



Broomfield Bird Club, April Newsletter

Hello, Broomfield Bird Club members!

Spring migration gets underway this month, with a variety of warblers and shorebirds such as American Avocets, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, and Snowy Egrets among the earliest arrivals.

Another favorite – hummingbirds – also begin to show up in mid- to late April. Broad-tailed Hummingbirds, the most common species, typically reach our region first, followed by Black-chinned, Rufous, and tiny Calliope Hummingbirds.

Native plants with showy blooms are the best food source for hummingbirds, but they happily supplement their diet with homemade nectar from backyard feeders. I make a point to put out a feeder on Tax Day, April 15, in time to catch the attention of the first male “scouts” passing through.

Here’s [a list of hummingbird-friendly native plants suitable for our region](#), and a [Q&A about feeding hummingbirds](#), both courtesy of Audubon. Drop a post on our [Facebook](#) page or tag us on [Instagram](#) when you spot your first hummingbird of the season!

Urgent Request for Help!

- Once again, our bird club finds itself in urgent need of a **treasurer**. Under the [bylaws](#) (see Article VI, Section 5), this officer is responsible for keeping track of the club’s finances, maintaining our membership roster (including payment of dues), and producing a short monthly report for the board. Ideally, the treasurer would attend monthly board meetings, but we can accommodate a member who is unable to be there in person.

This role is essential to the future of our nonprofit organization. Please email club president Christine Kindl (ckindl@gmail.com) ASAP to learn more or discuss how you can help.

Upcoming Bird Walks

Celebrate spring with a guided bird walk! **Registration is required** for all outings; club members are given priority when group size is limited. [See details and sign up here.](#) On the agenda:

- **8-10 a.m. Saturday, April 4: Wheat Ridge Green Belt Clear Creek Trail.**

Wheat Ridge Greenbelt is an important migration hotspot for birds passing through the greater Denver metro area in early spring. Leader Brian Genge hopes to spot a few “first of the year” species as we explore the greenbelt’s mix of creeks, lakes, and deciduous woodlands.

- **8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15: East Lake Park and Nature Preserve, Thornton.**

Enjoy a weekday walk along a mostly flat trail that winds around a large lake and through riparian habitat. Walk leader Lauren Burke will help us identify the numerous waterfowl and shorebirds that visit this 107-acre park. We'll be on the lookout for migrating songbirds, as well.

- **8 a.m. Saturday, May 2: Pella Crossing Open Space.**

This location near St. Vrain Creek provides a wetland habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife, while wooded areas to the west and open fields to the south attract spring migrants. Leader Donna Stumpff will be available after the walk to share tips on using the popular eBird app.

Celebrate Earth Day

Look for the bird club table at Broomfield's [Earth Day celebration](#), from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Paul Derda Recreation Center. This eco-friendly family event also includes seed and garden tool swaps, an electric vehicle showcase, and special kids' activities.

Visit the bird club's website for [a list of all our 2026 community events](#).

Before You Go ...

You're invited to share your birding adventures with **Chirps**, the club's blog. A photo and a short write-up is all it takes! Tell bird club members about a great place to visit, a favorite bird, or an unforgettable moment in your birding journey. Send submissions to Karen Clark at karenbirdclub@yahoo.com.

Look for past blog posts on the [club's website](#) under the **News & Blog** tab. There you'll also find links to **back issues of this newsletter**, a new feature for members.

Happy birding!

Christine Kindl

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