

YUKON BIRD CLUB

Field Trips & Events – 2022

All are welcome!

For info email yukonbirdclub@yukonbirds.ca

#learntobird – outings for beginner birdwatchers!



(30 April, 2022 revision)

Spring

Sun 24 April: **Bird Banding 101!** Meet at 1 pm at Swan Haven, Marsh Lake--a Yukon Environment event (1.5 hours). Join the banding experts from the Society of Yukon Bird Observatories, who will talk about their banding projects and, weather permitting, demonstrate banding techniques. *#learntobird*

Mon 25 April: **Quartz Road wetlands** *#learntobird* with Jim Hawkings. Optional social event following. Meet at Boston Pizza Parking lot at 5:30 pm. (1.5 hrs)

Mon 2 May: **Quartz Road wetlands** migration with Jim Hawkings. Optional social event following. Meet at Boston Pizza Parking lot at 5:30 pm (1.5 hours). A wonderful outing for new birders.

Friday 6 May: Carcross – The annual **Dusky Grouse Nares Mtn hike** with Joel Luet. Meet at the gazebo opposite Montana Services 6:30pm. Dress for cool weather and wear sturdy footwear. (3 hrs)

Fri/Sun 6-8 May: Faro – Birding the **Crane and Sheep Festival**. View thousands of migrant cranes over the birding paradise of Faro. Meet at the Campbell Regional Interpretive Centre for information and events.

Sun 8 May – Enjoy a **bird walk around Nares Lake and Carcross** with Dan Patterson and Jim Hawkings. Meet 10am at the gazebo opposite Montana Services. (2.5 hrs)

Mon 9 May – **Quartz Road wetlands** with Jim Hawkings. Optional social event following. Meet at Boston Pizza Parking lot 5:30 pm (1.5 hrs). *#learntobird*

Tue 10 May: Explore the **bird rich Yukon Wildlife Preserve** with Jake Paleczny and friends. Meet 5:45 pm. Entrance fee \$12 for non-members of the Wildlife Preserve (2 hrs). *#learntobird*

Wed 11 May: Haines Junction -- **Spring migration at the scenic lagoons!** Meet at 6 pm at the entrance to the sewage lagoons (additional parking across the highway by the landfill). Contact leader Julie Bauer at 336-0688 if you

have any questions. Bring binoculars, and a scope if you have one (2 hours). *#learntobird*

Sat 14 May: **The shorebirds of Swan Haven** (an Environment Yukon event). Meet at 10 am at Swan Haven, Marsh Lake (1.5 hours). The shores of Swan Haven boast much more than swans: sandpipers and snipes, yellowlegs and godwits! Expert birder Jukka Jantunen will sort it all out during a short walk and talk. Rubber boots are recommended.

Sun 15 May: Tagish – **Early spring migrants** with Shyloh van Delft. Meet at Tagish Bridge rest area at 1pm. (2 hrs) *#learntobird*

Sun 15 May: Burwash Landing – Learn about the **Dagay (swans)** of Jedalj on a walk with a Kluane First Nation Elder. Bring lunch, warm layers, and rubber boots are a must! Meet at the Kluane Museum of History in Burwash Landing 12pm (4 hrs). Contact the Yukon Wildlife Viewing Program (wildlife.viewing@yukon.ca) to learn more about this remote, day-long adventure which is part of the annual Celebration of Swans.

Mon 16 May: A **family-friendly** *#learntobird* bird walk at Quartz Road wetlands with Jim Hawkings. Optional social event following. Meet at Boston Pizza Parking lot at 5:30 pm. (1.5 hrs)

Thurs 19 May. **Judas Creek Migration Spectacular** with Jim Hawkings. Meet at the SS Klondike at 5:30pm, or Marsh Lake Community Centre at 6:15pm. (3.5 hrs)

Sat 21 May: Dawson – **Spring birds of the Klondike** with Greg Brunner & Cynthia Hunt. Meet at Henderson's Corner west entrance at 8am. (2 hrs)

Sun 22 May: **Birding the Takhini Salt Ponds** with Shyloh van Delft. Meet at the corner of the Alaska Hwy & Elk Road at 10am. (1.5 hrs) *#learntobird*

Mon 23 May: **Peak migration** at Quartz Road wetlands with Jim Hawkings. Optional social event following. Meet at Boston Pizza Parking lot at 5:30 pm. (1.5 hours)

Thurs 26 May: Birds of the **Millennium Trail** with Jenny Trapnell. Meet at the Whitehorse Fish Ladder 6:00pm. Wheelchair accessible. (2 hrs) *#learntobird*

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The Helmut Grünberg –

Yukon Birdathon!

Friday-Saturday, May 27-28 (5pm to 5pm)

Sharing the passion – a conservation fundraiser! For more info: <https://yukonbirds.ca/birdathon/>

Sat 28 May: Mayo – **A spring bird walk** with Mark O'Donoghue. Meet at 5-Mile Lake campground at 8:30am. (3 hrs)

Sun 29 May: McIntyre Creek **Birdsong Workshop** & eBird primer with Pam Sinclair. Meet at the Porter Creek Super A at 7:30am. (3 hrs) *#learntobird*

Mon 30 May: **Late Spring** at Quartz Road wetlands. Another family-friendly bird walk with Jim Hawkings. Optional social event following. Meet at Boston Pizza Parking lot at 5:30 pm. (1.5 hrs)

Special Event! Fri-Sun 3-5 June: **Tombstone Weekend on the Wing!** Hosted by Friends of Dempster Country & Yukon Parks at Tombstone Campground (km 71, Dempster Hwy). A great chance to see northern specialties – Surfbird, Long-tailed Jaeger, Smith's Longspur, and Northern Wheatear. For more info email tombstonecentre@gmail.com

Mon 6 June: **Quartz Road Wetlands again!** with Jim Hawkings. Meet at Boston Pizza Parking lot at 5:30 pm. Optional social event following. (1.5 hours) (2 hrs) *#learntobird*

Tues 7 June: **Explore the forest and ponds along McIntyre Creek** near Yukon University with Katie

Aitken. Some steep hill climbing. Meet at student parking lot 6:30pm. (2 hrs) *#learntobird*

Thu 9 June: An **evening walk** to see breeding birds in Cowley Creek wetlands adjacent to Spruce Hill subdivision with Clive Osborne. Meet at 33 Engelmann Drive in Spruce Hill at 5:30 pm (3 hrs).

Mon 13 June: **more birding** at Quartz Road wetlands with Jim Hawkings. Optional social event following. Meet at Boston Pizza Parking lot at 5:30 pm. (1.5 hrs) *#learntobird*

Tue 14 June: **Explore summer birds** of the Yukon Wildlife Preserve with Jake Paleczny and friends. Meet at 10:45am. (2 hrs) \$12 entrance fee for non-YWP members. *#learntobird*

Tue 21 June: Dawson – **Solstice birding in Dawson City** with Sebastian Jones. Meet at the SS Keno at 6pm. (2 hrs)

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Summer

Sun 24 July: **Baby birds abound** at Versluce Meadows with Pam Sinclair. Ducks, grebes, swallows, warblers, and more! Meet at the Porter Creek Super A at 9:00 am.

Sun 31 July: **Dragonflies of Hidden Lakes** with Syd Cannings. Dragonflies, birds, and biodiversity! Meet at the SS Klondike at 1pm. Wear rubber boots, or water shoes. (2.5 hrs)

Fall

Sat 6 August: **Fall birding** at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve with Jake Paleczny and friends. Meet at 10:45am. (2 hrs) \$12 entrance fee. *#learntobird*

Sun 18 September: **Fall migration at Teslin Lake**. See up close how birds are banded.....and what's flying by. Visit the Teslin Lake Bird Observatory, operated by the Society of Yukon Bird Observatories. Meet at Teslin Lake Campground at 8am.

Wed 23 November: **What's on the river?** A lunch-time stroll across the Rotary Centennial foot-bridge with Jim Hawkings and friends. Meet at the Fish Ladder at 12 pm. Dress warmly! (1 hr)

Winter

14 December to 5 January. **Yukon Christmas Bird Counts!** All are welcome – beginners, feeder-watchers, and seasoned field birders! Be part of a North American-wide bird monitoring and conservation program. To organize a count in your community email yukonbirdclub@yukonbirds.ca

Come birding with the

Yukon Bird Club!

- ✓ **Field trips & events throughout the Yukon**
- ✓ **Informative newsletter – *Yukon Warbler***
- ✓ **Twitter – yukonbirds**

For more information or to join contact; Yukon Bird Club, 4061-4th Avenue, Whitehorse, YT, Y1A 1H1. Email: yukonbirdclub@yukonbirds.ca Web: www.yukonbirds.ca

Yukon Bird Club field trips & events are free, and visitors and non-members are welcome!

