

Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter 2010-2011 Field Trip Schedule

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2010	Day(s)	Time	Field Trip	Rendezvous Location	\$ Fee	Effort	Trip Leader	Phone No.
Sept 11	Sat	4 pm	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sept 13	Mon	7 pm	Isanti County Birding Day	Isanti		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sept 18	Sat	8:30 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Sept 18	Sat	4 pm	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sep 19-21	S/M/T	6 pm	Fillmore County Birding Days	Preston	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 2	Sat	8:30 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR, Ed. Center, 15865	Carver Highlands Dr		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Oct 2-4	S/S/M	8 am	Southern Minnesota	Waseca	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 9	Sat	9 am	Audubon Center of North Woods Open House	Sandstone, MN		Varies	ACNW Staff	888-404-7743
Oct 16	Sat	4 pm	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 18	Mon	7:30 A	Stearns County Birding Day	Clearwater		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 23	Sat	4 pm	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Nov 6	Sat	CALL	Audubon MN Fall Members Meeting	St. Paul		H	Mark Peterson	651-739-9332
Nov 13	Sat	CALL	Swans on Mississippi River/Weaver Bottoms	CALL FOR DETAILS		1	Mark Lystig	651-452-1133
Nov 20	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Dec 6	Mon	7 am	Metro County Birding Day	CALL FOR DETAILS		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Dec 18	Sat	CALL	Christmas Bird Count, Bloomington Area	Areas to be Assigned		1-4	Randy Hills	952-953-3613
Dec 18	Sat	5:30 P	Winter Potluck Dinner / Christmas Bird Report			H		
Dec 19	Sun	7 am	Christmas Bird Count, Cedar Creek NHA	Hwy 65/Crosstown		1-3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
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Jan 8	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jan 15	Sat	9 am	Winter Birds, MVNWR Visitor Center	Bloomington		1	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Feb 26	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 19	Sat	4 pm	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 22	Tues	9 am	MVNWR, Birding Day, Rapid's Lake, VC	Carver, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 26	Sat	4 pm	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 27-29	S/M/T	6 pm	Southwestern Minnesota Birds	CALL FOR DETAILS		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 2	Sat	2 pm	Beginning Bird Watching Workshop	Visitor Center, MVNWR		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Apr 9	Sat	2 pm	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		2	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Apr 11	Mon	7 am	Goodhue County Birding Day	Cannon Falls		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 12	Tue	7 am	MVNWR, Birding Day, Rapid's Lake, VC	Carver, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 16	Sat	4 pm	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 17-19	S/M/T	6 pm	Southern Minnesota Birds	Blue Earth, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 22-24	F/S/S	6 pm	Salt Lake (priairmarshfarm@comcast.net)	Marietta, MN		2	Ken Larsen	952-595-9265
Apr 27	Wed	6:30 P	Purgatory Creek, 13001 Technology Drive	Eden Prairie		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Apr 30	Sat	4 pm	Family Birding, Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Rob Daves	612-822-0085
May 1-16	Any	Any	BIRDATHON, MRVAC FUNDRAISER	Your choice		Various		
May 2	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 1 st Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins	\$27	H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 4	Wed	6:45 P	MVNWR Visitor Center	Bloomington		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 7	Sat	7:30 A	Hok-Si-La Park (MRVAC Warbler Weekend)	Lake Pepin, MN		3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
May 9	Mon	6 am	Carver Park Reserve	Victoria		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 9	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 2 nd Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 10	Tue	6 am	MVNWR, Birding Day, Visitor Center	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 11	Wed	9 am	Lake Susan Bluebirds and More	Chanhassen		H	Phyllis Bofferding	952-975-0971
May 14	Sat	4 pm	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 16	Mon	6 am	MVNWR, Birding Day, Rapid's Lake, VC	Carver, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 16	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 3 rd Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 22-24	S/M/T	6 pm	Southeastern Minnesota Birds	Caledonia, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 23	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 4 th Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 25	Wed	6:30 P	Lone Lake Park	Minnetonka		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jun 4	Sat	4 pm	Rapid's Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver, Mn		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jun 5	Sun	7 am	Dakota County Prairie Birds	Call for details		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 5	Sun	8:30 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jun 11	Sat	4 pm	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jun 12	Sun	7 am	Cannon River Bottom	Call for details		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 12	Sun	8:30 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR, Education Center	Carver, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jun 12-14	S/M/T	6 pm	Aitkin County Birds	McGregor, MN	\$25/35	4	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jun 18	Sat	9 am	MN River Clean Up, MVNWR location TBD	Bloomington		1-4	Terry Houle	952-583-7069
Jul 10	Sun	8:30 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811

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Jul 10-12	S/M/T	6 pm	Pope County Birds	Starbuck, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jul 17	Sun	8:30 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MNVNR, Education Center	Carver, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jul 27	Wed	6:30 P	Purgatory Creek, 13001 Technology Drive	Eden Prairie		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Aug 9	Tue	7 pm	MNVNR, Birding Day, Rapid's Lake, VC	Carver, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Aug 14	Sun	8:30 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MNVNR	Shakopee, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Aug 14-16	S/M/T	6 pm	Kandiyohi County Birds	New London, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Aug 21	Sun	8 am	Miesville Ravine	Miesville		4	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Aug 21	Sun	8:30 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MNVNR, Education Center	Carver, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811

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Field Trips will be added throughout the year. Visit our web site WWW.MRVAC.ORG or come to a chapter meeting to get current trip list. Trip schedules are subject to change, please confirm with the Trip Leader via their Phone Number or Email Address a few days prior to the trip. Fees for overnight trips are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members, payable to **MRVAC** and collected by the trip leader. The trip leader may retain \$10 per person. MRVAC trip fees do not cover any personal trip expenses.

Effort - Trips are rated for degree of physical difficulty:

- 1=Very Easy** (birds visible from car or area near parking lot) **2=Easy** (short walks over even terrain or paved paths)
3=Moderate (walking on paths with some hills, uneven terrain) **4=Strenuous** (hilly, uneven terrain or other difficulties).
 Limited - reservations required (MRVAC members have priority) **H=Handicap Accessible** (ADA)

2010 – 2011 MEETING and PROGRAM SCHEDULE (Social time from 7-7:30pm, Meeting from 7:30-9pm)

Both members and non-members are welcome at our meetings.

2010	Day	Program	Speaker	Affiliation	Location
9/23	Thurs	Birding in Panama	Sharon Stiteler	www.birdchick.com	Visitor Center
10/28	Thurs	Bird Conservation: 21st Century Threats and Solutions	George Fenwick	American Bird Conservancy	Visitor Center
11/18	Thurs	Holiday Auction	-	MRVAC	Visitor Center
12/18	Sat	Christmas Bird Count & Soup Supper	-	MRVAC	Diamond Lake C.
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1/27	Thurs	Hummingbirds	Stan Tekiela	Nature Smart Wildlife	Visitor Center
2/24	Thurs	Life on the Edge – Atlantic Coast	Nancy Goetzinger & Tom Ramsey	MRVAC	Visitor Center
3/24	Thurs	Goshawks & Boreal Birds	Maya Hamady	MN DNR Nongame Wildlife	Visitor Center
4/28	Thurs	Minnesota's Bats	Mike Dixon	U of M Conservation Biology	Visitor Center
5/26	Thurs	Food Security & the Environment	Jon Foley	U of M Ecology, Evolution & Behavior	Visitor Center

MEETING LOCATIONS; **Visitor Center**, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, 3815 American Blvd. E., Bloomington, 952-854-5900; **Diamond Lake Church**, 5760 Portland Ave., Minneapolis, 612-866-2579; **Wood Lake Nature Center**, 6710 Lake Shore Dr., Richfield, 612-861-9365;

COMMONLY USED TRAILHEADS of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (MNVNR)

Visitor Center, 3815 American Blvd. E., Bloomington, 952-854-5900

Bass Ponds, 2501 86th St. E., Bloomington

Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, 9500 Old Cedar Ave., Bloomington

Chaska Unit - North Gate, Chaska Athletic Park (the ball fields), 725 W. 1st St., Chaska

South Gate, Carver Riverfront Park, 300 Main St. E., Carver

Wilkie Unit, 7701 Co. Rd. 101 E., Shakopee

Louisville Swamp Unit, 3801 145th St. W., Shakopee

Rapids Lake Unit - North Hunter Lot, 14905 Jonathan Carver Pkwy., Carver

Rapids Lake Education and Visitor Center, 15865 Carver Highlands Dr., Carver, 952-361-4500