



5th Annual

Burke County Birding Festival

at Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 11, 2010



TIME	EVENT	DESCRIPTION
6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Sparrow Seekers Guided Birding Tour <i>Tour group size is limited Register early</i>	If you have a checklist of grassland bird species that are your "must see or hear" birds, this is the tour for you. For 4 1/2 hours your experienced guides will visit numerous locations as the birds dictate. Some walking will be done, so that you can learn to identify the calls and visual identification of those difficult grassland birds. Other sightings will not be ignored, but the focus of this tour is for the dedicated birders who are looking for the elusive grassland sparrows. This tour will visit portions of the Refuge that will maximize your birding experience. A field break for your comfort will be provided during the tour.
6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Prairie Pothole Potpourri Guided Birding Tour <i>Tour group size is limited Register early</i>	A general Refuge tour which will focus on having the widest variety of birds viewed, and sometimes heard. The tour buses will be unloaded at four or five prime locations, where participants will walk short distances to view a wide variety of grassland species. If you want variety, this 4 1/2 hour tour should fit your needs. Depending on recent bird sightings, traffic, weather and road conditions, this tour will visit portions of the Refuge that will maximize your birding experience. A field break for your comfort will be provided during the tour.
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Safari Style Guided Tour <i>Tour group size is limited Register early</i>	This shorter (2 hour) Refuge tour will be interpreted while participants stay on board and observe from their bus seats. This tour is focused on people who want a broader wildlife experience, with no walking required. Beginner birders should note that some optics may be available for loan.
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break	Enjoy complimentary refreshments, view static exhibits and informational displays.
10:45 AM - Noon	Lostwood Wilderness Walk	A guided walk over rough terrain without a trail to explore wilderness on Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Indoor Bird Review	An opportunity to "debrief" and discuss the morning tours, bird sightings and validate bird songs in a comfortable indoor setting.
11:15 AM - Noon	Explore Indoors: LBNA <i>Followed by an Informal Birding Stroll</i>	Local leaders and members will share information on the Lostwood Birding and Nature Association (LBNA) ~ the Friends Group associated with Lostwood NWR. Following the brief indoor session we'll take an informal stroll near Headquarters to view some of the birds that make their home here.
Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch and refreshments at Lostwood NWR
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Prairie Wildflowers and Grasses Walk	Join us as we observe the waving seas of native grasses and flowers. This is the habitat that is unique and vital to the grassland birds.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Indoor Informational Presentations	Several sessions including: Neal Niemuth speaking on "Bird Conservation in the Prairie Pothole Region" - discussion of the threats facing grasslands & wetlands in the region, and what birders can do to help. Anne Marguerite Coyle will present information on a variety of raptors, bald eagles, and golden eagles. Additional presentations will feature information on burrowing owls.
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Youth Activities	Educational and fun activities for youth of all ages. Led by Jackie Jacobson of Audubon NWR & the Fish & Wildlife Service Team. Interesting mini-sessions where you'll enjoy making Bird Feeders from recycled soda bottles; "Making Tracks" using plaster casting; Birdwatching; and a fun Nature Hike on the refuge.

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For online registration and up-to-date schedule visit our website:

www.burkecountynd.com/birdingfestival

For more information call Lostwood NWR at: 701-848-2722

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