



# Field Trips 2009

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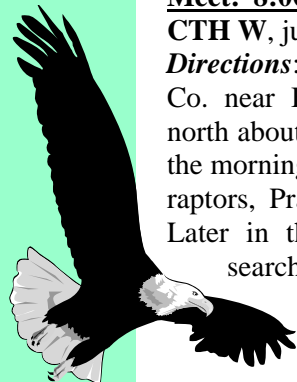
*Green Bay - Fall Warblers*

## **September 18-20**

*Wisconsin Point — Jaegerfest*

## **October 18 (Sunday)**

*Harrington Beach SP -  
Hawks*



## **Jan. 3 (Saturday)**

### ***Milwaukee - Winter Birding***

**Meet: 8:00 am** at South Shore Yacht Club. Dress warmly and bring your "energy" foods.

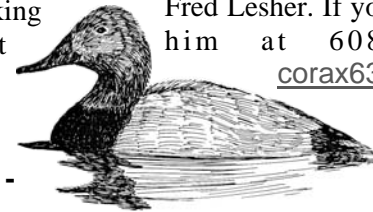
**Directions to South Shore Yacht Club:** take I 794 EAST over the Harbor Bridge. At the south end of the bridge take the Port of Milwaukee exit. The exit terminates at Carferry Drive (stop sign), turn left (east) on Carferry, continue east to a "T- intersection" with So. Lincoln Memorial Drive. Turn right (south) on Lincoln Memorial Dr. At the top of the hill the road curves right (west) and becomes Russell Avenue. After 1 block you will come to a stoplight at Superior Street; turn left (south) onto Superior and go 3 blocks to Iron Street. Again, turn left (east) on Iron, go 2 blocks and then down the hill into the parking lot, continue to the south end of the Yacht Club.

## **January 24 (Saturday)**

### ***Buena Vista Marsh & Necedah NWR - Eagles***

**Meet: 8:00 am** meet at Buena Vista Marsh along CTH W, just west of where it curves to the west.

**Directions:** Exit off I-39 at CTH W (exit 143, Portage Co. near Bancroft), and follow CTH W west and north about two miles. 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 of Necedah in search of Bald Eagles, diving ducks and possibly wintering Golden Eagles. Bring a bag lunch to eat in the car.



## **March 14 (Saturday)**

### ***LaCrosse - Lansing Loop***

**Meet: 9 am** at the LaCrescent, MN Kwik Trip, which is at the west end of the Mississippi River bridge (Cass St.) in LaCrosse and the mile or so causeway drive into LaCrescent. This outing is roughly an 8-hour car caravan trip with minimal walking to see migrant waterfowl, raptors, and early passerines. Lunch in Lansing, Iowa at any of several restaurants. South from Goose Island along the River with a foray east near Rush Creek, west into Iowa at Lansing and the power plant for Peregrine Falcon. Then north, on Hwy 26 through New Albin, Iowa, on into Minnesota and the west bank of the river to Pool 8 at Reno. On to LaCrescent, MN/LaCrosse, WI. This trip will be led by Fred Leshner. If you'd like detailed information, contact him at 608-783-1149 or email to: [corax6330@yahoo.com](mailto:corax6330@yahoo.com).

## **March 15 (Sunday)**

### ***Sheboygan - Lakefront Birding***

**Meet: 8:00 am** at Sheboygan Marina. **Directions:** take Hwy. 23 (Erie Av.) east into downtown Sheboygan.. Continue east on Erie to 4th Street, turn right (south) on 4th to Ontario Ave. At Ontario turn left (east) and follow it to lake (Broughton Dr.). Turn right on Broughton Dr. and continue south until you see the marina on the left. 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 28 (Saturday)

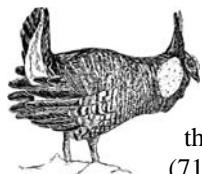
### Dane & Columbia County Ponds

**Meet: 8:00 am** at **Goose Pond**, 1 mile south of Hwy. 51/60 on Goose Pond Road (south-east of the town of Arlington). Our group will tour by auto to several ponds and flooded fields in this very productive area. A wide variety of water birds, shorebirds, migrant passerines and others are possible (i.e.: swans, Gr. White-fronted & Ross's Geese, pipits, longspurs, sparrows, etc.). Our trip ends after birding the causeway (CTH V) on Lake Wisconsin. Bring a bag lunch.

## April 11 (Saturday)

### Mead Wildlife Area

**Meet: 7:30 am** at the **George W. Mead State Wildlife Area** headquarters building along CTH S, 2 miles south of CTH C or 6.2 miles north of Hwy 10. This trip will be led by Joe Schaufenbuel and Gerry Janz. If you have questions about this trip you may contact Joe Schaufenbuel at (715) 345-2788 or [schaufenbuel@charter.net](mailto:schaufenbuel@charter.net)



## May 2 (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). If you don't want to arrive that early, the group will be along this road until at least 9:00 AM. Bring along a lunch.



## May 16-17

### Honey Creek

#### *Birdathon and Bandathon*

Come to our **Honey Creek property in Sauk County** to join Carl Schwartz, as well as other WSO birders, for a ***Bandathon*** on **Saturday & Sunday** at the Nature Center. Then starting at **8 am on Sunday** join Carl in a ***Birdathon*** on the property (includes a hike up Honey Creek valley). Camping facilities will be available and the Nature Center building will be open. For more information on this, contact **Carl Schwartz** at 414-224-2877 or [CSCHWARTZ@journalsentinel.com](mailto:CSCHWARTZ@journalsentinel.com)

## June 13 (Saturday)

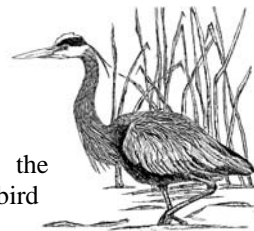
### No. Kettle Moraine State Forest

**Meet: 6:30 am** at **Mauthe Lake Recreation Area**, the first large parking area, beyond the ticket booth, on the main road to the beach/picnic area. 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. This trip often nears 100 species for the day. Notable species include Red-shouldered and Broad-winger Hawks, Pileated Woodpecker, Acadian, Alder and Willow Flycatchers, upwards of 14 warbler species including Mourning, Canada, Hooded and Cerulean Warblers, as well as Grasshopper, Henslow's and possibly Clay-colored Sparrows. Bring a bag lunch.

## August 23 (Sunday)

### Horicon Marsh

**Meet: 8:00 am** along **Hwy. 49**, on the north end of Horicon Marsh. 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.



## September 6 (Sunday)

### Green Bay - Fall Warblers

**Meet: 8:00 am** at **Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary**, which can be reached off I-43, exit-187 (Webster Ave.) to East Shore Drive. Use the parking area near the Nature Center. Wear good walking shoes, because there will be some hiking, though leisurely. We'll probably tour by auto to Ken Euers Natural Area, Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve and possibly Sensiba Wildlife Management Area near Suamico. Bring a bag lunch.

## September 18-20

### Wisconsin Point - JAEGERFEST

**Meet: 7:00 am** (each morning) at the **first beach parking area along the Moccasin Mike Road**, that 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!



## October 18 (Sunday)

### Harrington Beach -Hawk Watch

**Meet: 8:00 am** at the lower beach parking area of **Harrington Beach State Park**. Please note that there is a state park entrance fee. Bring a bag lunch or cooler.

### *Field Trip Weather Cancellation Policy*

*In the event of poor weather or dangerous weather conditions (e.g., heavy rains or snow, icy roads, severe cold, etc.) any given field trip might be cancelled. We will make every attempt to notify participants via the WSO Hotline (call 262-784-4032) and Wisbirdn Listserv. Please realize that under some circumstances there may be insufficient time to post a cancellation, so please EXERCISE GOOD JUDGEMENT when deciding to attend.*

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