



February 2012 Field Trips

Saturday, February 4 **Northeastern Raptor Tour**

Leader: Joey Kellner, 303-978-1748

Meet leaders at 0630 at the Division of Wildlife, 6060 North Broadway – Exit I-25 at 58th Ave., go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to parking lot on right. Bring lunch, water and snacks for a full day of driving and watching raptors in the northeastern corner of Colorado.

Saturday, February 4 **South Platte River-104th to McKay**

Leader: Paul Slingsby, 303-422-3728

Bird the South Platte River from the 104th Avenue trailhead south to McKay street with a possible extension toward 88th avenue trailhead depending on weather and our endurance. Expect to walk 3 or more miles. This is a recently built greenbelt trail to try with good views of the river and some small cottonwood forests. Please call leader to register. We will meet at 8 am at the Colorado Division of Wildlife, 6060 N Broadway (I-25 exit 215, take 58th Av. west to Broadway, turn right, go north 1 block). Expect to finish by 1 pm. Spotting scope will be useful but you can share the leader's scope. There will be some off trail walking which may be in snow.

Sunday, February 5 **Cherry Creek Reservoir**

Leader: Mary Cay Burger, 303-771-3431

Meet leader at 0800 at the east entrance of park. Bring water and wear warm hiking shoes or boots for a half-day trip. Dress warmly! State Parks Pass required.

Saturday, February 11 **South Platte Greenway Trailhead**

Leaders: Barbara Shissler 303-904-7269 and Cindy Valentine 303-790-2805

Meet leaders at 0900 at E. 88th and the Platte River. From I-76 take E. 88th Ave. exit, go west on 88th for 1.6 miles then turn south at Colorado Blvd. Turn left again into the parking lot for the South Platte River Greenway Trailhead. This trip may go past noon so bring lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes. Plan to see lots of waterfowl and raptors.

Sunday, February 12 **Longmont Area**

Leaders: Chris Owens 303-772-6048

Meet leader at 0800 at Jim Hamm Park. 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. This will be a three-quarter day trip ending about 2 pm so bring lunch and extra water.

Saturday, February 18 Chatfield State Park

Leader: Ed Holub, 303-979-2194

Meet leader at 0800 in the Swim Beach Parking lot inside west entrance of park off S. Wadsworth, 1½ miles south of C-470. This will be a half day trip so lunch is optional.

Sunday, February 19 Roxborough State Park

Leader: Doris Cruze, 303-798-8072

Meet leader at 0800 at the Visitor's Center for a three and a half-hour walking tour on an easy trail. Participants should see golden eagles and species common in the foothills. State Parks Pass required or \$5 entrance fee per car. Lunch will be optional but there is a beautiful place to sit on the patio and watch the birds as you eat lunch. Take S. Wadsworth Blvd. past Chatfield S.P. to Waterton Rd on left. Take Waterton Rd. 1.6 miles east to North Ram-part Range Rd., turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left and follow signs to the park (2.2 miles). This is an excellent trip for novice birders and new members.

Saturday, February 25 South Platte Park

Leader: Richard Anderson, 303-757-4582

Meet leader at 0800 at the South Platte Park's Carson Nature Center, north of Mineral Ave., 1 block west of S. Santa Fe Drive. This trip will end by noon so lunch is optional but do bring drinking water. Participants will bird South Platte Park, McClellan Reservoir and other places of interest in the surrounding area.

Sunday, February 26 Castlewood Canyon State Park

Leader: Laurie Duke, 303-646-4699

Meet leader at 0800 at the north entrance to the park in the Homestead Parking Lot. This will be a half day trip, lunch optional but do bring snacks and drinking water. The trip will involve hiking over trails but leader will try to avoid icy areas so wear good hiking shoes.