



Seminar Descriptions

Potholes & Prairie Birding Festival

June 13-17, 2018

Wednesday, June 13

Title: Welcome to North Dakota

(7:00pm Tepee Room)

Alex Galt

This seminar will kick off the festival by introducing participants to North Dakota's landscape, natural history, and specialty birds. It's a great way to become more familiar with some of the terminology you will learn throughout the festival and to "dial in" your eyes and ears for the birds of the prairie pothole region.

Thursday, June 14

Title: Sparrow School: Classroom Session

(4pm – 5pm Tepee Room)

Alex Galt

The Sparrow School will be a narrowly focused study combining a classroom session with a field trip designed to explore and illuminate the nuanced aural and visual differences separating our prairie sparrow species. This classroom session is designed to help participants build a simple, yet effective, strategy for identifying this challenging group of birds. Although this seminar will focus on the sparrows of North Dakota, the techniques we use can be easily adapted to wherever you find yourself looking at sparrows. Bring your favorite field guide and a notebook!



Friday, June 15

Title: Better Birding using BirdsEye and eBird



Bob Anderson

(4pm–5pm Tepee Room)

BirdsEye is a unique and powerful tool that helps you discover the birds around you and it can be connected with your eBird account.

Come learn how you can be more successful target birding using these tools.

Saturday, June 16

The First Wordy Bird Nerd Wiz Fowl Quiz Bowl

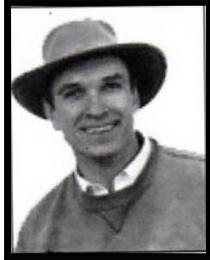
(4pm–5pm Tepee Room)

Jesse Kolar

Come and hone your bird identification abilities and see how well you listened during this year's tours. This quiz bowl will be a laid back competition (albeit with prizes) to recap much of what guides and speakers have presented. There will also be many bird photos and calls ranging from easy to difficult to identify, which should help to reinforce bird identification skills for local area birds.



Saturday, June 16



TITLE: An Evening with ... Al Batt

(7:00pm – Tepee Room)

Al Batt is a delightful humorist, storyteller, and birding enthusiast from Hartland, Minnesota. Al will appeal to everyone – avid birder or novice. His stories will tickle your funny bone. He has a “down-home” style that will bring back memories of your childhood and those wonderful times gone by.

Al Batt was born and raised on a farm near Hartland, where he lives with his wife Gail. He writes four weekly humor and nature columns for many newspapers, and has a regular radio show about nature on a number of radio stations. He writes several popular cartoon strips that are syndicated nationally and has written jokes for a former President of the United States. He has written for a number of magazines and books, including the *Chicken Soup For the Soul* series. He is also a contributing author of the book *Minnesota Bird Watching*.