

October Field Trips



Saturday, October 1

Lair O' the Bear

Leader: Niña Routh 303.987.8687. Meeting place: Meet leader at 8:00 am at the Lair O' the Bear Park. From Morrison drive 4 miles west on C-74 to park entrance on left. (Be forewarned and observe the speed limits.) We'll be looking to see who is left from the Lair nursery and for any fall migrants including the usual foothills suspects. This is a half day trip. Bring snacks, water, binos, and good walking shoes for an approximately 2.5 to 3 mile hike. Dress in the usual layers for a fall day. **RSVP:** Please phone leader to register. This trip is limited in number of participants.

Sunday, October 2

Boulder Area Ponds

Leader: Paul Slingsby 303.422.3728. Please notify the leader (paslingsby@comcast.net) Meet at the Ward Road Park-n-Ride just north of I-70 on Ward Road in the western part of Wheatridge at 7:30 am. Call leader if you plan to attend. Trip will end at about 3 pm and will involve 2 miles of walking. Bring water and a sack lunch and plan for variable weather. Telescopes and 2 way radios will be useful.

Saturday, October 8

Central South Platte River

Leader: Jackie King 720.381.3314. Meet leader at 0800 at Parking Lot Walnut at 4th and Walnut St on the Auraria Campus. Will walk along the greenbelt and see what birds are living in the heart of downtown Denver. Bring drink-ing water and snacks for a half day trip. Leader uses a scooter for mobility so the trip will be accessible. Parking costs \$2 for all day. From I-25 take Speer Blvd. South to Auraria Parkway then turn right to 7th St. At 7th St. turn left one block to Walnut. Turn right on Walnut and continue to 4th and you will see the parking lot on the South side of the street. Please call leader if going. Meeting place is very near to the Light Rail Station close to Elitches Garden.

Sunday, October 9

The Big Sit



Leader: Joey Kellner 303.978.1748 (Parks Pass required). Meeting place: Heron Over-look, Chatfield State Park. From Wadsworth Blvd. Entrance, go right at the T and continue around the reservoir. After you cross the South Platte River make a hard left into the large parking lot labeled Heronry Overlook. At the far right corner, a trail leads down to the Heron Overlook.

The Big Sit, an international birding event, has exacting, loose, and frivolous standards. Big Sitters count all the birds they see or hear from within a circle with a 17-foot diameter. Count Sitters may send out scouts and beaters to find other birds and identify them as long as a Sitter sees the bird from within the circle. All around the world, on this date, people will Big Sit!

Come and join Joey Kellner and other recruits any time after dawn. Stay for an hour, a morning, or all day. Drop by whenever you like or volunteer to substitute

for Big Sit leaders for an hour or two. (Pre-registration not required.) Joey maintains an hourly chart of the birds that Sitters see from the circle. In the past few years he has tallied 55-65 species. Bring chairs, breakfast, lunch, dinner, picnics, coffee, etc. Bring binoculars, scopes, field guides, and other essential birding equipment.

Sunday, October 16 **Barr Lake State Park**

Leader: Gregg Goodrich. Meet Gregg at the Visitor's Center at 8:00 am. Bird until 12:00 noon. Bring water, appropriate clothing, and be prepared for a fun morning. Lunch is optional since you can return to the visitor's center and eat at picnic tables there.

Saturday, October 22 **Cherry Creek State Park**

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg. Meeting place: West entrance to Cherry Creek State Park at 9:00 am. Bring a scope if you have one, water, comfortable shoes, and appropriate clothing. This is a half-day trip and lunch is optional. If we find good birds we may continue for a while after lunch.

Sunday, October 23 **Jackson and Prewitt Reservoirs**

Leader: Norm Erthal (cell) 303.917.2569 Nerthal@comcast.net. Meeting place: 7:00 am at Division of Wildlife, 6060 No. Broadway--Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west 1 block to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to the parking lot on the right. Participants will need an Annual SWA Permit per person and a State Parks Pass. This will be an all day trip so be sure to bring lunch, snacks, water, good walking shoes, and appropriate clothing for whatever weather is forecast. Please contact the leader if you are interested in attending and be sure to e-mail or call if you need to cancel your attendance.

Saturday, October 29 **Prospect Park**

Leader: Tom Parchman 303.274.7951. Meeting place: North side of the lake at the parking lot. Meet Tom at 8:00am for a ½ day trip. Bring water, snacks, and dress appropriately for the weather.

Sunday, October 30 **Longmont Area**

Leader: Chris Owens. Meeting place: Jim Hamm Park at 8:00 am. From I-25 take Exit 240. To reach the park, go west four miles on CO 119 to Boulder-Weld County Line Road, then north two miles to Jim Hamm Park at 17th Ave. Bring water, lunch, and appropriate clothing. Plan to bird until just after noon or mid afternoon, depending on the birds.

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