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2019 Field Trips

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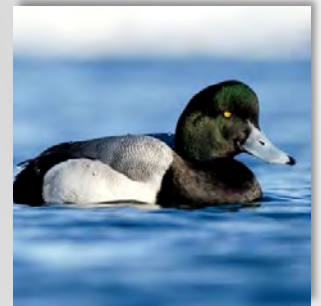
October 6 or 13 (Sunday)

Harrington Beach SP: Hawks

Jan. 12 (Saturday)

Milwaukee: Lakefront Birding

Meet: 8:00 am at South Shore Yacht Club. **Directions to South Shore Yacht Club ([Google Map](#))** . Start your annual bird list right with a field trip that will visit a variety of lakefront locations from Milwaukee to Port Washington. We'll look at the wintering gull flocks for Lesser and Great Black-backed Gulls, as well as Glaucous and Iceland Gulls. We also have a good chance of seeing a Snowy Owl along with an assortment of waterfowl, including Long-tailed Duck. Dress warmly and bring your "energy" foods.



January 26 (Saturday)

Buena Vista Marsh & Necedah NWR - Eagles and Winter Birds

Meet: 8:00 am meet at the kiosk along County W in the Buena Vista Marsh . **Directions:** Exit I-39 at CTH W (exit 143, for Bancroft), and follow CTH W west for about seven miles ([Google Map](#)). We'll spend a good portion of the morning here at Buena Vista looking for wintering raptors, Prairie-Chickens, and other grassland birds. Later in the morning we'll depart for Necedah NWR in search of Bald Eagles, diving ducks and possibly wintering Golden Eagles. Dress warmly and bring a bag lunch to eat in the car.



March 10 (Sunday)

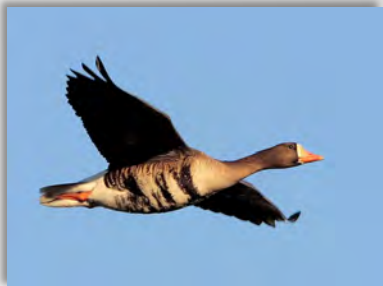
Sheboygan: Lakefront Birding

Meet: 8:00 am at the Sheboygan Marina: ([Google Map](#)). **Please adjust your clocks for Daylight Savings Time - "Spring Forward"**. Depending on current birding information, our travels may take us north to

Manitowoc and Two Rivers harbors or south to Harrington Beach State park and Port Washington areas. Bring a bag lunch.

March 16 or 23 (Saturday)*

Dane & Columbia County Ponds



Meet: 7:00 am at **Goose Pond**, 1 mile south of Hwy. 51/60 on Goose Pond Road (south-east of the town of Arlington). (**Google Map**). Our group will tour by auto to several ponds and

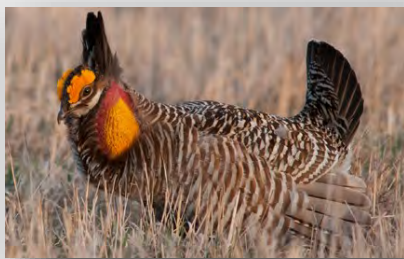
flooded fields in this very productive area. A wide variety of water birds, early shorebirds, migrant passerines and others are possible (i.e.: swans, Gr. White-fronted & Ross's Geese, pipits, longspurs, sparrows, etc.). Our trip typically ends around noon after birding the causeway (CTH V) on Lake Wisconsin. Bring a bag lunch.

April 13 (Saturday)

George W. Mead Wildlife Area

Meet: 7:30 am at the "old" wildlife headquarters building, near the bathrooms, along CTH S - 2 miles south of CTH C or 6.2 miles north of Hwy 10 (**Google Map**). This trip will include a combination of car caravan and some light walking.

Highlights include an assortment of waterfowl, Prairie-Chickens,



Longspurs, but also some early spring passerines such as Winter Wren, Sparrows (Fox, Vesper, Swamp), Yellow-rumped Warblers, and other songbirds. This trip will be led by Myles Hurlburt and Rob Pendergast. If you have questions contact Myles Hurlburt at ([715-574-1003](tel:715-574-1003)) or mhurlburt44@gmail.com

May 4 (Saturday)

White River Marsh

Meet at 5:00 am (for those wanting to experience the early dawn chorus of woodcock, snipe, rails,

cranes, etc.) meet at the **parking lot near the cattail marsh along White**



River Road follow it about 4.3 miles east from Hwy. D north of Princeton in Green Lake County (**Google Map**). If you don't want to arrive that early, the group will probably be along this road until around 8:00 AM. Bring along a lunch.

May 18-19 Honey Creek

Potluck - Campout - Birdathon - Bandathon

Come to WSO's **Honey Creek property, in Sauk County**, for a **Saturday evening potluck** at the Nature Center (**Google Map**). Then at 8 a.m. Sunday morning join WSO birders in a **Birdathon/Bandathon** on the property that will include a hike up Honey Creek valley and/or explore our newly acquired **Dischler** parcel of land.

Camping facilities will be available (with some electrical) and the Nature Center building will be open. There is a pump for drinking water.

May 24-27 Eau Claire

Annual Convention

Come join us at the **River Prairie Center** in Altoona, just outside of Eau Claire (**Google Map**). Convention registration will run from March 1 - April 15).

Convention check-in, at the River Prairie Center, will begin Friday May 24 at 2 pm with a "member appreciation" picnic to follow from 4 - 6 pm. Then starting at 7 pm WSO will hold its annual awards ceremony followed by reception to honor the recipients.

Saturday will start early with local field trips, followed by a buffet style lunch at the River Prairie



Center. The annual business meeting will begin at noon, followed by birding presentations and workshops from 1 - 4 pm. At 5:30 pm there will be social hour leading into a buffet style dinner and

banquet followed by a keynote speaker at 7:30 pm. All day field trips will be held on Sunday and Monday, with an informal "Birds and Beer" event Sunday evening. Additional details will be forthcoming in your convention packet and on the WSO website.

June 1 (Saturday)

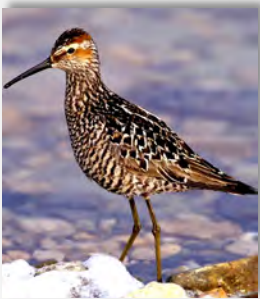
Northern Unit -Kettle Moraine State Forest



Meet: 6:00 am at **Mauthe Lake Recreation Area**, the first large parking area, *beyond* the ticket booth, on the main road to the beach/picnic area [Google Map](#). Please note that there is a state park entrance fee. Bring good walking shoes, because there will quite a little hiking, though leisurely. Most trails are well groomed. Notable species include Red-shouldered & Broad-winged Hawks, Pileated Woodpecker, Acadian, Alder and Willow Flycatchers, 10-15 warbler species including Mourning, Canada, Hooded, Pine and Cerulean Warblers, as well as Grasshopper, Henslow's and Clay-colored Sparrows. Bring a bag lunch.

August 10 (Saturday)

Horicon Marsh NWR



Meet: 7:00 am along Hwy. 49, on the north end of Horicon Marsh [Google Map](#). We'll bird areas around the marsh that harbor some of the best birds or have the most variety of birds during this time of year. We expect to find a variety of shorebirds and water birds, as well as resident and early migrant passerines.

NEW

August 23-25

Honey Creek Campout

Meet: Friday evening or early Saturday morning at WSO's Honey Creek Nature Center. [Google Map](#) Come join fellow campers for a relaxing weekend of birding and fellowship. Bring your own tent or camper, as well as your own food, cook stove,



utensils, etc.

On Saturday and Sunday we'll offer a couple of field trips, one going up the Honey Creek Valley and the other to explore our newly acquired Dischler property. If time allows we may add other nearby locations - such as Ferry Bluff.

September 7 (Saturday)

Green Bay: Fall Warblers

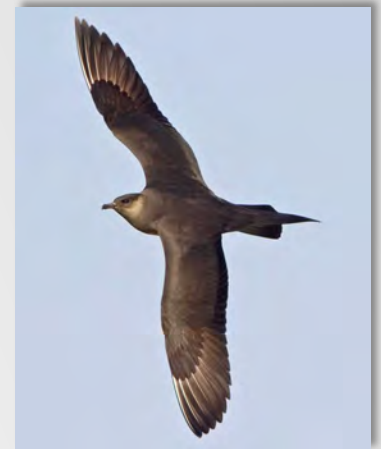
Meet: 7:00 am at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary [\(Google Map\)](#), which can be reached off I-43, exit-187 (Webster Ave.) to East Shore Drive. Use the **first parking area, on the right**, after entering the sanctuary. Wear good walking shoes, because there will be some hiking, though leisurely. We may tour other nearby areas.



September 20-22

Wisconsin Point Weekend: JAEGERFEST

Meet: 7:00 am (each morning) at the **first beach parking area along the Moccasin Mike Road [\(Google Map\)](#)**, which leads to Wisconsin Point. Weather plays such an integral part in birding this area, in fact the worse the weather the more incredible the birding could be. So prepare for the possibility of wet, cold weather as well as typical cool fall temperatures along lake Superior. Participants may want to bring old bread, popcorn, beef suet, etc. for "chumming" for gulls. If you are staying in a motel, make sure you book your reservation early! There are also campgrounds nearby.



October 6 or 13 (Sunday)*

Harrington Beach: Hawk Watch

Meet: 8:00 am at the lower beach parking area of **Harrington Beach State Park [\(Google Map\)](#)**. Please note that there is a state park entrance fee.

Later in the morning we may also venture south to the Western Great Lakes Bird and Bat Observatory and check for additional species at that site.



***Dual Field Trip Dates**

Two field trips have two different dates indicated. Our intent is to try and optimize our birding during these migration periods. The first date listed is the normal scheduled date, but if it is determined that the 2nd date may be better, we will notify participants via the WSO Website: <http://wsobirds.org>, Wisbirdn Listserv and various Wisconsin birding Facebook pages. So please check these sources a day or two prior to the first date listed to check on the status of the field trip.

Starting Location Maps

For those of you that are using an electronic version of this schedule, or use a smartphone we have added a link to Google Maps for your convenience. This link will direct you to the starting location of each field trip. A Google account (free) but not required to view these maps.

With the electronic version, if you hover your mouse over the (Google Map) a little hand with a "W" appears. Left click the mouse and this will open Google Maps (you may or may not have to log into your Google account at this point) and the starting location for that particular field trip will be displayed.

Weather Cancellation Policy

In the event of poor or dangerous weather conditions, any given field trip may be cancelled. Participants will be notified via the WSO Website: <http://wsobirds.org>, Wisbirdn Listserv, as well as various Wisconsin birding Facebook pages. Please, realize that under some circumstances there may not be insufficient time to post a cancellation. So please EXERCISE GOOD JUDGEMENT when deciding to attend.

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