



Fort Collins Audubon Society

March/April, 2010 Field Trips

All field trips are free of charge (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. All experience levels are welcome. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather. Bring snacks or lunch, water, binoculars, and spotting scopes. Carpooling is encouraged. A \$3.00 (unless otherwise specified) contribution per passenger to the driver is suggested. For all field trips and surveys, please contact the trip leader for signup and trip details.

Please visit www.fortnet.org/Audubon for more information.

March 7, Sunday. Bobcat Ridge Natural Area Bird Survey. Leader: Denise Bretting. (dbretting@swloveland.com, work: 669-1185, or home: 669-8095). Meet at 7:00 am. **Note:** the date for this month has been changed from the usual 2nd Sunday to the 1st. FCAS performs a monthly bird census for the city of Fort Collins. All levels welcomed and encouraged!

March 20, Saturday. Area Raptors, 9am-2pm. Leader: Eric DeFonso (yoericd@yahoo.com, or 472-1761). We'll meet at the Watson Lake State Wildlife Area near Bellvue. A Habitat Stamp is suggested but not required. We will go in search of raptors of all kinds - hawks, eagles, falcons, and maybe an owl if we're lucky. Plan on carpooling and bring a scope if you have one. We'll be out for about 5 hours, so bring some snacks and water too.

April 3, Saturday. Gull Identification Workshop. Leader: Nick Komar. Meeting place and time TBA. Join us as we take a closer look at the numerous gulls that grace our area in the cold season, but as reservoirs begin to open up with the increasing daylight. Gulls can be challenging to identify, but they have the benefit of being easy to find and generally cooperative. We may visit one or several lakes and reservoirs, depending on recent gull activity. Contact Nick at quetzal65@comcast.net, or 416-7527.

April 11, Sunday. Bobcat Ridge Natural Area Bird Survey. Leader: Denise Bretting (dbretting@swloveland.com, work: 669-1185, or home: 669-8095). Meet at 7:00 am. FCAS performs a monthly bird census for the city of Fort Collins. All levels welcomed and encouraged!

April 24, Saturday. Beginner Birding Trip. Leader: Nancy Howard. Meet at Cottonwood Hollow Natural Area in Fort Collins, at a time to be determined. Join Nancy for a low-key birding trip in town, in a great birding spot! Email Nancy at Nancy.Howard@state.co.us for more information.

April 25-30. Colorado Grouse Tour. Join us for a 6-day tour of Colorado's resident gallinaceous birds. Tour target species include: Greater Sage-Grouse, Gunnison Sage-Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Dusky Grouse, White-tailed Ptarmigan, Greater Prairie-Chicken, Lesser Prairie-Chicken, Wild Turkey, Chukar, Gambel's Quail, Scaled Quail, Northern Bobwhite and Ring-necked Pheasant (some of which require special permits or permission for viewing). Our route circles the entire state during spring migration, so we will see much more (>150 species!). Viewing and photographing the birds will take priority, so expect a relaxed pace while viewing the birds (but lots of driving each day). Trip is limited to 6 participants (including companions). Cost: \$1195 per person (or \$995 per person double occupancy) includes ground transportation (12-person van), 5 nights lodging, viewing fees; Tour profits benefit FCAS and the Quetzal Foundation. Leader: Jess Brauch. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Nick Komar, 970-449-3645, info@quetzalfoundation.org.

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