



Potholes & Prairie Birding Festival

Event Descriptions

June 9-13, 2010

Chieftain Conference Center – Festival Headquarters

60 4 Ave. S (Hwy. 281)

Carrington, ND

* For room reservations, call the Chieftain at 701.652.3131 or the Carrington Inn & Suites at 701.652.3982. All events, unless otherwise indicated, will take place at the Chieftain. For details of guided tours, see [‘2010 Tour Descriptions’](#) link on our festival Web site.



Wednesday, June 9, 2010

5 – 8 pm Registration - Teepee Room

Thursday, June 10, 2010

5 am – 2pm Guided Bus Tour: Birds of the Drift Prairie -

Guided by – Dr. David Lambeth

4:30 a.m. – SATELLITE TOUR: North Dakota Specialty Birds

Guided by Dr. Robert Anderson

5 am – 2pm SATELLITE TOUR: Birding & Wildlife at Arrowwood NWR

Guided by Bill Thompson, III

3:30 – 4:30 pm Seminar – Letters from Eden, Julie Zickefoose, (Teepee Room)

Reading from her daily nature notes and showing her sketchbooks, **Julie Zickefoose**, artist, writer and naturalist who has studied birds since the age of eight. demonstrates how these notes translate into finished works of writing and art. From bobcats to talking starlings, feisty copperheads to murder mysteries, her journal is anything but dull. She offers tips on starting and keeping a nature journal, and finishes with an essay which, like all her writing, is inspired by events recorded in her journal. As a contributing editor to *Bird Watcher's Digest*, she has 17 cover paintings and more than

50 articles to her credit. Julie writes and records commentaries for National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*. Her illustrated book of essays, *Letters from Eden: A Year at Home, In the Woods* was recently published by Houghton Mifflin. Julie's bird of all birds is the Ivory-billed Woodpecker, which she says would render her speechless upon sight! But, she also favors the Eastern Bluebird and the Carolina Wren...the Chestnut-fronted Macaw and the Piping Plover are also in the running. Check out Julie's article about the wonders of North Dakota: "North Dakota State of Mind," at: http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com/site/travel/north_dakota.aspx

5:30 ~ 8:30 pm Pipestem Creek Social & Jam Session w/Bill Thompson, III, and Julie Zickefoose – (9 Mi. S. , 1 Mi. E. OF CARRINGTON ON HWY. 281) Bring your

binocs to bird and relax in real down-home richness, enjoy a sumptuous meal (served around 6:00 p.m.), and bring your own instrument to join in on a fun 'Jam Session,' led by the talented duo **Bill Thompson, III**, editor of *Bird Watcher's Digest* since 1995, and **Julie Zickefoose**. Situated on a 5,000-acre grain farm, birders will be enchanted by the beauty of Pipestem Creek (*Bed & Birding*), which includes several historic buildings that have been moved to the farm and restored. It is not uncommon to see a variety of nesting birds at the farmstead, located nine miles south, one mile east of Carrington, including Say's Phoebe, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, and more.



Backyard Garden Pipestem Creek

Friday, June 11, 2010

5 am – 2 pm – Guided Bus Tour to Chase Lake NWR

Guided by Dr. Robert Anderson & Clark Talkington

5 am – 4 pm – SATELLITE TOUR: Pipits & Pie

Guided by Julie Zickefoose

Saturday, June 12, 2010

5 am – 2 pm – Guided Bus Tour to Horsehead Lake -

Guided by Ron Martin & Dr. David Lambeth

5 am – 4 pm – SATELLITE TOUR: Bill Thompson's Big Day

Guided by Bill Thompson, III

3:30 – 4:30 pm Seminar – An Update of the Checklist of N.D. Birds,

Ron Martin (Teepee Room)

Ron will present an overview of the new North Dakota Bird Checklist, the first update since 1982. highlighting some of the major additions and status changes in the new checklist.

6 – 8:30 pm Picnic Dinner at Dakota Sun

Shuttles from the Chieftain will be available at 5:30 p.m. to take birders on a country adventure through farmland that resembles a vast, pristine lawn, with new crops appearing as far as the eye can see. (Directions will be mapped for those who wish to drive separately.) Our destination is the **Gussias Farmstead**, also **Dakota Sun Gardens**, where we will enjoy an old-fashioned picnic and tour the lush, scenic gardens meticulously planted and tended by the owners. Bring your binocs! Birds find this botanical locale irresistible.

To wind up the evening, free evening birding tours to local areas will be offered, including a sunset **Hawk's Nest Ridge** tour, among other destinations. Following their tour, birders will be returned to the Chieftain.



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Sunday, June 13, 2010

5 am – 4 pm – *SATELLITE TOUR: North Dakota Specialty Birds*

Guided by Dr. Robert Anderson

5 am – 4 pm – *SATELLITE TOUR: Dawn Birding in Kidder County*

Guided by Julie Zickefoose & Bill Thompson, III



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