



## April

- 20 Beyond Backyard Birding (Thursday 6:30-9:30 p.m.)** These evening trips are especially for backyard birders looking to grow their skills! Come to have your bird questions answered and get help identifying all of those small streaky brown birds, as we visit both prairie and woodland habitat. We may even hear some owls as dusk falls. Meet at Picnic Point parking lot. This trip is limited to 20 people—registration is required! Please contact Carolyn to reserve your spot. Leaders: Carolyn and BJ Byers, carolyn.byers@madisonaudubon.org
- 23 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.) See box.
- 28 Beyond Backyard Birding** (Friday 6:00-9:00 p.m.) See April 20 listing for details.
- 30 Frautschi Point Spring Wildflower Walk** (Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-noon) Explore Frautschi Point and adjacent areas for spring ephemerals and other tender new growth. Identify wood phlox, violet, bloodroot, and more. This is a family-friendly hike. Meet at Frautschi Point parking lot. Leader: Glenda Denniston, 231-1530, denniston@wisc.edu

## May

- 2,3 Wildlife Action Photography Workshop** (Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 a.m.) Expert nature photographer Arlene Koziol puts on an outdoor workshop to help you get started with the basics of wildlife action photography. This is a two-part class and you must attend both sessions. The group will meet at Vilas Zoo entrance (picnic tables) on Tuesday and at the Willow Creek Bridge on Wednesday. Registration is limited to 6 people and a good-quality camera is necessary. Please contact Arlene to reserve your place and for more details. Leader: Arlene Koziol, 847-525-4405, arlenekoziol@mac.com
- 10 Warblers of Frautschi Point** (Wednesday, 7:30-9:30 a.m.) We will focus on seeing warblers through the leafy foliage and will look for other spring migrants. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Meet at the Frautschi Point parking lot on Lake Mendota Drive. Leader: Roma Lenehan, 238-5406, rlenehan@charter.net
- 28 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.) See box.

## June

- 13 Lake Mendota Boat Trip** (Tuesday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.; weather date: Thursday, June 15) Learn about Lake Mendota and the shoreline of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve from a different perspective aboard LIMNOS, the research vessel operated by the UW Center for Limnology. Group size is limited to 12. Please contact John to reserve your place. Meet at Hasler Limnology Laboratory one block west of Memorial Union. Leader: John Magnuson, john.magnuson@wisc.edu
- 25 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.) See box.

## July

- 8 Restoration Ecology in the Eagle Heights Woods** (Saturday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.) Get a behind-the-scenes look at efforts to restore the biological health of this oak forest and woodlands. This project has been funded by the Friends. Park along Wood Lane and meet at the Shady Lane trailhead. Leader: Adam Gundlach, 220-3482, adam.gundlach@wisc.edu
- 16 Native Pollinators in the Preserve** (Sunday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.) Join us in searching for bees and other pollinators in the Preserve while learning about diversity, lifestyles, and the importance of these wonderful insects. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot. Leader: Susan Carpenter, 886-7504, susan.carpenter@wisc.edu
- 23 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.) See box.

## August

- 5 Pretty Things with Wings** (Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-noon). Join in a search for butterflies, dragonflies, and an occasional bird. Bring your binoculars. Co-sponsored with the Madison Audubon Society and the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot. Leader: Edgar Spalding, 265-5294, spalding@wisc.edu
- 27 Birding and Nature Walk** (Sunday, 1:30-3:00 p.m.) See box.

**4th SUNDAYS— Bird and nature walks, (1:30-3:00 p.m.)** Bring your binoculars and camera and explore the varied ecosystems and wildlife of the Preserve on a walk with Master Naturalist Paul Noeldner. Meet at the Picnic Point parking lot. See the website for more details. Leader: Paul Noeldner, 698-0104, paul\_noeldner@hotmail.com.