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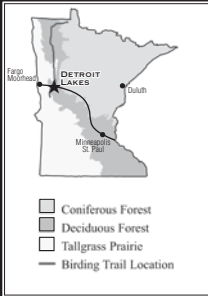
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WELCOME



Welcome to our 14th Migration Celebration in Detroit Lakes!

Join us in May as we take you to some of the hottest bird watching sites in Minnesota! We'll take you in the field where **90 percent** of the state's regular bird species have been seen. The Detroit Lakes area is located in a transition zone in northwestern Minnesota where tall grass prairie meets both northern hardwood and conifer forest ecosystems. The diversity of plant, animal and bird life is so unique that all of the threatened and endangered bird species in Minnesota have been documented in the festival birding area. In a small geographic area, birders can find a tremendous variety of species. Mid-May birding is spectacular!

As one of the most devastating environmental disasters to happen to the fragile coastal ecosystem of the Gulf of Mexico, we'll explore the threats to the bird populations that winter there. At the 2011 Festival you'll learn the effects of the oil spill in the Gulf on Minnesota migrants. Speaker Drew Wheelan, conservation biologist with the American Birding Association, spent many months along the Gulf shores documenting the fate and status of many of the species that nest and feed in Minnesota, then migrate to winter on the Gulf.

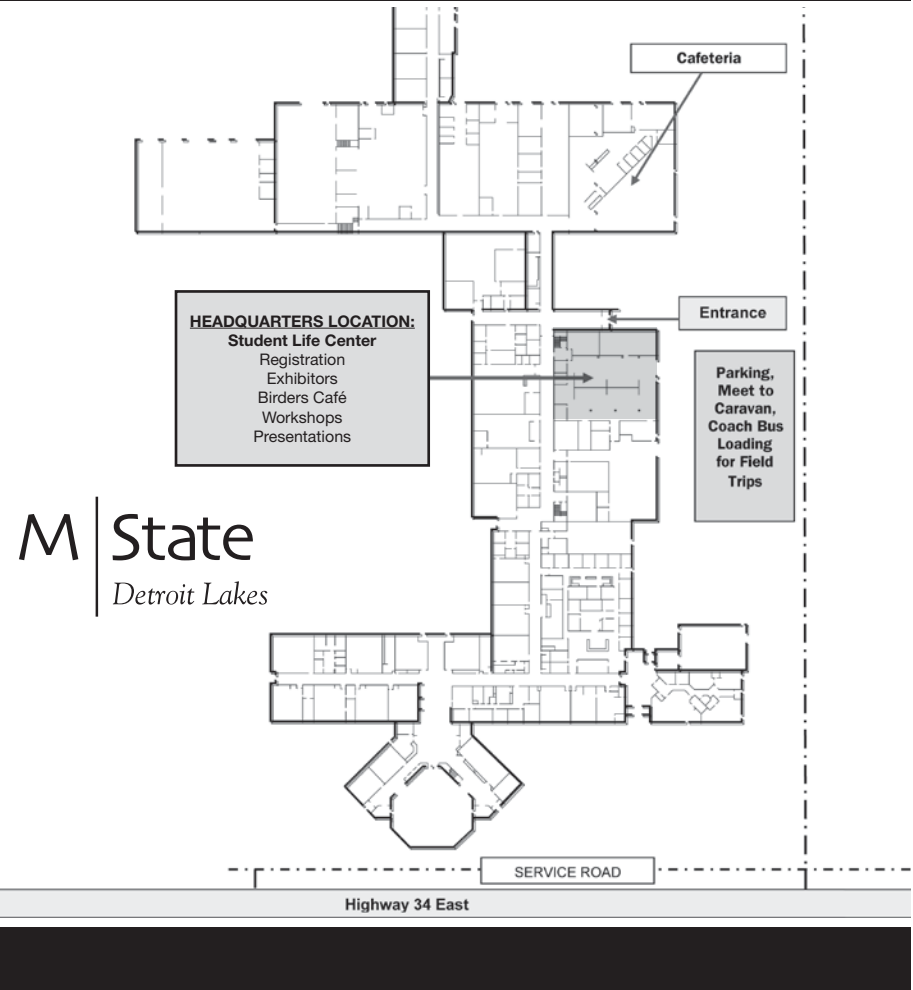
We have recorded over **200 birds** during our festival. This year we will visit several natural and restored habitats (including five new sites!) in search of unique migrants of the prairie wetlands, such as the Short-billed Dowitcher. You'll also find trips to the forested and expansive prairie habitats that lead to a remarkable diversity of bird sightings. Birders attending the festival have been able to check off species such as the Chestnut-collared Longspur, Greater Prairie Chicken and Sharp-tailed Grouse. You won't find another festival that offers such great numbers of woodland warblers right next to a plentiful array of prairie sparrows or vast numbers of shorebirds! We've done the scouting for you and will take you by comfortable coach bus to the hot spots.

Birders of all levels, from beginner to experienced are invited to take part in the festival, sponsored by the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce and US Fish & Wildlife Service. We'll treat you to some of our best small town hospitality and most experienced leaders from across the nation.

Register by May 6th to be included in the special "early bird" drawing for a pair of binoculars, donated by Eagle Optics! Grab your binoculars and field guides, and we'll See You at the Lakes in May!

COVER DESIGN: The Festival of Birds Committee thanks Jim Williams for the use of his photo of the Short-billed Dowitcher, our 2011 theme bird.

REGISTRATION/EVENT HEADQUARTERS



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THURSDAY - MAY 19

Travel the 3-Day Adventure along the Pine to Prairie International Birding Trail in 2011! See page 13 for details on the trip beginning Sunday, May 22 to Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge and traveling north by coach bus to Narcisse Snake Dens on Monday, May 23, then to Manitoba's migratory jewel - Oak Hammock Marsh - on Tuesday morning, May 24 and returning Tuesday evening to Detroit Lakes.

REGISTRATION

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes: **Student Life Center, east side of college.**

WORKSHOPS

"BEGINNING BIRDING IN THE FIELD"

Thursday, May 19th, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm

Cost \$25.00, includes dinner and program at Maplelag after workshop

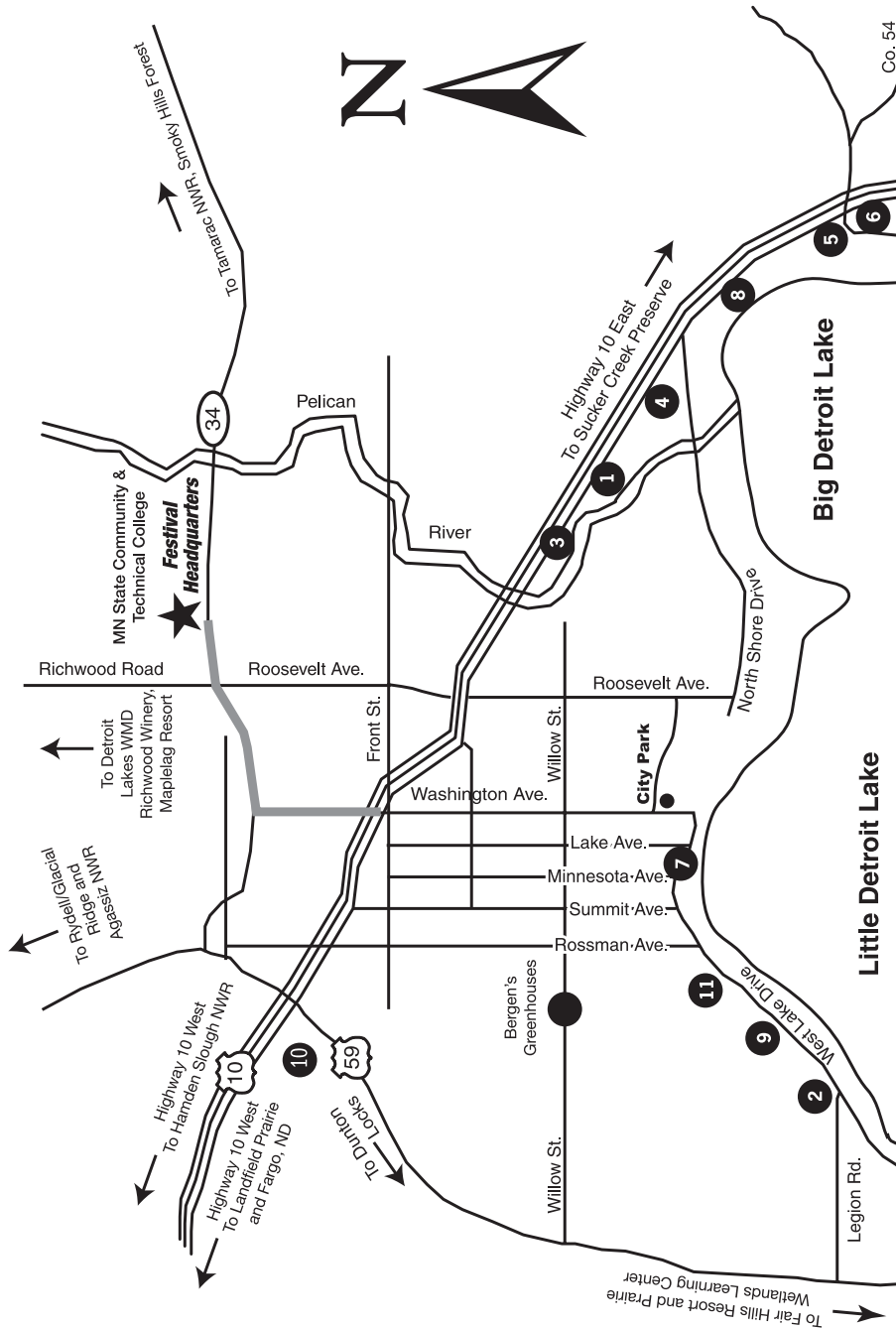
Location: Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College
This field trip is guaranteed to kick-start your spring bird identification skills, binocular handling and instruction on birding basics. Experienced birders are encouraged to join the group to help mentor your fellow bird enthusiasts. We'll explore topics such as when to use the technique of pishing, when to use bird call recordings, or how you record official sightings. After an introduction at the college, we will car pool or caravan with other participants to nearby birding areas including a stop at the new Richwood Winery which offers a wonderful vista for bird watching as well as a sampling of local wines. The tour will end at Maplelag for dinner and program.

"THE SOCIAL NETWORK OF BIRDING"

Thursday, May 19th, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm

Cost \$25.00, includes dinner and program after workshop

Location: Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College
Don't get left in the dust! Let us keep you in the fast lane of using the latest tools of networking with the birding community. The birdchick, Sharon Stiteler, will share the apps, tweets, and e-lists that will make your birding more productive. The presentation will take place at the college. Then we will practice using technology and social networking to locate a hot bird sighting. You can car pool or caravan with other participants to the new Richwood Winery which offers a wonderful vista for bird watching, a sampling of local wines, and face to face social networking with fellow enthusiasts. The winery is on the way to Maplelag for dinner and program.



EARLY BIRD SOCIAL

“WINE TASTING AT RICHWOOD”

Thursday, May 19th, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Cost: Free with Event Fee

Location: Richwood Winery, 27799 County Hwy 34, Callaway

Stop at the new Richwood Winery on the way to Maplelag for a taste of the North. The winery and vineyard are located on nine acres of land overlooking Buffalo Lake. In 2008, three varieties of cold hardy grapes developed by the University of Minnesota were planted. Today, Richwood Winery offers nine different wines. The winery is just 12 miles north of Detroit Lakes on Hwy 21, then turn east (right) at the tiny town of Richwood onto Hwy 34 for about a mile, located on right hand side of road. Map with directions available.

EVENING EVENT

“BIRD STORIES FROM THE BATT CAVE”

With Al Batt

Thursday, May 19th, 5:30 pm Dinner Served

Cost \$25.00, Includes Dinner at Maplelag Resort

Maplelag Resort and Conference Center is located 20 miles NE of Detroit Lakes. The name is derived from the 600 acres of sugar maple trees and “lag” (pronounced log) which is Norwegian for group or gathering. This rural getaway for vacationers and business gatherings is constructed from a variety of locally harvested trees and has eclectic collections including depot signs and metal lunch boxes. Meals here are a special Minnesota treat prepared from scratch. Our dinner in the woods will be served family style and includes pan fried walleye, wild rice, salad, fry bread, squash, Russian Crème dessert, and beverages. Transportation is on your own; maps will be available. Arrive early to stop at the Richwood Winery enroute and do some birding along the lake shore and woodland trails.



Al Batt returns to the Festival of Birds in 2011 to make us smile! Al grew up on a farm near Hartland, MN. He is an outstanding writer, speaker, storyteller and humorist. He writes for magazines, newspapers, cartoon strips, books and movies. Al does a regular radio show about nature and appears weekly on TV. Al has been appropriately recognized with the Ed Franey Conservation Media Award from the MN Izaak Walton League and named Birder of the Year by WildBird Magazine. Share an evening of light-hearted humor with Al Batt at this lake country hideaway.




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FRIDAY - MAY 20

REGISTRATION

5:00 am – 6:00 am & 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College

FIELD TRIPS

These field trips depart and return at the Community College parking lot. Please be prompt, as buses leave on time! Coffee and fruit at the Bird Club Café 5:00 am – 6:00 am in the lobby, proceeds benefit the local Lakes Area Bird Club.

"FRIDAY FARGO FORAY"

Friday, May 20, 5:30 am - 2:30 pm

Cost \$39.00, sack lunch included

New field trip site! Fargo, ND can be quite productive during spring migration with up to 25 warbler species, numerous other passerines and raptors. Located less than an hour from Detroit Lakes, the Red River flows along the state borders between Moorhead, MN and Fargo, ND. The Red River flows north into Canada, ultimately reaching Hudson Bay. Prior developments along the reaches of the river are being redefined and pulled back in order to mitigate losses from years of flooding. As a result, more urban acres are accessible to birders and nature enthusiasts as "greenways" expand. Although most new spaces are not officially parks, more wooded stretches are available to explore. Birding sites include the Forest River area, downtown to see the nesting peregrine falcons, a nearly-urban Bald Eagle nest, and several walkable parks. **Birds we'll be looking for: Golden-winged Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Peregrin Falcon, Bald Eagle, Cooper's Hawk, Gray Partridge, Black-billed Cuckoo, Scarlet Tanager, Eared Grebe, Hooded Merganser, Least Sandpiper and Lesser Yellowlegs.**

LANDFIELD AND FELTON PRAIRIE"

FRIDAY May 20, 5:30 am – 2:30 pm

Cost \$39.00, sack lunch included

New field trip site! Go west and experience the prairie! Traverse the newly purchased 340 acre Nature Conservancy property and discover the wide expanse of a classic wet sedge meadow grassland habitat. This site should produce Marbled Godwit, Le Conte's Sparrow, and maybe even a Sprague's Pipit! The Felton Prairie complex is key habitat for the rare Chestnut-collared Longspur. To round out the trip, some tour leaders will pre scout shorebird hotspots and known warbler migrant traps in the Ulen area. This trip could yield one of the largest bird lists with around 110 species. Waterproof boots or shoes are a must on this tour. **Birds we'll be looking for: Le Conte's Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Marbled Godwit, Greater Prairie Chicken, Upland Sandpiper, Orchard Oriole, several species of shorebirds. Possible sightings; Loggerhead Shrike, Black Billed Cuckoo and Sprague's Pipit.**

WORKSHOP

"UNDERSTANDING OPTICS"

With Tom Kuenzli, Eagle Optics

Friday, May 20, 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Cost: Free

Location: Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College
 Tom Kuenzli of Eagle Optics will share the inside scoop on the latest and greatest in optics for birding. He will demonstrate the new digital camera adapters and attachments. Stop in after your fieldtrip and explore your optic options.

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EVENING EVENT

"MINNESOTA MIGRANTS IN COSTA RICA"

With Carrol Henderson, Minnesota DNR Non-game wildlife supervisor

Friday, May 20, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Cost: \$27.00, Dinner and program

Location: The Lodge on Lake Detroit, Highway 10 East in Detroit Lakes.



Our special guest speaker Carrol Henderson has been leading tours to Costa Rica for over 30 years. Carrol's attention to detail and unwavering documentation has created a vital resource for determining the wintering distribution and habitat use of neotropical migrant birds in Costa Rica. Little is known about the wintering habits of most of our Minnesota migrants. From Golden-winged Warblers to Short-billed Dowitchers, Carrol will shed some light on the fascinating use of the forest layers and variety of food available to these winter travelers. Application of this information for the survivability of these migrants is unprecedented. Carrol did his graduate studies on the wildlife of Costa Rica in 1969, and that is where he met Ethelle, who was a student at the University of Costa Rica. They were married 40 years ago and began leading trips to Costa Rica in 1987. Carrol is the author of the *Field Guide to the Wildlife of Costa Rica* and has recently released *Butterflies, Moths, and Other Invertebrates of Costa Rica; Mammals, Amphibians and Reptiles of Costa Rica* and the *Birds of Costa Rica*.

Feel free to soak in the grand view of Big Detroit Lake with a cool beverage from LoLaD's bar at The Lodge on Lake Detroit's fireside lobby. Our evening meal at 5:30 includes Italian lasagna (vegetable lasagna for vegetarians), salad, bread with garlic butter and beverages.

EVENING SOCIAL

"CHIMNEY SWIFT SIT"

Friday, May 20th, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: Free

Join us for a fun evening of birding and socializing along the shores of Little Detroit Lake. We'll watch the sun set at the popular hotspots of Lakeside Tavern and Zorbaz along West Lake Drive. Warblers have been spotted in these areas during spring migration and conversations of birds will take flight. As darkness settles in we'll drive to the nearby Bergen's Greenhouses at 801 Willow Street West, where we can observe the 'flying cigars' swooping near the old chimney. The chimney was built in the 1930's. In the 1970's, the chimney was hit by lightning, reducing its height. Bergen's expanded their greenhouses in the 1980's, so the boiler and chimney were retired. This resulted in an increase in the number of Chimney Swifts. To learn more about Chimney Swifts and their overall decline, be sure to catch the free workshop by Ron Windingstad, Audubon Minnesota, at 12:30 pm Saturday at M State College.

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PINE TO PRAIRIE BIRDING TRAIL

www.mnbirdtrail.com — BIRDING HOTLINE: 1-800-443-1888

While you're in northwestern Minnesota, plan to spend at least a few extra days to check out the Pine to Prairie International Birding Trail! On May 19, 2009 Minnesota partnered with Manitoba, Canada to become North America's newest international birding trail! Now covering 500 miles, the trail offers 75 sites to view hundreds of species of birds! The 200 mile trail in Minnesota offers tremendous birding opportunities through transitional habitats of pine forests, deciduous woodlands, native tallgrass prairie, aspen parkland, sand dunes (remnants of Glacial Lake Agassiz), calcareous fens, bogs, marshes, lakes and rivers that provide riparian habitat. The trail runs from Fergus Falls, to Pelican Rapids, Detroit Lakes, Thief River Falls, Roseau and Warroad. The Minnesota trail checklist includes 275 regular and 26 casual species. A copy of the trail brochure will be included in your welcome packet.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

FIELDTRIP GUIDELINES

All fieldtrips will depart from the east side of the Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes, located on Highway 34. With the exception of workshops and evening events, all trips will be via coach buses with onboard restrooms, fieldtrip leaders and a naturalist. Granola bars and water will be provided on all trips. Several trips also include a sack lunch, as noted in the trip description, which includes a sandwich, snack bag of chips, fruit/veggie and bar or cookie. A vegetarian option is available for sack lunches. See the registration form. Many of the fieldtrips involve a considerable amount of walking. Please notify the trip leader if you have limited mobility or a health condition that limits the distance you are able to walk. Your fieldtrip experience begins as the bus departs so personal vehicles may not caravan behind the buses on field trips and boarding at locations along the way may not be accommodated. If you need to leave Detroit Lakes early on Sunday, please plan accordingly. Please be on time as the buses leave at the times noted from the parking lot of the College and there are no refunds! Return times may fluctuate slightly from the stated time, especially if bird sightings are exceptional on any of the fieldtrips. The use of bird call devices is not allowed by participants and is limited to circumstantial use by the trip leaders only. Please be considerate: limit side conversations, turn off cell phones. Many of our unique species are located by sound. We kindly request that those choosing to smoke do so away from other birders and properly dispose of butts. We are committed to providing an enjoyable and safe experience. Coffee and fruit will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning at the Bird Club Café, with donations benefitting the local Lakes Area Bird Club. Space may be limited on some field trips so register early!

LOST & FOUND

If you happen to misplace an item or find one, please check at the Registration Desk.

BIRDER'S BAZAAR

Browse the Birder's Bazaar which will feature booths from a variety of organizations and businesses. This is a great opportunity to visit with representatives of optic gear. Hours: Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

SILENT AUCTION

Donations of silent auction items will be accepted at the registration booth. Proceeds benefit future festivals. Be sure to place your bids before the auction closes at 4:35 pm Saturday and pick up your auction items immediately afterward. Look for the silent auction items during the festival and especially on Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am - 4:35 pm.

Join us for the 15th Annual Festival of Birds ~ May 17-20, 2012

SATURDAY - MAY 21

REGISTRATION

5:00 am – 6:00 am & 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips depart and return at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College parking lot. Please be prompt, as buses leave on time! Coffee and fruit will be available at the Bird Club Café 5:00 am – 6:00 am in the lobby. Proceeds benefit the local Lakes Area Bird Club.

"HAMDEN SLOUGH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE"

Saturday, May 21, 5:15 am – 11:30 am

Cost \$35.00, breakfast included

Cozy up with a hot cup of coffee and spend the morning with the prairie chickens at the Hamden Slough lek. The first stop of this favorite field trip features a hot breakfast provided by the Friends of Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District while we listen to the haunting booms of the male prairie chickens at sunrise. Other stops around this 3400 acre prairie wetland complex include Bisson Lake, known for its fantastic shorebird assemblage. On previous year's trips, participants have found over 100 species. **Birds we'll be looking for: American Bittern, Marbled Godwit, Wilson's Phalarope, Sedge and Marsh Wrens, Le Conte's Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper, Bobolink, 20 waterfowl and 20 shorebird species.**

"SMOKY HILLS FOREST"

Saturday, May 21, 5:30 am – 11:30 am

Cost \$30.00

New field trip site! Stroll among the early spring wildflowers and hear the vibrant songs of the spring migration in the woodlands of the Smoky Hills State Forest. The state forest is located 20 miles from Detroit Lakes along the Lake Country Scenic Byway. The forest gets its name from the hazy gray hue said to arise from the abundant red pines that grow on the hilly terrain. This woodland trip will lead you into both old growth forest and lush young stands of trees. Splashed with vernal ponds and carved by the Shell River this area of deciduous and conifer stands sings with activity. **Birds we'll be looking for: Black-backed Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Least Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Winter Wren, Scarlet Tanager, Evening and Pine Grosbeaks and a variety of woodland warblers.**

"TAMARAC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE"

Saturday, May 21, 5:30 am – 11:30 am

Cost \$30.00

The pristine woodlands of Tamarac Refuge are host to 25 species of warblers including the Golden-winged. Tamarac's 43,000 acres are a premier bird refuge in Northwestern Minnesota. Tamarac's wildlife biologists will be on board to guide you through the mosaic of habitats including pine and hardwood forests, lakes,

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rivers, marshes and brushy grasslands. We'll make a trek behind the gates of key sections of the refuge. The refuge has a bird list of 258 species, so there will be plenty of feathered friends to see here. **Birds we'll be looking for: Solitary Sandpiper, American Woodcock, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Vireos, 25 species of warblers, Common Loons, Trumpeter Swans, nesting Bald Eagles and Ruffed Grouse.**

BIRDERS' BAZAAR

Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College
Stop by the vendor booths for birding and related items. You'll find books, binoculars, feeders, bird and nature photos, garments and gift items. This is an optimum time to visit with optic dealers about the new options in binoculars. Stop by the Eagle Optics booth to find out who won the Early Bird Registration prize of a Raven 6.5 x 32 binocular! Show your support for protecting vital habitat for birds and pick up your Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp.

DUCKS ON A STICK CHALLENGE

Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College
Did you know that there are over 23 individual waterfowl bird species that can be seen near Detroit Lakes and the surrounding area? Some birders have a tendency to overlook ducks and don't realize the color variations, complexity and natural history of this beautiful group of birds. The Fish & Wildlife Service has a number of waterfowl species that have been mounted on "sticks" that show one outstretched wing and full body plumage. Take a short quiz and hone your waterfowl identification skills for a chance to win a prize. The "Ducks on a Stick" will be available at a booth sponsored by the local Minnesota Waterfowl Association Chapter. Volunteers will answer your identification questions from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm during the Birders' Bazaar.

SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am - 4:35 pm

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College
Donations of silent auction items will be accepted at the registration booth. Proceeds benefit future festivals. Although anything bird related is preferred, we will accept any items with a nature theme. From locally handcrafted items to art and bird supplies, bidders have found unique festival souvenirs and great buys at the Silent Auction. Be sure to place your bids before the auction closes at 4:35 pm on Saturday. Please claim your items immediately following the auction.

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about an event that has been filled. We do not share e-mail addresses, so supplying your address is a timely way to be made aware of festival updates. You may call the Chamber to see if there are event or field trip openings after the May 13th deadline. Questions should be directed to the Chamber at 1-800-542-3992, 1-218-847-9202 or by e-mailing dlchamber@VisitDetroitLakes.com.

Or, mail your completed registration form, along with your credit card information or check made out to "Detroit Lakes Chamber" to: Detroit Lakes Festival of Birds, PO Box 348, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502.

Cancellation Policy & Special Terms:

Cancellations must be made no later than 4:00 pm, May 13, 2011. The registration fee is non-refundable. Purchase of additional fieldtrip or workshop tickets may be made on-site, upon availability. If you would like Detroit Lakes lodging and attractions guides, bird checklists, and maps mailed with your registration confirmation letter, please indicate this on your registration form. These items will be available at the festival.

REGISTRATION BOOTH

The registration booth will be located in **the Student Life Center** on the east side of the Minnesota State Community and Technical College, located on Highway 34. Turn north off of Highway 10 at the Washington Avenue stoplight corner. Travel six blocks and turn east (right) onto Highway 34. The Technical College is located one block east of the stop lights. When you arrive, please check-in to receive your information packet complete with nametags, maps, tickets, bird checklists and an event schedule. Look inside your welcome packet for merchant discounts and sponsor gifts. Volunteers will be available to help you with questions. We're big on recycling, so we ask that you return your nametag holder at the registration desk or after attending your last event.

REGISTRATION HOURS:

Thursday, May 19: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday, May 20: 5:00 am – 6:00 am & 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Saturday, May 21: 5:00 am – 6:00 am & 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 22: 5:00 am – 6:00 am

WEATHER & ATTIRE

Northwestern Minnesota weather is highly variable during the spring months. Temperatures usually range from the 70's to the 40's. If it's windy, it can seem much colder! We suggest that for field trips you bring jackets for both warm and cold weather that you can layer, along with hats, gloves and waterproof outerwear. Waterproof footgear is also recommended for field trips, as dew may be heavy in the mornings. No field trips will be canceled unless weather is severe. Refunds will not be given for field trip cancellations due to weather conditions. Feel free to dress in casual attire for all festival events.

SUNDAY - MAY 22

expansive 8600 acre marsh with more than 50 islands for nesting birds. We'll look for some of the 280 species recorded at Oak Hammock Marsh, such as: **Ross' and Cackling Goose; several species of ducks; Pied-billed, Eared and Horned Grebes; Merlin and Ferruginous Hawks; American Golden and Piping Plover; Vesper, Grasshopper and Lark Sparrows; and some of the 39 species of shorebirds including avocets, dunlin, Red Knot and sandpipers.** After lunch, we return to Detroit Lakes by 6:30 pm Tuesday, May 24. This trip is explained in more detail, as well as the requirements to enter Canada and the registration form by going to <http://www.visitdetroitlakes.com/things-to-do/events/festival-of-birds/>. You may call 800-542-3992 to have the information mailed to you.

If the 3-Day Adventure to Winnipeg is not filled by April 21, the one day trip to Agassiz Refuge be offered. Those who register for the one day trip will be notified if the 3-Day trip is filled, thereby cancelling the Sunday trip to Agassiz Refuge. Look online for updates as well.

"AGASSIZ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE"

Sunday, May 22, 5:15 am - 2:00 pm

Cost: \$39.00, sack lunch included

Area birding experts will guide you through this 61,500 acre Globally Important Bird Area and one of the 100 best birding sites in North America. Agassiz features a complex of wetlands, shrubland, grasslands, and forest attracting 297 species of birds. You're certain to see an amazing number of shorebirds including this year's highlight the Short-billed Dowitcher; in fact, 29 shorebird species have been documented. This trip is approximately a two hour drive to reach the refuge and well worth the anticipation. You won't see a more productive, diverse breeding bird area in the region. **Birds we'll look for: Le Conte's, Nelson's Sharp-tailed and Swamp Sparrows; Black-crowned Night Heron; Red-necked and Western Grebes; Ruddy Duck; Hudsonian Godwits; Cape May, Magnolia and Canada Warblers.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Our pre-registration deadline is Friday, May 13th. On-site registration will be available at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College, however, early registration is strongly recommended as fieldtrip and workshop space is limited. Register by Friday, May 6th to be included in the special 'Early Bird Drawing' for a pair of 6.5 x 32 Raven binocular from Eagle Optics!

To register online, go to www.VisitDetroitLakes.com. Registration is found under "Things to Do." Go to Events, then Festival of Birds. You may use your credit card while registering under a secure server. All registrants receive a confirmation form. If registering by hard copy, you will be called or e-mailed

SATURDAY - MAY 21

LUNCH

Saturday, May 21, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Cost: \$8.00

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College

As we return to the Community College, join us for a tasty lunch of beef stew (option: vegetarian stew with mushrooms), fruit bowl, bread stick, brownie or pumpkin bar and beverages. This tasty lunch is sure to energize you for the afternoon!

MINI-WORKSHOPS

"CHIMNEY SWIFT DILEMMA" - RON WINDINGSTAD

Saturday, May 21, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Cost: Free, included with the event fee

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College

The Chimney Swifts are one of Eastern North America's least understood birds. Unable to perch like other birds these "flying cigars" spend the daylight in flight collecting insects. Historically these swifts nested and roosted in hollow trees but readily adapted to the insides of masonry chimneys as settlers arrived. Unfortunately, with chimneys being capped or torn down there are fewer places in which to nest or roost. This has played a factor in their significant decline. In this workshop Ron will present ideas of what people can do to help conserve them, including the uncapping of chimneys and the building of artificial chimneys/towers for them. You will also learn how you can participate in Minnesota's Annual Chimney Swift Sit.

"SANDHILL CRANES" – JEB BARZEN

Saturday, May 21, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Cost: Free, included with the event fee

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College

Jeb Barzen of the International Crane Foundation will share the story of this graceful bird. From threats of wintering grounds to successful increasing populations, cranes have a dramatic history. In fact, it may just be the oldest known bird species still surviving. You'll learn about the precarious relationship between farmers and cranes and the new techniques being used to deter cranes from crop damage. Jeb Barzen has directed the Field Ecology Department at the International Crane Foundation (ICF) for 23 years. In addition to international programs, Jeb also directs long-term research in central Wisconsin on both Sandhill and Whooping Cranes.



"SANDHILL CRANE POPULATIONS" – PANEL DISCUSSION

Saturday, May 21, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Cost: Free, included with the event fee

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College

Sandhill Cranes are the newest species to be added to the hunting seasons for

SATURDAY - MAY 21

Minnesota. Join representatives from the Minnesota DNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service and International Crane Foundation for a discussion on the health of crane populations. Learn how population status is determined, how hunting seasons and limits are set and what effects hunting may have on bird populations. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions of the expert panel.

"THE PERILS OF THE BP OIL DISASTER IN THE GULF" - DREW WHEELAN

Saturday, May 21, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$27, includes dinner

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College

In May of 2010, Drew Wheelan was contracted by the American Birding Association to report on the effects of the Deepwater Horizon oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Stationed at Grand Isle, LA, Wheelan's multimedia blog, birding.typepad.com/gulf, and videos were widely regarded as one of the most credible sources of information about the effects of the British Petroleum (BP) oil spill on the Gulf Coast's birdlife. His blog was re-posted by sites such as "the Maddow Blog" and "the Huffington Post" and his knowledge was relied on by many main stream TV news channels including CNN's Anderson Cooper and Wolf Blitzer, as well as ABC and FOX News. Wheelan was also featured in AP articles that appeared in hundreds of syndicated papers throughout the country and an article in Wired Magazine's online site. Wheelan studied ecology and agriculture at Evergreen State College in Washington, graduating with a BS degree in 1996. He has worked for consulting firms as a biologist, as well as working on research projects in the United States and neotropics. Wheelan relishes his time observing birds in the field above all other vocations he has pursued. You won't want to miss this startling revelation of what went wrong with one of the most devastating environmental disasters in the U.S. and the dangers facing wildlife and the birds that make the Gulf of Mexico their home.

Join your fellow birders at 6:30 pm to share your birding experiences over a delightful dinner of smothered chicken breast atop a bed of rice pilaf, with glazed carrots, Caesar salad, mini bread loaves and beverages. Vegetarians may choose a green salad and Ratatouille over a bed of vermicelli (simmered veggies over pasta) for their main entrée. For dessert – light and creamy lemon-freeze!

In the event of a speaker emergency that prohibits the speaker from delivering their presentation, the Festival of Birds/Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce will attempt to secure a replacement and will not be held responsible and will not issue refunds if no replacement can be secured.



SUNDAY - MAY 22

REGISTRATION

5:00 am – 6:00 am

Student Life Center at Minnesota State Community & Technical College

FIELD TRIPS

These field trips depart and return at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College parking lot. Please be prompt, as buses leave on time! Coffee and fruit at the Bird Club Café 5:00 am – 6:00 am in the lobby. Please note that the Community College will be closed when you return since these trips conclude the festival.

"GLACIAL RIDGE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE/AGASSIZ DUNES"

Sunday, May 22, 5:15 am – 2:00 pm

Cost: \$39.00, sack lunch included

One of the newest National Wildlife Refuges, Glacial Ridge is off to a running start of becoming the largest tallgrass prairie restoration in the nation. Pairs of Burrowing Owls have been spotted and the refuge boasts of bobolinks and prairie sparrows. You may even meet a few Franklin ground squirrels that share the prairie with the fragile grassland birds. In the past we've had great looks at the American Avocet in the newly restored wetlands. A stop at Agassiz Dunes will offer opportunities to walk through a unique sandy oak savanna. Along the Sandhill River we'll watch for warblers, vireos and a variety of passerines. **Birds we'll look for: Sandhill Cranes; Prairie Chickens; Sharp-tailed Grouse; Bobolink; Black-billed Magpie; Short-eared Owl; Wilson's Phalarope; Grasshopper, Savannah, Lincoln's, Vesper and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow; and Short-billed Dowitcher.**

"3-DAY AGASSIZ TO WINNIPEG ADVENTURE"

Depart Detroit Lakes Sunday, May 22, 5:15 am

Return to Detroit Lakes Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm at M State College

Cost: \$358.00/person single occupancy; \$288/person double occupancy

Minimum of 25 registrants required by April 21

Detroit Lakes is located midway on Minnesota's first birding trail, the Pine to Prairie. In 2009, the trail extended another 300 miles into Manitoba, Canada. On this trip along the Pine to Prairie International Birding Trail, we'll visit some of the most remarkable sites in three days. We'll leave Sunday, May 22 on deluxe motor coach with onboard restroom to bird Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge (description below), spending Sunday night at AmericInn Lodge & Suites in Thief River Falls. Monday morning, May 23 we'll head for Winnipeg and reach Narcisse WMA in the afternoon to bird and observe the world's largest concentration of red-sided garter snakes from observation decks. Birds we'll look for: **Red-tailed Hawk; Great Horned Owl; Savannah, Clay-colored and Song sparrows; Swainson's Thrush; Baltimore Oriole; and Yellow Warbler.** Monday night's accommodations are at Canad Inn, Polo Park, Winnipeg. Tuesday morning, May 24 we arrive at Oak Hammock Marsh WMA, one of the best migratory bird viewing areas in North America. The Conservation Centre houses the headquarters of Ducks Unlimited Canada, an interpretive centre and a third floor observation deck to view the

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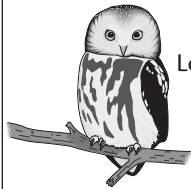
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PRINCIPLES OF BIRDING ETHICS

Please help the Festival of Birds support the American Birding
Association's Code of Birding Ethics (<http://americanbirding.org>):

Promote the welfare of birds and their environment

Keep your distance when observing and photographing birds
Limit the use of recordings
Stay well back from nest sites
Keep habitat disturbance to a minimum

Respect the law and rights of others

Get landowner's permission to walk on private property

Group birding requires special care

Respect fellow birders
Take a stand against unethical birding behavior



Register by
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How to Register

- Register online at www.VisitDetroitLakes.com
- Use registration form in this program

Make checks to: Detroit Lakes Chamber.

Mail by May 6, 2011 to:

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You are encouraged to register early! If we receive your registration form by **Friday, May 6th**, you will be entered in the "Early Bird Drawing" for a pair of binoculars donated by Eagle Optics! **Please register before Friday, May 13th.**
Cancellation Policy & Special Terms: Cancellations must be made no later than 4:00 pm on May 13, 2010. The event fee is non-refundable. Registrations will be accepted by date received. Questions? Call 1-800-542-3992.

Name _____
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 Please send me additional Detroit Lakes area information.

One registration per form. Please photocopy for additional entries. Make checks payable to "Detroit Lakes Chamber" and send to: Detroit Lakes Festival of Birds, PO Box 348, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502.

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FESTIVAL EVENT FEE			
	FEE		TOTAL
✓	Event fee includes mini workshops, birders' bazaar, and festival support! (required fee, non-refundable)	\$10 for full festival or \$5 per day	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 full <input type="checkbox"/> \$5/day

THURSDAY — MAY 19, 2011

✓	EVENT	TIME	FEE	TOTAL
	Workshop: Beginning Birding in the Field and Dinner	2:30 pm - 7:00 pm	\$25	
	Workshop: Social Network of Birding and Dinner	2:30 pm - 7:00 pm	\$25	
	Wine Tasting at Richwood Winery	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	FREE	
	Bird Stories with Al Batt and Dinner only at Maplelag Resort	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	\$25	

FRIDAY — MAY 20, 2011

✓	EVENT	TIME	FEE	TOTAL
	Fieldtrip: Fargo, ND	5:30 am - 2:30 pm	\$39	
	Fieldtrip: Landfield and Felton Prairie	5:30 am - 2:30 pm	\$39	
	Workshop: Understanding Optics	2:30 pm - 3:15 pm	FREE	
	Program: Dinner & Henderson's Migrants in Costa Rica	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	\$27	
	Social/Fieldtrip: Chimney Swift Sit at Bergens	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	FREE	

SATURDAY — MAY 21, 2011

✓	EVENT	TIME	FEE	TOTAL
	Fieldtrip: Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge	5:15 am - 11:30 am	\$35	
	Fieldtrip: Smoky Hills Forest	5:30 am - 11:30 am	\$30	
	Fieldtrip: Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge Lunch	5:30 am - 11:30 am 11:00 am - 12:30 pm	\$30 \$8	
	Workshop: Chimney Swift Dilemma with Ron Windingstad	12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	FREE	
	Workshop: Sandhill Cranes with Jeb Barzen	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	FREE	
	Workshop: Sandhill Crane Population Panel Discussion	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	FREE	
	Keynote: BP Oil Disaster with Drew Wheelan and Dinner	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	\$27	

SUNDAY — MAY 22, 2011

✓	EVENT	TIME	FEE	TOTAL
	Fieldtrip: Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge/Agassiz Dunes	5:15 am - 2:00 pm	\$39	
	I'm interested in May 22-24 fieldtrip to Canada. <small>See website or call for add'l form.</small>	Depart DL 5:15 am	\$288/\$358	
	If Canada fieldtrip does not fill, I'm interested in Agassiz Fieldtrip.	5:15 am - 2:00 pm	\$39	

Vegetarian Meal Request - Includes Field Trip Sack Lunch & Other Meals for Entire Event

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