



CALENDAR

JULY

5 Wednesday 8:00/9:00am Bird Walk

Willard Bay SP: Meet at the Rusted Spoon (2645 US 89, Perry) for breakfast at 8:00am or at the pond north of the SP at 9:00am. Note: the State Park is a fee area.

12 Wednesday 7:00/8:00am Bird Walk

Riverdale Parkway: Meet at Moore's Family Restaurant (3558 Wall Ave., Ogden) for breakfast at 7:00am or at the trailhead parking lot (from Riverdale Rd., north on 700 W for two blocks, right on 4300 S, then right on 600 W to the parking lot) at 8:00am

18 Tuesday 7:00pm WAS Meeting

There will be no WAS meeting.

19 Wednesday 7:00/8:00am Bird Walk

Green Pond (Snowbasin Area): Meet at Dylan's (12th and Monroe) for breakfast at 7:00am or at Smith's parking lot (12th and Harrison) to carpool at 8:00am.

22 Saturday 8:00am Flower Walk Trip

We'll meet in the Northwest corner of the Smith's parking lot (12th street and Harrison Blvd.) at 8:00 am and car pool from there. Bring a lunch and drinks. We'll have lunch at the South end of the Curtis Creek Road while we look for Purple Martin. The mosquitoes were bad at the campground last year, so be prepared.

26 Wednesday 7:00/8:15am Bird Walk

Mantua Reservoir: Meet at Rusted Spoon (2645 US 89) for breakfast at 7:00am or at the parking lot on the east side of the reservoir at 8:15am.

AUGUST

2 Wednesday 7:00/8:00am Bird Walk

Riverdale Parkway (South): Meet at Moore's Family Restaurant (3558 Wall Ave., Ogden) at 7:00am for breakfast or at the trailhead (from Riverdale Rd., south on 700 W for one block, then left on 4600 S to lot on right at end of the road) at 8:00am.

9 Wednesday 7:00/8:00am Bird Walk

Ogden River Parkway: Meet at Dylan's (12th and Monroe) for breakfast at 7:00am or at the MTC Park on the Ogden River off Monroe at 8:00am. This park is also called the Ogden Botanical Gardens.

15 Tuesday 7:00pm WAS Meeting

Annual Potluck Dinner! It's time for our annual potluck. Soft drinks will be provided. Please note: **NO GRILL THIS YEAR.** Bring a dish to share and your dishes and utensils. Don't forget insect repellent. After dinner will be a time for socializing and sharing experiences. Meet at the Ogden Nature Center, 966 West 12th Street, Ogden.

16 Wednesday 7:00/8:00am Bird Walk

Morgan's Mickelsen Mile: Meet at Village Inn (1765 E Skyline Drive, South Ogden) for breakfast at 7:00am or at the restaurant parking area to carpool at 8:00am.

19 Saturday 8:00am Field Trip

Farmington Canyon: We will meet at the DWR office at 515 E 5300 S (Adams Avenue) in Ogden at 8:00am and carpool from there. Bring a lunch and drinks. We will drive up Farmington Canyon and come back down into Bountiful.

AUGUST (cont)

23 Wednesday 7:00/8:00am Bird Walk

Jefferson Hunt Campground (trail starts on the west side of the campground): Meet at Dylan's (12th and Monroe) for breakfast at 7:00am or Smith's Parking lot (12th and Harrison) to carpool at 8:00am.

30 Wednesday 7:00/8:00am Bird Walk

West Haven Hiking and Biking Trail, west of I-15: Meet at Denny's Restaurant (North on 1100 W from 21st in the Flying J Plaza) at 7:00am for breakfast or on frontage road in front of Stevens-Henager College to start walk at 8:00am.

SEPTEMBER

6 Wednesday 7:00/8:00am Bird Walk

Dale Young Nature Park (formerly Perry Nature Park): Meet at Rusted Spoon (2645 US 89, Perry) for breakfast at 7:00am at the park (1200 W Davis Street off US 89 at 2250 S, Perry) at 8:00am.

FIELD TRIP LEADER NEEDED

In August 2017, Lester Talbot is retiring from the position he has held for over 17 years. Les has planned and led some great field trips over the years, but we are now in search of someone to take over that task. Our meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month and field trips usually are scheduled for the Saturday following our meeting. Generally, the field trips cover a local area and last for one-half day. Occasionally, a trip can last all day. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering to lead field trips, please contact Dan Johnston by email at danielj47@comcast.net or by phone at 801-645-8633.

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The Lek Field Trip Report

by Les Talbot

The Lek was buzzing with activity this year. There were 40 males and maybe two females. They were strutting on both sides of the road and in the middle of the road. Just after the sun came up a Japanese couple pulled off the road. He got out and let his dog out. Then the lady got out. So that ended the strut for that morning.

At the lek Dan invited a couple of ladies from Texas to join us.

There were 27 Common Loons on East Canyon Reservoir. That is the largest number of loons we have seen there.

There is a Bald Eagle nest in a tree at the gate where they close the road to Jeremy Ranch. We didn't see anything on the nest. A local photographer had been there for a while and said he saw an eagle earlier in the day. There was a Golden Eagle on the west side of the canyon.

One of the ladies from Texas had not seen a dipper before. We stopped on a bridge for East Canyon Creek. A dipper was sitting on a rock. A Cooper's Hawk saw it, flew towards it and chased it off. The hawk landed on the roof of a house and the dipper came back to the rock.

Altogether, we saw 28 species on the trip.