

## 2018-2019 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

### **YELLOWSTONE VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY, BILLINGS, MONTANA**

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

**All field trips depart by car from the Rocky Mountain College parking lot on Rimrock Road next to the Billings Studio Theater at 8:00 a.m. unless noted in the specific trip information shown below.**

**Please DO NOT bring along pets.**

**Passengers will share gas costs with drivers when car-pooling.**

Donn Bartlett, Field Trip Coordinator, 409-628-5058

Date	Day	Itinerary	Notes & Comments
4/7/2018	Sat	Exxon Ponds and Emerald Hills	Leader TBD. ONE MILE WALK. Sack lunch.
Mid-Late April		Pryor Mountains	Stan Heath Leader. LEK Viewing plus additional birding.
5/5/2018	Sat	Riverfront Park. S Billings Blvd, 1st parking area on the right.	Leader needed. Meet at Riverfront Park. 8:00 a.m. to noon.
5/10/2018	Thurs	Riverfront Park. S Billings Blvd, 1st parking area on the right.	Mike Weber, leader. Meet at Riverfront Park. 5:30 p.m.
5/12/2018	Sat	Lake Basin	Mike Weber, leader. 8:00 a.m. Sack Lunch.
5/13/18	Sun	Pryor Mountains, Bear Canyon Birding/Hiking	Trenay Hart, leader. Meet at Rocky at 6:00 a.m. or at the Bridger Rest Area at 7:30 a.m. to hike into Bear Canyon. Sack Lunch.
5/15/2018	Tues	Stillwater River and Woodbine Area	Ruth Vanderhorst, leader. 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sack Lunch
5/20/2018	Sun	Bear Gulch near Grass Range.	Carolyn Jones, leader.
5/22/2018	Tues	Pompey's Pillar and Captain Clark's FAS	Robert Hill, leader. 7:00 a.m. Sack Lunch.
5/26/2018	Sat	Bridger Creek	Stan Heath, leader. Sack lunch.
6/1 - 2/2018	Sat & Sun	Birdathon	Contact Ruth Vanderhorst 406-245-5118
6/5/2018	Tues	Clark Fork WMA-Bluewater Fish Hatchery-Fromberg Area	Steve Regele, leader. Sack Lunch.
6/8 - 10/2018	Fri & Sat	MT Audubon Bird Festival	See Mt Audubon website for additional information.
6/12/2018	Tues	Pryor Mountains-Sage Creek	Stan Heath, leader. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Rocky or at the Bridger Rest Area at 8:30 a.m. Sack Lunch.
6/16/2018	Sat	Red Lodge Area	Jerry Dalton and Stan Heath, leaders. Meet at Rocky at 7:00 a.m. for car-pooling or at 8:30 at Lions Park in Red Lodge. Sack Lunch.
6/17/2018	Sun	Yellowstone River WMA State Park	Megan O'Reilly, leader. Sack Lunch.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE NO FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULED IN JULY. FIELD TRIP BIRDERS WILL BE ALERTED OF ANY IMPROMPTU TRIPS VIA E-MAIL. CONTACT DONN BARTLETT IF YOU ARE NOT ON OR NOT SURE YOU ARE ON HIS E-MAIL LIST.

Date	Day	Location	Notes & Comments
8/4/2018	Sat	Shorebirds, Hawks and Prairie Birds	Mike Weber leader. Sack lunch.
8/16 - 18/2018	Fri & Sat	Bowdoin NWR	Brian Henderson, leader. Observe migrating birds in Northwestern MT. Call Ruth Vanderhorst at 406-2455118 for information and make your own reservations for two nights at Maltana Motel In Malta 406-654-2610.
9/5/2018	Wed	Fall Migrants	Mike Weber, leader. Meet at Riverfront Park, S. Billings Blvd. 1 <sup>st</sup> parking lot on the right at 5:00 p.m.
9/8/2018	Sat	Bridger Creek	Stan Heath, leader. Sack Lunch.
9/15/2018	Sat	Pryor Mountains	Ruth Vanderhorst and Stan Heath leaders. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Rocky for car-pooling or at 8:00 a.m. at the Bridger Rest Area. Sack lunch.
11/10/2018	Sat	Yellowtail Dam Afterbay	Brian Henderson, leader. Sack lunch.
December	TBD	Christmas Bird Count	Jim Court, leader.
1/1/2019	Tues	New Year's Day Annual Trip to Yellowtail Dam Afterbay	Brian Henderson, leader. Sack Lunch
January	TBD	Annual Eagle Midwinter Survey in lower 48 states. Yellowstone River, Billings to Columbus	Brian Henderson, leader. Sack lunch.

In order to encourage additional but unscheduled outings, please call or e-mail Donn Bartlett with the information such as time, route, location, etc. Donn will then forward the information to all the interested area birders he has on his "birders email" list. E-mail Donn at [donnbartlett@man.com](mailto:donnbartlett@man.com) or phone 406-628-5058.

Throughout the coming months, trips will be scheduled in addition to those shown on the schedule. Suggested sites include Dover Park, Halfbreed Lake, Billings City Parks, wetlands and grasslands in the area, Vermillion Ranch, etc. So watch for emails announcing additional outings.