



Field Trip Schedule - Spring, Summer & Fall 2010

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.

April 17-25: Celebration of Swans at Swan Haven Interpretation Centre. Interpreter on site. For information contact Environment Yukon's Wildlife Viewing Program (667-8291) or environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/wildlifebiodiversity/CelebrationofSwans.php

Wednesday 21 April: North Alaska Highway Shrike and Bluebird tour with Boris Dobrowolsky. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A at 6:30 pm. (~3 hours). For more info call 633-6404.

Friday 30 April: Carcross: Dusky Grouse hike at Nares Mountain with Dan Kemble. Meet at Montana Services in Carcross at 6:30 p.m. (~3 hours). Some hiking involved. Please wear sturdy footwear. For more info call 821-3461.

Sunday May 2: Tagish Birding Tour with Clive Osborne. Bring lunch and meet at the SS Klondike at 9 a.m. Carcross birders meet at 10 a.m. at Montana Services; and Tagish birders meet at 12:30 p.m. at the rest stop west of the Tagish Bridge. Other areas en route may also be explored (~5-6 hours).

Thursday 6 May: Join Cameron Eckert in scoping out the ducks and shorebirds at the **Quartz Road Wetland**. Meet at Boston Pizza parking lot at 5:30 pm. (~1 hour).

Friday-Sunday May 7-10: Faro: Crane and Sheep Viewing Festival Faro. Join a tour with Mary Whitley, Sunday. For more info contact the Faro Town Office (994-2728) or www.faroyukon.ca

Saturday 8 May: International Migratory Bird Day - Spring Migration Count. Participate in this annual spring round-up contact yukonbirdclub@gmail.com.

Wednesday 12 May: Beginners' Bird Walk with Wendy Boothroyd and Ken Madsen. Meet at Rotary Peace Park at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 668-7370.

Tuesday 18 May: Explore the **Fish Lake Road** with Lone Christensen. Meet at the SS Klondike at 6:00 p.m., or at the Porter Creek Super A at 6:20 p.m. (~2 hours). Carpooling encouraged!

Thursday 20 May: Meander for birds along the **Millennium Trail**, with Malkolm Boothroyd. Meet at the Fish Ladder near the dam at 6:30 p.m. (~2 hours).

Saturday 22 May: Mayo: Bird Identification Walk with Mark O'Donoghue. Meet at the at the 5-Mile Lake campground at 8:30 am. (~3 hours). For more info call 996-2529.

Saturday 22 May: Watson Lake: Bird banding at the Albert Creek bird observatory with Ted Murphy-Kelly. Meet at the Upper Liard Lodge at 8 am. (~3-4 hours or until the station closes for the day). Please phone Ted ahead of time because the nets may not be opened if weather conditions are bad. For more info call 867-456-7431 or 250-218-1169.

Sunday 23 May: Start your morning with a song! **McIntyre Creek bird songs and calls** with Pam Sinclair. Meet at Porter Creek Super A at 7:30 a.m. (morning) (~3 hours)

Wednesday 26 May: Judas Creek Migration Finale! Check out this migratory hotspot with Jim Hawkings. Meet at SS Klondike at 5:30 p.m. (~3 hours).

Thursday 27 May: Hike around **Hidden Lake (Riverdale)** with Lone Christensen. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Fish Ladder in Riverdale (~2 hours).



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Friday May 28 @ 5 p.m. to Saturday May 29 @ 5 p.m.: ANNUAL YUKON BIRDATHON. Come out and have fun finding birds, and raise funds for bird conservation and education. Join us for the Birdathon BBQ on Saturday, 6:00 p.m. at Robert Service Campground. For more info contact Birdathon Coordinator Wendy Boothroyd (668-7370).

Saturday 29 May: Haines Junction: Dezadeash River Trail Trip with Sarah Davidson, Meet at the day use area by the Dezadeash River Bridge at 7:30 a.m. (~2 hours).

Tuesday 1 June: Participate in a trip to **Paddy's Pond in Hillcrest** with Mary Whitley. Meet outside the Sky hotel opposite the airport at 6:00 p.m. (~2 hours).

Friday-Sunday June 4-6: 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 contact friendsofdempster@gmail.com

Friday 11 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 p.m. Part of the Festival celebrating McIntyre Creek and wetlands. For more info call Katie at 335-0573 or kaitken@interchange.ubc.ca. (~2 hours).

Saturday 3 July: Explore a **special wetland "fen"** near Granger 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 call Syd Cannings 393-7979 days. (~2 hours).

Fall Trips

Sunday 12 September: See thousands of waterbirds at the **Whitehorse Sewage Ponds** with Helmut Grünberg. Meet at the SS Klondike at 9:30 a.m. (~3-4 hours).

Sunday 26 September: Explore **Lake Laberge** with Lone Christensen. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A parking lot at 9:30 a.m. (~4-5 hours).

Bird Observatories

Albert Creek Bird Observatory: Upper Liard – Site operating April 24 – June 5. For more info contact Ted Murphy-Kelly at 456-7431.

Teslin Lake Bird Observatory: Site operating in August – September. For more info contact Ben Schonewille (teslin.bird.banding@gmail.com).

McIntyre Marsh Bird Banding Demonstration Project: Site located at about km 4 along the Fish Lake Road operating April 24 to May 30. Open week-ends and holidays 7 a.m. to Noon (possibly later if bird activity is sufficient). For more info contact Ben Schonewille (teslin.bird.banding@gmail.com).