

July Field Trips

Saturday July 2- to Monday July 4 North Park-- Joint Trip With BBC

Leader: Chuck Lowrie, (303) 455-8417

Meet at Safeway parking lot on east side of U.S. 40 in Fraser at 0900 on Saturday morning. (Fraser is a 2 hour drive from Denver.) Make reservations for Saturday & Sunday nights in Walden at the North Park Inn, 970-723-4271, or the Chedsey Motel, 970-723-8201. A State Parks Pass is required. Call Patty Echelmeyer, 303-233-4947, for information and registration before June 23rd or Chuck from the 23rd on. We will arrange carpooling from Denver and Boulder. Bring water, snacks, lunches, insect repellent and clothing for variable weather.

Thursday July 7 Genesee Park

Leader: Kathanne Lynch, 303-968-4750

Meet at 0800 Genesee Exit #254 Genesee (RTD lot on Mt. Vernon/ north side). On this weekday morning trip, we explore the traditional bird stops in Genesee Park on the south side of I-70. This trip is for beginner birders, and for experienced birders who want to revisit the summer birds and the park. Species with young may include Williamson Sapsucker, Violet-green Swallow, Western Bluebird and House Wren. Summer migrants will likely include Broad-tailed Hummingbird, Cordilleran Flycatcher, Western Tanager, Yellow-rumped (Audubon's) Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Tree Swallow, Mountain Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, Black-headed Grosbeak and Lesser Goldfinch. Likely resident species are Red-tailed Hawk, Hairy Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, Mountain Chickadee, all three Nuthatches, Dark-eyed Junco, and Pine Siskin.

Please wear sturdy shoes; sneakers are okay if you stay on the gravel road. We will walk primarily on gravel trails or roads with elevation changes of less than 100 feet at any one site. You also have the option to stand near the cars at the 4-5 stops we will make. Bring water, sunscreen, a hat and a snack. This trip will end at about 11:30.

Saturday, July 9 Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Bob Righter 303-692-8529

Meet at 0800 at the Park Visitor's Center, east of Beaver Meadows entrance on U.S. highway 36. Three quarter's day trip. Bring lunch and clothes for changeable weather. Either you need a parks pass or ride with someone who has one, or be prepared to pay entry fee. Possible birds are Mountain Bluebirds, Golden Crowned Kinglet, Williamson's Sapsucker, Lincoln Sparrow and HOPEFULLY ptarmigan.

Sunday, July 10th Birding by Ear ~ In the Field - Lair o'the Bear

Leader: Alison Kondler Time: 0730 Phone: 303-904-9140 Meeting Place and Directions: Lair o'the Bear parking lot. From Morrison & C-470, drive 4 miles west on C-74 to park entrance on left. We'll be listening to and observing mountain birds. Learning many unique mnemonic techniques in the field to help you memorize and attach the sound back to the specific bird. Beginner to expert birders welcome! Bring binoculars, water and snacks. Please PRE-REGISTER at the number above. SPACE IS LIMITED. About a half day trip.

Saturday, July 16 Woodpecker Trip - Sedalia to Cheesman

Leaders: Chris Blakeslee, 303-694-4670 and Kirk Huffstater.

Limit of 15 birders; must make a reservation. Meet leaders in parking lot of Sedalia Post

Office at 0600. Take Hwy. 85 to Sedalia; turn southwest on Hwy. 67, drive through Sedalia over two major sets of railroad tracks. The U.S. Post Office is on the northwest (right) side of Hwy. 67. Group will carpool from here. Bring lunch and water for a fun filled day chasing woodpeckers and any other mountain birds that may cross our paths. Bring clothing for changeable mountain weather. Full day trip. We will target 8 woodpecker species including N. Three-toed, Lewis's, and Red-headed Woodpeckers. Finding the Lewis's and Red-headed Woodpeckers will involve fording a creek (no bridge), climbing steep hillsides, and climbing over downed trees at 7000+ feet elevation in the Hayman Burn area. You need to be in good shape for this rigorous 2-3 mile hike!

Sunday, July 17 Rocky Mountain National Park

Leader: Norm Erthal 303-917-2596

Meet at 7:00 AM at the Division of Wildlife parking lot at 6060 N. Broadway. From I-25 take exit for 58th Ave., go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to the parking lot of your right. We will arrange carpool and specific spots based on where birds have been recently found. Group will bird until mid-afternoon. Wear boots and bring lunch.

Saturday, July 23 Wilderness on Wheels

(*This is a fully wheelchair accessible trip with pacing to match!)

Leaders: Chris Blakeslee, 303-694-4670 and Niña Routh, 303-987-8687. Meet leaders at 0900 at Wilderness on Wheels, Grant, Colorado. Wilderness on Wheels is located 2½ miles west of Grant on the south side of Hwy. 285 at the foot of Kenosha Pass. There is a big sign. Wilderness has a 1-mile boardwalk through riparian and spruce/fur habitats, including active beaver ponds. This boardwalk was built for wheelchair accessibility. The group will also visit the tiny Bailey Great Blue Heron Rookery. Bring snacks and water for this easy-going half day of mid summer birding.

Sunday, July 24 Golden Gate Canyon Park

Leader: Randy Lentz 303-680-3381. Meet at 0730. at Park Visitor center, just west of C-93, north of Golden Gate's various habitats attract a wide diversity of birdlife. Main group will bird until lunch. Birding after lunch optional based on weather.

Saturday, July 30 Mount Evans

Leader: Bob Shade 303-975-2476. Meet at 0800 at Filius Park. Go west on I-70 to Evergreen exit, then to first Bergen Park turn off and go right to Filius Park. From there we will consolidate cars to drive up to Echo Lake and Summit Lakes. Bring lunch and clothes for all kinds of weather. (We may go as high as 14,000 feet.) Chance to see high mountain birds including Pine Grosbeaks, Wilson Warblers and hummingbirds. Also, may see a variety of mammals. Will bird until about mid-afternoon.

Scheduled by Jill Boice