



## ***Field Trip Schedule and Yukon Birding Events - Spring, Summer & Fall 2011***

*All events free! Dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring binoculars if you have them. Non-members, visiting birders and beginners welcome! For more information, contact Jenny Trappnell tel. 668-3918*

**NEW! Wednesday 13 April.** Learn all about Yukon's migratory bird species at a bird identification workshop: "Birds of Spring or What is that LBJ??" with Ione Christensen and Lee Kubica, at the Whitehorse Public Library, 2071 Second Ave. 7:30 p.m.

**April 16-April 24 : Celebration of Swans at Swan Haven Interpretation Centre.** Biologist Interpreter on staff. For information contact Environment Yukon's Wildlife Viewing Program (667-8291) <http://www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/wildlifebiodiversity/CelebrationofSwans.php>

**Tuesday 19 April:** Explore spring at **Hidden Lakes** with Ione Christensen. Meet at 6:30 at the Whitehorse Fish Ladder, near the dam. (2 hrs)

**Thursday 21 April: North Alaska Highway Shrike and Bluebird tour** with Helmut Grünberg. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A at 6:30 pm. (~3 hours).

**Thursday 5 May:** Join Katie Aitken. 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 6 May: Carcross: Dusky Grouse hike at Nares Mountain near Carcross** with Dan Kemble. Meet at Montana Services in Carcross at 6:30 p.m. (~3 hours). Some hiking involved. Please bring sturdy footwear. For info, phone Dan at 821-3461.

**Friday-Sunday May 6-8: Faro: Crane and Sheep Viewing Festival Faro.** Sponsored by the Town of Faro. For the complete Festival schedule contact the Faro Town Office, 994-2728 or see [www.faroyukon.ca](http://www.faroyukon.ca)

**Saturday 14 May: International Migratory Bird Day - Spring Migration Count.** Participate in this annual "spring round-up" contact [yukonbirdclub@gmail.com](mailto:yukonbirdclub@gmail.com).

**NEW! Saturday 14 May:** Get your birdy at the **Mountain View Golf Club** and help celebrate **International Migratory Bird Day**. Short tour of several holes on the grounds. Meet Devon Yacura in front of the clubhouse at 9 a.m. For info, phone Devon at 667-7597. (2 hours)

**Sunday 15 May:** Take the **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 (pond at km 7 Tagish Road, Lewes March etc.) (5-6 hours)

**Tuesday 17 May:** Explore birds along the **Fish Lake Road** with Ione Christensen. Meet downtown at 6:00 p.m. the SS Klondike or at Porter Creek Super A at 6:30 p.m. (~2 hours)

**Thursday 19 May:** Enjoy an evening stroll and look for birds along the **Millennium Trail** with Jenny Trappnell. Meet at the Fish Ladder near the dam at 6:30 p.m. (~2 hours)

**Sunday 22 May:** Start your morning with a song! **McIntyre Creek bird songs and calls trip**, with Pam Sinclair. Meet at Porter Creek Super A at 7:30 a.m. (morning) (~3-4 hours)

**Wednesday 25 May: Judas Creek.** Check out this migratory hot spot with Jim Hawkings. Meet at SS Klondike at 5:30 p.m. Always an amazing array of birds! (~3 hrs)

**Thursday 26 May:** Hike around **Hidden Lake (Riverdale)** with Ione Christensen who knows these lakes like her backyard. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Fish Ladder (~ 2 hours)

**Friday 27 May @ 5 p.m. to Saturday 28 May at 5 p.m.: ANNUAL YUKON BIRDATHON.** Come out and have fun finding birds, and raise funds for bird conservation and education. Coordinated this year by Jim Hawkings.

**Saturday 28 May: MAYO: Bird Identification Walk** with Mark O'Donoghue. Meet at the Campground at 5-Mile Lake at 8:30 am. (~2-3 hours). For more info call 996-2529.

**Tuesday 31 May:** Join Mary Whitley on a birding trip to **Paddy's Pond in Hillcrest**. Meet outside the Skyy hotel opposite the airport at 6:00 p.m. (~2 hours).

**Friday-Sunday 3-5th June: Dempster Highway: Weekend on the Wing: Northern Birding Festival** at Tombstone Territorial Park campground. Sponsored by Friends of the Dempster. A fantastic opportunity to learn about and view Dempster specialties. For more information see [www.dempstercountry.ca](http://www.dempstercountry.ca).

**Friday 10 June:** Come explore the **duck ponds near Takhini/Yukon College** with Katie Aitken. Meet at the Yukon Arts Centre parking lot at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Katie at 667-3909 or [Katie.Aitken@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Katie.Aitken@ec.gc.ca) (~1-2 hours).

**Saturday 2 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, contact Syd Cannings at 335-6633 days. (~ 2 hours)

## Fall Trips

**Sunday 4 September.** Discover fall migration at **Schwatka Lake and Hidden Lakes**, with Ione Christensen. Meet at SS Klondike at 9:30 a.m. (~2-3 hours)

**Sunday 11 September:** See thousands of waterfowl and a few shorebirds at the **Whitehorse Sewage Lagoons** with Devon Yacura. Meet at the SS Klondike at 9:30 a.m. (~3-4 hours).

**Sunday 25 September:** Explore **Lake Laberge** with Ione Christensen. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Dress warmly, wear boots and bring a lunch. (~5 hours)

## Bird Observatories

**McIntyre Marsh: Bird Banding Demonstration Project.** Site operating April 23 to May 30. Open week-ends and holidays 7 a.m. to noon (possibly later if bird activity is sufficient). Contact: Ben Schonewille at [teslin.bird.banding@gmail.com](mailto:teslin.bird.banding@gmail.com)

**Albert Creek Observatory:** Upper Liard - Site operating April 24- June 5 (may also be open in fall; late July to mid September). Contact Ted Murphy-Kelly at 867-456-7431.

**Teslin Lake Observatory:** Teslin, near Teslin Lake Government Campground - Site operating July 4 - September 21. Contact: Ben Schonewille at [teslin.bird.banding@gmail.com](mailto:teslin.bird.banding@gmail.com)