

Saturday, January 29th

Join the Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners—Hawk Walk

This group organizes activities to assist with the restoration of Cottonwood Creek within Cherry Creek State park. Working with the engineers who designed the stream project, they assess health and function, schedule service projects and collect census information. Come join the prairie dogs, ducks and the raptors who love them. Contact Casey Davenport at 303-744-0613 for more information. Meet at 9:00 at the Cherry Creek High School Parking lot, corner closest to the West entrance of Cherry Creek State Park.

February 2011 Field trips

Sunday, February 6th

Northeastern Colorado Raptors

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748.

Meet leader at 6:30 at the Colorado Division of Wildlife Parking lot, 6060 N. Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Street, go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north to parking lot on the right. All day trip, bring layers of clothes and lunch.

We are hoping to schedule Thursday themes about once a month. If weather is bad enough that the Denver Public Schools cancel, the walk probably will not go. Please call to check. To volunteer, make suggestions or protests, feel free to call Charles Thornton Kolbe or e-mail Jill: jill@booksandcats.net

Thursday, February 10—South Valley Park

Initiation of “Thursday theme walks” - not so much a “guided walk” as a roundtable.

Meet at 9:30. Try to call coordinator Jill Boice at 303-863-7580 if you are interested (but not required). Will bird until about 2:00pm. Bring lunch. South Valley is a small park but offers a variety of habitats. Let’s consider the winter feeding strategies of birds we see. To get to South Valley, take C-470 to Ken Caryl Avenue, exit westbound. Go a short distance and turn left onto South Valley Road and proceed to the park’s north parking area.

Saturday, February 12

Cherry Creek State park

Leader: Mary Cay Burger 303-771-3431

Meet at **EAST GATE pay station of the Park at 8:00 A.M.** Entrance off of South Parker Road. If reservoir is still frozen we will have good opportunities to study Eagles. Also, should see many winter waterfowl. Probably ½ to ¾ day trip. Bring lunch. Need a State Parks Pass and Cherry Creek sticker or plan to ride with someone who does. \

Sunday, February 13

South Platte River, Overland Pond Park

Leader, Casey Davenport

Valentine’s event. This weekend is the benchmark for South Platte Waterfowl. Should see interesting behaviors along this stretch of the S. Platte that is the pride of the Overland Park and Ruby Hill neighborhoods. Meet at 8:00 at Overland Pond parking lot on Florida Avenue just east of the S. Platte River in Denver. Will go from Overland to Grant Frontier Park. Half day trip The Overland Golf Course Club House is a great place to have lunch for those interested.

Thursday, February 17

Canon City

Leader: Charles Thornton-Kolbe 720-320-1974

Meet ten minutes before 6 AM at the Park 'n Ride off of I-25 at Yale Ave. (from I-25 take the Yale Exit and turn right at Yale, then an immediate right turn into the parking lot). We will form carpools at the Park N Ride in the parking lot area farthest from Yale Avenue. **Please get there by 5:50 AM.** This is a DFO trip with no RSVP, but we will leave on time (6 AM).

In year's past, we have found some very cool birds including Golden-crowned Sparrow, Harris' Sparrow, Ladder-backed Woodpecker (often), all three blue birds (sometimes), and Juniper Titmouse (often). Rufus-crowned Sparrow is possible along with a lot more. We may even sneak in Lewis' Woodpecker at Louviers, but I have to be back to Denver at 5 PM.

Bring: Layers of clothing and coats (including rain gear), binoculars, scope (if you have one), lunch, snack, beverages. Bring breakfast if you have not eaten before leaving. Also two way radio and cell phones can be helpful to support car-to-car communication. Bring about \$25.00 for your gas share. If bad weather, come to parking lot, and we will go for it or find an alternative plans.

Saturday, February 26 South Platte River north from 88th Avenue

Leader, Paul Slingsby 303-422-3728

Walk the South Platte River north from 88th Avenue. There will be many ducks on the river and ponds. Also, we will pass some cottonwood areas. We'll also check some locations south of this trailhead. This will be a slightly long ½ day trip with some easy walking on open space trails. Scopes are optional. Be prepared for cold weather and possibly wind. Bring snacks and perhaps a hot drink. You are invited to join the group afterwards for an optional lunch at a warm establishment. This trip will meet at 8:00A.M. at the Open Space trailhead at 88th Avenue just west of the South Platte River. 88th Avenue is exit number 10 from I-76. Please call Paul Slingsby, 303-422-3728, if you plan to join this trip.