

Yukon Bird Club Field Trip Schedule 2008

Trips In and Around Whitehorse

*Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring binoculars if you have them. Sharing of vehicles is strongly encouraged. **Non-members, visiting birders and beginners welcome!** For more information contact Jenny Trapnell 668-3918*

Saturday 12 April - Sunday 20 April: Celebration of Swans at Swan Haven. For more information contact Wildlife Viewing (667-8291).

Saturday 26 April: Shrike Migration in the Takhini Valley with Boris Dobrowolsky. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A at 6:00 pm. (~3 hours).

Sunday 4 May: Tagish Birding Tour, led by Helmut Grünberg. Bring lunch and meet at the SS Klondike at 9:00 am. (~5 hours). Tagish residents can join the tour at 12:30 pm. at the rest stop west of the bridge.

Thursday 8 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).

Saturday 10 May: International Migratory Bird Day - Spring Migration Count. participate in this annual “spring round-up” contact yukonbirdclub@gmail.com.

Sunday 11 May: Explore **Shallow Bay on Lake Laberge** with Boris Dobrowolsky. Meet at Porter Creek Super A at 5:00 pm. (~3 hours).

Thursday 15 May: Millenium Trail Search for new avian arrivals with Jenny Trapnell. Meet at the Fish Ladder in Riverdale at 6:30 pm. (~3 hours).

Sunday 25 May: McIntyre Creek bird songs and calls workshop, with Pam Sinclair. Meet at Porter Creek Super A at 7:30 am. (morning!) (~3-4 hours)

Tuesday 27 May: Explore **Judas Creek, a migration hot spot**, with Jim Hawkings. Meet at the SS Klondike at 5:30 pm. (~3 hours).

Wednesday 28 May: View migrating songbirds at the **Old Dump Site at the mouth of McIntyre Creek** .with Master Bander Ben Schonewille. Meet at 6:30 pm at the S.S Klondike. (~3 hours).

Friday 30 May, 5 pm. to Saturday 31 May, 5 pm: ANNUAL YUKON BIRDATHON. A conservation and education fundraiser and annual highlight of spring birding. Participate in the Birdathon or join us at the post-Birdathon barbecue on Saturday night 6:00 pm. at Robert Service Campground. For more information call Nancy Hughes 633-6042.

Thursday 12 June: Look for nesting birds at **Paddy’s Pond in Hillcrest** with Mary Whitley. Meet at the Transportation Museum at 6:00 pm. (~2 hours).

Saturday 14 June: Explore **Hidden Lake in Riverdale** with Jenny Trapnell. Meet at the SS Klondike at 6:30 pm. (~2 hours).

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Sunday 21 September: See over a thousand ducks and geese and a few shorebirds at the **Whitehorse Sewage Lagoons** with Helmut Grünberg. Meet at the SS Klondike at 9:30 am. (3-4 hours).

Sunday 5 October: Explore **Lake Laberge** with Boris Dobrowolsky. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A parking lot at 9:30 am. (~5 hours)

Trips Outside Whitehorse

Carcross: Friday 2 May: Dusky Grouse (formerly Blue Grouse) hike in the mountains near Carcross with Dan Kemble. Meet at Montana Services in Carcross at 6:30 pm. (~3 hours). Some hiking involved. Please bring sturdy footwear. For further info phone Dan at 821-3461.

Faro: Friday-Sunday 9-11 May: Sandhill Crane and Fannin Sheep Viewing Weekend in Faro. For more information contact the Faro Town Office, 994-2728.

Mayo: Saturday 24 May: 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.

Teslin: Saturday 24 May: Bird banding at the Teslin banding station with Ben Schonewille. Meet at the Gov. Campground 10 km west of Teslin at 8:00 am. (~3-4 hours or until the station closes for the day). **Please phone ahead as station may be closed due to inclement weather** – for more info call 334-2683 (cell) or 668-5227 (home). If the weather is unacceptable on May 24, an alternate date will be Sunday 1 June.

Watson Lake: Thursday 22 May: Bird walk at Wye Lake with Jukka Jantunen. Meet at Wye Lake cabin at 7:00 pm. (~2-3 hours) – for further info call 250-218-1169.

Saturday 31 May: Bird banding at the Albert Creek banding station, Upper Liard with Jukka Jantunen. 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 it is pouring rain or if weather conditions are bad** – for further info call 250-218-1169.

Dawson: Sunday 25 May: Drive and short walks along the beautiful Dempster Highway with Sylvia Frisch. Meet at the Dempster Corner at 9:00 am. (~8 hours). – please leave a message at 393-3217.

Friday-Sunday 6-8 June: Weekend on the Wing: Northern Birding Festival at Tombstone Territorial Park. A fantastic opportunity to view Tombstone specialties. For more info visit the Tombstone Park campground interpretive centre or leave a message at Whitehorse 393-3217 or use the e-mail address of Friends of Dempster Country Society: friendsofdempster@gmail.com

Haines Junction

Saturday 24 May: Join Todd Heakes for the **Aishihik Trip**, Meet at the Frosty Freeze Parking Lot in Haines Junction at 9:00 a.m. and again (especially for out of town participants) at the Aishihik Road turnoff at the Alaska Highway at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday May 24th (~ 6-7 hours)."

Tuesday 27 May: Introduction to songbird identification along the **Dezadeash River Trail** with Todd Heakes. Meet at the Dezadeash River Trailhead at the Kluane RV Park at 7:00 p.m.