

Benjamin F. Goss Bird Club

2019 SPRING FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

All events are on Saturdays unless otherwise noted.



APRIL 13: Woodcock Walk at Scuppernong Prairie **Meet at 7:00 PM in the evening** at the Hunter's parking Lot along Hwy N south of Wilton Rd. Look and listen after sunset for American Woodcock, Wilson's Snipe, Northern Harrier, and other crepuscular activity. Short-eared Owl is a possibility and was spotted by birders during this field trip in 2018.

APRIL 20: Lakes and Ducks of Waukesha County **Meet at 8:00 AM** Waukesha County is home to "Lake Country" and many water birds use these lakes on their migration routes. We will check out various lakes and ponds, looking for ducks, geese, grebes, and loons. Meet at Brewers Two Café on Wisconsin Ave. in Pewaukee, across the street from Pewaukee Lake.

APRIL 27: WATERFOWL, RAPTORS, & EARLY MIGRANTS – Paradise Valley SWA, Bark River Unit **Meet at 8:00 AM** in the parking lot at the west end of Kincaid lane, 2 miles west of Dousman. We will gather at the viewing platform and scope for waterfowl, raptors and early migrants before hiking a half mile or more into the wetland complex.

MAY 4: MONCHES WOODS: **Meet at 8:00 AM** The topography in the Monches Hills is quite hilly and can be a difficult hike for some folks, but we will be guided by John Winze whose family owns property in the hills, lending us a "back door" entrance with fewer hills to climb! Monches Woods is a unique area containing both the Oconomowoc and Little Oconomowoc Rivers. Regular breeders include Louisiana Waterthrush, Blue-winged Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, and Red-shouldered Hawk, so this is a bird hike you don't want to miss. Directions to follow.

MAY 4: Retzer Nature Center Spring Bird Count **7:00 AM – Noon** Spence Stehno will lead a group of birders around the property of Retzer Nature Center to find as many species as possible.

MAY 11: MAY COUNT conducted by Benjamin F. Goss Bird Club. Contact Spence Stehno or Don Reel for details.

MAY 18: Lulu Lake & Rainbow Springs **Meet at 6:00 AM** on Nature Road. Parking is limited, so carpooling is suggested. Lulu Lake is a Nature Conservancy property in the Mukwonago River watershed. Oak savannahs, wetlands, and a 95 acre lake are the highlights of this gem. Time permitting, we will then head to the Mukwonago Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. An easy stroll from the parking lot goes through pine woods, past a "warbler stream", and to a pair of small lakes. Park in the lot on the south side of Cty Hwy LO.

MAY 24-27: Wisconsin Society for Ornithology's 80th Annual Convention – Eau Claire, WI

June 1: MUSKEGO PARK **Meet at 7:00 AM** Muskego Park is home to the only designated natural area in the Waukesha County Parks system. Muskego Parks Hardwoods SNA is a gem of the parks system and regularly hosts singing Cerulean Warblers. Other species include Ea. Wood-pewee, Scarlet Tanager, Wood Thrush, & North American Beaver.

JUNE 8: BIKING the GLACIAL DRUMLIN TRAIL – Dousman: Meeting time and location to follow.

Fridays in Spring - April 5 through Mid June: **7:00 – 8:30 AM** Join the naturalists from Retzer Nature Center and Benjamin F. Goss Bird Club as we discover who's chirping on the trails. We'll explore habitats, welcome spring migrants and check on year-round residents. Binoculars are available on a limited basis. No reservations needed. Meet in the parking lot and pay at the front desk after the hike.

FEE: \$2.00/person goes to Retzer Nature Center.

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