

# Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter 2019-2020 Field Trip Schedule

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2019	Day(s)	Time	Field Trip	Meeting Location	\$ Fee	Effort	Trip Leader	Phone No.
Aug 3	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Aug 5	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Aug 11	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Aug 24	Sat	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Aug 25	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 7	Sat	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 8	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 12-13	Th/F	7 am	Southern Minnesota Birding Days	Rochester	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sep 16	Mon	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sep 26	Thu	8 am	Chisago County Birding Day	Stacey		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Sept 29	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 3-4	Th/F	7 am	Central Minnesota Birding Days	Walker	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
TBD	Sat	10-2	Audubon Center of the Northwoods open house	Sandstone		1	Staff	320-245-2648
Oct 6	Sun	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 7	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 19	Sat	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 20	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 24	Thu	7 am	Anoka County Birding Day	Fridley		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Oct 26	Sat	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov TBD	Sat		Audubon MN Annual meeting	MRV Visitor Center		1	TBD	651-739-9332
Nov 7	Thu	7 am	Carver County Birding Day	Carver Park Preserve		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 9	Sat	8 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Savage		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 11	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 16	Sat	Call	Swans on Mississippi River/Weaver Bottoms	Call for Details			Mark Lystig	651-452-1133
Nov 17	Sun	8 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Savage		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Nov 23	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 1	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 5	Thu	8 am	Hennepin County Birding Day	TBD		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 7	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 9	Mon	8 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Savage		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Dec 14	Sat	CALL	Christmas Bird Count, Bloomington Area	Areas to be Assigned		1-4	Greg Burnes	612-205-3071
Dec 14	Sat	5:30pm	Winter Potluck Dinner / Christmas Bird Report	MRV Visitor Center		H		
Dec 15	Sun	7 am	Christmas Bird Count, Cedar Creek Bog Anoka County	Areas to be Assigned		1-3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
<b>2020</b>								
Jan 6	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jan 18	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jan 23-24	Th/Fr	6:45am	NE Minnesota Birding Days	Duluth	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jan 26	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Feb 1	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Feb 6-16	11 days		Costa Rica	San Jose	\$2825	4	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Feb 22	Sat	8 am	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Savage		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Feb 23	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 7	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 9	Mon	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 22	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 26-27	Th/Fr	7 am	Western Minnesota Birding Days	Morris	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Mar 30	Mon	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 4	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 6	Mon	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr 11	Sat	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Bart Anderson	612-719-6103
Apr 16-17	Th/Fr	6:30am	Central Minnesota Birding Days	Milaca	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Apr TBD	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	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
TBD	Sun	8 am	Crex Meadows	Minit Mart Grantsburg, WI		4	Bart Anderson	612-719-6103
May 3	Sun	8 am	Rapids Lake Unit, MVNWR	Carver		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 9	Sat	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647

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May 9	Sat	7:30am	Hok-Si-La Park MRVAC Warbler Weekend	Lake Pepin. MN		2	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
May 11	Mon	7 am	Carver Park Reserve	Victoria		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 12	Tues	7 am	Ritter Farm Park	Lakeville		3	Jay Miller	612-325-3066
May 14-15	Th/F	6:30am	Southern Minnesota Birding Days	Austin	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
May 17	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jun 7	Sun	8 am	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jun 7	Sun	7 am	Dakota County Prairie Birds	Shaar's Bluff		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
TBD	Th/F	6 am	NW Minnesota Birding Days	Park Rapids	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Jun 14	Sun	7:30am	Miesville Ravine Dakota County Park.	Miesville		2	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 25	Thurs	5:00pm	MRVAC Picnic	MRV Visitor Center		1		
July 9-10	Th/F	6 am	Central Minnesota Birding Days	Little Falls	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Aug 6-7	Th/F	6:30 am	SW Minnesota Birding Days	Redwood Falls	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647
Aug 16	Sun	8 am	Miesville Ravine Dakota County Park.	Miesville		2	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Nov 4-13	10 days		Ecuador Choco Andes birding	Quito	3175 + airfare	4	Craig Mandel	952-240-7647

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Field Trips will be added and updated throughout the year. Visit our web site [MRVAC.ORG](http://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)

## 2019-2020 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.

2019	Day	Program	Speaker	Location
9/26	Thurs	Birding & Seabird Research in Alaska's Bering Strait	Joel Vos	Visitor Center
10/24	Thurs	Tales from the Bird Chick	Sharon Stiteler	Visitor Center
11/21	Thurs	Auction		REI
12/14	Sat	Christmas Bird Count Potluck		Visitor Center
<b>2020</b>				
1/23	Thurs	Tracking in the Twin Cities Metro Area	Jonathan Poppele	Visitor Center
2/27	Thurs	Bird Nests Amazing, Ingenious and Intricate	Stan Tekela	Visitor Center
3/26	Thurs	Wolves & Cheetahs	Rob Schultz	Visitor Center
4/23	Thurs	Waterbird Use of the North Ottawa Impoundment	Christine Herwig	Visitor Center
5/28	Thurs	Iberian Peninsula Vultures: NSAIDS?	Irene Bueno Padilla	Visitor Center
6/25	Thurs	Potluck	Visitor Center	Visitor Center

### MEETING LOCATIONS:

**Visitor Center**, Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, 3815 American Blvd. E., Bloomington, 952-854-5900  
**REI (Community Room)**, 750 W. American Blvd., Bloomington, 952-884-4315

### 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

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

**Louisville Swamp Unit**, 3801 145th St. W., ShakopeeRapid 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