

Let's go birding!



Late Summer/Early Fall Birding Events

By mid-summer fall migration is well underway for shorebirds and some waterbirds, so it's time to get our group birding events scheduled again! (We'll focus on the lakefront for the first month or so, since the woodland birds are getting quiet *and* hard to see in the summer foliage.) Our outings are open to everyone and you'll always find a friendly group that shares your enjoyment of birds. Please join us!

Saturday, July 29, 8:00 a.m. New Buffalo Lakefront and Galien River County Park. We'll start by checking from the New Buffalo Public Beach for migrant shorebirds and waterbirds. Then we'll make the short drive to Galien River County Park to check the woodland trails, boardwalks and canopy walkway for lingering summer residents. *Meet at New Buffalo Public Beach. (No entrance fee in effect until 9 a.m.)*

Saturday, August 5, 8:00 a.m. St. Joe Beach Birding. After watching for lakeshore migrants from Tiscornia Beach and the north pier we'll walk the beach at least a part of the way north to Jean Klock Beach. This will give us a chance to watch for birds in flight and check the beaches between the two parks for shorebirds. Meet at Tiscornia Park. *Vehicle parking fee required.*

Saturday August 12, 8:00 a.m. New Buffalo Lakefront Birding. See July 29 for outing description.

Saturday August 19, 8:00 a.m. St. Joe Beach Birding. See August 5 for outing description.

Saturday August 26, 8:00 a.m. New Buffalo Lakefront Birding. See July 29 for outing description.

Labor Day Weekend Birding!

Saturday, September 2, 9:00 a.m. Fall Migration at Love Creek Nature Center. Warblers and other songbird migrants should be moving through southwest Michigan now, many en route to the tropics. Today we'll search for them on some of the wider trails at Love Creek. Meet at the nature center building.

Sunday, September 3, 8:30 a.m. Fall Warblers at Warren Dunes State Park. Today we'll search for fall warblers and other migrant landbirds along the forest edges of Floral Lane and the youth camping area at the north end of Warren Dunes State Park. Meet at the Youth Camp/Trailhead parking lot on Floral Lane. *(Off Red Arrow Highway, 1.5 miles north of main park entrance.)*

Monday, September 4, 7:30 a.m. New Buffalo Labor Day Waterbird Watch. Sometimes the best way to see migrants along the lakeshore is to be patient and wait for them to come by. This morning we'll do just that for an hour or two! Bring a beach/folding chair if you like and meet on the beach at the New Buffalo Public Beach. When the lakeshore birding slows down and/or the beach gets too busy we'll head for the Three Oaks wastewater ponds to check for shorebirds on the lagoon margins.

Saturday, September 9, 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph Lakefront Parks. Today we'll explore lakefront parks on both sides of the St. Joseph River mouth. We'll check the beaches, watch offshore over Lake Michigan and explore patches of trees and shrubs for landbird migrants. Meet at the Lake Michigan Overlook Deck adjacent to the upper parking lot at Rocky Gap County Park. *(Vehicle entry fee required at Tiscornia Park.)*

Tuesday, September 12, 8:30 a.m. Galien River County Park and New Buffalo Beach. Today we're going to switch things around by starting at Galien River County Park. We'll explore for migrants along the boardwalk trails and the Marsh Overlook Tower. Then we'll head for the New Buffalo Public Beach to see what shorebirds, gulls or terns have settled on the beach or inner harbor. Meet at Galien River County Park.

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