

Field Trips for July, 2008

Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer and compiled by Cris Cook

Friday, July 4 to Sunday, July 6 *North Park*

Leader: Chuck Lowrie, (303) 455-8417. Meet at Safeway parking lot on east side of US 40 in Fraser at 0900 on Friday morning (Fraser is a 1.75 hour drive from Denver.) Make reservations for Friday/Saturday nights in Walden at the North Park Inn, (970) 723-4271, or the Chedsey Motel, (970) 723-8201. A state parks pass and (if under 65 years) a Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp are required. Call leader if going and to arrange carpooling from Denver. Bring water, snacks, lunches, insect repellent and clothing for variable weather.

Thursday, July 10 *Gregory Canyon-Boulder Area*

Leader: Bob Shade, (303) 975-2476. Meet at 0730 in Boulder at Bobolink Trailhead, corner of Baseline Road and Cherryvale Road. (Exit Rte. 36 from Denver at Foothills Parkway. Go about 1 mile to Baseline Rd., turn right to Cherryvale Rd, about 1 mile.) We'll look for the Bobolinks, then carpool to Gregory Canyon since there is a parking fee there. Lunch optional.

Saturday, July 12 *Rocky Mountain National Park*

Leader: Bob Righter (303) 692-8529. Meet at 0800 at Beaver Meadows Visitors' Center, to carpool (east of Beaver Meadows entrance on US 36.) Full day of birding. Expect variable weather and wear hiking shoes. Bring lunch and National Parks Pass. Possibilities are Mountain Bluebirds, Golden Crowned Kinglets, Williamson's Sapsucker, Lincoln's Sparrows, plus we'll try for ptarmigan. Good birds and good fun with Bob!

Sunday, July 13 *Golden Gate Canyon State Park*

Leader: Paula Hansley. (720) 890-2628. Meet at 0730 at back parking lot of Foss' Drug Store in Golden, or at 0800 at the Park's Visitor Center. Be prepared for changeable weather and trail hiking, and bring lunch and water. State Parks Pass required. Hummingbirds, flycatchers, sapsuckers and other nesting species should be active with their offspring.

Saturday, July 19th *Lair O' the Bear Open Space Park*

Leader: Ed Holub, (303) 979-2194. Meet at 0730 at Park's parking lot. Go 4 miles west of Morrison on CO 74 through Idledale to park entrance on left. Half-day trip. You might want to bring lunch - good picnic areas - (and probably no bears!)

Sunday, July 20 *Upper White Ranch*

Leader: Toni Rautus, (303) 422-7322. Meet leader at 0700 for carpooling at Highway 93 and Golden Gate Canyon Rd. intersection. Be ready for hiking and weather surprises. Bring lunch and water.

Wednesday, July 23 *Filius Park and Mt. Evans (Echo and Summit Lakes)*

Leader: Lynn Willcockson, (303) 757-7000. Meet at 0730 at Filius Park. Go west on I-70 to Evergreen exit, then to first Bergen Park turn off and go right to Filius Park. Full day of birding. Bring lunch, water, clothes for all kinds of weather. Golden Eagle or day pass needed. Pipits and rosy finches will be "target" birds. Should be less crowded than weekend mountain touring - we hope!

Saturday, July 26

Cherry Creek State Park

Leader: Bob Brown, (303) 791-6204. Meet at 0700 at the Marina for ½ day trip. Go east from Yosemite on Union Avenue. Entrance gate is across from Cherry Creek High School. Parks Pass required. Lunch optional (picnic tables may be full!) Possible early shore bird migrants, but Bob will know what's around – there could be surprises. Beginners welcome.

Sunday, July 27

Genesee Mountain Park

Leader: Chishun Kwong, (720) 304-2073. Meet leader at 0700 at northwest corner of Park 'n Ride at Union and 6th Avenue. Half- day trip, lunch optional. Families of mountain birds will be active, and we'll also visit a yard teeming with hummingbirds, swallows, siskins and grosbeaks. You'll enjoy meeting this new leader and Joanna, his wife.