



Birders Rendezvous June 3, 4 & 5 ~ 2005

Rendezvous with the Birds!



Welcome to the 6th Annual Birders Rendezvous. Voyageurs National Park becomes a symphony of song in the spring of the year. Come learn the notes with accomplished naturalists and biologists as they lead beginning, intermediate and advanced bird hikes, canoe & boat trips and special speaker programs.

Voyageurs National Park is home to over 240 species of birds. Here the northern hardwoods meet the boreal forest and you will find some of the greatest diversity of breeding species and wood warblers north of Mexico.

Participants can join us for one activity, all day or an entire weekend. Hurry - space is limited. Programs fill as we receive registrations. Each of the activities provide a unique experience. We suggest you give each trip a try during the festival. Bring your camera, spotting scopes and binoculars and rendezvous with the birds!

Birding in the Bog ~ Sunday, June 5, 7-8 a.m.

New

Voyageurs National Park is proud to announce Birding in the Bog at the Orr Bog Walk. Join accomplished birder Marshall Helmberger for a morning hike to view red-necked grebes, warblers and pelicans and possibly more than 50 different birds through a spotting scope at the Pelican river.

~Keynote Speakers~

Do you love to hear the call of a loon echoing across a lake? Have you ever wondered if loons mate for life? Cory MacNulty and Jen Fox will take you on a journey into the world of the common loon. Learn what biologists have discovered about loons in Voyageurs National Park after 25 years of research and monitoring.

Cory is the Executive Director of the Voyageurs National Park Association and former Coordinator of the LoonWatch Program at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute of Northland College. Jen Fox is a Biological Science Technician at Voyageurs and assists with the park's loon water levels research project.

Voyageurs National Park was established by an act of Congress in 1971 to preserve, for the enjoyment of present and future generations, the outstanding scenery, geological conditions and waterway system which constituted a part of the historic route of the voyageurs who contributed significantly to the opening of the northwestern United States.

Bird Species Spotted at the 2003 & 2004 Rendezvous

*Alder Flycatcher	Flycatcher
*American Bittern	*Hairy Woodpecker
*American Crow	*Hermit Thrush
*American Goldfinch	*Herring Gull
*American Redstart	*Hooded Merganser
*American Robin	*Kill Deer
*American White Pelican	*Least Flycatcher
*Bald Eagle	*Magnolia Warbler
*Belted Kingfisher	*Mallard
*Black- and- white Warbler	*Marsh Wren
*Blackburnian Warbler	*Mourning Warbler
*Black- capped Chickadee	*Nashville Warbler
*Black- throated Green Warbler	*Northern Flicker
*Blue Jay	*Northern Oriole
*Blue- headed Vireo	*Northern Parula
*Blue- winged Teal	*Ovenbird
*Broad- winged Hawk	*Pileated Woodpecker
*Brown Creeper	*Pine Warbler
*Brown- headed Cowbird	*Purple Finch
*Canada Goose	*Red- breasted Nuthatch
*Canada Warbler	*Red- eyed Vireo
*Cape May Warbler	*Red- winged Blackbird
*Cedar Waxwing	*Ring- billed Gull
*Chestnut- sided Warbler	*Ring- necked Duck
*Chipping Sparrow	*Rose- breasted Grosbeak
*Common Goldeneye	*Ruby- crowned Kinglet
*Common Grackle	*Ruby- throated Hummingbird
*Common Loon	*Ruffed Grouse
*Common Merganser	*Song Sparrow
*Common Raven	*Spotted Sandpiper
*Common Yellow- throat	*Swamp Sparrow
*Double- crested Cormorant	*Tennessee Warbler
*Downy Woodpecker	*Tree Swallow
*Eastern Kingbird	*Turkey Vulture
*Eastern Phoebe	*Veery
*Eastern Wood- pewee	*Warbling Vireo
*European Starling	*Western Palm Warbler
*Evening Grosbeak	*White- breasted Nuthatch
*Gray Catbird	*White- throated Sparrow
*Great Blue Heron	*Winter Wren
*Great Crested	*Wood Duck
	*Yellow Warbler
	*Yellow- bellied Sapsucker
	*Yellow- rumped Warbler
	*Yellow- throated Vireo

~Friday, June 3, 2005~

Registration

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center, see registration insert page for more details

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Birds at Dusk (*Oberholtzer Trail*) Trail is handicap accessible the first 1/4 mile.

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ *Richard Oehlerschlager, Science Museum of Minnesota*
Join Richard for an entertaining walk along the Oberholtzer Trail and learn about the birds of Voyageurs and their crazy quirks at dusk. Registration required.

Free

Birders Social

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ coffee and dessert
Enjoy scrumptious desserts while getting to know fellow birders. Registration required. Sponsored by the Friends of Voyageurs National Park.

Free

Keynote Speakers ~ Loons in the Northland

7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ *Cory MacNulty & Jen Fox, Voyageurs National Park Association*
Why do loons have four different calls? Why is it important to monitor loons in Voyageurs National Park? Come and learn why this beautiful bird is so special to the habitat in and around voyageur country and the symbol of the northland.

Free

~Saturday, June 4~

Morning Activities

Little Brown Birds

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Oberholtzer Trail ~ *Ahlan Johnson*
Would you like to learn to identify birds? Do all birds look alike to you? Here is your chance to learn. Join Ahlan for a leisurely walk and learn to identify some of the more common birds in voyageur country. Coffee provided. Minimum and maximum number of participants is 5 & 12. *For the beginning birder.*

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Birds of the Voyageur Country

6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Tilson Creek Trail ~ *Steve Windels*
Voyageur country is full of a diversity of birds so come take a hike on the beautiful cliffs of Tilson Creek to start or continue your bird life list. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. *For the intermediate birder.*

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Birds of the Boreal Forest

6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Kab ~Ash Trail ~ *Gaea Crozier*
Voyageurs is dominated by a boreal forest rich in bird diversity. Hike with Gaea and search for the birds that inhabit the boreal forest. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. *For the intermediate or advanced birder.*

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Warbler & Rookery Watch

6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Echo Bay Trail ~ *Lee Grim*
Enjoy a serene hike along the Echo Bay Trail and look for some of the park's many warblers. Then stop by a great blue heron rookery to view hundreds of herons. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. *For the intermediate or advanced birder.*

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Pack & Paddle

6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ *Ilka Milne*
Enjoy a breathtaking sunrise canoe trip across Black Bay to the Beaver Pond Trail. Rest your paddles and pick up your pack for a birders hike to a spectacular view of a beaver pond. Paddling experience needed. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 10. *For the beginning or intermediate birder.*

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Wildlife Gardening

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ *Master Gardner ~ Elizabeth Nauertz*
Come for an interactive mid- morning adventure with Elizabeth and learn about native plants and gardening that will attract birds to your back yard. Maximum number of participants is 20. Indoors and outdoors.






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~Saturday, June 4, 2005~

Afternoon Activities

-  **Lunch** ~ Catered by Grandma's Pantry in Ranier
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Vegetarian meal: corn chowder soup, egg salad sandwich, dessert and beverage. Non-Vegetarian meal: wild rice soup, turkey or ham sandwich, dessert and beverage. Prize drawings during lunch. \$7 Check Box
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-  **Canoeing Along the Wetlands**
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Staff \$15
Join us for a relaxing canoe trip along the tranquil shores of Black Bay. Maximum number of participants is 10.
-  **Bird Call Identification Class**
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Gaea Crozier \$12
Have you ever wondered what bird call you are hearing? Join Gaea to learn great techniques for identifying bird calls. *For the beginning or intermediate birder.* Maximum number of participants is 20.
-  **Discovery Cruise**
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Tawnya Schoewe \$15
Discover the beauty of Rainy Lake and the Kabetogama Peninsula in one trip. Tawnya will navigate the waters of Rainy Lake in search of active bald eagle nests then stop at the Black Bay Beaver Pond Trail and hike 1.3 miles round trip to a spectacular overlook. Maximum number of participants is 7.
-  **Pelican Search**
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center ~ Andrea Schwartz \$15
Join Andrea on a special field trip to search for pelicans on Kabetogama Lake. Board a boat to take a gentle cruise of the lake in search this special water bird. You may also see eagles, cormorants, gulls and great blue herons. Bring your camera! Maximum number of participants is 6.

~Sunday, June 5, 2005~

-  **Birding By Ear** \$12 Check Box
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6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Tilson Creek Trail ~ Lee Grim
Have you always wondered which bird was singing? Enjoy a morning hike on the Tilson Creek Trail and discover the songs of the birds of the voyageur country. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. *For the intermediate or advanced birder.*
-  **Birds of Daley Bay** \$12
6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Kab ~ Ash Trail ~ Bob Smalley
Join Bob for a hike on the Kab ~ Ash Trail to the bridge at Daley Bay and look for the many birds of Voyageurs National Park. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. *For the beginning or intermediate birder.*
-  **Nature and Bird Photography** \$12
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Bill Morgenstern
Learn the basics of nature photography with your digital or film camera. Bring your own camera and tripod if you have them. Indoor and outdoor class. Coffee provided. Minimum and maximum number of participants is 5 & 12. *For the beginning or intermediate photographer.*
-  **Rookery Watch** \$15
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Rainy Lake Visitor Center ~ Don Graves
Board a boat and travel to a cormorant and herring gull rookery. View hundreds of nesting birds. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 6. *For the beginning, intermediate or advanced birder.*
-  **Birding in the Bog** \$5
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Voyageur National Park and Orr Area Tourist and Information Center ~ Marshall Helmberger
Voyageurs National Park and the Tourist information center have partnered to bring you Birding in the Bog. Join Marshall Helmberger for a sunrise walk along the boardwalk and to learn about the birds of the boreal forest bog. Wheelchair accessible. Coffee provided. Maximum number of participants is 12. *For the beginner, intermediate or advanced birder.*

Voyageurs National Park
Birders Rendezvous
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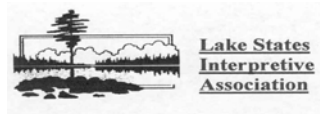
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