

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 8 | Th | 8 am | Bass Ponds, MVNWR | Bloomington | | 3 | Brianne Keehan/ Greg Burnes | 920-216-8505 612-205-3071 |
| 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 | Minnnetonka | | 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 Northwoods 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 27 | Th | 8 am | Bass Ponds, MVNWR | Bloomington | | 3 | Brianne Keehan/ Greg Burnes | 920-216-8505 612-205-3071 |
| Oct 28 | Fri | 7 am | Wright County Birding Day | Minnnetonka | | 3 | Craig Mandel | 952-240-7647 |
| Oct 29 | Sat | 8 am | Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR | Bloomington | | 3 | Craig Mandel | 952-240-7647 |
| Nov TBD | Sat | | Audubon MN Annual meeting | MRVWR main building | | 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/Weaver Bottoms | Call for Details | | | 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 to be Assigned | | 1-4 | Bart Anderson | 612-719-6103 |
| Dec 17 | Sat | 5:30 pm | Winter Potluck Dinner / Christmas Bird Report | Diamond Lake Church | | H | | |
| Dec 18 | Sun | 7 am | Christmas Bird Count, Cedar Creek Bog Anoka County | Areas to be Assigned | | 1-3 | Steve Weston | 612-978-3993 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 6:30am | 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 (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 A | Hok-Si-La Park (MRVAC Warbler Weekend) | 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 |

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| 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 |
| Jun 22 | Thurs | 5:00pm | MRVAC Picnic | MRV Refuge | | 1 | | |
| June 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 A | Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR, Education Center | Carver | | 3 | George Skinner | 952-936-0811 |
| Aug 17-18 | Th/F | 6:30am | 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 |
| 2017 | | | | |
| 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