

## *Upcoming DFO Field Trips*

### **Ken Caryl Valley Area**

**Friday, July 20**

**7:00 PM - 9:30 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

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.

Details: Following a short stop to view hummingbird feeders (good chance for Calliope), this evening trip will have a rare opportunity to view a poorwill nest (adult incubating 7/16), and we will probably try to encounter calling and foraging poorwills after sunset. 1-2 miles of hiking on mostly gentle slopes.

### **South Platte River Reservoir and River Trail**

**Saturday, July 21**

**6:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

Amber Carver (Email: caramb22@gmail.com Phone: 310-483-5721)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Directions: Meet at parking lot adjoining the South Platte Reservoir. The reservoir is just north of Chatfield off of C-470. Take C-470 to the Wadsworth Blvd exit and turn north onto Wadsworth. Turn right (east) on West Chatfield Avenue and follow the road for 1.5 miles. Make a sharp turn right at the sign that says South Platte Reservoir and follow the access road around to the parking lot.

This will be an easy morning stroll around the ponds at South Platte Park. We will bird the ponds between South Platte Reservoir and the South Platte River south of Mineral Avenue and we will bird a short distance along the river. Possible avifauna include waterbirds, marsh birds, and species associated with riparian habitat. The trip includes an approximate walking distance of 3 miles on easy trails. We will begin and end at the last parking lot on South Platte Reservoir Access Road. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Prospect Park (Wheat Ridge Greenbelt)**

**Sunday, July 22**

**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Kevin Corwin (Email: KevyGudGuy@aol.com Phone: 720-482-8454)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 12

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.

Prospect Park, along the Wheatridge Greenbelt, includes fine riparian habitat along Clear Creek, some lakes and marshes. In any season there are a great variety of birds and often some surprises. This will be a walk of about 3 miles, along both paved and dirt paths. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Southwestern Metro Area**

**Monday, July 23**

**5:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meet at West Deer Creek Canyon Road near Wadsworth. From C-470 go south on Wadsworth, turn right on Deer Creek Canyon Road and park on the north side of Deer Creek Canyon Road.

We will visit a few places, probably including Ken Caryl Valley, Waterton Canyon, and Chatfield. Plan for a few miles of walking. Bring light hiking shoes, water and snacks. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Southeastern Colorado**

**Tuesday, July 24**

**5:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meet at the Safeway on Lincoln Avenue and Yosemite (1 mile west of I-25 on the north side of Lincoln), Lone Tree, CO.

This trip will seek early migrant shorebirds and hope for unusual summer terns and herons and others. This is a good time for something unusual. Crowley and Kiowa County reservoirs will likely be our focus, as well as spots for summer landbirds. Chihuahuan Raven expected. Plan for hot weather, and long drives. Bring all the food and drink you will need for a full day's birding. We will carpool from the meeting spot. Register online or contact leader.

### **Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat/Sawhill (Boulder County)**

**Saturday, July 28**

**7:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Paula Hansley (Email: plhansley@gmail.com Phone: 720-890-2628)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: From northbound U.S. 36, take Foothill Parkway exit. Go north 2 miles to Arapahoe Ave, then east to 75th St. Go north on 75th St past Valmont Rd and railroad tracks. Turn left at Wildlife Habitat sign. Follow road west and south to Cottonwood Marsh parking lot.

The trip will involve walking 1-3 miles with some uphill through brush on a rugged trail. We'll see primarily breeding birds with possible early shorebird migrants. Bring binoculars, snacks, and water. Bring a scope if you have one. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Denver City Park (Denver County)**

**Sunday, July 29**

**6:15 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.

Because . . . why not? July-August may be the doldrums anywhere but the mountains, but a just-after-sunrise start before it gets hot (or stormy) may reveal unexpected birds in the middle of town. Cormorant, egret, and heron colonies are beginning to thin out after the mobs of spring and summer, but the park can still surprise. We'll walk 3-4 miles, end to end and back again. Bring water, a hat, snacks, and a capacity for wonder.

**Register online or contact leader.**

#### **Mt. Evans area (Jefferson and Clear Creek Co)**

**Sunday, July 29**

**7:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 12

Directions: Meet at Fillius Park shelter house. Take I-70 west to exit 252 to Evergreen Parkway (Hwy 74). Go 2.5 miles to the first traffic light and turn right into Fillius Park. We will arrange carpools for the 10-mile drive toward Mt. Evans.

We will drive up Mt Evans as high as 14,000 feet. In this very diverse habitat of spruce, fir, and aspen, we will look for Pine Grosbeak, Brown-capped Rosy-Finch, ptarmigan, and sapsuckers. We will explore around Echo Lake. Please prepare for an all-day mountain trip with appropriate clothing. Pack lunch, snacks, and water. **Register online or contact leader.**

#### **Mt. Falcon Park (Jefferson County)**

**Wednesday, August 1**

**6:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 7

Directions: Meet at upper parking lot of west side of Mount Falcon Park. From C-470 and U.S. 285 South, turn right at the Indian Hills exit to Parmalee Gulch Road. Follow Parmalee Gulch Road for approximately 2.5 miles to Picutis Road, turn right at Picutis, then follow the signs for Mt. Falcon to the upper parking area.

We will explore ponderosa pine woodlands for the end of the nesting season at this beautiful Jefferson County Open Space. Possible birds are Flycatchers, Dusky Grouse, Plumbeous Vireo, Mountain and Western Bluebird, Pygmy Nuthatch, and Western Tanager. A hat, sunscreen, bug spray, water, and binoculars make for more comfortable trip. Plan on approximately a 4 mile hike with a few inclines. There are restrooms & picnic tables for a post trip lunch. If you should have a schedule conflict, please be sure to remove your name from the trip on the DFO website. **Register online or contact leader.**

#### **Ken Caryl Valley Area**

**Saturday, August 4**

**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 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.**

### **Green Mountain Falls-town and lower elevation trails**

**Sunday, August 5**

**5:15 AM - 1:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 9

Directions: Meet at Lowe's in Castle Rock near the outlet stores.. I-25 south, exit at Founders/Meadows Pkwy (exit 184), turn right (west), then right on Santa Fe Dr (Hwy 85), then right on New Beale St. Exact address 1360 New Beale St, Castle Rock, CO 80108

We will meet and carpool to **Green Mountain Falls** (about one hour drive from meeting spot). Hike will be **4-mile** round trip with some elevation gain. We will see waterfalls and great scenery. Typical mountain birds like Steller's Jay and Evening Grosbeak are expected. Band-Tailed Pigeons are a possibility. Bring snacks, plenty of water, and a sack lunch; be weather savvy. Binoculars a must. Cameras are encouraged. Scopes are welcome but you will need to carry it 4 miles. This trip is on the more strenuous side of moderate. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **First Creek at RM Arsenal**

**Sunday, August 5**

**6:15 AM - 11:00 AM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: From East Denver take 56th Ave east toward Pena Blvd. First Creek parking lot is just before Pena on your left (north). Or take I-70 east to Pena Blvd. Drive north to 56th Ave Exit. Turn left at the light and at the bottom of the off ramp, pass under the highway and turn right, almost immediately, into the First Creek parking lot.

We'll probably bird First Creek on both sides of Buckley Road, the Adams/Denver county dividing line. But we'll start on this still-new trail into the far east side of Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR. Expect resident prairie grassland and cottonwood forest species along the creek, which leads to a cattail-lined pond and trees where hawks, owls and the occasional eagle hang out. After looping around that side, we'll catch the grassland-and-trees area north of the creek on the Denver side before walking east and upstream (time permitting) in First Creek @ DEN Open Space. Expect the unexpected -- early migrants going south, waterfowl in the creek, raptors in the skies. Dress for the weather, bring water and a hat, and expect to walk 3-4 miles on level gravel and paved trail. "Go before you go" at the King Soopers restrooms at 49th and Tower Road. Register online or contact the leader.

### **Ken Caryl Valley Area**

**Monday, August 6**

**6:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

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.

A short morning trip to visit 2-3 spots, including feeders which might host 4 species of hummers. Possible 2 miles of walking over mostly easy terrain, with some uphill and single track trails. Bring light hiking shoes, water and snacks. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Southeastern Colorado**

**Tuesday, August 7**

**5:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 9

Directions: Meet at the Safeway on Lincoln Avenue and Yosemite (1 mile west of I-25 on the north side of Lincoln), Lone Tree, CO.

This will be a full Tuesday outing to one or a few SE counties. We will focus on migrant shorebirds and other waterbirds, and this is a good time to hope for an unusual summer dispersant. Plan for hot weather and some long drives. Bring scopes, lunch and drinks. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Catamount Trail (Green Mountain Trail to Catamount Reservoir)**

**Saturday, August 11**

**5:15 AM - 1:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 9

Directions: Meet at Lowe's in Castle Rock near the outlet stores.. I-25 south, exit at Founders/Meadows Pkwy (exit 184), turn right (west), then right on Santa Fe Dr (Hwy 85), then right on New Beale St. Exact address 1360 New Beale St, Castle Rock, CO 80108

We will meet and carpool to Green Mountain Falls (about one hour drive from meeting spot). Hike will be **6-mile** round trip with some elevation gain via switchbacks at the start. We will see waterfalls and great scenery. Typical mountain birds like Steller's Jay and Evening Grosbeak are expected with Band-Tailed Pigeons a possibility. Bring snacks, plenty of water, and a sack lunch; be weather savvy. Binoculars a must. Cameras are encouraged. Scopes are welcome but you will need to carry it 6 miles. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Denver City Park (Denver County)**

**Saturday, August 11**

**6:15 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 best urban birding spot west of New York's Central Park? Your leader thinks so. Come find out. There will be lingering colonial waterbirds at the Duck Lake and Ferril Lake island rookeries -- cormorants for sure, and maybe a few herons and egrets. But City Park is also home to Red-tailed and Cooper's hawks, woodpeckers, waterfowl, songbirds, corvids and, on any given day, a surprise guest or two. Could be a sapsucker, maybe a thrush, or how about an early migrant heading south? Last summer a lark bunting dropped by. You never know. Dress for the weather. Bring a hat and water. **Register online or contact leader.**

#### **Cherry Creek SP Wetlands Loop (Arapahoe County)**

**Sunday, August 12**

**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.**

#### **Colorado Eastern Prairie**

**Monday, August 13**

**4:30 AM - 7:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meet near Bennet off I-70 at the south side of the King Sooper's parking lot. Take I-70 east to the Bennet Exit and go north. Turn left on West Market Place Drive, and then right into the King's Sooper's lot.

This full day trip will explore out to the eastern border of Colorado, possibly visiting counties such as Yuma, Kit Carson, Cheyenne or Lincoln. We will target areas that attract migrants, hoping for something unusual. This is a great time for migrant grassland birds, early migrants, and hopefully eastern specialties and rare birds. Plan to carpool from the meeting spot. Bring lunch and liquids, Long drives and hot weather. **Register online or contact leader.**

#### **Lair o' the Bear Park (Jefferson County)**

**Wednesday, August 15**

**6:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 7

Directions: Hwy 285 So/West or C-470 to Morrison (Hwy 74), continue through Morrison and westward past Idledale and a few more miles up the highway. Entrance is on the left. Watch speed through Morrison and Idledale.

Lair O' Bear is a mountain riparian ecosystem consisting of willow carr and a nice variety of trees. Bear Creek stream runs along the parking & picnic area. American Dippers are usually in the stream or on the rocks. We will hike 3-4 miles with some elevation increase. We can have lunch after the hike and enjoy this gem in the Jefferson County Open Space. So be ready for fun, hiking, sun, bugs and lunch. Should you have a change in

plans, please remove yourself from the trip on the DFO website. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Northeastern Colorado**

**Saturday, August 18 - Sunday, August 19**

**7:00 AM - 5:30 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

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 an overnight trip focusing on fall shorebird and early passerine migrants. Reserve lodging in advance at Quality Inn & Suites in Sterling, CO. Leader will send details. We'll bird Lower Latham, Loloff, and Jackson Lake on Saturday; Tamarack, Red Lion, Jumbo and Prewitt on Sunday. Route subject to change. Strenuous due to long drives. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Parker Jordan Centennial Open Space**

**Saturday, August 18**

**7:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

Cynthia Madsen & David Hill (Email: cmadsen08@gmail.com Phone: 303-770-6534)

Trail Difficulty: Easy

Maximum Participants: 10

Directions: (1) Go south on Parker Rd/CO 83 to E Broncos Pkwy, but DO NOT turn at the light. Continue about 100 yds south of the light at E Broncos Pkwy and turn right onto a dirt road (mile marker 64). Continue west into the Tagawa Garden Center parking lot. Follow the parking lot to the west exit. Before you reach E Broncos Pkwy, take a short road to your left to parking lot where we will meet. OR (2) From I-25, take Exit 197 east onto S Arapahoe Rd for ~3.5 miles to S Jordan Rd and then south to E Broncos Pkwy. Follow E Broncos Pkwy east for ~0.5 miles. Just after crossing over Cherry Creek and Trail, there is a short road on the right just before you reach Tagawa Garden Center. Turn right onto that road and turn right into the parking lot.

This will be an easy walk of 2.6 miles over flat terrain enjoying the birds of riparian habitat along Cherry Creek. Bring binoculars, water, snacks. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Plainview Rd/Wondervu/ and parts of Gilpin County**

**Sunday, August 19**

**7:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

Colleen Nunn & Mary Fran O'Connor (Email: cunn6789@gmail.com Phone: 303-520-7496)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 9

Directions: Meet at CO-72 (Coal Creek Canyon Road) and Plainview Road. From Golden go north on CO-93 for 13 miles and then turn west on CO-72. Go 1.7 miles west on 72 and turn right on Plainview Road. We will carpool from this parking lot.

We will bird the Plainview Rd. area of Coal Creek Open Space to see what's out and about. Dickcissel and Grasshopper Sparrow are possibilities. When finished there, we will carpool west on CO-72 and stop at Wondervu, which last September offered a Band-Tailed Pigeon family. When finished there, we will go further west up to the Peak to Peak Highway and turn north. Depending on what has been seen lately in the direction of Eldora, Nederland, Ward and Brainard Lake, and, depending on group desires and weather and time, we will

aim to visit one or two of these latter-named places. **Register online or contact leader.**

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**4:30 AM - 7:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Meet near Bennet off I-70 at the south side of the King Sooper's parking lot. Take I-70 east to the Bennet Exit and go north. Turn left on West Market Place Drive, and then right into the King's Sooper's lot.

This full day trip will explore out to the eastern border of Colorado, probably focusing on the NE areas of Phillips, Sedgwick, or Yuma counties. Plan for long drives and hot weather, but hopefully a nice variety of migrants, something unusual, and an eastern specialty or two. Be ready for sparrows! Plan to carpool from the meeting spot. Bring lunch and liquids, **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Reynolds Park and Pine Valley Ranch (Jefferson County)**

**Tuesday, August 21**

**7:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 11

Directions: From Hwy 73 in Conifer, CO, travel south on US-285 S for 0.3 miles, slightly right onto Kennedy Gulch Rd for 0.1 mi. Take the first left toward S Foxtan Rd. Turn left onto S Foxtan Rd (Hwy 97) for 5.6 mi to Reynolds Park at 14070 S Foxtan Rd, Conifer, CO 80433.

We'll bird Tuesday morning at Reynolds Open Space, then drive to Pine Valley Ranch for lunch and more birding in the afternoon. Certain parts of the trails are narrow and steep and can be difficult walking, especially at Reynolds. Total walking is about 5 miles for both locations. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **Washington County**

**Wednesday, August 22**

**5:00 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 full day of exploring the ins and outs of Washington County at a great time for migrant shorebirds and landbirds. We can hope for a wide variety and something rare or unexpected. Prewitt Reservoir is just one major stop on a varied and interesting possible itinerary. We will carpool from the meeting place. Bring lunch and liquids and be ready for hot weather. Strenuous for long day and long drives. **Register online or contact leader.**

### **San Luis Valley Explorations: The Northern Valley**

**Thursday, August 23 - Friday, August 24**

#### **4:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Those on the trip will stay in Salida the evening before for an early start and may elect for a short extension trip in the Salida area. In ample time before the trip, the leaders will notify participants of the Salida rendezvous-point.

Come explore this hidden gem of South-Central Colorado. Nestled between the San Juans and the Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges, the San Luis is a mountain valley the size of Connecticut, impossible to appreciate in just one trip. This half of the adventure will be exploring the northern part, from Salida to the southern points of Saguache county. Those on the trip will stay in Salida the evening before for an early start the next morning. Participants should bring water, food (though dinner will be at a local restaurant the evening before), sunscreen, hats, bug repellent, binoculars and scopes (if available). **Register online or contact one of the leaders.**

#### **Rocky Mountain Arsenal NWR**

**Saturday, August 25**

**7:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Directions: Meet at the Arsenal Visitors Center, 6550 Gateway Rd, Commerce City, CO. General directions: On I-70 east, take exit 278, turn left onto Quebec St, turn right onto E 64th Ave, turn left onto Trenton St, continue onto Gateway Rd to Visitor Center.

We hope to see shorebird migrants and many waterfowl and raptors. Be prepared to carpool because parking is limited at the lakes. Bison and deer will likely be seen. Good for beginning birders. **Register online or contact leader.**

#### **High Line Canal Trail -- West Arapahoe County**

**Sunday, August 26**

**6:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Jared Del Rosso (Email: jared.delrosso@gmail.com Phone: 617-275-6252)

Trail Difficulty: Moderate

Maximum Participants: 6

Directions: Meet near the pavilion (Shelter C) behind the Goodson Recreation Center at deKoevend park. From S. University Blvd in Centennial turn west onto Goodson Rec Center Drive and follow the road to the parking lot behind the recreation center. We'll carpool to one or more locations along the High Line Canal Trail in the west Arapahoe County area (Littleton, Centennial, Greenwood Village, and/or Cherry Hills Village).

In west Arapahoe County, the High Line Canal Trail meanders around ponds, creeks, marshes, and open fields. These bodies of water and the riparian corridor along the canal itself provide rich habitat for local breeders, spring and fall migrants, and winter visitors. Specific birding locations will be chosen on the day of the trip, depending on what's around. Potential sites include Three Ponds Park, Blackmer Lake, Marjorie Perry Nature Preserve, deKoevend Park, Writer's Vista Park, and anywhere on the canal between Littleton and Cherry Hills Village. Trip details will vary by location. Plan for 3-5 miles of mostly flat walking with occasional jaunts off the trail through potentially damp fields. Most, though not all, locations have portable toilets. Some also have water fountains. **Register online or contact leader.**

**Southeastern Colorado**

**Monday, August 27 - Tuesday, August 28**

**7:00 AM - 12:07 PM**

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

Trail Difficulty: Strenuous

Maximum Participants: 8

Directions: Directions (to be added): Denver area meeting location to be announced the week before the trip.

This will be **two-day trip** with an overnight in the Lamar area. Two full days of birding to sample a variety of great sites in the region including Otero, Crowley, Bent, Kiowa, Prowers, and Baca counties. Lots of possibilities for shorebirds, herons, terns, migrant landbirds, eastern species, and more. Plan for long drives and hot weather. More details will be provided in the weeks before the trip. The 7 am meeting time refers to the time we will meet up near Rocky Ford, so plan for a 5 am departure from Denver. Participants are responsible for lodging (camping is a possibility) and food. **Register online or contact leader.**