



Hello, Broomfield Bird Club members!

Summer is here at last – and it's time for a picnic! You're invited to celebrate the club's 10th anniversary year at our 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.

ABOUT THE MEMBERS PICNIC

Bring the family for an afternoon of hands-on, bird-focused 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, learn about various types of bird nests, explore the blooming [Brunner Farmhouse](#) gardens, and more.

Our popular “swap table” will be back, too. Members can place up to three bird-related items (in good condition) on the swap table for others to take home, free of charge. This is your chance to pass along a bird feeder, birdhouse, binoculars, or other gear that you no longer need – or to find a “freebie” you can use. *(We do ask that you retrieve any item that doesn't find a new home.)*

So pack a lunch, fill your water bottle, and bring a camp chair. The bird club will provide a **special dessert** to enjoy in the shade of the farmhouse pergola.

The Members Picnic is open to all club members and their families, including children and grandkids. Not a member yet? Pay your 2026 dues at the picnic and we'll happily add your name to the membership roster.

JUNE BIRD WALKS

To avoid the summer heat, we've scheduled these early morning and evening walks:

- **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 take an easy walk to search for colorful migratory songbirds newly arrived from south of the border. There is still space on this popular walk, so sign up soon!

- **6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 9: Evening in Boulder County**

Add your name to the waitlist for this ***members only*** walk on Boulder County trails; we'll contact you if a space opens up. Leader Pete Ruprecht will start the walk at Cherryvale Trailhead, where we'll look for tallgrass species such as Bobolink, Savannah Sparrow, Dickcissel, and Wilson's Snipe. Then we'll drive to a nearby trail on the west side of South Boulder Creek to

explore a wet tallgrass prairie, wooded ponds, and a riparian corridor. Possible birds here include orioles, kingbirds, grosbeaks, swallows, and rails.

Registration is required for all outings. As a courtesy, please **cancel your reservation** if you no longer plan to attend. [See bird walk details and sign up here.](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Broomfield Bird Club enjoyed visiting with birders from across Colorado at the World Migratory Bird Day celebration last month at Walden Ponds. Look for our table this month at these community events:

- **Broomfield Trail Adventure, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6**, at Broomfield County Commons Park, 13200 Sheridan Blvd. Watch for raptors, kingbirds, and more as you enjoy a scenic walk or bicycle ride on the trail loop at Broomfield Commons. This [25th annual event](#) includes vendors, a community art project, a give-away raffle, and more.
- **Metzger Farm Open House, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 27**, at Metzger Farm Open Space, near 120th Avenue and Lowell Boulevard. Check out the Great Blue Heron rookery and watch for a variety of shorebirds and songbirds as you learn about the history of this [open space](#), which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for **Naturefest, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, August 15**, also at Metzger Farm. This free event brings dozens of nature-focused organizations together for a morning of hands-on learning and outdoor fun. [See all our events here.](#)

BEFORE YOU GO ...

June is the heart of breeding season, a time when many Colorado birds are tending to their young. What should you do if you find a featherless nestling or a newly-feathered fledgling on the ground?

[This article from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#) has advice on how to help “fallen” baby birds. It recommends placing a nestling back in its nest, if you can find it. (No, the parents won’t reject it – but wear gloves for your own protection.)

A baby bird with feathers is probably exploring life outside the nest, so watch the fledgling from a distance and keep an eye out for predators, including pets. You may spot the parent birds nearby!

Happy birding, and see you at the picnic,

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