



Potholes & Prairie Birding Festival

Event Descriptions

June 13 - 17, 2012

**Chieftain Conference Center – Festival Headquarters
60 4th 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 '2011 Tour Descriptions' link on our festival web site.**

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Wednesday, June 13, 2012

5 – 8 pm Registration & Social – Chieftain Conference Center: Teepee Room
7pm: Seminar – Cameron Cox: “Choosing a Camera for Birders” (Teepee Room)

Thursday, June 14, 2012

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

Guided by Dave Lambeth with Stacy Adolph

5 am – 2 pm – SPECIALTY TOUR: ND Specialty Birds

Guided by Bob Anderson

5 am – 2 pm – SPECIALTY TOUR: Arrowwood NWR

Guided by Corey Ellingson with Paul Halko, Refuge Manager

4 – 5 pm – Seminar – Chris Wood: eBird: Where Birding, Science and Conservation Meet.

(Arrowwood NWR)

5 - 6 pm – Digiscoping on the Deck

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Digiscoping demonstration by the participating optic companies on the deck of the beautiful new Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge overlooking Arrowwood Lake. Bring your cameras!

6 - 7 pm – Dinner

(Arrowwood NWR)

7:30 – 9 pm – Pipestem Creek Jam Session with Bill Thompson and Julie

Zickefoose – (9 mile South, 1 mile East of Carrington on Hwy 281) After dinner at Arrowwood

NWR, stop at the Hoffert Farm, home of Pipestem Creek Bed & Birding. Bring your binocs to bird and

relax in real down-home richness; 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 4,000-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 such as Say's Phoebe, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, and more.

Friday, June 15, 2012

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

Guided by Bob Anderson & Keith Corliss

5 am – 5 pm – Specialty Tour – Big Day

Guided by Bill Thompson, III and Julie Zickefoose

2 – 6 pm – Visit the Vendors

6:30 pm – Seminar – Dave Lambeth: "Specialties of North Dakota." (Teepee Room)

7:30 pm – Picnic Dinner – Deb & Gary Goplen's Home - After a busy day at Chase Lake or tallying up birds on the Big Day tour, we will relax in the beautiful backyard of Deb and Gary Goplen, at 486 McKenzie Ave. On the edge of Carrington, the Goplen backyard is landscaped with gorgeous gardens bordering the prairie. A picnic style meal will be served.

Saturday, June 16, 2012

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

Guided by Ron Martin & Dave Lambeth

6 am – 2pm – SPECIALTY TOUR: Prairie Ramble

Guided by Julie Zickefoose & Keith Corliss

6 am – 2pm – SPECIALTY TOUR: Hawks Nest Region

Guided by Alex Galt

2 – 7:30 pm – Visit the Vendors

4:30 – 5:30 pm – Seminar – Julie Zickefoose: The Bluebird Effect: Uncommon Bonds with Common Birds (Teepee Room)

6:30 pm – Cash Bar Social w/Vendors

Dine around Town

8 – 9 pm – An Evening with . . . Al Batt (Teepee Room)

Sunday, June 17, 2012

Saturday midnight to Sunday – SPECIALTY TOUR: Nature's Night Symphony

Guided by Keith Corliss

5 am – 2 pm – SPECIALTY TOUR: Birding the Sheyenne Valley & Beyond

Guided by Bill Thompson, III

5 am – 2 pm - SPECIALTY TOUR: Birding the Missouri Coteau

Guided by Chris Wood

2 pm – Farewell Social: Coffee & ND Desserts – Putnam House