



Hello, Broomfield Bird Club members!

May is a busy month for birds and birders alike. While our feathered friends are occupied with migrating, nesting, and rearing chicks, your bird club is busy organizing walks and meeting the public at community events. Whether you're a longtime member or a brand-new birder, you're invited to join us for these activities.

UPCOMING BIRD WALKS

This month's bird walks are filling up fast! If a scheduled walk is full, add your name to the wait list; you'll be notified if a space opens up. First preference goes to members who have paid their 2026 dues. **Registration is required** for all outings. [See details and sign up here.](#)

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

Nearby St. Vrain Creek provides a wetland habitat for waterfowl, while wooded areas and open fields attract spring migrants. Walk leader Donna Stumpp will guide us on a 2- to 3-mile walk, mostly on gravel trails, and provide tips on using the eBird app.

- **8:30 a.m. Friday, May 15: Rocky Mountain Arsenal**

We'll drive the Arsenal's 11-mile wildlife loop, stopping to explore various hot spots and walk a trail or two with leader Mike Artmann. Expect to see migrating songbirds, shorebirds, and raptors on this 15,000-acre prairie and wetlands habitat.

- **6:30 a.m. Sunday, May 17: Birding by Ear at Stearns Lake**

Catch the "dawn chorus" of meadowlarks, warblers, and sparrow as we practice birding by ear with walk leader Chris Petrizzo. We'll focus on listening skills and use the Merlin app as we make two out-and-back trips from the parking lot. The resident Bald Eagles and Swainson's Hawks are likely to be up early, too.

- **7:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 3: Boulder County's Jungle Birds of South America**

Look for birds typically at home in Costa Rica and Belize as we visit a Boulder County hotspot with naturalist Dave Sutherland. Using a *Birds of Costa Rica* guidebook, we'll search for colorful migratory songbirds newly arrived from the jungles of Latin America.

CELEBRATE MIGRATORY BIRD DAY

Broomfield Bird Club will join the city's Open Space and Trails team at a regional celebration of World Migratory Bird Day from **8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat**, off 75th Street between Jay Road and Valmont Road in Boulder.

Bird-focused organizations from Broomfield, Boulder and beyond will offer a wealth of info and interactive activities at this family-friendly event. Visit our booth to ask questions, share your birding adventures, and learn about the types of nests birds are building now.

OTHER EVENTS

Look for the Broomfield Bird Club table from **8-10 a.m. June 6 at the Broomfield Trail Adventure** at Broomfield Commons Open Space.

And plan to celebrate our club's 10th anniversary year at the annual **Members Picnic**, from **11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Brunner Farmhouse**, near the corner of Main Street and Midway Boulevard. Bring the family for an afternoon of hands-on fun: play Bird Bingo (for prizes!), make a nature journal to take home, chat with a Master Gardener about planting a bird-friendly yard, get bird feeding advice from our friends at Wild Birds Unlimited, and exchange gently-used birding gear at the swap table. Pack a lunch and bring your water bottle – the bird club will provide a special dessert.

[See all our community events here.](#)

LIGHTS OFF FOR BIRDS

We're entering peak migration season, and tens of thousands of birds are moving through the skies over Broomfield. Please urge your friends and neighbors to **turn their porch lights OFF** after dark. Most birds migrate at night, navigating by the stars; birds disoriented by artificial lighting may collide with buildings or circle endlessly, leading to fatal exhaustion.

A look at the [Local Migration Dashboard](#) provided by Birdcast, a Cornell School of Ornithology project, shows how many birds are traveling over our city/county each night.

Among them are tiny, colorful **warblers**, whose sweet songs may be popping up on your [Merlin](#) app. For tips on identifying some common warblers, check out this short [video from Denver Audubon](#).

Happy birding!

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