



# Dayton Audubon Society

## Field Trip Schedule

Spring 2010

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This schedule is as of March 15, 2010. More field trips will be added later, so for the most updated and current Field Trip listing visit this website often, or call the Southwest Ohio Rare Bird Alert at 937-640-BIRD (2473).

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**Apr 3 (Sat) 8:30 AM**  
**ENGLEWOOD METROPARK.**  
**Leader: TBD.**

Some of the best birding in the Dayton area in the spring is at Englewood MetroPark. It is always an outstanding place to look for them! There will no doubt be plenty of birds to watch at this optimal time of the spring migration. Plan now to join the leader to search for migrant wood warblers. To get to Englewood MetroPark, take US 40 west from I75 (north of Dayton). When you reach the east end of the dam, turn right (north) and meet at the parking lot here on US 40 (between the Dayton International Airport and the city of Englewood.) Please wear shoes/boots suitable for muddy terrain.

**Apr 10 (Sat) 8:00 AM**  
**SUGARCREEK RESERVE METROPARK.**  
**Leader: Jennifer Monahan (654-3301).**

A large area of upland woods, fields, and riparian habitat, Sugarcreek is often full of returning nesters and early migrants the first of April. From I675, south on Wilmington Pike (cross 725), continue to Conference Rd. Meet Jennifer in the parking lot on Conference Rd.

**Apr 18 (Sun) 7:30 AM**  
**AULLWOOD AUDUBON CENTER.**  
**Leader: Tom Hissong (890-7360).**

The fields and woods at Aullwood can be literally hopping with birds during the spring migration. Join Aullwood naturalist Tom Hissong on this popular field trip that is sure to generate some wonderful and sometimes surprising migrants. Meet Tom at the Aullwood Audubon Center in Englewood. Take U.S. 40 west from I75 north of Dayton, and turn south at the east end of the dam (between the Dayton International Airport and Englewood), and go 1/2 mile to the nature center on the left.

**Apr 30& May 1 (Fri/Sat from 5:00 PM to 5:00 PM)**  
**DAS BIRDATHON DAY.**  
**Coordinators: Cindy and Jim Beckman (862-4505).**

Join in the annual fun! Join the 2010 DAS Birdathon! Your Yellow Warbler will have more information. A yearly successful fund raiser based on a bird count in which you try to find as many species of birds as possible during a 24 hour period. Afterwards, meet at Patty's Shelter in Englewood Metro Park for some food and to discuss the fun you had!

**May 8 (Sat) 8:00 AM**

**CAESAR CREEK GORGE.**

**Leader: Dick Balk (886-0092).**

Just below the dam at the southern end of Caesar Creek Lake, Caesar Creek Gorge is one of the Ohio State Nature Preserves. It features a 180 foot deep gorge with trails leading along Caesar Creek from the base of the dam to the Little Miami River two miles away. Along the creek lies a flood plain forest and at this prime time of the year, combined with a variety of other habitats in the area including woods and fields, there should be a large number of resident and migrant species of birds present there. The gorge is an excellent place for migrant warblers, as well as Pileated Woodpecker. Wild Turkeys are also possible, since they've been reintroduced here. Although the Gorge may be familiar to you from our prior walks at Caesar Creek Lake, this year we have scheduled this spring walk at this location to see as many woodland breeding birds as possible, as well as some of the later passerine migrants. Located in Warren County, east of the town of Waynesville. Take I75 south to SR 73. East through Waynesville. After crossing US 42, go about 1 mile, then right on Clarksville Rd. Follow 2-3 miles to park road on the right. Go down the hill into the Gorge to the parking lot below the dam.

**May 16 (Sun) 8:00 AM**

**CARRIAGE HILL METROPARK.**

**Leader: Mike Coogan (438-5688).**

It's nice to see this Metropark back on the trip list and who better to lead this walk than Dayton Audubon's past President and our Yellow Warbler editor, Mike Coogan, who covers this area for the Christmas Bird Count. Carriage Hill, in addition to being a working farm, has many varied habitats including a planted prairie, a boardwalk and small lake, and several wooded areas. So join Mike for a leisurely amble along the well-kept trails of this wonderful place. Take I75 north, east on I70 to SR 201, north to the park entrance on the right. Follow the park road east to the parking lot north of the road across from the Visitor's Center.

**May 29 (Sat) 8:00 AM**

**SPRING VALLEY WILDLIFE AREA.**

**Leaders: Cindy and Jim Beckman (937-862-4505).**

Come see what all the excitement is about! This could be a great day for seeing many species of warblers and vireos, including the brightly-colored Prothonotary Warbler that nests near the bike path. Baltimore Orioles, Scarlet Tanagers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, and many many more of nature's brightest will make their presence known as they establish territories, attract mates, or just fill up on insects on their way north. We should see Barn, Tree, and Northern Rough-winged Swallows swooping over the lake as Kingfishers, Herons, and maybe even an Osprey search for their aquatic prey. Go south of the town of Spring Valley on US 42 along the Little Miami River. Turn left (east) on Roxanna-New Burlington Rd.; follow to Pence Jones Rd and take it all the way to the end (past the trailer park) to the lower parking lot.

**RESPONSIBILITY RELEASE:** All persons knowingly participate in listed events at their own risk. The public (including non-DAS members) is welcome at all events of the Dayton Audubon Society. For information concerning other DAS events, including programs, yet to be scheduled, be sure to check the monthly calendar section of the DAS Yellow Warbler. Also, see DAS's web page at <http://www.dayton.net/audubon>. A notice for any trip that must be cancelled for any reason will be made on the DAS Southwestern Ohio Rare Bird Alert tape (937/640-BIRD) as soon as it is known. Be sure and check the tape for information concerning changes of cancellations. If it is raining or snowing the morning of a field trip, call leader to confirm that the trip will be held, or to receive alternate instructions.

**To volunteer to lead a field trip, just call the DAS Field Trip Chairs, Jennifer Monahan (937/435-0707), and we'll sign you up!**

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