

Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter 2011-2012 Field Trip Schedule

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2011	Day(s)	Time	Field Trip	Rendezvous Location	\$ Fee	Effort	Trip Leader	Phone No.
Sept 9	Fri	6 am	Rice County Birding Day	Faribault		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sept 10	Sat	9 am	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sep 14-17	W/T/F/S	6 pm	SW Minnesota Birding Days	Marshall	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sep 16-18	Fri-Sun		Hawk Weekend Festival - http://hawkridge.org/events/hawkweekend.html#	Duluth	Varies		Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory	
Sept 29	Thurs	7 am	Washington County Birding Day	Oakdale		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sept 30	Fri	8 am	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 2	Sun	8 am	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 8	Sat	9 am	Audubon Center of North Woods Open House	Sandstone, MN		Varies	ACNW Staff	888-404-7743
Oct 11	Tues	8 am	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 14	Fri	8 am	Chisago County Birding Day	Stacy		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 16	Sun	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		2	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 25	Tues	8 am	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Nov 12	Sat	CALL	Audubon Minnesota Annual Reunion	St. Paul			Mark Peterson	651-739-9332
Nov 12	Sat	CALL	Swans on Mississippi River/Weaver Bottoms	CALL FOR DETAILS		1	Mark Lystig	651-452-1133
Nov 18	Fri	8 am	Metro County Birding Day	CALL FOR DETAILS		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Dec 9	Fri	8 am	Metro County Birding Day	CALL FOR DETAILS		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Dec 17	Sat	CALL	Christmas Bird Count, Bloomington Area	Areas to be Assigned		1-4	Randy Hills	952-953-3613
Dec 17	Sat	5:30 P	Winter Potluck Dinner / Christmas Bird Report	Diamond Lake Church		H	Jan Carlson	952-858-8604
Dec 18	Sun	7 am	Christmas Bird Count, Cedar Creek NHA	Hwy 65/Crosstown		1-3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
2012								
Jan 7	Sat	9 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jan 21	Sat	9 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Feb 16-17	Th/Fr	CALL	Northern Minnesota Birds	CALL FOR DETAILS	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Feb 25	Sat	9 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 3	Sat	9 am	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 3	Sat	1:30 P	Beginning Bird Watching Workshop	Visitor Center, MVNWR		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Mar 25	Sun	8 am	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 28-31	W/T/F/S	6 pm	Southwestern Minnesota Birds	CALL FOR DETAILS	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 12	Th	7 am	Wright County Birding Day	Rockford		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 14	Sat	9 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 15	Sun	7 pm	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 25	Wed	6:30 P	Purgatory Creek, 13001 Technology Drive	Eden Prairie		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Apr 27-29	F/S/S	6 pm	Salt Lake (prairiemarshfarm@comcast.net)	Marietta, MN		2	Ken Larsen	952-595-9265
Apr 30	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 1 st Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins	\$27	H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 1-14	Any	Any	BIRDATHON, MRVAC FUNDRAISER	Your choice		Various		
May 7	Mon	7 am	Carver Park Reserve	Victoria		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 7	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 2 nd Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 12	Sat	7:30 A	Hok-Si-La Park (MRVAC Warbler Weekend)	Lake Pepin, MN		3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
May 9-12	W/T/F/S	6 pm	SE Minnesota Birds	Preston	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 9	Wed	9 am	Lake Susan Bluebirds and More	Chanhassen		H	Phyllis Bofferding	952-975-0971
May 14	Mon	7 am	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 14	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 3 rd Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 15	Tue	7 am	Old Cedar Ave Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 21	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 4th Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jun 2	Sat	8:30 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
TBD			MRVAC Picnic	Wood Lake NP		1		
Jun 3	Sun	8 am	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jun 3	Sun	7 am	Dakota County Prairie Birds	Call for details		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 9	Sat	8:30 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jun 10	Sun	8 am	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Jordan, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jun 10	Sun	7 am	Cannon River Bottoms	Call for details		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 13-16	W/T/F/S	6 pm	St. Croix State Park	Hinckley, MN	\$25/35	4	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jul 14	Sat	8:30 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jul 18-21	W/T/F/S	6 pm	Whitewater State Park	St. Charles, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jul 21	Sat	8:30 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR, Education Center	Carver, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811

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Aug 8-11	W/T/F/S	6 pm	Lac Qui Parle State Park	Montevideo, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Aug 11	Sat	8:30 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Aug 26	Sun	8 am	Miesville Ravine	Miesville		4	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Aug 18	Sat	8:30 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR, 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)

2011 – 2012 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.

2011	Day	Program	Speaker	Affiliation	Location
9/22	Thurs	Birding in Nicaragua	Joe Sausen	Wild River Audubon	Visitor Center
10/27	Thurs	Owls to Orchids: Mystery & Magic in our Northern Bogs	Sparky Stensaas	Friends of Sax-Zim Bog www.SaxZim.org	Visitor Center
11/15	Thurs	Holiday Auction		MRVAC	Visitor Center
12/17	Sat	Christmas Bird Count & Soup Supper	Jan Carlson, Social Chair	MRVAC	Diamond Lake C.
2012					
1/26	Thurs	Wilderness in the Wetland	Scott Sharkey		Visitor Center
2/23	Thurs	Habitat success & factors affecting nest success of ducks	Sarah Thompson	University of MN	Visitor Center
3/22	Thurs	Saving the Galapagos Islands Hawk	Julie Ponder	Executive Director, The Raptor Center	Visitor Center
4/26	Thurs	Bird conservation in Minnesota: the Golden-winged Warbler & American Woodcock	Tom Cooper	Wildlife Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service,	Visitor Center
5/24	Thurs	TBD			Visitor Center
6/7	Thurs	Picnic			Wood Lake NC

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