

Field Trips for January, 2011
Scheduled by Patty Echelmeyer

Saturday, January 1 **Denver Urban Christmas Count**

Coordinator: Hugh Kingery. Get off to a flying start on your 2011 list! See information in December Lark Bunting. Contact leaders for meeting time and places. \$5.00 fee to National Audubon Society.

Sunday, January 2 **Walden Ponds**

Join the Boulder Bird Club for their regularly scheduled "First Sunday Bird Walk" from 9 am 'til noon. From Denver, go west on US 36 to Foothills Parkway Exit (C157) then north to Arapahoe Avenue- east to 75th St, then north on 75th past Valmonth Road and the railroad track. Turn left at Wildlife Habitat sign. Follow road to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot. Always surprises! Coordinator: Lonny Frye 303-931-9131.

Saturday, January 8 **Longmont Area**

Leader: Chris Owens, 303 772-6048. Meet at 0830 at Jim Hamm Nature center. From I25 take Exit 240. Go west 4 miles on CO 119 to Boulder -Weld CO Line Road, then 2 miles north to park on left at E 17th Ave. Bring lunch as trip will end about 1 or 2 pm depending on weather and birds. State parks Pass may be needed.

Sunday, January 9 **Wheatridge Greenbelt**

Leader: Toni Rautus, 303-422-7322. Meet at 0900 at Prospect Lake north parking lot. To reach lake, go south off 44th Avenue in Wheatridge between Quail and Robb Streets, West of Kipling. ½ day trip. Wintering woodland species and hopefully, a good variety of waterfowl. Lunch optional – maybe we'll head for a local restaurant.

Saturday, January 15 **88th and the Platte River**

Leader: Buzz Schaumberg, 303-699-1721. Meet at 0900 at parking lot at 88th and the Platte for ½ day trip. Lots of ducks on the open water, hopefully Barrow's Goldeneye and Long-tailed Duck. Scopes would be helpful. There are picnic tables, but lunch will be optional.

Sunday, January 16 *No trip planned*

Thursday, January 20 **Pueblo – Weekday Trip**

Leader: Bob Shade 303 975-2476. Must register with leader for this full-day outing. Meeting place to be decided but it'll be an early start at 0630. Dress for changes in weather and, of course, bring lunch, water and snacks. Always a chance for rarities in this "southern" region.

Saturday, January 22 *Belmar Historic Park*

Leader: Karleen Schofield, 303-936-8661. Meet at 0900 at 800 S. Wadsworth. Turn west on Ohio Avenue from Wadsworth, straight ahead for 2 blocks into Irongate parking area next to the lake. ½ day trip, easy walking. Karleen really knows the area and its wildlife.

Sunday, January 23 *Cherry Creek State Park*

Leader: Mary Keithler, 303 771-1421. Meet at 0830 at the marina for ½ day trip, lunch is optional. Bring scopes for “far-out” waterbirds and treetop hawks scanning for prey. Parks Pass required.

Saturday, January 29 *South Platte Park – Carson Nature Center*

Leader: Ed Holub 303-979-2194. Meet at 0800 at Nature Center parking lot, (north of Mineral Avenue, 1 block west of Santa Fe Drive, behind Aspen Grove shopping center.) Raptors and waterfowl plus winter visitors and permanent residents at the Center’s feeders.

Sunday January 30 *Birds of Prey Driving Tour*

Leader: Kathanne Lynch 303-968-4750. 10:00am – 1:00pm Auto carpool loop tour from Lagerman Reservoir near Longmont. Register with Leader before Thursday, January 27. Limited to 20 participants or 5 cars.

Join us for a driving tour focusing on raptors. We will be led in the field by Sue Cass, coordinator of Boulder County Nature Association’s (BCNA) Winter Raptor Survey. Emphasis will be on field identification. Habitat, ecology and breeding strategies will also be discussed. Historical and count data for the Survey is on www.bcna.org in Publications and Research. Please bring lunch, drinking water, and binoculars. Also bring a bird field guide, spotting scope, and a two-way radio if you have one. No fee. Optional donation to BCNA is welcomed. Trip is weather-dependent. Physically accessible.