

Upcoming DFO Field Trips

Front Range Owling

Thursday, May 24

5:00 PM - 11:30 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meeting location will be announced by the leader at least two days before the trip date.

This trip will seek Flammulated Owl, Northern Pygmy-Owl, and Northern Saw-whet Owl. Our owling locations will be announced shortly before the trip, but will likely be located in Jefferson or Douglas counties. As always with owling, no guarantees, but we will try. Due to the late time of sunset, we will continue until near midnight, so be ready for the late hour. We will drive for over an hour to get to our starting area and again at the end to return to our meeting place. Restroom opportunities may be non-existent, but we'll be in the woods. **Register online or contact leader.**

North Park

Saturday, May 26 - Monday, May 28

6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Chuck Hundertmark & Paul Slingsby (Email: chundertmark8@gmail.com Phone: 303-604-0531)

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: Meet the leaders at the Moose Visitor Center, CO Hwy 14, at 12 noon.

This is a three-day trip with two options for meeting: arrive on Friday night and meet early Saturday for breakfast, or join the group later on Saturday morning. Lodging recommendations and additional trip information will be sent to registrants. Register and reserve lodging early. We will split our time between mountain birding for Veery, Northern Waterthrush and other breeders, and checking lakes, sagebrush, and rivers in North Park for sparrows, colonial waterbirds, and late migrants. Scopes will be helpful. Bring sunscreen, insect repellent, and water. **Register online or contact leader.**

Belmar Historic Park

Saturday, May 26

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Jackie King (Email: jackie.king@ccd.edu Phone: 720-381-3314)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Meet in the parking lot near the lake. Belmar Historic Park is at 800 S Wadsworth Blvd in Lakewood. From Alameda and Wadsworth go south on Wadsworth, turn west at the light on West Ohio Ave. Drive a short two blocks to the parking lot.

Bring snacks, water, and sunscreen for an easy walk around the ponds. A good trip for beginners and accessible for persons with a disability. **Register online or contact leader.**

Chico Basin Ranch

Sunday, May 27

6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Mark Amershek (Email: mamershek@msn.com Phone: 303-329-8646)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 15

Directions: New Directions: Will meet up at the King Soopers parking lot - 5544 Promenade Parkway, Castle Rock, CO 80108. This is a NEW location - it is NOT the OLD one at 100 Founders Parkway (the Kings Soopers has closed).

Chico Basin Ranch is a working cattle ranch located in El Paso/Pueblo counties southeast of Colorado Springs. The driving distance from Castle Rock will be approximately 100 miles, a little over two hours. This is a fee area. We need volunteers with high clearance vehicles to drive on ranch roads. Let leader know if you can drive. The ranch will be birded by following the ranch roads in vehicles with stops to bird on level open areas such as ponds, wetlands, and grasslands. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. Scopes will be handy but not necessary. A two-way radio per car would be helpful. We will bird until 4 p.m. and should be back at Castle Rock around 6 p.m. **Register online or contact leader.**

Chatfield State Park - Marina sandpit

Sunday, May 27

7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Gregg Goodrich (Email: GreggGoodrich@gmail.com Phone: 303-655-9135)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: From the south entrance of Chatfield meet at the first parking lot which is just south east of the marina.

We will bird all the standard Chatfield State Park birding locations on the Douglas County side beginning at the Sandspit. Shore birds, lake birds, land birds, and late migrants are all possible. Park pass is required.

Register online or contact leader.

Southeastern Colorado

Monday, May 28

6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 9

Directions: Meet at the McDonald's in Limon at 837 Highway 24, just south of the I-70 exit. A transitional meeting location closer to Denver (at an earlier meeting time) will be announced shortly before the trip as an option.

Details: This will be a full day trip to seek the Golden-crowned Warbler in Cheyenne County if it seems to be still there, and then to go to Kiowa County to visit reservoirs seeking White-rumped Sandpiper and other uncommon species. We will also seek rare migrant landbirds. If the Golden-crowned is considered to have already left, we will add other good birding spots instead. Even if the warbler is considered maybe still present, we will only remain to seek it for a certain time to allow the jaunt to Kiowa County. Bring food and drink, and be ready for hot weather. Plan to carpool. Be ready for long drives and a good pace.

Cherry Creek State Park (Arapahoe County)

Friday, June 1

6:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Diane Roberts (Email: Samatha576@aol.com Phone: 7202789025)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 11

Directions: Meet at the west marina parking lot. State Parks pass or day pass required.

Migration time is here. Cherry Creek State Park attracts a great variety of birds. It is in the top 5 of eBird hotspots in Colorado. Let's have some fun and see what our binoculars and scopes will bring us. The usual protocol of sunscreen, bug spray, snacks, layers of clothing, and water applies. Plan on carpooling from the west marina to minimize our traffic. **Register online or contact leader.**

Grand Junction

Friday, June 1 - Sunday, June 3

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Wendy Wibbens & Sue Summers (Email: wibbwj@aol.com Phone: 303-330-1175)

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: The leaders will notify participants of the exact Grand Junction meeting place and Friday afternoon and evening birding locations the week before the trip.

We will be joined by Grand Junction area expert and resident Mike Henwood. Participants will be responsible for making their own way to Grand Junction Friday morning and we will begin birding no later than 12:30 pm on Friday afternoon. Arrange your own lodging; we will allow time for check in and dinner on your own Friday before Friday evening owling. Leaders will be staying at the Residence Inn Grand Junction, 767 Horizon Drive, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506. We will bird a full day Saturday and then Sunday morning before heading home around noon. There will be an option for dinner together Saturday evening. Full itinerary and trip details will be provided no later than one week prior to the trip. We encourage carpooling to Grand Junction. Bring warm weather gear, sunscreen, bug repellent, lunches, and water. **Register online or contact leader.**

Ken Caryl Valley Area

Friday, June 1

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: Meet at the northern (main) parking lot for South Valley Park along South Valley Road just east of Valley Parkway. We will carpool to another site from there.

This is an evening outing in the hogbacks to see what we can find. Common Poorwill is expected after sunset as well as birds of foothill scrub and grassland. We will walk 2-3 miles. Bring a snack and drink. No formal restroom opportunities once we are walking. **Register online or contact leader.**

Roxborough State Park

Saturday, June 2

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Alison Kondler (Email: birdtrills@gmail.com Phone: 303-904-9140)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 11

Directions: Take S Wadsworth Blvd past Chatfield SP to Waterton Rd on left. Take Waterton Rd 1.6 miles east to North Rampart Range Road. Turn right and go south 2.3 miles to Roxborough Park Rd. Turn left (east) onto Roxborough Park Rd and then turn immediately right (south) on Roxborough Rd and follow signs to the Park (2.2 miles). State Parks pass or day pass required.

We will start at the visitor center for a fun presentation to teach you a variety of useful techniques to learn bird sounds. Then we will head outside on an easy slow-paced hike of approximately 1.5 miles to practice identifying local birds. **Register online or contact leader.**

Brush Hollow, Aiken and Rock Creek Canyon

Sunday, June 3

5:45 AM - 6:00 PM

Chris Gilbert (Email: chrisgee9@gmail.com Phone: 804-214-1508)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 15

Directions: Meet in the Lowe's parking lot off of Founder's Parkway in Castle Rock.

All of our destinations will be off of Hwy 115. We will meet at 5:45 and head to our first destination, which is Brush Hollow Reservoir. Heading back we will hit some side roads on the way to Aiken Preserve. Then we will hit Rock Creek Canyon as the 3rd stop. Various thrashers, Juniper Titmouse, Scaled Quail, buntings, tanagers and others are expected. Bring water, food and snacks, We will probably lunch briefly at Brush Hollow and eat snacks on the trail or en route. Bring bins, sunscreen, bug spray etc. Scopes probably not needed. State Park pass probably not needed. Because of the duration we are listing this trip as moderate; each trail itself is probably on the easy side.

Eldorado Canyon State Park

Sunday, June 3

6:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Karen Drozda (Email: drozforte@AOL.com Phone: 303-388-0891)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 11

Directions: Meet at the Colorado Division of Wildlife on the east side of Broadway and 58th. We will carpool from there. Please have your State Parks pass if you will be driving. Day pass is \$8.

We will first stop in Boulder at Cherryvale Open Space Park to identify the Boblink and Savannah Sparrow for our Big Year count. We will then continue on to El Dorado Canyon State Park. We will be hiking the Fowler and Goshawk Trails. The beginning of the trail parallels the steep Dakota Hogback ridge. Habitat is very diverse. An old burn area has been a location for nesting Lewis's Woodpeckers. Bring the usual supplies and rain gear. You will need lots of water. Bring lunch. **Register online or contact leader.**

Fountain Creek Regional Park (El Paso County)

Friday, June 8

6:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Diane Roberts (Email: Samatha576@aol.com Phone: 7202789025)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 7

Directions: Meet at the Safeway, 9229 East Lincoln Ave. Lone Tree CO 80124. From I-25 take the Lincoln exit, number 193 West. Go west almost 1 mile. The Safeway will be on your right just before Yosemite Ave. Park away from the store

Fountain Creek Nature Center/Regional Park is an El Paso County hotspot. Lakes, Fountain Creek, cattail ponds and trails will be a great place to explore for Spring arrivals. Additionally, leader will be researching any special birds in the area to include on the trip. We will start in Lone Tree Safeway and exact route will be forthcoming closer to the trip. Dress in layers. Bring water, snacks/lunch, and bug stuff/sunscreen. **Register online or contact leader.**

Long Day I-25 South

Saturday, June 9

5:45 AM - 6:00 PM

Chris Gilbert (Email: chrisgee9@gmail.com Phone: 804-214-1508)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 15

Directions: Meet at the Lowe's Parking lot Castle Rock off of Founder's Parkway.

We will meet at 5:45 AM and head down I-25 South to our first destination, Clear Spring Ranch. Probably we will lunch there. Next destination will be Fountain Library where the Mississippi Kites will cooperate. Third destination will be Kettle Lakes near the Air Force Academy. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Also sunscreen, bug spray and bins. State Parks pass not needed nor is a scope. Rating this trip as moderate because of the duration, but each trail is probably on the easy side.

Eldorado Canyon State Park

Sunday, June 10

5:15 AM - 2:00 PM

Karen Drozda (Email: drozforte@AOL.com Phone: 303-388-0891)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: Meet at the Colorado Division of Wildlife on the east side of Broadway and 58th. We will carpool from there. Please have your State Parks pass if you will be driving. Day pass is \$8.

This trip will visit not only Eldorado State Park but also Skunk Creek Confluence Trail (Boulder) Cherryvale Headquarters. This is an add-on trip with some additional locations in Boulder. The CU Boulder Skunk Creek Confluence is excellent for migrants and rarities. Closer to the date, leader will decide which location to explore first. We can expect Yellow-breasted Chats, various warblers, flycatchers, White-throated Swifts in Eldorado Canyon. The Skunk Creek Confluence Trail is unpredictable as it can still be good for lingering migrants and rarities. Bobolinks are usually found in the Cherryvale area. PLEASE: If you are on the 06/03 trip wait until the 6/10 trip is filled and sign up on the wait list. Be prepared for an all day trip with adequate food, water etc. Park pass or day pass required for Eldorado Canyon.

Cherry Creek SP Wetlands Loop (Arapahoe County)

Sunday, June 10

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Karen von Saltza & Bill Wuerthele (Email: kvonsaltza@yahoo.com Phone: 303-941-4881)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Meet at the Prairie Loop lot in Cherry Creek SP. From either park entrance, follow Lake View Rd to the Prairie Loop that is located at the south rim of the reservoir. State Parks pass or day pass required.

This is a half day of walking that passes through most of the important habitats found in the park over a distance of about 3 miles. Trails could be slippery or muddy. Bring water and snacks; lunch is optional.

Beginning birders are welcome. **Register online or contact leader.**

Elbert County

Monday, June 11

5:30 AM - 2:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 7

Directions: Meet at Safeway in Elizabeth, at 220 S. Elizabeth Drive, right off Highway 86.

We'll explore some parts of Elbert County, driving roads and seeing what we can find. We will likely focus on the pine forest areas near Elizabeth and the town of Elbert plus some riparian and open areas and we will visit an area that may have Dickcissel. Restroom opportunities will be very limited, but we will be out in the fields. **Register online or contact leader.**

Huerfano County

Tuesday, June 12

4:30 AM - 6:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 9

Directions: Meet at the Safeway, 9229 East Lincoln Ave. Lone Tree CO 80124. From I-25 take the Lincoln exit, number 193 West. Go west almost 1 mile. The Safeway will be on your right just before Yosemite Ave. Park away from the store.

This trip will visit several locations in Huerfano County, with a special goal of finding Hepatic Tanager in the Walsenburg area. We will also visit Lathrop State Park and other locations. More details available from leader as the trip approaches. **Register online or contact leader.**

Deer Creek Canyon

Wednesday, June 13

5:30 AM - 11:00 AM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meet at the Hildebrand Ranch Park, along West Deer Creek Canyon Road, about 2 miles west of South Wadsworth Blvd.

This is a short morning outing to a few spots along Deer Creek, including areas where we should encounter Ovenbirds and a nice variety of breeding species. Some birding along narrow mountain roads with some early commute traffic and a short hike possible. **Register online or contact leader.**

Bailey Nesting Area, Summit County

Thursday, June 14

5:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Paul Slingsby & Chris Blakeslee (Email: paslingsby@comcast.net Phone: 720-347-5169 mobile)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: Meet at the lower end of the Stegosaurus Park-n-Ride. From I-70, exit 259, drive south under I-70 and take the second left turn into the Park-n-Ride. We will carpool 65 miles from there to the Bailey Nesting Area. The trailhead road, about 4 miles, can be driven by most passenger cars.

The trailhead road, about 4 miles, can be driven by most passenger cars. The hike is a moderately steep 4 wheel drive road with some off-trail walking. We will walk less than 3 miles with minimal altitude gain. We hope to see mountain nesting species and will likely find nests. Moose have been seen in this area. Bring lunch and water. **Register online or contact leader.**

Upper Beaver Meadows Rocky Mountain National Park

Friday, June 15

7:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Bill Wuerthele (Email: wuerthel@ecentral.com Phone: 303-333-2519)

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: Meet at the Upper Beaver Meadows Trailhead parking area. Travel to the Beaver Meadows Entrance Station of the park on Route 36. Annual or day park pass required. To reach the trailhead, continue past the Entrance Station on Route 36 for approximately 3/4 mile and turn left on a small road signed for Upper Beaver Meadows. Continue to the end of the road and the small trailhead parking area.

This will be a loop hike of just under 5 miles with an elevation gain and loss of approximately 1000 feet. We will begin on the Deer Mountain Trail and then follow the Beaver Mountain and Ute Trails to complete the loop back to the parking area. Participants should bring appropriate clothing for the season, including rain gear, and wear shoes appropriate for hiking on a rocky trail. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, and insect repellent. The trail passes through Sagebrush/Bitterbrush meadows, Ponderosa and Lodgepole Pine forests, areas of Douglas fir, with scattered Aspen groves throughout. Possible species include N Goshawk, Williamson's and Red-naped Sapsuckers and Dusky Grouse. Carpooling to the park is recommended. **Register online or contact the leader.**

Chatfield State Park

Saturday, June 16

5:30 AM - 11:00 AM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: Meet near the east entrance to the park and the Highline Canal parking lot along Roxborough Road just before reaching the park entrance. We will carpool from there, as needed.

We will bird early along the Platte, where we will look for Least Flycatcher, American Redstart, Red-eyed Vireo, and a strong set of other riparian nesters. Then we will visit accessible lake-viewing spots to see what waterbirds are around and look for rarities. Trip details may change if construction activity in the park

restricts access. Bring hiking shoes, liquids and snacks. State Parks pass or daily entrance fee required.

Register online or contact leader.

Prospect Park (Wheat Ridge Greenbelt)

Saturday, June 16

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Jackie King (Email: jackie.king@ccd.edu Phone: 720-381-3314)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: From I-70 exit 267, take Kipling south about 3/4 mile and turn right (west) on 44th Avenue. Go one mile west. Look for the entrance to Prospect Park on your left (south). Meet just inside the park in the lot right next to Prospect Lake.

This is a trip with easy walking. It is accessible for mobility impaired individuals. Bring water and a snack. Lunch optional. Good trip for novice birders and new members. Register online or contact leader.

First Creek at Denver Open Space

Sunday, June 17

6:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Patrick O'Driscoll (Email: patodrisk@gmail.com Phone: 303-885-6955 (cell))

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: From east Denver north of I-70, go east on 56th Avenue past Peoria and Chambers toward Peña Boulevard (airport highway). About 2 blocks before Peña, parking is on left (green sign, fenced lot). Or, take I-70 to Peña Blvd. exit. Drive north toward airport and exit at 56th Ave. At bottom of ramp, turn left at stoplight and go west under Peña overpasses. Parking lot is 2 blocks ahead on right.

It's nearly the solstice and First Creek's summer residents are settling in. Our Father's Day field trip starts early (half hour past sunrise) on the Denver side. Time permitting, we will also walk Rocky Mountain Arsenal - First Creek trail (Adams County) across Buckley Road. More than 40 bird species have been recorded here in past mid-Junes. Expect kingbirds, orioles, maybe grosbeaks, and the usual compliment of raptors, woodpeckers, warblers, and other songbirds, Plains sparrows, and perhaps waders and shorebirds. Bring a hat, snacks, and plenty of water. Reminder: No restrooms at this location (secluded trees/bushes optional). Closest public facilities are at King Soopers off Tower Road at Green Valley Ranch (about 2 miles SE). **Register online or contact leader.**

Northeastern Colorado

Monday, June 18 - Tuesday, June 19

4:30 AM - 7:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: Meet at the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office in Denver, 6060 N Broadway. Exit I-25 at 58th Ave, go west 2 blocks to Broadway, then north 2 blocks to parking lot on right.

This is a 2-day trip exploring some of the best locations in far northeastern Colorado. Day 1 will include Tamarack SWA, Jumbo Reservoir, Red Lion, and vicinity. Day 2 may revisit some of the areas of the day before, or may go south to Wray or the former Bonny Reservoir SP. This is a great time for regional specialties such as Upland Sandpiper, Northern Cardinal, Bell's Vireo, Field Sparrow, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, and much more. Rarities are possible. Overnight on June 18 at Sterling. More detailed itinerary available as trip

approaches. Participants are responsible for making arrangements for lodging and, hopefully, working out carpool plans in advance. Expect long days of birding, hot weather and some significant driving. **Register online or contact leader.**

Genesee Park (Denver Mountain Parks)

Saturday, June 23

6:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Karen Drozda (Email: drozforte@AOL.com Phone: 303-388-0891)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 11

Directions: Meet at the Stegosaurus parking lot just south of I-70, exit 259. Drive under the freeway to the second left turn. The parking lot is at the base of the Hogback, near the Hawk Watch location.

Our goal will be Williamson's Sapsucker. Enjoy beautiful mountain park with species such as Western Bluebird, Plumbeous Vireo, Cordilleran Flycatcher, Western Wood-Pewee, Western Tanager, and Red Crossbill nests with young. Relaxed pace, unpaved trails, restrooms available. Bring binoculars, snacks, and water.

Register online or contact leader.

Denver City Park (Denver County)

Sunday, June 24

6:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Patrick O'Driscoll (Email: patodrisk@gmail.com Phone: 303-885-6955 (cell))

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Meet at parking strip on north side of Ferril Lake. Directions: Enter park from Colorado Blvd. Northbound turns left onto 22nd Ave. past Museum of Nature & Science; southbound turns right onto 22nd at police station. Go past museum parking until road curves toward zoo. Take immediate left at "To Pavilion Bandstand" sign and go 300 yards down to corner with tall spruce trees, where lake comes into view. Park diagonally on left beneath spruces.

The first weekend of summer will see the colonial waterbird colonies in Duck Lake (cormorants) and Ferril Lake (egrets and herons) at their peak. Great photo-ops! We'll walk the park end to end to check for summer regulars (woodpeckers, songbirds, hawks and jays) as well as irregulars (bushtits, flycatchers, maybe even a stray oriole). Three dozen species or more is possible. Bring a hat, snacks and plenty of water. **Register online or contact leader.**

Rocky Mountain National Park (Larimer County)

Sunday, June 24

8:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Candice Johnson & Mary Cay Burger (Email: candice.johnson@childrenscolorado.org Phone: 303-329-8131)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: Meet at the RMNP Visitor Center parking lot east of the RMNP Beaver Meadows entrance station on U.S. 36.

This will be a 3/4 day trip to Rocky Mountain NP depending on weather and birds. We will consolidate to 4 cars. You need a park pass or plan to ride with someone who has one. Bring lunch and clothes for changeable, windy weather. Easy to moderate hiking, including on the tundra. Possible birds are White-tailed Ptarmigan, Mountain Bluebird, MacGillivray's Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow, flycatchers, woodpeckers - possible Williamson's Sapsucker. **Register online or contact leader.**

Western Colorado

Monday, June 25 - Thursday, June 28

6:00 AM - 6:00 PM

David Suddjian (Email: dsuddjian@gmail.com Phone: 831-713-8659)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: The leader will notify participants of the exact meeting places and times planned for each day. On the first day we will rendezvous early in the day near Dillon or Vail.

This four day trip will take a broad loop through spectacular western Colorado seeking a wide variety of western and mountain species as we sample many areas and habitats. The itinerary is being developed but presently is: Day 1 - Eagle County with local expert guest leader Joann Riggle, then birding west to Grand Junction; Day 2 - Uncompahgre Plateau; Day 3 - Uncompahgre Plateau, Nucla, Ouray; Day 4 - Gunnison County or Delta County. Target species include Dusky Grouse, Grace's Warbler, Evening Grosbeak, Flammulated Owl, Lesser Nighthawk, Black Swift, Pine Grosbeak, Purple Martin, maybe Gunnison Sage-Grouse and much more! Meeting details for Day 1 and subsequent days will be announced. This trip will combine camping and hotel lodging, with options for either on most nights. The second night is planned to be camping only. Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for hotels, and providing their own camping gear. Campgrounds on the second night will be basic Forest Service campgrounds without special amenities. Contact the leader for details before making reservations. These days will be adventurous, full days of early summer birding with some long driving distances, and probably some short to moderate walks. Owling is planned for one or two nights. Bring warm weather gear, sunscreen, bug repellent, food, and water. Options for joining shorter portions of the trip are possible. **Register online or contact leader.**

Golden Gate Canyon State Park

Wednesday, June 27

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Mark Amershek (Email: mamershek@msn.com Phone: 303-329-8646)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 11

Directions: From Denver take Highway 93 on the west side of Golden. Just north of Golden, at a traffic light, go West on State Highway 46 (Golden Gate Canyon Road). Immediately, turn left into the parking lot on the south side of the road.

We will make short hikes, but they may be steep in places. Bring snacks, lunch, and insect repellent/sunscreen. Birding after lunch optional for those wanting to continue, depending on the weather.

Register online or contact leader.

Stanton State Park (Jefferson County)

Saturday, June 30

6:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Rebecca Laroche (Email: RebeccaLLaroche@gmail.com Phone: 626-318-4435)

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Take U.S. Highway 285 south to Shaffers Crossing, about 6 miles west of Conifer. Turn north on Elk Creek Road and follow the signs 1.5 miles to the park entrance. State Parks pass or day pass required.

Staunton State Park offers a diversity of conifer forests and riparian habitats. We will hike about 5-7 miles, part of which will require some steep uphill. Meet on the road just outside the gate which opens at 7 AM. We will go immediately to the Group Picnic Area which provides parking just past the entrance station. Bring raincoat, water, snacks, lunch, hat, sunscreen, and bug spray. **Register online or contact leader.**