

# Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter 2016-2017 Field Trip Schedule

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2016	Day(s)	Time	Field Trip	Meeting Location	\$ Fee	Effort	Trip Leader	Phone No.
Sep 11	Sun	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 12	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 15-16	Th/F	7 am	Southern Minnesota Birding Days	Worthington	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 22	Th	8 am	Nine Mile Creek	Bloomington		3	Brianne Keehan/ Greg Burnes	920-216-8505 612-205-3071
Sept 23	Fri	6:30 am	Wright County Birding Day	Minnetonka		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 24	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 24	Sat	10-2	Audubon Center of the North Woods open house	Sandstone		1	Staff	320-245-2648
Sept 27	Tue	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 2	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 4	Tue	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 6-7	Th/F	7 am	Central Minnesota Birding Days	Sauk Center	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 10	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 13	Th		Hyland/Richardson	Bloomington		3	Brianne Keehan/ Greg Burnes	920-216-8505 612-205-3071
Oct 15	Sat	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 28	Fri	7 am	Wright County Birding Day	Minnetonka		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 29	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov TBD	Sat	TBD	Audubon MN Annual meeting	Visitor Center		1	TBD	651-739-9332
Nov 11	Fri	7 am	Goodhue County Birding Day	Cannon Falls		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 12	Sat	Call	Swans on Mississippi River	Call for Details		2	Mark Lystig	651-452-1133
Nov 13	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 15	Tue	8 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Savage		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 19	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 1	Th	7:30 am	Goodhue County Birding Day	Cannon Falls		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 3	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 5	Mon	8 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Savage		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 17	Sat	CALL	Christmas Bird Count, Bloomington Area	Areas Assigned		1-4	Bart Anderson	612-719-6103
Dec 17	Sat	5:30 pm	Potluck Dinner / Christmas Bird Report	Diamond Lake Chr		H		
Dec 18	Sun	7 am	Christmas Bird Count, Cedar Creek	Areas Assigned		1-3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
<b>2017</b>								
Jan 7	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jan 23	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Feb 4	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Feb 26	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 4	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
March 13	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 20	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 25	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 2	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 6-7	Th/Fr	7 am	SE Minnesota Birding Days	Spring Valley	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
April 11	Tue	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
April 13	Th	6:30 am	Isanti County Birding day	Fridley		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
April 24	Mon	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 28-30	F/S/S	6 pm	Salt Lake MOU Birding weekend prairiemarshfarm@comcast.net	Marietta, MN		1	Ken Larson	612-210-8486
May 1-14	Any	Any	BIRDATHON, MRVAC FUNDRAISER	Your choice		various		
May 4-5	Th/Fr	6:30 am	SE Minnesota Birding Days	Austin	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 6	Sat	7:30 am	Hok-Si-La Park (MRVAC Warbler Wkend)	Lake Pepin, MN		3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
May 7	Sun	8 am	Bloomington Visitor Center, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 9	Tue	7 am	Carver Park Reserve	Victoria		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 13	Sat	8 am	Bloomington Visitor Center, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 14	Sun	8 am	Ritter Farm Park	Lakeville		3	Jay Miller	612 325 3066
May 16	Tue	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jun 1-2	Th/F	6 am	Western Minnesota Birding Days	Detroit Lakes	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jun 4	Sun	7 am	Dakota County Prairie Birds	Call for details		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 5	Mon	7 am	Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve	Savage		4	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jun 11	Sun	7 am	Cannon River Bottoms	Call for details		2	Steve Weston	612-978-3993

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Jun 22	Thurs	5:00 pm	MRVAC Picnic	Visitor Center		1		
Jun 29-30	Th/F	6 am	Central Minnesota Birding Days	Isle	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
July 8	Sat	8:30 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jul 20-21	Th/F	6:30 am	SW Minnesota Birding Days	Redwood Falls	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Aug 5	Sat	8:30 am	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR, Education Cntr	Carver		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Aug 17-18	Th/F	6:30 am	Western Minnesota Birding Days	Breckenridge	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Aug 20	Sun	8 am	Cannon River Bottoms	Call for details		2	Steve Weston	612-978-3993

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Field Trips will be added throughout the year. Visit our web site **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)

## 2016 – 2017 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.

2016	Day	Program	Speaker	Location
9/22	Thurs	Social Learning, Signaling, and Deception in Blue Jays.	Virginia Heinen	Visitor Center
10/27	Thurs	Bird Nests: HOW do They DO That?	Clay Christianson	Visitor Center
11/17	Thurs	Auction		Visitor Center
12/17	Sat	Christmas Bird Count Potluck		Diamond Lake Church
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1/26	Thurs	Northern Saw-whet Owl Migration Study	Jen Vieth	Visitor Center
2/23	Thurs	TBD	Stan Tekiela	Visitor Center
3/23	Thurs	Planning a Future for the World's Wildlife	Dr. Onnie Byers	Visitor Center
4/27	Thurs	Bird Stories	Al Batt	Visitor Center
5/25	Thurs	Rarest Birds of North America	Bob Russell	Visitor Center
6/22	Thurs	Picnic and bird walk	Visitor Center	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

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

**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 Rapids Lake Rd (formerly Carver Highlands Dr.), Carver, 952-361-4500