

Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter 2018-2019 Field Trip Schedule

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2018	Day(s)	Time	Field Trip	Meeting Location	\$ Fee	Effort	Trip Leader	Phone No.
Sep 9	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 13-14	Th/F	7 am	Central Minnesota Birding Days	Litchfield	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sep 15	Sat	8:30am	Ney Nature Center	Henderson		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sep 17	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 21-23	F-Sun	varies	HAWK WEEKEND FESTIVAL	Duluth	varies		Hawk Ridge	
Sep 25	Tue	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sep 27	Thu	8 am	Sherburne County Birding day	Zimmerman		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 29	Sat	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 6	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 8	Mon	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 11-12	Th/F	7 am	Western Minnesota Birding Days	Marshall	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 14	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 25	Thu	8:30am	Ney Nature Center & Sibley County	Henderson		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 27	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 29	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 8	Thu	7 am	Carver County Birding Day	Carver Park Preserve		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 10	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 12	Mon	8 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Savage		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 17	Sat	Call	Swans on Mississippi River/Weaver Bottoms	Call for Details			Mark Lystig	651-452-1133
Nov 18	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 1	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 6	Thu	8 am	Washington County Birding Day	TBD		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 8	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 10	Mon	8 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Savage		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 15	Sat	CALL	Christmas Bird Count, Bloomington Area	Areas to be Assigned		1-4	Greg Burnes	612-205-3071
Dec 15	Sat		Christmas Bird Count, Excelsior Area	Areas to be Assigned		1-4	Howard Towle	612-710-1451
Dec 15	Sat	5:30pm	Winter Potluck Dinner / Christmas Bird Report	Diamond Lake Church		H		
Dec 16	Sun	7 am	Christmas Bird Count, Cedar Creek Bog Anoka County	Areas to be Assigned		1-3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
2019								
Jan 5	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jan 17-18	Th/Fr	7 am	NE Minnesota Birding Days	Duluth	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jan 28	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 3	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 9	Sat	8 am	Waterfowl Workshop	Bloomington Visitor C		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 16	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 18	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 23	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 31	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 1	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 4-5	Th/Fr	7 am	Western Minnesota Birding Days	Granite Falls	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 13	Sat	8 am	North of the River	Caribou Coffee Old Shakopee & France		4	Bart Anderson	612-719-6103
Apr 28	Sun	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 29	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 26-28	F/S/S	6 pm	Salt Lake (prairiemarshfarm@comcast.net)	Marietta, MN		1	Ken Larson	612-210-8486
May 1-15	Any	Any	BIRDATHON, MRVAC FUNDRAISER	Your choice		Various	Bob Williams	612-991-0727
May 2-3	Th/Fr	7 am	Southern Minnesota Birding Days	Albert Lea	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 5	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 7	Tue	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 11	Sat	7:30am	Hok-Si-La Park MRVAC Warbler Weekend	Lake Pepin. MN		3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
May 12	Sun	8 am	Bloomington Visitor Center	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 13	Mon	7 am	Carver Park Reserve	Victoria		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 16-17	Th/F	6 am	Central Minnesota Birding Days	Wadena	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 18	Sat	8 am	Crex Meadows	Minit Mart Grantsburg, WI		4	Bart Anderson	612-719-6103
May 19	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647

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May 20	Mon	5 pm	Ritter Farm Park	Lakeville		3	Jay Miller	612 325 3066
Jun 1	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jun 2	Sun	7 am	Dakota County Prairie Birds	Shaar's Bluff		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 2	Sun	8 am	Murphy-Hanrehan Park Reserve	Savage		3	Jay Miller	612 325 3066
Jun 6-7	Th/F	6 am	NE Minnesota Birding Days	Moose Lake	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jun 9	Sun	7:30am	Miesville Ravine Dakota County Park.	Miesville		2	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 27	Thurs	5:00pm	MRVAC Picnic	MRV Refuge		1		
Aug 18	Sun	8 am	Miesville Ravine Dakota County Park.	Miesville		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 to cover their expenses. 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)

2018– 2019 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.

2018	Day	Program	Speaker	Location
9/27	Thurs	How to find the rare and unexpected birds	Ben Douglas	Visitor Center
10/25	Thurs	Wildlife on the Edge: Conservation in New Zealand	Jordana Whyte	Visitor Center
11/15	Thurs	Auction		Visitor Center
12/15	Sat	Christmas Bird Count Potluck		Diamond Lake Church
2019				
1/24	Thurs	Birding Santa Marta, Columbia	William Marengo & Paul Egeland	Visitor Center
2/28	Thurs	Roads to Conservation	Chris Smith & Beth Brown	Visitor Center
3/28	Thurs	Bird Migration	Jim Egge	Visitor Center
4/25	Thurs	Cool Science Story	Nick Minor	Visitor Center
5/23	Thurs	Birds of Trinidad and Tobago	Martyn Kenefick	Visitor Center
6/27	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

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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