

# BOULDER BIRD CLUB NEWS

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**Sixty Years Dedicated  
to the Field Observation of Birds**



**July, August, September 2008**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

President's Letter June 22, 2008, 2008.

Jim Eide, President

## PREZ LETTER

Our focus on trip driver compensation is hopefully making an improvement. Please tell us of any further problems.

We recently added six more two way radios for field trips with multiple cars. They are available for any BBC Club use. Lonny Frye is providing a home for these radios. I continue to keep the club scope and have only rarely loaned it out. It is usually available for use by club members.

How are we doing?? Our membership numbers hold up very well! Currently 275 members. We have enough money to do what we feel is desirable – and we give generously to our sister organizations. If there is a weak link, it is in participation, I don't feel that I see very many of you during the year. The bird club is for birding!! Take a look at our web site! Try an all day birding trip! Talk about birds with your friends and neighbors. Ask your BBC officers for help. Where do they go to bird?? Volunteer where you can! Trip leading is fun!!

I am willing at the end of this year to pass along the presidency of this club, despite the fact that I still find it fun. I have some increasing physical problems that make me less active and less effective. Please consider taking on this rewarding position. I am happy to talk to anyone about their interest in the post. I think it is reasonable to provide a degree of support to you through the first year.

Jim Eide

## *From The Editor*

Short but SWEET!

As you all will note this issue of the summertime newsletter is somewhat abbreviated. I guess all of us "birders" are out there birding!

I will miss Ted Floyd's excellent regular piece-due to his late "out of town trip"—we will look forward to his next column in the Fall newsletter.

I would like to include "interesting bird sightings" from BBC members as a regular feature in upcoming newsletters. Please also include any photos - digital if possible - so we can enhance our members' experience of reading the newsletter. Please try to get items in by the newsletter deadline.

My own experience this Memorial Day weekend – yes I have to say back to the Sandhills in Nebraska!

Out at the Crescent Lake Wildlife Refuge a Whimbrel and immature long-billed Curlew and a White Faced and Glossy Ibis to name a few., also just huge fields of Bobolinks. The Sandhills Nebraska region continues to surprise me!

- Pat Heller, Newsletter editor

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Clasen	Susan	Golden CO
German	Bob and Bernice	Boulder
Hunt	Nancy	Erie
Martin	Mike and Joan	Boulder
Shaw	Betsy	Denver

## **Don't Miss the BBC summer picnic!**

The Flagstaff Mountain Picnic and Birdwalk at Julie Hammerstrom's House

See details in the Club Field Trips and Activities Section

Bill Turner Costa Rica and Belize Tours

Bill is offering a October 9-24, 2008 Costa Rica trip which focuses on two spectacular natural phenomena: the raptor migration of two million birds along the Caribbean coast (one of the three largest in the world) and the mass nesting of olive ridley sea turtles at Ostional. Visits to Tortuguero and the dry, tropical forest of Rincon de la Vieja National Park will also be made. A knowledgeable, bilingual Costa Rican naturalist guide, Isabel Salas, will accompany the group throughout the tour with specialist guides at each locale. The price is \$3995 per person double occupancy plus international airfare of about \$650 roundtrip from Denver. Some openings remain; maximum group size will be 16.

A birding trip to Belize is planned for March 1-12, 2009 with stays at renowned Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary, Lamanai Outpost Lodge with its nearby Maya ruins and serene Pook's Hill Jungle Lodge.

For more information on these trips, contact Bill at (303) 795-5128 or e-mail [toursbyturner@aol.com](mailto:toursbyturner@aol.com).

**BBC MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:** We invite you to join the Boulder Bird Club. Membership is \$8.00 per year for all persons at one address. Bird family members are free. As our dues are so minimal, no partial-year memberships are available. Members receive our quarterly newsletter, 10% discount on merchandise (5% on optics) from the Wild Bird Center, 10% discount from Wild Birds Unlimited, and the opportunity to take part in over 50 field trips each year. Send your check with completed membership form to Janet Chu, 964 Ravenwood Road, Boulder, CO 80303.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** This newsletter is published four times a year. We welcome articles, pictures, and news of your birding activities. Deadline for the October, November, December issue is September 22, 2008. Send your contributions to Pat Heller, 2155 Dogwood Circle, Louisville, Co. 80027, 303-604-1163 (leave message), or [pat\\_heller@msn.com](mailto:pat_heller@msn.com).



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## **BOULDER BIRD CLUB FIELD TRIPS & ACTIVITIES**

**Please note additional Field Trips may be available throughout the early Fall Season. Call Lonny Frye or Jim Eide for details! Updates may also be made to the website, so check there, too.**

REMINDER! First Sunday Birding starts at 8 AM until October

### **JUNE**

**June 28th Saturday 2008**

**The Flagstaff Mountain Picnic and Birdwalk at Julie Hammerstrom's House.**

**8:00 AM to 1:30 PM**

Julie Hammerstrom will again host this special summer birdwalk and get together at her home at the top of Flagstaff Mountain.. A great time to meet and visit with other members. Nesting birds, flycatchers, bluebirds, hummers, chickadees, maybe turkeys and more. Bring your own picnic lunch. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center, West end of parking lot at 8 AM sharp to carpool to Julies. Those with walking impairment will enjoy birding around the house and picnic area. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Return around 1- 1:30. Leader: Jim Eide, 303-443-6236.

**June 29th Sunday 2008**

**Birding Golden Gate Park**

**7:00 AM to Noon**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the East Boulder Rec Center, west end of main parking lot to car pool to Golden Gate State Park. Return around 1 p.m. One of the gems of our local State Parks system and loaded with breeding birds. See the birds, learn their calls and see the nests with a leader who can teach you "to bird by ear". We will take short hikes (<1/4 mi) through different habitats in the park and eat lunch at Bootleg Bottom. Drivers need State Park pass or pay daily fee from car pool fees. Bring lunch, be prepared for weather, binoculars, hats, bug juice. Leader: Paula Hansley 720-890-2628 or email [redstart.paula@gmail.com](mailto:redstart.paula@gmail.com)

### **JULY**

**Friday, July 4 to Sunday, July 6 2008**

**DFO trip to North Park**

Meet at Safeway parking lot on east side of U.S. 40 in Fraser at 9:00 AM on Friday morning. (Fraser is a 2 hour drive from Denver.) Make reservations for Friday & Saturday nights in Walden at the North Park Inn, (970-723-4271), or the Chedsey Motel (970) 723-8201. A State Parks Pass and (if<65 Yrs.) a Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp are required. Call Leader if going and to arrange Carpooling. Bring water, snacks, lunches, insect repellent and clothing for variable weather.

Leader: Chuck Lowrie, (303) 455-8417

**July 6th Sunday 2008**

**First Sunday Birding**

**8:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

Walden Wildlife Habitat. Meet at Cottonwood Marsh Parking lot at 8 a.m. and bird the Walden/Sawhill Complex until 11 a.m. Be prepared for hot weather. Leader: Bob and Nancy Morton 303-499-9754

**July 13th Sunday 2008**

**Caribou Ranch**

**6:00 AM to Noon**

We will carpool early at 6 AM from the Justice Center parking lot at 6th and Canyon in order to see birds in the cool morning air of the beautiful and pristine Caribou Ranch, one of Boulder County's newest Open Spaces. The trip leader is Christian Nunes, a fine and experienced birder who works for the City of Boulder as a Wildlife Technician. There is a nice mix of habitats in the Caribou Ranch including mountain meadows, willow carrs and montane forest. There will be abundant wild flowers and butterflies to compete for our attentions with the birds. Bring a lunch and water and the usual gear for mountain hiking and unpredictable weather. Should be a nice cool retreat from the July heat. Leader Christian Nunes, 401-787-0194 and email at [pajaroboy@hotmail.com](mailto:pajaroboy@hotmail.com)

**July 27th Sunday 2008**

**Genesee Mountain Hummingbird DFO / BBC Trip**

**6:30 AM to Noon**

A joint trip with the DFO to Genesee Mountain Park with leader Chishun Kwong . Meet leader at 7:00 AM at the NW corner of Park & Ride at Union and 6th Ave. in Lakewood. 1/2 day, lunch optional. Families of mountain birds will be active. We'll also visit a yard teeming with humming birds, swallows, grosbeaks, siskins etc. You'll enjoy this new leader Chishun Kwong (720-304-2073) and Joanna, his wife.

BBCers could easily carpool from EBCC at 6:30 AM, taking Table Mesa and 93 to US 6, E to Simms and S a long block and turn L into the Park & Ride.

### **AUGUST**

**August 2nd Saturday 2008**

**Boulder Valley Audubon Society walk in Chapman Canyon**

**7:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Saturday, August 2 –7:00 am to 11:00 am**

**Bird and Butterfly-watching in Chapman Canyon**

Leader: Steve Jones (303-494-2468)

Steve will lead a bird and butterfly-watching trip down Chapman Canyon, on the back side of Flagstaff Mountain. Bring close-focusing binoculars and your field guides. Meet at the Realization Point parking area, 3.7 miles up Flagstaff Mountain Road and opposite the turnoff to Flagstaff Summit.

**August 3rd Sunday 2008**

**First Sunday Birding at Walden Ponds**

**8 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

Join us at Cottonwood Marsh at Walden Wildlife Habitat and bird the Walden/Sawhill Complex. Bird from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bring binoculars, water and snack, Bug repellent , hat and sunscreen. Everyone welcome. Free. Leader to be announced

**August 9th Saturday 2008**

**Birds and Butterflies at Camp Tahosa**

**7:30 AM to Noon**

We will carpool from the Justice Center parking lot at 6th and Canyon at 7:30 AM. Camp Tahosa above the peak to peak highway was an active Boy Scouts Camp for Colorado and is now used mainly for summer camp for Colorado Youth Program. The BBC has been given permission to bird there and look for butterflies along the lake and willow carrs and meadows. The leader Joe Krieg is familiar with the camp from his days as a Scout Master in the Order of the Arrow. He is also a fine birder and butterfly expert. A new trip to a beautiful place here in our county that many of you have not experienced yet. Leader Joe Krieg 303-651-0565 or email [jkrieg120931@msn.com](mailto:jkrieg120931@msn.com)

**August 23rd and 24th, Saturday & Sunday 2008**

**Birding North East Colorado with Bill Kaempfer**

**6:00 AM**

Join Bill Kaempfer on a two-day trip to Northeastern Colorado visiting Prewitt Reservoir, Sterling , North Sterling State Park , Tamarack, Red Lion and Jumbo Reservoir State Wildlife Areas for fall migrants including shorebirds, warblers and eastern specialties. The trip will leave from the Niwot Park-and-Ride at 6:00 AM on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and proceed east. We will return by 6:00 PM on Sunday. Please plan on car pooling with at

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least 3 (and hopefully 4) per car since the trip will cover several hundred miles. Bring all your optical equipment, lunches for Saturday and Sunday, snacks, water, comfortable footwear, appropriate clothing for this time of year and day, hats as well as insect and sun protection. Cars will need to have Colorado State Parks passes and individuals under 65 will need a Colorado Division of Wildlife Habitat Stamp. We will stay at motels in Sterling, and there are several (Super 8, Ramada, Best Western, etc.) at the Sterling interchange on I-76; but please note, camping is not a viable option for this trip. Dinner on Saturday evening and breakfast on Sunday morning will be at restaurants in Sterling (see Gary Matthews' "Hungry Birder in Sterling" article in the 2007 volume of Colorado Birds). Please let Bill know if you plan on coming by contacting him after August 1<sup>st</sup> at [kaempfer@colorado.edu](mailto:kaempfer@colorado.edu) or 303-954-8998

## SEPTEMBER

### September 7th Sunday 2008

#### First Sunday Birding 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Walden Wildlife Habitat. Meet at Cottonwood Marsh Parking lot at 8 a.m. and bird the Walden/Sawhill Complex until 11 a.m. Be prepared for hot weather. Leader: to be announced

### September 13th Saturday 2008

#### Barr Lake Birding Festival 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Barr Lake State Park - 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join in the birding fun at Barr Lake near Brighton, CO. Complimentary breakfast and lunch, live raptors, booths, bird banding by RMBO, bird walks on the hour, kids' activities, scouts, families, birders all welcome. Call a birding friend and carpool. Don't miss it! Please note: there is a donation of 2.00 per head or 6.00 per car to benefit the Prairie Restoration Project. Call 303-659 6005 for more information.

**The Boulder Bird Club** welcomes birders of all abilities and ages on our field trips. Children under 16 should be accompanied by an adult. Come and join us!

**Field Trip Coordinator:** Lonny Frye (303-931-9131).

**Contact trip leaders for information on their trips.**

Our weather is unpredictable. For questions about details or whether the trip will take place, contact the trip leader.

#### **Trip Sign-Up Sheets and Participant Responsibility:**

Everyone who attends a BBC trip MUST sign the sign-up sheet before being allowed on the trip. By signing the sheet and/or participating in the trip, each person declares that he/she is solely responsible for his/her safety, and in no way will hold the Club, trip leader, or any participating person responsible for his/her safety. Sign in every time. Anyone under age 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Carpooling On Trips:** Please pay your carpooling fee up front to the driver at the start of the trip. At the end of trips we often forget. Have the exact amount and don't wait for driver to ask you for it. JUST DO IT.

**BBC Scope/Radios:** The BBC scope and two-way radios are available for leaders on all trips. Call Jim Eide (303-443-6236).

**BBC Wednesday Roadrunners**

**Wednesdays 0730-1030.** Meet at East Boulder Recreation Center, 5660 Sioux Drive, and Carpool to a local area for early morning birding. Participants pay driving expenses per club policy. Bring binoculars, water and a snack. Go out for coffee afterwards. Our leaders are:

## July

7/2 Martin Gerra 303-444-7333

7/9 Tony and Claire Delany 303-494-8190

7/16 Joe Krieg 303-651-0565

7/23 Jim Eide 303-443-6236

7/30 Chuck Lowrie 303-455-8417

## August

8/6 Cynthia Bryant 303-665-2184

8/13 Chuck Lowrie 303-455-8417

8/20 Walt and Pat Pollock 303-666-0369

8/27 Walt and Pat Pollock 303-666-0369

## September

9/3 Joe Krieg 303-651-0565

9/10 Jim Eide 303-443-6236

9/17 Lonny Frye 303-931-9131

9/24 Joyce Takamine 303-554-9785

\*\*\*\* After this last Roadrunner Field Trip of 2008, Roadrunners are invited to bring their special dishes to the **End Of Season Potluck** hosted by *Myron and Suzi Plooster*.  
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**SATURDAY MORNING BIRDERS:** Wild Bird Center, 1641 28th St., Boulder 303-442-1322. We host walks every Saturday leaving from the store promptly at 7:30am and returning about 9:45am. No reservations required. The last Saturday of the month is reserved for destinations further afield. On these walks we will return later than normal.