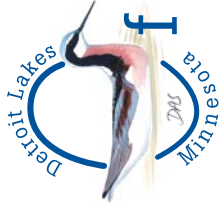


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Welcome to our 10th Migration Celebration!

Whether you're a beginner or experienced birder, or somewhere in between, we have something for you! And this year, boy do we! In observance of our 10th annual festival, we're excited to announce our special guest - David Allen Sibley! We hope you'll join us for the special migration celebration in Detroit Lakes.

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We have recorded over 200 different birds during our festival, including some highly sought after species such as Black-backed Woodpecker and Connecticut Warbler. Check on the progress of spring migration by calling for the Northwest Minnesota Birding Report at 1-800-433-1888 or visiting [www.mnbirdtrail.com](http://www.mnbirdtrail.com).

We invite you to attend our festival and experience the natural beauty of the lakes area. We'll treat you to some of our best small town hospitality and most experienced birders in the state. Register by **April 27th** to be included in the special "early bird" drawing for a pair of binoculars, donated by Eagle Optics!

If you have any questions or would like more specific information about any festival events, please contact the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-542-3992 or locally at 218-847-9202. You may e-mail the Chamber at [dchamber@visitdetroitlakes.com](mailto:dchamber@visitdetroitlakes.com). To explore more about Detroit Lakes go to [www.visitdetroitlakes.com](http://www.visitdetroitlakes.com).

Grab your binoculars and field guides, and we'll see you at the lakes in May!

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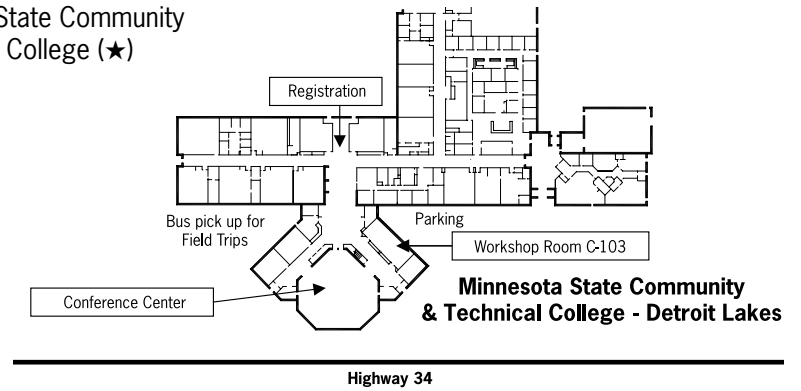
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The Festival of Birds Committee thanks David Allen Sibley for the use of his illustration of Wilson's Phalarope, our 2007 theme bird, for the cover of the Detroit Lakes Festival of Birds program and 2007 logo.

## FESTIVAL REGISTRATION AND EVENT HEADQUARTERS

Minnesota State Community and Technical College will serve as festival headquarters. From Highway 10, proceed north on Washington Avenue in Detroit Lakes. Turn east (right) onto Hwy. 34. The college is one block east of the stop lights.

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## THURSDAY - MAY 17

### REGISTRATION

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes

### FIELD TRIP

*"BEGINNING BIRDING IN THE FIELD"*

Thursday, May 17th, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Cost \$10.00

This field trip is guaranteed to kick-start your spring bird identification skills, binocular handling and birding basics instruction, serving as a handy refresher for experienced birders, too. Walk with birding experts at Dunton Locks County Park on the edge of Detroit Lakes. You'll wander through mature hardwoods and trek along the edges of a lake. There's plenty of habitat for a diversity of birds. Transportation is on your own. Maps will be available at registration or arrive early for a 5:00 pm departure to car pool or caravan with other participants from the Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

### EVENING FIELDTRIP

*"AN EVENING WITH WOODCOCK"*

Thursday, May 17th, 7:45 pm – 10:00 pm

Cost \$10.00

The evening will begin with a special program on the natural history and unique breeding habits of woodcock and prepare you to hear the calls of these elusive birds. We'll then break up into small groups and car pool to various sites on a wildlife refuge to search for these birds. We may also catch a glance of a few local owls. Dark colored outer clothing is required. Meet at the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge visitor center located 18 miles northeast of Detroit Lakes at the junction of Hwy 29 & Hwy 26. Please arrive at 7:45 pm sharp. Transportation is on your own, maps will be available.

## FRIDAY - MAY 18

### REGISTRATION

5:00 am – 6:00 am & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

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### FIELD TRIPS

These field trips depart and return at the Community College parking lot. Please be prompt, as buses leave on time. Coffee, fruit, and rolls at the Bird Club Café 5:00 am – 6:00 am in the lobby, proceeds benefit the local Lakes Area Bird Club.

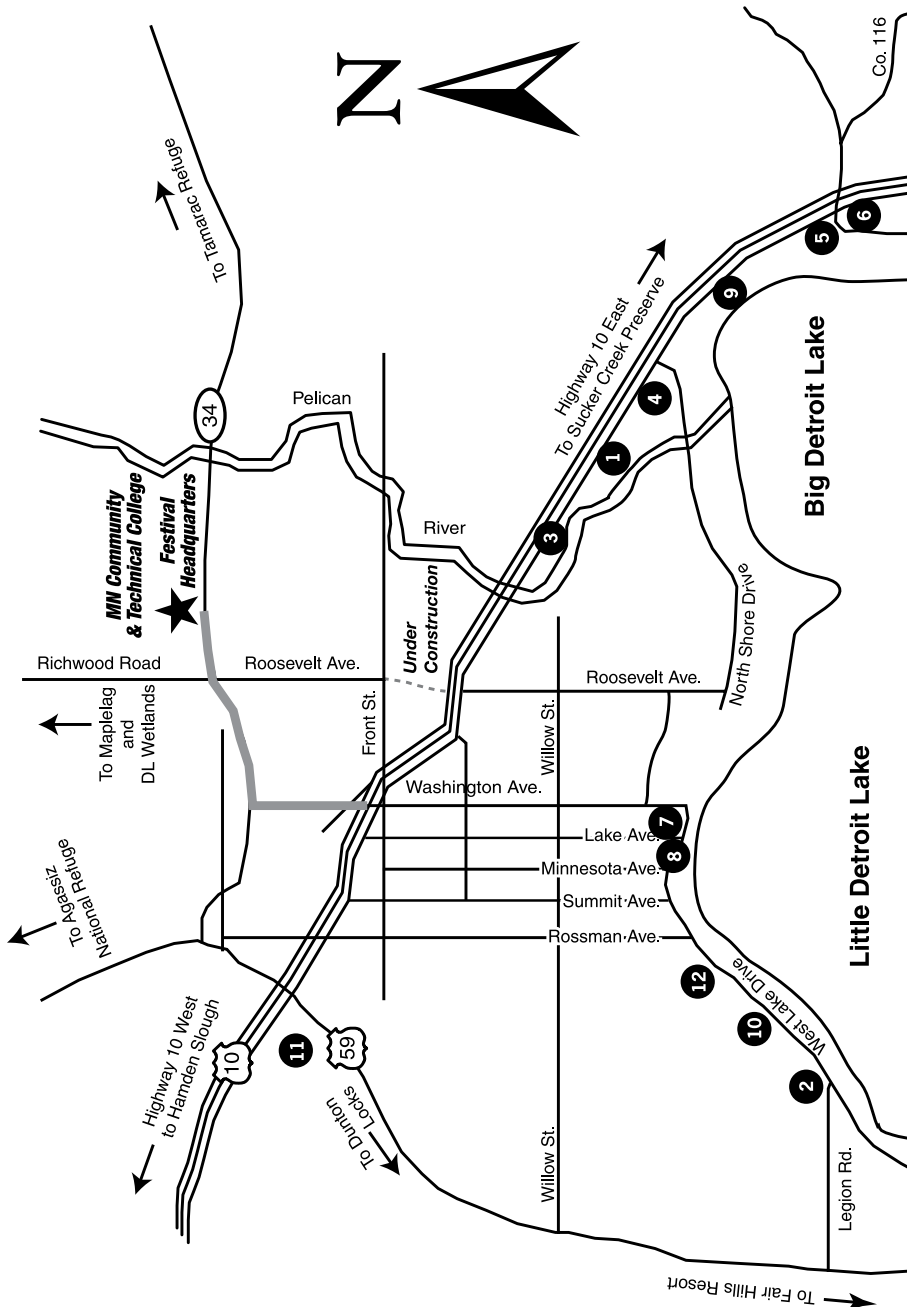
*"AGASSIZ NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE"*

Middle River, MN

Friday, May 18, 5:30 am- 2:00 pm

Cost: \$30.00, sack lunch included

New field-trip site in 2007! Area birding experts will guide you through this 61,500 acre Globally Important Bird Area and one of the 100 best birding sites in North America. Agassiz is a complex refuge featuring 15 different habitat types attracting 287 species of birds. We'll be looking for Black-crowned Night Herons, Le Conte's & Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows, 5 species of grebes, 17 species of nesting waterfowl, Black-billed Magpie, Sandhill Cranes, American Bitterns and more! This trip is approximately a two hour drive to reach the refuge and well worth the anticipation. You won't see a more productive, diverse breeding bird area in the region.



## FRIDAY - MAY 18

### "BLUESTEM PRAIRIE & BUFFALO RIVER STATE PARK"

Friday, May 18, 5:45 am- 2:00 pm

Cost \$30.00, sack lunch included

The first stop will be Buffalo River State Park which contains over 1,300 acres of prairie and hardwood riverine habitats. There are hiking trails and a nearby interpretive center. Biologist Greg Hoch from Concordia College will demonstrate bird banding using mist nets. As birds are caught you'll get a hands-on look at how to extract birds from the net, hold/release birds, and banding techniques. Hoch will also give a crash course on aging birds by their feathers. Then tromp over to the adjacent Nature Conservancy's Bluestem Prairie which is 4,600 acres of more than 300 species of plants and 70 species of birds. This tract contains some of the best mesic prairie left in the state. Birds to look for on this trip include Upland Sandpiper, Bobolink, grassland sparrows including Henslow's, Meadowlark, Marbled Godwit and the Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.

### WORKSHOPS

#### "DRAGONFLIES AND WOODLAND WILDFLOWERS"

Friday, May 18th, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm; Dinner and Speaker: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost \$20.00, includes dinner and workshops

At Maplelag Resort, 20 miles north of Detroit Lakes. Transportation on your own. Maps available or meet at the college at 3:45 pm to carpool or caravan.

**Choose one of these two hands-on workshops and learn more about the nature around you.**

#### "DRAGONFLIES OF MINNESOTA"

with John Weber, Minnesota Dragonfly Enthusiast

Friday, May 18th, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: \$20.00, Includes Dinner at Maplelag Resort

Do you know the difference between dragonflies and damselflies? Join John Weber as he shares his affection and wisdom for these busy insects. After learning identification techniques, you'll head outdoors to look for species like the Green Darner, Frosted Whiteface, Hudsonian Whiteface and Variegated Meadowhawk.

Learn why birders make the best dragonfly observers and how your observations can reveal the health of our aquatic ecosystems.



#### "WOODLAND WILDFLOWERS"

with Ron Bowen, Prairie Restorations Inc.

Friday, May 18th, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: \$20.00, Includes Dinner at Maplelag Resort

Spring birding through the woods in Minnesota will undoubtedly lead you to tip-toe through the wildflowers of the forest floor. Learn tips on how to identify the flowers and take a closer look at what makes these plants unique. You'll see trilliums, Jack-in-the-pulpit, wild sarsaparilla,

yellow lady-slippers, anemone, and more. Forester and landscape architect, Ron Bowen of Prairie Restorations will guide you through the woods of Maplelag Resort, revealing the wonder of native wildflowers.



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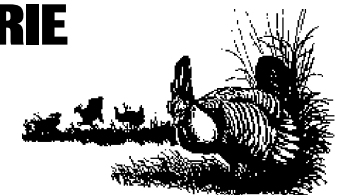
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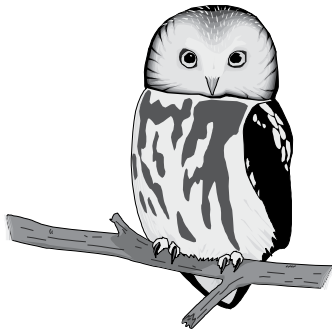
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## FRIDAY - MAY 18

"Dinner in the Woods"

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Cost: Included with Workshop. Transportation on your own.

Maplelag Resort & Conference Center is located on Little Sugarbush Lake, 20 miles NE of Detroit Lakes. The name is derived from the 600 acres of sugar maple trees and "lag," (pronounced log) which is Norwegian for group or gathering. Maplelag is a destination cross country ski resort in the winter and for 11 weeks in the summer hosts a language village. This rural getaway for vacationers and business gatherings has eclectic collections that include depot signs and metal lunch boxes. Their foods are prepared from scratch using the finest ingredients. Our meal will be served family style and includes Pan Fried Walleye, Wild Rice, Fried Potatoes, Cucumber Salad, Bread, Lemon Meringue Pie, coffee, water, tea and milk.

Along with dinner you will be introduced to landscaping with native woodland species by Ron Bowen, President of Prairie Restorations, Inc. Bowen founded this business in 1977 that is dedicated to the production and use of native plants and plant communities. Prairie Restorations, Inc. has successfully collected "local ecotypes" (native seed) of the primary prairie species and has expanded into woodland species. Through the company thousands of acres of prairie, woodland, and wetlands have been restored and hundreds of projects have been completed throughout the Midwest. Ron was the 1998 recipient of the Land Stewardship Award from the Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

## SATURDAY - MAY 19

### REGISTRATION

5:00 am - 6:00 am & 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

### FIELD TRIPS

Field trips depart and return at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College parking lot. Please be prompt, as buses leave on time. Coffee, fruit and rolls at the Bird Club Café 5:00 am - 6:00 am in the lobby. Proceeds benefit the local Lakes Area Bird Club.

"BIRDING WITH DAVID ALLEN SIBLEY"

Saturday, May 19, 5:30 am-11:30 am

Cost \$75.00

Here's a chance of a lifetime to go birding with the field-guide author David Allen Sibley! You'll visit two national wildlife refuges and a variety of habitats. The 3400 acre Hamden Slough refuge has been designated as an Important Bird Area by Audubon Society of Minnesota. It truly is a treasure, with restored tallgrass prairies and wetlands attracting many unusual species. Highlights are American Bittern, 20 waterfowl species, Swainson's hawk, over 20 shorebird species, Sedge and Marsh Wrens, prairie sparrows and Bobolink. Our 2007 theme bird, Wilson's Phalarope makes their home at Hamden Slough. A trek to Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge will reveal the wonders of the woodlands in North Country. From hardwood oaks to red and white pines through tamarack bogs, this dramatic change in landscape will bring yet another plethora of bird life. You'll see nesting Bald Eagles, Trumpeter Swans and Common Loons. Interesting bird species found here include Red-necked Grebe, Winter Wren, Ruffed Grouse, American Woodcock, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Eastern Towhee, Vireos and over 24 warbler species. Refuge Managers Barbara Boyle and Mike Murphy have an enthusiasm for these precious habitats that will keep you on your toes.

## SATURDAY - MAY 20

### "ROTHSAY PRAIRIE COMPLEX"

Saturday, May 19, 5:45 am- 11:30 am  
Cost \$25.00

Rothsay lies just east of the beachline of glacial Lake Agassiz and features unique habitats. Primarily prairie, wet meadow, field and woodlots will accent this trip which can reveal upwards of 100 species. Interesting birds found here include Greater Prairie Chicken, Marbled Godwit, Short Eared Owl, prairie sparrows such as Vesper, Savannah and LeConte's, both Alder and Willow Flycatchers, Northern Harrier, and a variety of dabbling ducks. You'll be amazed at the diversity of species in this thriving tall-grass mecca. Fieldtrip leaders will help you spy the array of sparrows and sandpipers through scopes. This trip is a 'must do' for those wanting to practice their identification skills of our little brown feathered friends.

### "TAMARAC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE"

Saturday, May 19, 6:00 am- 11:30 am  
Cost \$25.00

Just 18 miles from Detroit Lakes, this nearly 43,000 acre refuge is a premier bird refuge of Northwestern Minnesota. A mosaic of habitats includes pine and hardwood forests, lakes, rivers, marshes and brushy grasslands. Tamarac's wildlife biologist Wayne Bringer will lead us to the best areas for spotting interesting bird species including Red-necked Grebe, Least Bittern, American Woodcock, Winter Wren, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, Eastern Towhee, Vireos and over 24 warbler species. You'll see Bald Eagles, Common Loons and Trumpeter Swans nesting. A stop will be made at the visitor center to capture a few more species on the busy bird feeders and explore the natural history exhibits. The refuge has a bird list of 258 species, so there will be plenty of feathered friends to see here.

### SOUP'S ON!

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Cost: \$7.00

As we return to the Community College, lunch will be ready for us. Minnesota State Community and Technical College Catering Services prepare thousands of lunches weekly for students throughout Detroit Lakes, so they're pros at providing tasty meals! For lunch choose from two hot soups, with an option sure to please vegetarians. Then build your own sandwich with veggie, meat and cheese selections, plus condiments. Finish your lunch with dessert and beverages.

### SILENT AUCTION

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Donations of silent auction items will be accepted at the registration booth. Proceeds benefit future festivals. Although anything bird related will be accepted, we are particularly looking for items with a nature theme. From locally handcrafted items to art and bird supplies, bidders have found unique festival souvenirs and great buys at the Silent Auction. Be sure to place your bids before the auction closes at 5:00 p.m. Please claim your items immediately following the auction.

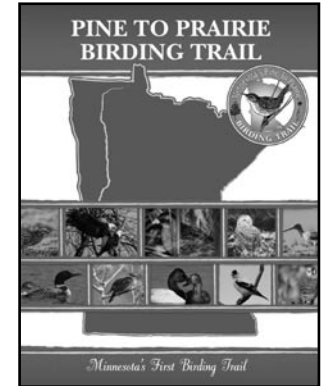
## PINE TO PRAIRIE BIRDING TRAIL

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While you're in northwestern Minnesota, plan to spend a few extra days to check out the Pine to Prairie Birding Trail! This 230 mile long trail offers tremendous birding opportunities through transitional habitats. Pine forests, deciduous woodlands, native tallgrass prairie, aspen parkland, sand dunes (remnants of Glacial Lake Agassiz), calcareous fens, bogs, marshes, large and small lakes and rivers that provide riparian habitat are all found along the trail.

The trail runs from Warroad to Roseau, Thief River Falls, Detroit Lakes, Pelican Rapids, and Fergus Falls. The trail's checklist includes 275 regular and 26 casual species. A copy of the trail guide book will be included in your welcome packet.



For information, check out our web site and bird sightings hotline noted above.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Weather & Attire

Northern Minnesota weather is highly variable during the spring months. Temperatures usually range from the 70's to the 40's. If it's windy, it can seem much colder. We suggest that for field trips you bring jackets for both warm and cold weather that you can layer, along with hats, gloves and waterproof outerwear. Waterproof footgear is also recommended for field trips, as dew may be heavy in the mornings. No field trips will be canceled unless weather is severe. Refunds will not be given for field trip cancellations due to weather conditions.

Feel free to dress in casual attire for all festival events.

### Fieldtrip Notes

Most events will be held at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes, located on Highway 34. With the exception of evening events, all trips will be via coach buses with onboard restrooms, fieldtrip leaders and a naturalist. Granola bars and water will be provided on all trips. Several trips also include a sack lunch, as noted in the trip description, which includes a sandwich, snack bag of chips, fruit/veggie and bar or cookie.

Many of the fieldtrips involve a considerable amount of walking. Please notify the trip leader if you have limited mobility or a health condition that limits the distance you are able to walk. We are committed to providing an enjoyable and safe experience. Space may be limited on some field trips so register early! Please be on time. Buses leave at the times noted from the parking lot of the College. Return times may fluctuate slightly from the stated time, especially if bird sightings are exceptional on the fieldtrip. We kindly request that personal vehicles not caravan behind the buses on field trips. If you need to leave Detroit Lakes early on Sunday, please plan accordingly. Coffee, fruit and pastries will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning at the Bird Café, with proceeds benefiting the local Lakes Area Bird Club.

### Birders' Bazaar

Browse the Birder's Bazaar which will feature booths from a variety of organizations and businesses. Birding gear, festival shirts and other clothing, books, gift items and more will be available.

**Hours: Saturday, May 19, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

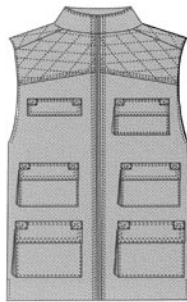
### Silent Auction

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**Hours: Saturday, May 19, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm**

### Special 10th Anniversary Vest

With the observance of our 10th anniversary, our special 2007 souvenir garment is a khaki vest, complete with the logo using Sibley's rendering of the Wilson's Phalarope and his initials. Made of soft-washed cotton, the vest has 15 handy pockets (six on the inside) to stash binocular gear, keys, notepads, pens and even a few candy bars! With a zipper front and diamond quilt design on the shoulder, the vest is available in M, L, XL, XXL in men's size. Women may want to order one size smaller than their regular size. We're passing along a special rate and offering the vest at only \$45.00!



## SATURDAY - MAY 19

### BIRDERS' BAZAAR

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Stop by the vendor booths for birding and related items. You'll find books, binoculars, scopes, unique feeders, shirts, vests and gift items. There will also be information on the Pine to Prairie Birding Trail and Minnesota Ornithologists Union. Be sure to browse the vendor wares between workshops, as well as before and after, for opportunities to pick up special items.

### MINI-WORKSHOPS

*"OPTIC SECRETS REVEALED"*

Saturday, May 19, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Cost: Free, included with the event fee

*Don't miss this chance to learn the secrets of using binoculars and scopes. This workshop will help assure you're getting the most out of your optics. Experts from Eagle Optics will show you the latest styles and options for all your birding adventures.*

*"COMMON LOON: IS IT STILL COMMON?"*

Saturday, May 19, 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm

Cost: Free, included with the event fee

Poisoning by lead from fishing sinkers and jigs can be significant causes of death in loons. Learn how the loon populations are currently faring in Minnesota. Katie Haws, non-game biologist with the Minnesota DNR, will share insights on the identification, natural history and status of the Common Loon.

### SIBLEY BOOK SIGNING

Saturday, May 19, starting at 3:45 pm

Here's your chance to have the well-known illustrator and author sign your Sibley book! We'll have copies of familiar Sibley books available for purchase, such as "The Sibley Guide to Birds," "The Sibley Guide to Bird Life & Behavior," "The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Western North America," and "The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America." Or, bring your own copy. A wonderful opportunity to purchase a book and have it signed as a gift for someone special, too.

*"SIBLEY SOCIAL"*

Saturday, May 19, 6:30 pm

Cost: \$25.00

Join us for a fun, casual evening of socializing at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College. You'll be treated to hearty hors d'oeuvres including Drumsticks and Meat Balls, Cheese and Crackers, Veggie Pizza, and an assortment of dessert bars. Select from beverages such as coffee and non-alcoholic wine. Share your special sightings of the day with new friends! Don't miss this incredible evening of food, fun and friends!

## SATURDAY - MAY 19

### "THE ART OF WATCHING BIRDS"

Saturday, May 19, 7:30 pm

Cost: Included with Sibley Social

Gather in the Community College's Conference Center to hear from America's most gifted contemporary painter of birds, David Allen Sibley. Learn how he became interested in birds and the genesis of the definitive bird guide, "The Sibley Guide to Birds." In 1969, at the age of seven, the son of the well-known ornithologist Fred Sibley began seriously watching and drawing birds. Since then he has written and illustrated articles on bird identification as well as regional publications and books. For a quarter of a century, David has traveled the continent watching birds on his own and as a tour leader for WINGS, Inc. He lives in Concord, Massachusetts and has come all the way to the Detroit Lakes Festival of Birds to share his amazing story.



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## SUNDAY - MAY 20

### REGISTRATION

5:00 am – 6:00 am

### FIELD TRIPS

These field trips depart and return at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College parking lot. Please be prompt, as buses leave on time. Coffee, fruit and rolls at the Bird Club Café 5:00 am – 6:00 am in the lobby. Please note that the Community College will be closed when you return since this trip concludes the festival.

### "ITASCA STATE PARK"

Sunday, May 20, 5:30 am - 2:00 pm

Cost: \$30.00, sack lunch included

Along with towering red and white pines, lakes and bogs, Itasca hosts an impressive variety of bird life. A total of 109 species were seen in past years, including Pileated Woodpecker; Alder, Least and Great Crested Flycatchers; Winter Wren; Scarlet Tanager; Evening Grosbeak and 21 warbler species. This trip also offers a chance to see the elusive Black-backed Woodpecker, which was sighted in 2006! Itasca is Minnesota's oldest state park and home to the headwaters of the Mississippi River. This is the optimum time for a spectacular display of large-flowered trillium and other woodland wildflowers. We'll eat lunch at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center, which you'll have a chance to briefly tour.

### "FELTON, ULEN and HELLIKSEN PRAIRIES"

Sunday, May 20, 5:45 am - 2:00 pm

Cost \$30.00, sack lunch included

The area around Felton and Ulen offers a unique collection of virgin grasslands and wet meadows in Clay County. Helliksen is a Waterfowl Production Area managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. These areas boast a variety of prairie species, some rarely seen elsewhere in Minnesota. This is the only known breeding area for the Chestnut-collared Longspur in the state. Last year revealed 110 species on this trip. Highlights have been Greater Prairie Chicken, Upland Sandpiper, Marbled Godwit, Sanderling, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Sedge Wren, Rock Wren, Swainson's Thrush, a variety of warblers, Baltimore and Orchard Orioles. Join manager, Scott Kahan from the Detroit Lakes Wetlands Management District and immerse yourself in these rich prairie potholes.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Registration

Our pre-registration deadline is **Friday, May 11th**. On-site registration will be available at the Minnesota State Community and Technical College, however, early registration is strongly recommended as fieldtrips and workshops are limited. Register by **Friday, April 27th** to be included in the special 'Early Bird Drawing' for a pair of binoculars from Eagle Optics!

**Registration online is the quickest way to secure your spot in the Festival of Birds events. Go to [www.visitdetroitlakes.com](http://www.visitdetroitlakes.com). Registration is found under "Visitor Information." Go to Events, then Festival of Birds. You may use your credit card while registering under a secure server.**

Or, mail your completed registration form, along with your credit card information or check made out to "Chamber of Commerce" to: Detroit Lakes Festival of Birds, PO Box 348, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502.

Online registrants automatically receive a confirmation. Letters of confirmation will be sent to those registering by mail. You may call the Chamber to see if there are event or field trip openings after the May 11th deadline.

Questions should be directed to the Chamber at 1-800-542-3992, 1-218-847-9202 or by e-mailing [dlchamber@visitdetroitlakes.com](mailto:dlchamber@visitdetroitlakes.com).

### Cancellation Policy & Special Terms:

Cancellations must be made no later than 4:00 pm, May 11, 2007. The registration fee is non-refundable. Purchase of additional fieldtrip or workshop tickets can be made on-site, upon availability.

If you would like a Detroit Lakes lodging and attractions guide, bird checklists, maps, etc. mailed to you with your registration confirmation letter, please indicate this on your registration form. These items will be available at the festival.

### Registration Booth

The registration booth will be located in the lobby of the Minnesota State Community and Technical College, located on Highway 34. Since Roosevelt Avenue will be under construction in 2007, we suggest this alternate route: Turn north off of Highway 10 at the Washington Avenue stoplight corner. Travel six blocks and turn east (right) onto Highway 34. The Technical College is located one block past the stop lights.

When you arrive, please check-in to receive your information packet complete with maps, tickets, bird checklists and an event schedule. Look inside your welcome packet for merchant discounts and sponsor gifts. Volunteers will be available to help you with questions. We're big on recycling, so we ask that you return your nametag holder at the registration desk or field trip after attending your last event.

Registration hours are as follows:

**Thursday, May 17: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Friday, May 18: 5:00 am – 6:00 am & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Saturday, May 19: 5:00 am – 6:00 am & 11:00 am – 5:00 pm**

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The Festival of Birds promotes the American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics (<http://americanbirding.org>)

1. Keep your distance when observing and photographing birds
2. Avoid approaching a bird so closely that it is flushed or disturbed
3. Keep well away from nest sites
4. Stay on existing trails
5. Get landowner's permission to walk on private property
6. Respect fellow birders
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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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You are encouraged to register early! If we receive your registration form by **Friday, April 27th**, you will be entered in the "Early Bird Drawing" for a pair of binoculars donated by Eagle Optics! **Please register before Friday, May 11th.**

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		FESTIVAL EVENT FEE	FEE	TOTAL
✓	Event fee includes mini workshops, birders' bazaar, and festival support! <b>(required fee, non-refundable)</b>	\$10 for full festival or \$5 per day		<input type="checkbox"/> \$10 full <input type="checkbox"/> \$5/day
<b>THURSDAY — MAY 17, 2007</b>				
✓	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	Fieldtrip: Beginning Birding	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	\$10	
	Evening with Woodcock	7:45 pm - 10:00 pm	\$10	
<b>FRIDAY — MAY 18, 2007</b>				
✓	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	Fieldtrip: Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge	5:30 am - 2:00 pm	\$30	
	Fieldtrip: Bluestern Prairie and Buffalo River	5:45 am - 2:00 pm	\$30	
	Workshop and Dinner at Maplelag <input type="checkbox"/> Dragonflies of Minnesota <b>OR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Wildflowers	4:30 pm - 8:30 pm	\$20	
<b>SATURDAY — MAY 19, 2007</b>				
✓	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	Fieldtrip: Birding with David Allen Sibley	5:30 am - 11:30 am	\$75	
	Fieldtrip: Rothsay Prairie	5:45 am - 11:30 am	\$25	
	Fieldtrip: Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge	6:00 am - 11:30 am	\$25	
	Soup and Sandwich Lunch	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	\$7	
	Sibley Social and Keynote	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	\$25	
<b>SUNDAY — MAY 20, 2007</b>				
✓	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>FEE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	Fieldtrip: Itasca State Park	5:30 am - 2:00 pm	\$30	
	Fieldtrip: Felton/Ulen Prairies	5:45 am - 2:00 pm	\$30	
<b>FESTIVAL VEST</b>				
✓	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SIZE</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	10th Anniversary Vest: Khaki vest of cotton with 15 pockets and zipper front. Includes logo with Sibley's rendering of Wilson's Phalarope. Unisex size: M, L, XL, XXL. Cost: \$45.00			

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