

# St. Louis Audubon Society

## 2016 - 2017 Field Trip Calendar

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### ST. LOUIS AUDUBON ONLINE

To view our newsletter *TaleFeathers*, the latest information about chapter activities, other contact info and links to a variety of bird and wildlife info, visit [www.stlouisaudubon.org](http://www.stlouisaudubon.org). You can also find us on Facebook by searching for "St. Louis Audubon." For questions regarding the website, contact webmaster Chuck Kirkpatrick via [webmaster@stlouisaudubon.org](mailto:webmaster@stlouisaudubon.org).

### BIRDING FIELD TRIPS

**Forest Park Beginner Walks:** First Saturday of most months at 830 am. Meet at Visitor Center, 5595 Grand Drive. For details or questions, e-mail Amy Witt at [birding@forestparkforever.org](mailto:birding@forestparkforever.org).

**Creve Coeur Park Beginner Walks:** Third Saturday of most months at 8 am. Meet at Creve Coeur Lakehouse, 2160 Creve Coeur Mill Rd, 63146. For details see our website. Questions, call Mitch at (314) 599-7390 or [mitch@stlouisaudubon.org](mailto:mitch@stlouisaudubon.org).

**Regular Bird Trips:** Most half-day trips end by noon. Bring binoculars and bird books. Detailed directions follow the trip list. Questions contact Mike Grant at [mikecurlew@att.net](mailto:mikecurlew@att.net).

Date	Time	Place	About
Sep 3	7 am	TBD—watch website calendar	1/2 d / w / gb
Sep 14	8 am	Forest 44 Conservation Area	1/2 d / h
Sep 17	630 a	Carlyle Lake Trip	ad / w / bl
Sep 28	9 am	St. Stanislaus Conservation Area	1/2 d / w
Oct 8	730 a	Two Rivers NWR	ad / w / bl
Oct 19	8 am	Klondike Park	1/2 d / h
Oct 29	8 am	Busch/Weldon Spring CA	
Nov 5	8 am	Riverlands Bird Sanctuary	1/2 d / w
Nov 19	8 am	Riverlands Bird Sanctuary	1/2 d / w
Dec 10	8 am	Riverlands Bird Sanctuary	1/2 d / w
Jan 7	9 am	Riverlands Bird Sanctuary	1/2 d / w
Jan 18	9 am	Riverlands Bird Sanctuary	1/2 d / w
Jan 28	8 am	Riverlands/Columbia Bottom	ad / w / gb
Feb 4	9 am	Baldwin Lake IL	ad / cvp / bl / w
Feb 18	8 am	Riverlands Bird Sanctuary	ad / w
Mar 11	5 pm	Busch Woodcock/Owl Prowl	gb
Mar 18	8 am	Horseshoe Lake IL/RMBS	ad / bl / w / gb
Mar 29	8 am	Forest 44 Conservation Area	1/2 d / h
Apr 8	730 a	Castlewood SP	1/2 d / h
Apr 15	8 am	Mallard Lake/LCCL	1/2 d / w / gb
Apr 22	730 a	Forest Park/Tower Grove	1/2 d / h / gb
Apr 26	8 am	Al Foster Trail	1/2 d / h
May 6	730 a	Tower Grove Park	1/2 d / w / gb
May 13	730a	Shaw Nature Reserve	ad / h / bl / gb
May 17	7 am	Forest 44 Conservation Area	1/2 d / h
May 20	630a	Blue Grosbeak/Lost Valley	1/2 d / h / gb
May 27	5 pm	Valley View Glades	cvp / h
Jun 3	7 am	Columbia Bottom/Riverlands	ad / w / gb
Jun 10	545 a	Blue Grosbeak/Lost Valley	1/2 d / h / gb

For updates, visit [www.stlouisaudubon.org](http://www.stlouisaudubon.org), the MoBirds listserve or the "regional specialties-Missouri" section of [www.birdingonthe.net](http://www.birdingonthe.net).

### FIELD TRIP DESCRIPTION KEY

1/2 d—this is scheduled for a half-day trip, usually ending by noon  
 ad—this is an all day trip usually ending in the late afternoon  
 cvp—we will caravan or carpool from this location  
 w—this trip involves light walking over smooth trails  
 h—moderate hiking over an extended period w/ some rough terrain  
 bl—bring your lunch and water since food might not be available for purchase. Trip announcement will note if stopping for lunch.  
 gb— very good for beginners but all levels of birders will be present

### FIELD TRIP LOCATIONS

**Al Foster Trail:** Al Foster Trailhead 225 Grand Ave, Wildwood. From Hwy 109, take Old State to Washington Ave turns Grand Ave.

**Baldwin Lake (CVP):** Meet at the commuter lot at Hwy 270 and Hwy 30 west at 9:00 am if you wish to car pool. Take Hwy 270 across the Jefferson Barracks Bridge to IL. Take Hwy 3 south to Redbud. Go east on Hwy 154 to Baldwin, IL. Follow the signs in town to Lake Baldwin. Meet at the parking lot inside the gate.

**Blue Grosbeak Trail (Weldon Spring):** Take Hwy 94 south from Hwy 40. About 3/4 mile down Hwy 94, meet at parking lot on left.

**Busch Conservation Area:** Take Hwy 94 south from Hwy 40. At 1.3 miles, turn right at the light for Hwy D. Go 2 miles to entrance on the right. Turn left at the T to Hampton Lake. Meet in the lot.

**Carlyle Lake:** Take I-64 east across the Poplar St. Bridge. Exit I-64 at Hwy 50 east toward Carlyle. Follow Hwy 50 to Hwy 127 and turn left at the junction. Turn right and meet at the McDonald's lot.

**Castlewood SP:** From 270 or 141, take 270 west to Ries Rd south to left on Kiefer Creek Rd. Meet at lot on right, just after park office.

**Columbia Bottom:** From 270, exit Riverview Blvd and go north 3 miles. Entrance on right. Take first left to visitor center. Meet in lot.

**Forest 44:** From I-44 & Hwy 141, take Meramec Station Rd west to left on Hillsboro Road. Meet at lot about 1/2 mile on right.

**Forest Park (Kennedy Forest):** From Skinker & Clayton intersection, take Skinker north to first right at Wells Drive. Take second left at John F. Kennedy Memorial Forest—MDC sign.

**Horseshoe Lake area:** Take I-70 east across the Poplar St. Bridge. Exit at Hwy 111 (exit 6) and turn left. Go about 2 miles to the State Park entrance. Meet at the first parking lot on the right.

**Klondike Park (CVP):** Meet at commuter lot on Research Park Dr at SE corner of I-64 & Hwy 94 45 min before walk. Trip starts from conference center lot in Park.

**Mallard Lake Trail:** Meet at the Creve Coeur Lakehouse at 2160 Creve Coeur Mill Rd, 63146. Meet in the south parking lot.

**RMBS (Riverlands):** Hwy 367 north from I-270. Right on last road before Alton bridge, Riverlands Way. Then, right on Wise road to the Teal Pond lot.

**Shaw Nature Reserve:** Take I-44 west to Hwy 100 (Gray Summit exit). Turn left back over 44 and then turn right. The entrance is on the immediate left. (\$3 entr. fee w/out MOBOT garden membership)

**St. Stanislaus Conservation Area:** From I-270, take McDonnell Blvd (turns into Howdershell) north ~1.3 miles to Teson Rd. Turn left and follow to a "T" at Aubuchon. Turn right and follow to conservation area. Meet in first lot on left.

**Tower Grove Park:** From I-44, take Kingshighway south to Magnolia. Turn left on Magnolia. Follow to park entrance on right. Take first right on Northwest Dr and follow to Gaddy Bird Garden on right. Meet at entrance.

**Two Rivers NWR:** From Alton, take Hwy 100, the River Rd, north thru Grafton to the Gilbert Lake lot just after the Brussels Ferry.

**Valley View Glade (CVP):** Meet at the commuter lot at Hwy 270 and Hwy 30 45 min before start of trip. Trip starts from lot on north side of Hwy B, 4.5 miles west of Hwy 21.