

2017-2018 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

YELLOWSTONE VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY, BILLINGS MONTANA

EVERYONE WELCOME: CHECK [THE YVAUDUBON.ORG WEBSITE](http://THE.YVAUDUBON.ORG), [FACEBOOK](#), AND [THE FLYER](#) FOR ANY SCHEDULE CHANGES INCLUDING TIMES, CANCELLATIONS, NEW TRIPS, ETC.

All field trips depart from the Rocky Mountain College parking lot on Rimrock Road, adjacent to The Billings Studio Theater, unless otherwise noted, and will be by car. Passengers will share gas costs with driver when car-pooling. Please DO NOT bring pets along. Check with the current Flyer for changes or visit the website at yvaudubon.org.

Donn Bartlett, Field Trip Coordinator, 406-252-0757

April 8	Sat	Exxon Ponds and Emerald Hills. 8am to 3pm.	ONE MILE WALK. Sack lunch. Ron Kuhler & George Mowat, leaders.
Mid-Late April	TBD	Pryor Mountains	LEK viewing plus searching for a Sagebrush Sparrow. Stan Heath leader.
May 6	Sat	Meet at Riverfront Park, S Billings Blvd, 1 st parking area on the right. 8 am to noon.	Family Oriented Outing. Leader TBD
May 11	Thurs	Meet at Riverfront Park, S Billings Blvd. 1 st parking lot on the right. 5:30 pm.	Mike Weber, leader
May 13	Sat	Lake Basin. 8:00 am.	Sack lunch. Mike Weber, leader
May 14	Sun.	Pryor Mountains, Bear Canyon Birding/Hiking	Meet at Rocky Mountain College at 6:00 am or at the Bridger Rest Area at 7:30 am, to hike into Bear Canyon at 8:30 am. Sack lunch. Trenay Hart, leader.
May 16	Tues	Stillwater River and Woodbine Area 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.	Sack lunch. Ruth Vanderhorst, leader
May 20	Sat	Pompey's Pillar and Captain Clark's FAS. 7:00 am.	Sack lunch. Robert Hill, leader
May 21	Sun	Bear Gulch near Grass Range 5:30 am, all day	WALKING TRIP , bring a picnic lunch, \$15/per person, Group of 10 or more \$10/ person. Carolyn Jones, leader.
May 27-29	Sat-M	Memorial Day Weekend	Will alert Field Trip Birders of any impromptu trips.
June 3 & 4	Sat & Sun	BIRDATHON	Contact Ruth Vanderhorst 406-245-5118 or Erv132@charter.net
June 6	Tues	Clark Fork WMA - Bluewater Fish Hatchery - Fromberg. 8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Sack Lunch. Steve Regele, leader.
June 9-11	Fri-Sun	MT AUDUBON BIRD FESTIVAL IN GREAT FALLS	Visit www.mtaudubon.org for more information. Will alert any Field Trip Birders of any local Impromptu trips.
June 14	Wed	Pryor Mountains-Sage Creek 7:00 am, all day	Meet at 7:00am at Rocky Mountain College or at the Bridger Rest Stop at 8:30am. Sack lunch. Stan Heath leader.
June 17	Sat	Red Lodge Area	Meet at Rocky Mountain College for car-pooling at 7:00 am or Lions Park in Red Lodge at 8:30 am. Sack lunch. Jerry Dalton and Stan Heath, leaders.
June 18	Sun	Yellowstone River W.M A State Park	Sack lunch. Megan O'Reilly, leader

AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULED IN JULY. FIELD TRIP BIRDERS WILL BE ALERTED OF ANY IMPROMPTU TRIPS VIA E-MAIL.			
Aug 5	Sat	Shorebirds, Hawks, & Prairie Birds 8:00 am	Sack lunch. Mike Weber, leader.
Aug 18-20	Fri-Sun	Bowdoin NWR	Observe migrating birds including warblers and shorebirds in Northwestern MT. Ruth Vanderhorst, leader. Call Ruth at 406-245-5118 for information. Make your own reservations for two nights at Maltana Motel in Malta 406-654-2610.
Sept 6	Wed	Fall migrants.	Meet at Riverfront Park, S. Billings Blvd. 1 st parking area on the right. 5:00 pm. Mike Weber, leader.
Sept 16	Sat	Pryor Mountains	Meet at 7:00 am at Rocky Mountain College for carpooling or 8:00 am at Bridger Rest Stop. Sack lunch. Ruth Vanderhorst and Stan Heath, leaders.
Sept 24 or 30	TBD	Hawk Watch	
Nov 4	Sat	Yellowtail Dam Afterbay. 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.	Sack lunch. Brian Henderson, leader.
Dec	TBD	Annual Christmas Bird Count	Jim Court, leader. custertours@gmail.com 259-5099
Jan 1	Fri	New Year's Day Field Trip to Yellowtail Dam Afterbay 8:00 am to 6:00 pm	Sack lunch. Brian Henderson, leader.
Jan 13	Sat	Annual Eagle Midwinter Survey in lower 48 states. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	Yellowstone River, Billings to Columbus. No host lunch. George Mowat, leader.

SPECIAL FEATURE: In order to encourage additional but unscheduled outings, please call or email Donn Bartlett (see below) with the needed Information such as time, route, etc. and he will forward it to interested area birders. These birders have provided him with their contact information to be used in these situations. donnbartlett@msn.com or 252-0757.