



6th Annual


Burke County Birding Festival

at Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge

Schedule of Events

Friday, June 10, 2011



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.
6:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Birding Basics <i>Group size is limited Register early</i>	If you are a beginner, or want to review the basics, this session will provide instruction on how to identify birds, use a field guide, and get the most out of your binoculars. Birding will be done around the headquarters, within easy walking distance, maximizing the time spent birding for 4 hours. Field guides and binoculars will be available for loan. This is your chance to get hints from an expert.
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Safari Style Guided Tour <i>Tour group size is limited Register early</i>	This shorter (2 1/2 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 furnished by: 
10:45 AM - Noon	Lostwood Wilderness Walk	A guided walk over rough terrain without a trail to explore wilderness on Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge
Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch and refreshments at Lostwood NWR
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Sharp-tailed Grouse Study	Join Aaron Robinson, North Dakota Game and Fish Upland Game Biologist currently conducting grouse research on Lostwood National Wildlife Refuge. The session will discuss study purposes, design, and preliminary results. Learn how these birds are tracked on such a broad prairie landscape, and the new discoveries of the study.
1:45 PM - 3:30 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.
1:45 PM - 3:30 PM	Youth Activities	Educational and fun activities for youth of all ages will be led by Jackie Jacobson of Audubon National Wildlife Refuge. Learning is cleverly hidden when you are enjoying yourself this much!

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6:00 AM - 10:30 AM	White Earth Valley Guided Birding Tour <i>Tour group size is limited Register early</i>	New this year , will be a 4 1/2 hour bus tour of the Lostwood Wetland Management District, providing the opportunity to visit habitats not commonly found on the Refuge. Possible sightings, depending on spring conditions, include buntings in wooded breaks, grebes in fresh water wetlands, great blue heron/black crowned night heron in a large wetland, and chestnut collared longspur in grazed pastures. Note that this tour will require more time in the bus.
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10:45 AM - Noon	<i>Everyone is Welcome!</i>	Lostwood Birding and Nature Association Annual Meeting
^^Open	Afternoon^^	Please feel free to remain on the Refuge exploring this outstanding prairie resource. The auto tour route and national hiking trail are normally open to all visitors until sunset. You're invited to explore the wilderness area anytime. Please respect the nesting habitat and stay on the tour route or hiking trail. If you choose to bird off the Refuge, please remember to ask for permission from private landowners before venturing off-road.

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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lostwoodbirding@live.com

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