brown, .303-791-6204. Meet at 0700 at Marina, inside west gate near Cherry Creek High School. State Parks Pass required.

#### **Chatfield State Park**

Leader, Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet at 0630 at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass required.

**Barr Lake periphery.** This trip does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina. Leader: Jackie King, 303-287-1644. [jackie.king@ccd.edu](mailto:jackie.king@ccd.edu). Meet at 0700 at entrance gate to Barr Lake State Park.

#### **Barr Lake State Park.**

This is a ten-mile (or equivalent), all-day hike around the lake. Leader: Dick Schottler, 303-278-8035. Meet at 0630 at RMBO, 14500 Lark Bunting Lane. South off Bromley Lane; from I-76, first road east of railroad track. State Parks pass required.

### **Lower Bear Creek & Marston Reservoir**

Leader: Mike Henwood, 303-716-8551; [hawkhen@aol.com](mailto:hawkhen@aol.com). Meet at 6:30AM at the entrance to Bear Creek Lake Park, located on the SE corner of Morrison Road and C470. Call or email leader so he can arrange for park passes.

### **Sunday September 14**

#### **Castlewood Canyon State Park**

Leader: Randy Lentz, 303-680-3381. If his phone sounds like a fax receiver, send him a fax! Meet at 0630 at the Homestead. From CO 86, 0.5 miles west of Franktown, turn south on Castlewood Canyon Road, go two miles to old entrance; Homestead is first parking lot on the left. State Parks pass required.

#### **Rocky Mountain Arsenal.**

Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-814-2723. Call leader to sign up, before Aug. 18.



### **Saturday September 20**

#### **Red Rocks Park and Lair o' the Bear**

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, (303)757-7000. Call Leader ahead of time to register for this trip and get directions to the Trading Post at Red Rocks where we will meet at 0800. Look for Canyon and Rock Wrens, wood-peckers and other foothills denizens, and see what's moving through during migration. Bring lunch and come equipped with adequate footwear for this 3/4 day adventure.

### **Sunday September 21**

#### **Fort Collins Natural Areas**

Leader: Dave Leatherman, [daleatherman@msn.com](mailto:daleatherman@msn.com). Meet leader at 0830 at the Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins: from I-25 take the Mulberry exit (SR14) and proceed west approx. 5 miles to Shields, turn north (right) and go to Mountain Ave., turn west (left) and follow Mountain Ave. until it dead-ends at the cemetery entrance (pun unavoidable). We will bird around the cemetery and continue to the riparian areas along the Poudre River either north or south of Prospect Road, depending on recent activity. We will explore how birds utilize different food resources and look for fall migrants. You may bring lunch or purchase it locally. Trip will wrap up at around 2:30; those returning toward Denver can take Prospect east to I-25.

### **Saturday September 27**

#### **Two Ponds and Rocky Flats NWR**

Leader: David Rhoades, (303)424-8633. This is a space-limited trip; call Leader to register. Be among the first to tour Rocky Flats as part of a bird life survey! Meet Leader at 0800 at the Two Ponds parking lot for a birdwalk of about 2 hours, then board a van to tour the "flats" part of Rocky Flats as well as the historic homesteaded valley. Trip will wind down at about 1 PM. Lunch optional; cameras are permitted.

### **Sunday September 28**

#### **Beaver Brook - Chavez Trail**

Leader: Paul Slingsby, (303)422-3728. Meet Leader at 0700 the North Dinosaur Ridge parking lot for carpooling. This four-mile loop includes some steep terrain, but the pace will be leisurely; late migrants and mountain species will be our visual and auditory quarry. 3/4 day trip; bring lunch, water, snacks, sunscreen, sturdy footwear and be prepared for changing weather conditions.