

## Hawk Weekend 2010 Field Trips Detailed Schedule

### Field Trips Offered Both Saturday (9/18) & Sunday (9/19)

#### **Lester River/North Shore Field Trip**

**September 18 and 19, 2010 (offered both Sat/Sun)**

**Cost: \$5 non-registrants, FREE registrants**

**Leader:** Jim Lind, local birder and Duluth Rare Bird Alert compiler

**Meeting Location:** Meet at the Lester Park parking lot, one block north of Superior St. To get there, travel east on Superior Street and turn left on the Lester River Road, located 2 blocks past 60<sup>th</sup> Ave East.

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 am

**Duration:** 3.5-4 hours (walking and carpool for North Shore portion)

**Description:** Join Jim Lind for an exciting field trip along the Lester River and North Shore. We will bird around the southern portion of Lester Park, the grounds of the E.P.A. lab, and the Lester River. Depending on migration conditions, we will then caravan up the North Shore of Lake Superior with potential stops at Brighton Beach/Gitchi Gami Park and the McQuade Road Public Access.

#### **Indian Point/Erie Pier Birding Field Trip**

**September 18 and 19, 2010 (offered both Sat/Sun)**

**Cost: \$5 non-registrants, FREE registrants**

**Leaders:** Ed Zlonis and Annie Bracey. Ed is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota Duluth, working toward a Master's degree in Biology, with an emphasis in ornithology. Annie is also a graduate student at the University of Minnesota Duluth. She has worked on the Breeding Bird Atlas project and other projects at the Natural Resources Research Institute.

**Meeting Location:** Perkins Restaurant. Take the 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue West exit off I35 and meet in the Perkins Restaurant parking lot.

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 am

**Duration:** 3-4 hours

**Description:** Join Ed and Annie for a relaxing morning visiting two birding hotspots in Duluth. The morning will begin with a search along the riverfront for migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, warblers and other passerines, then we'll head over to Erie Pier to search for shorebirds and grassland species.

### **Field Trips Offered Sat (9/18) ONLY!**

#### **Park Point Field Trip**

**Saturday September 18, 2010**

**Cost: \$5 non-registrants, FREE registrants**

**Leader:** Kim Eckert, author of A Birder's Guide to Minnesota, former Hawk Ridge naturalist, Minnesota Birding Weekends director

**Meeting Location:** Main parking lot at the Park Point Recreation Area. From Canal Park, travel across the lift bridge and continue on Lake Avenue / Minnesota Avenue approximately 3.75 miles to the Park Point Recreation Area.

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 am

**Duration:** 2-3 hours (walking)

**Description:** Join avid birder Kim Eckert on a visit to one of Minnesota's birding hotspots. We will search the lakeside for shorebirds, terns, gulls, and possible jaegers (spotting scopes useful); and check the wooded areas along the dunes for warblers and other passerines.

#### **Lake Superior Birding Boat Trip**

**Saturday September 18, 2010**

**Cost: \$35 registrants, \$40 non-registrants (max. 20 people)**

**NOTE: Pre-registration REQUIRED. Cut-off date is Fri. September 10<sup>th</sup>, if trip is not already full. You must pre-register by mail, phone (218-428-6209), or emailing [jlong@hawkridge.or](mailto:jlong@hawkridge.or). Please bring payment (check/cash only) with you the day of the trip. DO NOT PREPAY – in case of weather cancellation.**

**Leader:** Mike Hendrickson, local bird guide. Since the 1980's, Mike has been guiding individuals all throughout Minnesota and the US on bird trips. He currently leads trips for OBServe Bird Tours and has organized the Sax-Zim Winter Bird Festival. Please feel free to check out Mike's website at: <http://webpages.charter.net/mmhendrickson/>

**Meeting Location:** Army Corps of Engineer Building. Directions from coming on I35 north: Take I-35 north towards Duluth and get off I-35 north on to the Lake Avenue Exit. Stay on Lake Avenue exit till you come to the second stop lights (there is a stop light for 5th Ave. W) at the second stop light take a right turn on Lake Avenue. Go south on Lake Ave for one block at the next set of stop lights and turn

right on Railroad St. Go one block to another set of stop lights for Minnesota Avenue. Take a left turn on Minn. Ave. and drive over the Ariel Lift Bridge. Follow the numbered streets on your right and take a left turn on 9th St. go one block and you will see the Army Corps brick building. Park in front of the building.

Same directions if coming on south I-35 but get off on the Lake Avenue/5th Ave. West exit and follow the same directions except take a left turn on Lake Ave to Railroad St. stop lights.

**Meeting Time:** No later than 7:30 am (boat departs at 8:00 am and returns at 12:00 pm)

**What to Bring:** Bring binoculars, rain gear in case the forecast is for a light drizzle, warm hat and gloves, warm coat, reference books, camera if you wish to take photos and MOST important bring POPCORN! We need popcorn for chumming. We will provide coffee, water and snacks for the trip, but feel free to bring your own as well. Do NOT bring a scope for safety reasons.

**Weather Cancellation:** If weather plays a part in cancelling the trip (rain, high winds, surf), we will still meet at the same location. If weather is still ok for birding, Mike will guide people at Park Point to look for jaegers and gulls. The cost for birding with Mike, in lieu of the boat trip, will be \$5 for registrants, \$10 for non-registrants.

### **Field Trip Offered Sun (9/19) ONLY!**

#### **Geology Field Trip – “Ancient Volcanic Geology of Duluth's Shoreline”**

**Sunday September 19, 2010**

**Cost: \$5 non-registrants, FREE registrants**

**Leader:** John Green, retired geology professor at the University of Minnesota Duluth

**Meeting Location:** Lester River Tourism Information Center. Directions: travel east on London Road and just after crossing the Lester River, park in the parking lot for the little blue building—the tourism information center.

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 am

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Description:** Join John Green, an all-around naturalist and scouter for the Superior Hiking Trail, on a journey along Duluth’s shoreline. We will visit several interesting outcrops between the information center and downtown Duluth to reveal the story of ancient volcanic geology in the area.

#### **Songbird Banding Seminar – “5W’s of Songbird Banding”**

**Sunday September 19, 2010**

**Cost: \$5 non-registrants, FREE registrants**

**Leader:** Dave Grosshuesch began working at Hawk Ridge in 1995 as a raptor bander. A year later he started his passerine study and bands an average of 5,400 birds each fall season. He continues to coordinate the passerine banding operation while working full time for the US Forest Service.

**Meeting Location:** Main Overlook at Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve

**Meeting Time:** 8:00 am

**Duration:** 1-2 hours

**Description:** Learn the who, what, where, when and why about songbird banding at Hawk Ridge. Participants will be provided with an opportunity to see all aspects of songbird banding, as well as learn why songbirds are an important part of the migration at Hawk Ridge.