

Hawk Ridge 50th Anniversary Celebration & Hawk Weekend Festival 2022 Detailed Event Information

Must pre-register online for all field trips/workshops/evening events

Festival wristband required for all field trips/workshops and daily programs at Hawk Ridge

**Masks could be required for some events, pending venue/trip leader and/or COVID guidelines at that time*

Registration – will close on Sunday 9/18

A la carte Registration – register for individual event selections. Please send an email to events@hawkridge.org with questions or to see if there's waiting list availability for any full/closed events.

COST: varies by event (members/students receive discounted prices on all events).

Festival Package Registration (Early Bird Discount ended 8/1 & festival package rate ended 9/1) – discounted festival package includes Thurs. 50th Anniversary Celebration Event/Dinner Ticket at Greysolon Ballroom, Fri. evening social/research poster session ticker at Great Lakes Aquarium, Sat. evening social/annual meeting/speaker panel at Univ. of MN Duluth, one workshop (songbird banding or advanced hawkwatching), one live falcons program, and festival wristband for daily scheduled programs at Hawk Ridge Fri-Sun. Optional field trips are not included, but can be added.

COST: \$115 members/\$175 non-members, early bird discount of \$15 ends Aug 1st and package offer ends Sept. 1st, all registration is a la carte only after Sept. 1st.

Offered Thurs. 9/22 ONLY!

Hawk Ridge 50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

Thursday, September 22, 2022 -Ticket sales closed 9/14 at 11:59pm. Contact events@hawkridge.org for limited availability.

Tickets: Included with Festival Package Rate or purchased a la carte \$65/member or full table of 10 \$600; \$75/non-member or full table of 10 \$700 (NOTE: Early Bird Ticket Discount by 9/1 = \$5 off/ticket or \$50 off/table of 10)

Location: Greysolon Ballroom, 231 E Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802 (parking available free after 5pm - Sheraton/First Street Parking Ramp – parking connected to Greysolon Ballroom via skywalk or street access)

Time: 5-9pm

Description: Please join us in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve (1972-2022) and 50 years of raptor research and education! We will kick-off the event at the beautiful Greysolon Ballroom with an inspirational celebration of the past, present, and future of Hawk Ridge!

50th Anniversary Celebration Banquet (5-9pm) – at the Greysolon Ballroom (*tentative schedule below*)

- 5:00 Doors open, registration
- 5:30 Social, cash bar, live birds, live paint, vendors, music, silent auction
- 6:15 Opening/Welcome (City of Duluth Mayor, Hawk Ridge, sponsor acknowledgement)
- 6:30 Dinner/Dessert
- 7:15 Presentation – speaker tribute & celebration of past, present and future
- 8:30 Closing, acknowledgements, final auction

Offered Fri. 9/23 ONLY!

Sax-Zim Bog Birding and Natural History Tour

Friday, September 23, 2022 (LIMIT 20, min. 10 – FIELD TRIP IS FULL. Go to saxzim.org to find out about self-guided visit or future programs)

Cost: \$50 members/students, \$60 non-members

Meeting Location: meeting at Menards Parking Lot, 4809 Miller Trunk Hwy, Hermantown, MN (near Kwik Trip off of Hwy 53 and Arrowhead Road). **Transportation:** Carpooling as comfortable/possible

Meeting Time: 7:30 am; return 3-3:30pm **Duration:** 5-6 hour tour (not including travel time)

Description: The Sax-Zim Bog is a well-known bird watching location during the winter months. Visitors come from far and wide to experience winter birds like Pine Grosbeak, Common Redpoll, Northern Shrike, and Northern Hawk Owl, as well as resident species like Great Gray Owl, Boreal Chickadee, Canada Jay, and Black-backed Woodpecker. Many of the species that call the Bog home year-round specialize using bog habitats. This field trip will have a focus on birds, but will also consider the bogs in the landscape and the Friends of Sax-Zim Bog's work to help preserve the amazing ecosystems in the Sax-Zim Bog!

Field Trip Expectations/Preparation/Notes: Be prepared for birding from gravel roadways or boardwalks. Any hiking done will be short in duration and distance on fairly level surfaces. Bugs will not likely be too bad at this time of year, but do bring bug spray if desired. Plan on bringing a lunch/snacks along on the trip so we can maximize our time exploring the region. There isn't a need for mud boots etc for this field trip.

Leader: Clinton Dexter-Nienhaus, Head Naturalist, Friends of Sax-Zim Bog

Hawk Ridge Academic Speaker at University of MN Duluth

Friday, September 23, 2022

Cost: FREE (no registration required)

Location: University of MN Duluth, Life Science Building Room 185 (LSci 185) (Click [HERE](#) for parking info)

Time: 3:00pm

Presentation: Dr. Robert N. Rosenfield, Professor of Ecology at the Department of Biology, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point will present 'It's the natural history stupid: I'll see your Mayr, and raise you a Darwin!' What long-term data reveal about the natural history and ecology of nesting Cooper's Hawks, both within and across populations in northern North America. This talk will stress the importance of natural history, seemingly a dying discipline of Biology.

Evening Social Event and Bird Research Poster Session at Great Lakes Aquarium

Friday, September 23, 2022

Cost: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members (tickets \$10 more at door - \$35 member/\$45 non)

Meeting Location: Great Lakes Aquarium, 353 Harbor Dr, Duluth, MN (www.glaquarium.org)

From I-35 S (from Duluth/North Shore) - Exit 256B - Follow signs for 5th Ave W veering to the right. Take a left onto 5th Ave W. The aquarium parking lot will be on your right.

From I-35 N (from Twin Cities) – Exit 256B (5th Ave West). At the lights, turn right on Harbor Drive. The aquarium parking lot will be on your right.

Time: 6:30-9pm (6pm doors open/registration) Cash Bar/Social/Poster Session/Live Music/Raffle

Description: Join us for the return of this popular evening event with NEW bird research poster session at the Great Lakes Aquarium. Starting at 6:30pm, a cash bar will be available and the aquarium will be open to tour, including the Raptor Ridge Exhibit. Hawk Ridge staff, current/former UMD graduate students, and others will present poster sessions on their bird research. Live music, raffle, and other fun happenings throughout the evening as well!

Offered Sat. 9/24 ONLY!

Birding at Wisconsin Point

Saturday, September 24, 2022 (LIMIT 15 -FIELD TRIP IS FULL)

Cost: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members

Meeting Location: Perkins Restaurant, 103 E 2nd St, Superior, WI 54880 (US 53 South); *Please note: construction on I35 may require an alternate route and additional travel time to get to your location.*

Meeting Time: 7:45 am **Duration:** 2-3 hours (easy-moderate walking/observing)

Description: Visit one of Wisconsin's beloved birding hotspots and known for great viewing of jaegers! We will search the lakeside for shorebirds, terns, gulls, and jaegers; and check the wooded areas along the dunes for warblers and other passerines.

What to Bring: Binoculars and dress in layers. Spotting scopes will be useful for this trip.

Leader: Alex Sundvall

St. Louis River Estuary Field Trip

Saturday, September 24, 2022 (LIMIT 15 -FIELD TRIP IS FULL)

Cost: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members

Meeting Location: Waabizheshikana "The Marten Trail" (fka Western Waterfront Trailhead) parking lot located behind the Willard Munger Inn (7408 Grand Ave, Duluth); turn east on Pulaski St/75th Ave W, cross the railroad tracks, then trailhead parking lot will be on your left. *Please note: construction on I35 may require an alternate route and additional travel time to get to your location.*

Meeting Time: 7:00 am (walking) **Duration:** 2-3 hours (easy-moderate walking)

Description: Spend a relaxing morning visiting a birding hotspot in Duluth. The morning along the St. Louis River Estuary (Audubon Important Bird Area) will take you birding along the riverfront searching for migratory waterfowl, shorebirds, warblers and other passerines.

Leaders: Jim Lind & Jeff Davis

Hawk Ridge Annual Meeting and Evening Speaker Panel

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Cost: FREE members/students, \$15 non-members

Location: University of MN Duluth, Life Science Building Room 185 (LSci 185) (Click [HERE](#) for parking info)

Time: 6:30pm Social; 7:00pm HRBO Annual Meeting; 7:30pm Speaker Panel

Description: Join us for the Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory Annual Meeting & Evening Speaker Panel. The annual meeting will cover highlights from the year, board member elections, and other special notes/awards. The evening speaker research panel, including Dr. Robert N. Rosenfield, will follow at 7:30pm: "Future of raptor conservation: what we've learned from 50 years of raptor research at Hawk Ridge"

Offered Sun. 9/25 ONLY!

Lester River & North Shore Birding Field Trip

Sunday, September 25, 2022 (LIMIT 15 - SUNDAY IS FULL)

Cost: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members

Meeting Location: Meet at the Lester Park parking lot, one block north of Superior St. To get there, travel east on Superior Street and turn left on the Lester River Road, located 2 blocks past 60th Ave East.

Meeting Time: 7:00 am **Duration:** 3.5-4 hours (easy-moderate walking & driving for N. Shore portion)

Description: This is an exciting field trip along the Lester River and North Shore. We will bird around the southern portion of Lester Park, the grounds of the EPA lab, and the Lester River. Depending on migration

conditions, we will then caravan up the North Shore of Lake Superior with potential stops at Brighton Beach/Kitchi Gammi Park and the McQuade Road Public Access.

What to Bring: Binoculars and dress in layers

Leader(s): Bill Tefft

Geology Field Trip – “Ancient Volcanic Geology of Duluth's Shoreline”

Sunday September 25, 2022 (LIMIT 15- SUNDAY IS FULL)

Cost: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members

Meeting Location: Lester River Tourism Information Center. Directions: travel east on London Road and just after crossing the Lester River, park in the parking lot for the little blue building—tourism information center.

Meeting Time: 10:00 am **Duration:** 2-3 hours (moderate walking on/around rocky areas and driving)

What to Bring: Dress in layers (possibly raingear)

Description: Join Hawk Ridge Education Director, Margie Menzies, all-around naturalist and passionate about both birds and geology on a journey along Duluth’s shoreline. We will visit several interesting outcrops to reveal the story of ancient volcanic geology in the area.

Leader(s): Margie Menzies

Offered Multiple Dates

Evening Owl Programs

Thursday, September 22 - Sunday September 25, 2022 (LIMIT 10/program, min. 4 – ALL programs are FULL, contact mmenzies@hawkridge.org to arrange future private owl program 9/26-10/31)

Cost: \$40 members/students, \$50 non-members

Meeting Location: Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, approximate address 3980 E Skyline Pkwy, Duluth (*NOTE: specific parking location will be emailed to participants*)

Meeting Time: Choose from 4 programs (Thurs. 9/22 - Sat. 9/24 9:30pm; Sun. 9/25 7:30pm)

Duration: 1-1.5 hours (short walk, observing)

Description: The Evening Owl Program will shine a light onto the mysterious nature of the nocturnal migrants flying over Hawk Ridge. Participants will learn about the research methods being used to study owl activity at Hawk Ridge, as well as how to identify many of the species that can be observed in Northern Minnesota by sight and sound. Depending on the night and weather pending, the program will last roughly 1.5 hours and could involve watching the banding of live owls, their release back to the wild, and certainly the opportunity to learn much more about the owls found in our area, as well as those migrating through.

What to Bring: Dress in layers, as it could be cool evening.

Leader(s): Hawk Ridge Staff

Songbird Banding Workshop

Friday, September 23 – Sunday, September 25 (LIMIT 12/program – ALL WORKSHOPS FULL)

Cost: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members

Meeting Location: Main Overlook at Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, approximate address 3980 E Skyline Pkwy, Duluth (*if inclement weather, program will be moved indoors to 6008 London Rd, Duluth*)

Meeting Time: 7:00 am **Duration:** 1-2 hours (short walk, observing)

Description: Songbird migration is a fascinating sequence of birds moving through in the fall. Participants will have an exciting opportunity to see all aspects of the songbird banding process in action, what colorful birds are moving through, as well as how banding provides valuable research tools for bird conservation.

Leader: Margie Menzies

Park Point Birding Field Trip

Sponsored by Minnesota Ornithologists' Union

Saturday, Sept. 24 & Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022 (LIMIT 15/trip - SUNDAY IS FULL)

Cost: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members

Meeting Location: Main parking lot at the Park Point Recreation Area. From Canal Park, travel across the lift bridge and continue on Lake Avenue / Minnesota Avenue approximately 3.75 miles to the Park Point Recreation Area.

Meeting Time: 7:00 am **Duration:** 2-3 hours (walking, easy-moderate)

Description: Visit one of Minnesota's beloved birding hotspots with one of Minnesota's beloved birders – Laura Erickson! We will search the lakeside for shorebirds, terns, gulls, and possible jaegers (spotting scopes useful); and check the wooded areas along the dunes for warblers and other passerines.

What to Bring: Binoculars and dress in layers

Leader: Laura Erickson



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Live Falcon Program

Saturday, September 24 & Sunday, September 25, 2022 (LIMIT 35/program - SATURDAY IS FULL)

Cost: \$10 members/students, \$20 non-members

Meeting Location: Education Program Area at Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, approximate address 3980 E Skyline Pkwy, Duluth (*if inclement weather, program will be moved indoors to 6008 London Rd, Duluth*)

Meeting Time: 11:00 am **Duration:** 45 minutes – 1 hour (seated program)

Description: Raptors have long fascinated people, especially falcons. Come and discover what unique adaptations falcons use to survive in this ever-changing landscape. Highlights of the program will include the amazing recovery story of the Peregrine Falcon, how climate is affecting falcons in the Arctic and what you can do to help Minnesota's most common falcon, the American Kestrel. Jackie will also bring several live birds to help share the stories of this unique group of raptors, so don't forget to bring your camera! Jackie Fallon, wildlife biologist, master falconer, and educator for over 30 years, will be our presenter. She is currently the VP of Field Operations for the Midwest Peregrine Society and MN state coordinator for peregrine monitoring.

What to Bring: camera, binoculars and reference books (if you'd like)

Leader: Jackie Fallon

Advanced Hawk Watching Workshop

Saturday, September 24 & Sunday, September 25, 2022 (LIMIT 35/workshop - SATURDAY IS FULL)

Cost: \$25 members/students, \$35 non-members

Meeting Location: Hawk Ridge Education Program Area at Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve, approximate address 3980 E Skyline Pkwy, Duluth (*if inclement weather, program will be moved indoors to 6008 London Rd*)

Meeting Time: Choose from 2 sessions (Sat. 9/24 or Sun. 9/25 @ 1pm); **Duration:** 45min-1hr (seated program)

Description: The Advanced Hawk Watching Workshop will cover the many raptor identification techniques such as using shapes, wing and tail length and shapes, flight behavior, size and plumage details and other tricks of the trade that professional hawk counters use to make quick, real time, and correct identifications of what's flying regardless of distance and altitude.

What to Bring: Bring binoculars and reference books (if you'd like)

Leader: Dave Carman/Hannah Toutonghi

SPEAKER & FIELD TRIP LEADER BIOS

David Carman is a lifelong birder and hawkwatcher, who has assisted with the fall counts at Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve for over 20 years, as well as the West Skyline Spring Count. He has served as a board member, treasurer, and chairperson of the Hawk Ridge Management Committee and was a founder and the first executive director of its successor, the Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory. After a long corporate career in sales and marketing management, he became a special education teacher. Dave continues to enjoy sharing his love of hawkwatching with others.

Clinton Dexter-Nienhaus is the Head Naturalist with the Friends of Sax-Zim Bog, serves as a board member of the Duluth Audubon Society, teaches courses for MN Master Naturalist, and has led education programs at Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory in a variety of roles from 2014-18. He has a degree in Environmental Biology from St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona and a Master's Degree in Environmental Education from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Clinton has an affinity for every and all species in the region!

Laura Erickson has been sharing her love of birds for decades, as an author, trip leader, public speaker, and as the creator and producer of the long-running radio show "For the Birds". Laura started her career as a school teacher and has been teaching about birds ever since in an amazing variety of venues and media. Some examples include several books over the years, including "Twelve Owls" and "Hawk Ridge: Minnesota's Birds of Prey", both by the University of Minnesota Press, magazine articles in "BirdWatching" and an editor for several years for "Bird Scope" for the Cornell Lab for Ornithology. She completed her own "Big Year" of birding in 2013 identifying 604 species! In 2014, Laura was awarded the prestigious American Birding Association – Roger Tory Peterson award for "a lifetime of achievements in promoting the cause of birding".

Jackie Fallon is a wildlife biologist, master falconer, and educator for over 30 years. She is currently the VP of Field Operations for the Midwest Peregrine Society and MN state coordinator for Peregrine Falcon monitoring.

Jim Lind grew up on the North Shore of Lake Superior and has been an active birder for more than 35 years. He has conducted bird surveys for several organizations, including the University of Minnesota, MN Department of Natural Resources, National Park Service, Nature Conservancy, National Audubon Society, Louisiana State University and others. He is the compiler for the Two Harbors Christmas Bird Count and compiled the Duluth CBC for 20 years. He is a past member of the Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory board, the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union bird records committee, and is a current eBird reviewer for northeast Minnesota.

Margie Menzies is a lifelong naturalist, educator, and lover of birds, rocks and all things of the natural world. She spent years in the formal classroom as a science teacher but has abandoned the indoors for the great outdoor classroom. Margie Menzies joined Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory in 2011 as a fall naturalist and is currently the Education Director at Hawk Ridge. She has a passion for birds and has been involved in songbird banding for more than 25 years. She has served as the naturalist at Sugarloaf Cove Nature Center up the North Shore in Schroeder, MN and adjunct member of the University of Minnesota Duluth, Education Department. She has a BA from Bethel University and a MA from University of St. Thomas. She loves birds, loves learning, and loves sharing the natural world with people of all ages.

Dr. Robert N. Rosenfield is a Professor of Ecology at the Department of Biology, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Dr. Rosenfield's research with raptors began with capture and banding of migratory hawks, falcons, and owls at the Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve in his hometown of Duluth, Minnesota in 1973. This experience sparked his M.S. research at UWSP on the nesting biology of Broad-winged Hawks in Wisconsin during 1976-1981. Concurrent with this thesis work he was invited by the state of Wisconsin in 1980 to investigate the breeding status of the Cooper's Hawk, a bird deemed at the time to be in population peril. This

work led to the discovery of a thriving nesting population, and launched a 43-year, ongoing research of population, behavioral, and molecular aspects of nesting Cooper's Hawks.

Alex Sundvall is a Minnesotan through and through and has lived here his whole life. He has been interested in birds ever since his Kindergarten class took a bird-focused field trip to their local nature center and witnessed the release of a rehabilitated Dark-eyed Junco. From that moment on, he was an absolute sponge for all things bird-related. He got his first field guide, the 4th edition National Geographic Guide to Birds, at the age of seven and he read it cover to cover over and over again trying to glean everything he could from its pages. Even from that young age, whenever anyone would ask him what he wanted to be when he grew up he would always reply: "I'm going to be an Ornithologist!" Now, Alex is finally living that dream, showing people new birds and new experiences all over the country and beyond. Alex graduated from the University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences with a degree in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology with minors in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management; and Forest Ecosystem, Management, and Conservation. In 2016, he received the Young Birder Award from the Minnesota Ornithologists' Union. Alex worked for Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory as both their Fall Counter and Fall Count Interpreter. He is currently a guide for NatureScape Tours and loves teaching people about birds.

Bill Tefft is a naturalist and a retired community college instructor that grew up in southern Michigan, but has been living in Ely, MN for over 45 years. Bill has taught raptor ecology at Hawk Ridge for many years in addition to bringing college students and community members for fall hawk and owl migration visits. Bill has led groups to local, national and international destinations, writes a local weekly nature column, and works to connect all ages to nature.

Hannah Toutonghi is excited to be back at Hawk Ridge for a fifth season! She grew up in Washington State, where she found her love of birds and the natural world from an early age. After earning a B.S in biochemistry from the University of Washington, field work became the next chapter of her career. She has previously worked at the Natural Resource Research Institute, Whitefish Point Bird Observatory, Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory, and the Institute for Bird Populations. Highlights from those seasonal positions include: getting dive-bombed by a Northern Goshawk while conducting point counts, banding juvenile Saw-whet Owls, witnessing the irruption of Black-backed Woodpeckers and White-winged Crossbills during fall migration, and hearing Marbled Murrelets in the old-growth forests of the Olympic National Park. Currently, Hannah is a second-year Master's student at UMD, and will continue her work on researching the winter ecology and movement of Northern Hawk Owls. Hannah also enjoys hiking, camping, photography, and spending time with family, but never parting with her binoculars since birding can be done at anytime, anywhere!