



## Field Trip Schedule - Spring, Summer & Fall 2009

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**Non-members, visiting birders and beginners welcome!** Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring binoculars if you have them. For more information, contact Jenny Trapnell at 668-3918 or [ybcfieldtrips@gmail.com](mailto:ybcfieldtrips@gmail.com)

**Saturday 18 April - Sunday April 26: *Celebration of Swans* at Swan Haven Interpretation Centre.** Biologist Interpreter on staff. For information, contact Wildlife Viewing (667-8291) or [environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/wildlifebiodiversity/CelebrationofSwans.php](http://environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/wildlifebiodiversity/CelebrationofSwans.php)

**Monday 20 April: Whitehorse Public Library.** Attention all birders and fledgling birders. Join this free Yukon Bird Club workshop and brush up your skills at identifying birds – from a bird bander's perspective! Join Ted Murphy-Kelly and Ben Schonewille at 7 pm (2 hours).

**Wednesday 22 April: North Alaska Highway Shrike & Bluebird tour** with Boris Dobrowolsky. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A at 6:30 pm (~3 hours).

**Friday 1 May: Carcross: Dusky Grouse hike at Nares Mountain** with Dan Kemble. Meet at Montana Services in Carcross at 6:30 pm. Some hiking involved. Please bring sturdy footwear. For more info phone Dan at 821-3461. (~3 hours).

**Sunday 3 May: Carcross - Tagish: Take the Tagish Birding Tour**, led this year by Clive Osborne. Bring lunch and meet at the SS Klondike at 9:00 am. We will meet Carcross birders at 10:00 a.m. at Montana Services for two hours of birding. Then we will meet Tagish birders at 12:30 pm at the rest stop west of the Tagish bridge and enjoy one of the southern Yukon's best birding areas. Time permitting, we will also check-out other areas en route (5-6 hours).

**Thursday 7 May:** Join Cameron Eckert in scoping out the ducks and shorebirds in the **Quartz Road Wetland**. Meet at Boston Pizza parking lot at 5:30 pm (~1 hour).

**Friday-Sunday, 8-10 May: Faro: Sandhill Crane and Fannin Sheep Viewing Weekend.** For more information, contact the Faro Town Office, 994-2728.

**Saturday 9 May: International Migratory Bird Day - Spring Migration Count.** Participate in this annual "spring round-up" contact [yukonbirdclub@gmail.com](mailto:yukonbirdclub@gmail.com).

**NEW! Tuesday 12 May:** Take a **beginner's bird identification walk** with Wendy Boothroyd and Ken Madsen, tel. 668-7370. Meet at 6:30 pm at the SS Klondike (1-2 hours).

**NEW! Thursday 14 May:** Take a tour of **Horse Creek and Shallow Bay** (Lake Laberge) with Ben Schonewille, tel. 334-2683. Meet at Porter Creek Super A at 5:30 pm (~ 3 hours).

**NEW! Tuesday 19 May:** Explore the **Fish Lake Road** with Lone Christensen. Meet downtown at 6:00 pm at the SS Klondike, or at Porter Creek Super A at 6:20 pm (~2 hours).

**Thursday 21 May:** Meander for birds along the **Millennium Trail** with new trip leader Malkolm Boothroyd, tel. 668-7370. Meet at the Fish Ladder near the dam, 6:30 pm (~2 hours).

**Saturday 23 May: Mayo: Introduction to Bird Songs** with Mark O'Donoghue. Meet at the Campground at 5-Mile Lake near Mayo at 8:30 am (~3 hours). For more info call 996-2529.

**Saturday 23 May: Watson Lake: Bird banding at the Albert Creek bird observatory, Upper Liard** with Ted Murphy-Kelly. Meet at the Upper Liard Lodge at 8 a.m. (~3-4 hours or until the station closes for the day). Please phone Ted (867-456-7431 or 250-218-1169) before you set out, as the trip is weather-dependent.

**Sunday 24 May:** Start your morning with a song! Learn bird songs and calls on this outing to **McIntyre Creek** with Pam Sinclair. Meet at Porter Creek Super A at 7:30 am (~3-4 hours).

**Wednesday 27 May: Judas Creek Migration Spectacle!** Check out this migratory hot spot with Jim Hawkings. Meet at the SS Klondike at 5:30 pm (~3 hours).

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**NEW! Wednesday 27 May: Haines Junction: Dezadeash River Trail Trip** with Sarah Davidson. Meet at the Dezadeash River Trailhead at the Kluane RV Park at 7:00 pm (2 hours).

**Thursday 28 May:** Hike around **Hidden Lake (Riverdale)** with Lone Christensen. Meet at 6:30 pm at the Fish Ladder in Riverdale. (~ 2 hours).

**Friday 29 May at 5 pm to Saturday 30 May at 5 pm: ANNUAL YUKON BIRDATHON.** Have fun finding birds while raising funds for bird conservation and education. Participate in the Birdathon or join us for the Birdathon BBQ on Saturday, 6:00 pm at Robert Service Campground. For more info from Birdathon Coordinator Wendy Boothroyd (668-7370).

**NEW! Sunday 31 May: Dawson: Dome Road area.** Help Julie Frisch and Maria Ledergerber spot who's back in town. Meet them at 10 a.m. at the bottom of the Dome Road (7th & King Street). Bring your field glasses and a bag lunch or snack. You'll walk up the road and on some of the trails looking and listening for spring arrivals (3 hours). Please leave your dogs at home. For more info, please phone Maria at 993-5509 or email [friendsofdempster@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdempster@gmail.com).

**Tuesday 2 June:** Participate in an amazing trip to **Paddy's Pond in Hillcrest**, with Mary Whitley. Meet outside the Skyy hotel opposite the airport at 6:00 pm (~2 hours).

**Friday-Sunday 5-7 June: Dempster Highway: Weekend on the Wing: Northern Birding Festival** at Tombstone Territorial Park. A fantastic opportunity to learn about and view Dempster specialties. For more information e-mail [friendsofdempster@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdempster@gmail.com)

**NEW! Wednesday 10 June:** Come explore the duck ponds near **Takhini/Yukon College** with bird biologist Katie Aitken. Meet at the Yukon Arts Centre parking lot at 7 pm. For more information, contact Katie at 335-0573 or [kaitken@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:kaitken@interchange.ubc.ca) (~2 hours).

**NEW! Saturday 13 June:** Explore a special wetland fen near **Copper Ridge** to look for birds and dragonflies. Meet at the Canada Games Centre on Saturday at noon. Bring high rubber boots – prepare to get your feet wet. *Involves a safe but steep ascent/descent down a rolling, grassy slope.* For info contact Syd Cannings 393-7979 days (~ 4 hours).

### **Fall Trips**

**Sunday 13 September:** See thousands of waterfowl and shorebirds at the **Whitehorse Sewage Lagoons** with Helmut Grünberg. Meet at the SS Klondike at 9:30 am (3 hours).

**Sunday 27 September:** Explore **Lake Laberge** with our mystery trip leader. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A parking lot at 9:30 am (~5 hours).