



September Field Trips

Saturday, September 3th

Plants that Attract Hummingbirds

Leader: Tina Jones, 303-906-5479. Meet leader at 0830. Attract hummingbirds to your yard by using specific plants, flowers and other sure fire techniques. This is a two hour field class. For more information and to PRE-REGISTER call the number above. Space is very limited.

Sunday, September 4th *Northeastern Colorado, Prewitt and Jackson Reservoirs*

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet leader at 0530 at the Division of Wildlife, 6060 No. Broadway – Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west 1 block to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to parking lot on right. Annual SWA Permit (per person) and State Parks Pass required. This is an all day trip so bring lunch and plenty of water. Be sure to bring insect repellent and sunscreen. Call leader if going. Get your SWA Permit here:

<https://www3.wildlifelicense.com/co/start.php> (Start button at the bottom of page on their site) or phone (303) 297-1192 during business hours.

Saturday/Sunday, September 10th & 11th

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 registration. Bring binoculars, scopes for the reservoir counts, field guide, and lunch. Everyone welcome to help – more eyes see more birds.

Saturday, Sept. 10

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Leader: Cheryl Teuton & Dan Brooks, 303-912-3341. Meet at 7:00am at Marina, inside west gate near Cherry Creek High School. State Parks Pass required.

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, 303-641-8823
Meet at 6:30am at Audubon Nature Center (left turn immediately after turning onto Waterton/Roxborough road and before the DOW parking lot for Waterton Canyon).

Chatfield State Park

Leader, Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748. Meet at 6:30am at West (Deer Creek) entrance to park. State Parks Pass required.

Lower Bear Creek & Marston Reservoir

Leader: Mike Henwood, 303-716-8551, <hawkhen@aol.com>

Meet at 6:30am at parking lot adjacent to the Conoco Station at the NE corner of Morrison Road and C470. We will bird Bear Creek Lake Park and the Bear Creek Greenbelt in the morning and Marston Reservoir in the afternoon.

Sunday, Sept. 11

Barr Lake Periphery, This trip, mostly driving, does not involve much walking and will be good for people with limited mobility or stamina. Leader: Dick Anderson, 303-757-4582 Phone leader, or send email to him at holmesanderson@earthlink.net. Meet at 7:00am at Barr Lake Entrance Station.

Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Kirk Huffstater, 303-660-9298. 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.

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.

Rocky Mountain Arsenal

Leader: Urling Kingery, 303-641-8823. Call leader to sign up; limited spaces available.

Saturday, September 17th *Fort Collins Cemetery and Surroundings*

Leader: Dave Leatherman, 970-416-0193. Meet leader at 0800. Meet at the entrance to Grandview Cemetery, Fort Collins, at the west end of Mountain Avenue. Exit I-25 at the Mulberry/SR14 exit (#269). Go west on Mulberry 5 miles to Shields Street, turn right (north) on Shields, go just about 0.4 miles to Mountain Avenue, turn left (west) on Mountain, and go about 0.7 miles to the cemetery entrance. We might see migrant passerines, mountain species dispersing for migration and/or winter, hawks overhead, who knows? In 2010 during this same week, the cemetery had a Great Crested Flycatcher, Peregrine Falcon flyover, changing of the guard winter species like creepers and Mountain Chickadees starting to show up, Williamson's and Red-naped Sapsuckers, MacGillivray's Warbler, and Hammond's Flycatcher plus the usuals. We will discuss the changing of the seasons and how plants play an important part in this. Hopefully we can examine the spruce architecture Broad-tailed Hummingbirds prefer for nesting by examining nests used in 2010 and 2011.

Participants will be given the chance to examine insect pinatas and complete a scavenger hunt that includes "birdy" headstones. In short we will celebrate LIFE in the graveyard. Cemetery portion of the trip should be over by noon. Depending on what has been seen in the area, we may opt to go somewhere else between the end of lunch and mid-afternoon. PLEASE PRE-REGISTER by emailing Dave at daleatherman@msn.com or calling the number above. No limit to the number of people (but folks should know there are only 2000 unsold plots left). Dave has been birding in Colorado since 1974, been to the cemetery over 1100 times over that span, and seen 188 species there. He's currently writing a book about "two years in the LIFE of (Grandview) cemetery", which among many things, will cover the White-winged Crossbill nestings in 2010, the whole natural cycle of events (trees, birds, flowers, insects, mammals, ditch creatures, etc.), and compare the years 2010 and 2011.

Sunday, September 18th *Rocky Mountain Arsenal*

Leader: Dave Rhoades, 303-424-8633 Meet leader at 0800 at the new Visitor Center. We'll bird until about 1:00. Participants must PRE-REGISTER after August 21st. The new V.C. can be reached from 64th and Quebec. Turn east onto 64th which becomes Prairie Parkway, go 1/2 mile and take the first left and onto Gateway. From there the new VC is about 1 mile on Gateway. If you miss this trip: The Refuge and all trails are open to birding Tue-Sun 6-6 and birding programs are offered most months. Some are designed for field birding. Others begin inside and are intended to teach the basics of birding.

Saturday, September 24th *Chatfield State Park*

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194 Meet leader at 0800 at the swim beach parking lot (West side of reservoir). Directions: Inside the west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1½ miles south of C-470. Expect to see lots of fall migrants. Half day trip.

Sunday, September 25th *Cherry Creek Reservoir*

Leader: Mary Keithler, 303-771-1421. Meet leader at 0800 at the west Marina off the Dayton St entrance. No registration required. Half day trip. Bring snacks, water, binoculars, and scope. There should be some migrant ducks and grebes, maybe some shorebirds, plus a variety of passerines and raptors. About the leader: Mary is an Audubon Master Birder and lives near Cherry Creek State Park.