

Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter 2009-2010 Field Trip Schedule

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Sep 5	Sat	4:00 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sep 11-13	F/S/S	Various	Hawk Weekend (www.hawkridge.org)	Duluth Area		1-2	Dave Baden	952-445-4353
Sep 12	Sat	9:00 A	Hidden Valley Park, 132 nd St. W.	Savage, MN		3	Brad Abendroth	612-961-8076
Sep 13-15	S/M/T	5:00 P	Northeastern Minnesota Birds	Duluth, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sep 19	Sat	4:00 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sep 21	Mon	7:00 A	Ramsey County Birding Day	CALL FOR DETAILS		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sep 26	Sat	9:00 A	Anderson Lake Park	Bloomington		2	Brad Abendroth	612-961-8076
Sep 26	Sat	9:00 A	Audubon Center of North Woods Open House	Sandstone, MN		Varies	ACNW Staff	888-404-7743
Sep 26	Sat	4:00 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Sep 27	Sun	8:00 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR, Ed. Center, 15865	Carver Highlands Drive		3-4	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Oct 3	Sat	4:00 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 9-11	F/S/S	CALL	Northwestern Minnesota Birds	Fergus Falls, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Oct 17	Sat	4:00 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Nov 14	Sat	CALL	Audubon MN fall members meeting	CALL FOR DETAILS		H	Mark Peterson	651-739-9332
Nov 21	Sat	CALL	Swans on the Mississippi (and Weaver Bottoms)	CALL FOR DETAILS		1	Mark Lystig	651-452-1133
Nov 21	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Dec 5	Sat	8:00 A	MOU Paper Session, Bell Museum, U of M	10 Church St. SE, Mpls	\$5/\$9L	H	David Baden	952-445-4353
Dec 5	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Dec 7	Mon	7:00 A	Metro Birding Day	CALL FOR DETAILS		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Dec 12	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Dec 19	Sat	CALL	Christmas Bird Count, Excelsior Area	Areas To Be Assigned		1-3	Howard Towle	763-545-5458
Dec 19	Sat	CALL	Christmas Bird Count, Bloomington Area	Areas To Be Assigned		1-4	Mark Ochs	952-681-9207
Dec 19	Sat	5:30 P	Winter Potluck Dinner / Christmas Bird Report	Diamond Lake Church		H	David Baden	952-445-4353
Dec 20	Sun	7:00 A	Christmas Bird Count, Cedar Creek NHA	Hwy 65/Crosstown Blvd		1-3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
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Jan 9	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jan 16	Sat	8:00 A	Winter Birds, MVNWR Visitor Center,	Bloomington		1	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Feb 13	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Feb 14-16	S/M/T	CALL	Northeastern Minnesota Birds	Duluth, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Feb 27	Sat	2:30 P	Wilkie Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 20	Sat	4:00 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 27	Sat	4:00 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Mar 28-30	S/M/T	CALL	Western Minnesota Birds	Appleton	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 3	Sat	2:00 P	Beginning Bird Watching Workshop	Visitor Center, MVNWR		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Apr 5	Mon	7:00 A	Wabasha County Birding Day	Lake City, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 7	Wed	6:45 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		2	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Apr 10	Sat	2:00 P	Nine Mile Creek Bluff Prairie, Pasque flowers	Bloomington		3	Mary Brown	952-885-0913
Apr 10	Sat	4:00 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 17	Sat	8:00 A	Minnesota Blue Bird Recovery Project Conf.	Faribault, MN	\$10	H	Dave Baden	952-445-4353
Apr 17	Sat	7:00 A	Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area	call for details		3	Doug Mayo	952-922-0346
Apr 17	Sat	4:00 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Apr 23-25	F/S/S	6:00 P	Salt Lake (prairiemarshfarm@comcast.net)	Marietta, MN		2	Ken Larsen	952-595-9265
Apr 24	Sat	8:00 A	Family Birding, Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		3	Rob Daves	612-882-0085
Apr 26	Mon	6:00 P	Wild Flower Walk, Eloise Butler Garden	Eloise Butler, Mpls	parking	3	Mary Brown	952-885-0913
Apr 26	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 1st Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins	\$27	H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Apr 28	Wed	6:30 P	Purgatory Creek, 13001 Technology Drive	Eden Prairie West		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 1-16	Any	Any	BIRDATHON, MRVAC FUND RAISER	Your Choice		Various	TBD	TBD
May 1-2	Sat-Su	10A-5P	Living Green Eco Fair, Mn State Fair Grounds	St. Paul		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 2-4	S/M/T	CALL	Southern Minnesota Birds	CALL FOR DETAILS	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 3	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 2nd Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 5	Wed	6:45 P	MVNWR Visitor Center	Bloomington		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 8	Sat	7:30 A	Hok-Si-La Park (MRVAC Warbler Weekend)	Lake Pepin, MN		3	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
May 10	Mon	6:00 A	Carver Park Reserve	Victoria, MN		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 10	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 3rd Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 11	Tue	6:00 A	Washington County Birding Day	CALL FOR DETAILS		3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 12	Wed	9:00 A	Lake Susan Bluebirds and More	Chanhassen		H	Phyllis Bofferding	952-975-0971
May 12	Wed	6:45 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		2	George Skinner	952-936-0811
May 15	Sat	11:0 A	MN Landscape Arboretum	Chanhassen		3	Mary Brown	952-885-0913
May 17	Mon	6:30 P	Birding Class 4th Session, Hopkins Comm. Ed	Hopkins		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811

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May 23-25	S/M/T	CALL	Western Minnesota Birds	Appleton, MN	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
May 26	Wed	6:45 P	Bass Ponds, MVNWR	Bloomington		2	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jun 2	Wed	6:45 P	Chaska Unit, North Gate, MVNWR	Chaska Ball Fields		2	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jun 6	Sun	7:00 A	Dakota County Prairie Birds	CALL FOR DETAILS		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 12	Sat	8:00 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Shakopee, MN		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jun 13	Sun	7:00 A	Cannon River Bottom	CALL FOR DETAILS		1	Steve Weston	612-978-3993
Jun 13-15	S/M/T	CALL	Northeastern Minnesota Birds	CALL FOR DETAILS	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jun 19	Sat	9:00 A	MN River Clean Up, MVNWR location TBD	Bloomington		1-4	Terry Houle	952-583-7069
Jun 26	Sat	8:00 A	Rapid Lake Unit, MVNWR, Ed. Center, 15865	Carver Highlands Drive		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jul 7	Wed	6:45 P	MVNWR Visitor Center	Bloomington		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Jul 11-13	S/M/T	CALL	Southwestern Minnesota Birds	CALL FOR DETAILS	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Jul 24	Sat	8:00 A	Purgatory Creek, 13001 Technology Drive	Eden Prairie		H	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Aug 4	Wed	6:45 P	Old Cedar Ave. Bridge, MVNWR	Bloomington		2	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Aug 14	Sat	8:00 A	Louisville Swamp Unit, MVNWR	Jordan		3	George Skinner	952-936-0811
Aug 15-17	S/M/T	CALL	Western Minnesota Birds	CALL FOR DETAILS	\$25/35	3	Craig Mandel	952-546-3407
Aug 22	Sun	8:00 A	Miesville Ravine	Miesville		4	Steve Weston	612-978-3993

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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)

2009 – 2010 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.

2009	Day	Program	Speaker	Affiliation	Location
Sep 24	Thurs	Birding Bhutan	David Cahlander	MRVAC	MN Valley Unitarian Fellowship
Oct 22	Thurs	Birding Kazakhstan	Sharon Stiteler	www.Birdchick.com	REI, Bloomington
Nov 19	Thurs	Holiday Auction		MRVAC	REI, Bloomington
Dec 19	Sat	Winter Potluck / Christmas Bird Report		MRVAC	Diamond Lake Church
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Jan 28	Thurs	Reintroduction of Wolves in N. America	Peggy Callahan	Wildlife Science Center	Visitors Center, MN Valley NWR
Feb 25	Thurs	Fascinating Loons	Stan Tekiela	Nature Smart Wildlife	Visitors Center, MN Valley NWR
Mar 25	Thurs	Purple Martin Recovery Project	Daryl Lindstrom	Purple Martin Recovery Project	Visitors Center, MN Valley NWR
Apr 22	Thurs	Minnesota's Moose	Mark Lenarz	Mn DNR	Visitors Center, MN Valley NWR
May 27	Thurs	Minnesota's Bats	Mike Dixon	U of M, Conservation Biology	Visitors Center, MN Valley NWR
Jun 3	Thurs	Spring Potluck Picnic		MRVAC	Wood Lake Nature Center

MEETING LOCATIONS: **MN Valley Unitarian Fellowship**, 10715 Zenith Ave. S., Bloomington; **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; **REI**, 750 W 79th St, Bloomington, 952-884-4315

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