



**2014 ASM Spring
Meeting**

**May 2nd through
May 4th**

Hosted by

**River Bluffs Audubon
Society**



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Hosted by River Bluffs Audubon Society
Jefferson City, Missouri
May 2-May 4, 2014

All birders are invited to participate in the 2014 ASM Spring Meeting. This year's meeting is being hosted by River Bluffs Audubon Society. The meeting will be held May 2nd through May 4th. ***The Deadline for registration is April 11, 2014.***

The event will be held at the Best Western Capital Inn, 1937 Christy Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri. Phone: 573-635-4175. A block of rooms will be held for the meeting until **April 11, 2014** at a rate of \$89.09 plus tax. Be sure to ask for a reservation listed under "AUDUBON." To receive the special rate, it is best to call the local number listed above.

A full hot breakfast is available from 6:00-10:00 a.m. each day free of charge.

To reach the Best Western, take the Ellis Exit on HWY 54 on the south end of Jefferson City. If West bound, (toward the Lake of the Ozarks), this exit will be followed by a left turn. Cross over HWY 54. Turn right onto Christy. If East bound, (toward Fulton and I-70), this exit will be followed by a right turn and an immediate right onto Christy.

The programs, the Friday social, and the Saturday banquet will be held at Scheppers Distributing (Budweiser) at 2300 St. Mary's Blvd., Jefferson City, Missouri, 65109. (Scheppers has a large Budweiser sign).

ASM Spring Meeting 2014—Field Trips

Saline Valley CA and Scrivner Road CA Field Trip — On this all-day trip we will explore Saline Valley CA (4,782 acres) southeast of Eldon, checking marsh, woodland, ponds, creeks and grasslands for migrating and newly-arrived summer resident species. The CACHE checklist shows more than 160 species, including 26 warbler species. Northern Parula, Blue-winged and Kentucky top the list for numbers. Chats are plentiful. Vireos, especially White-eyed, are expected. Following lunch in Eldon, we will bird Scrivner Road CA (919 acres) southeast of Russellville. This site also boasts more than 160 species on the checklist that includes 25 warbler species, Bell's Vireo, Olive-sided Flycatcher, and a good variety of species in grassland, small lake, riverside and woodland.

Rock Bridge Memorial State Park and Eagle Bluffs CA—On this all-day trip near Columbia, we will begin at Rock Bridge (2,238 acres). With 15 miles of designated trails along creeks, through woods and grassland areas, there is excellent habitat for viewing many species of warblers, tanagers and other spring migrants, as well as nesting species. After lunch in Columbia, we will move on to Eagle Bluffs CA (4,431 acres) which is located along the MO River and is the best opportunity for shorebirds. With 270 species on the CACHE checklist, this is an excellent area for viewing warblers, vireos, orioles, flycatchers, Dickcissel and Indigo Buntings.

Greenway and Runge Nature Center—This easy Saturday morning trip will begin with a walk on a short section of the paved Jefferson City Greenway Trail, where it runs along Wears Creek and has a bluebird next box trail. Then we will head to Runge which is 90 acres of prairie, forest, marsh and glade. We will walk the shortest 2 trails (paved) and spend time in the Nature Center viewing the exhibits and watching the feeders.

Runge Nature Center and MDC Headquarters—This Sunday morning trip will be moderate hiking along the longer wood-chipped trails with some hills. We will cross over the Wears Creek Bridge onto the MDC headquarters office complex to check out the 3 ponds on the area. Both of these areas have many native plants which attract a wide variety of birds. The Nature Center is closed on Sunday but outdoor restrooms are open.

3M Wetlands—This waste water treatment restoration facility has wet areas during normal years of rainfall. It has recently been in

May an excellent site to find a variety of warblers and vireos. The walk to the site is mostly on level ground, or ground with a very minimal incline. Walking difficulty is easy to moderate, due to the fact that the round trip may be a two mile walk.

Binder Lake—This 223 acre conservation area is about 4 miles west of Jefferson City and has a large lake, a shore bird area, and wooded trails. A variety of waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, woodpeckers, and owls can be found here. The trails are easy to moderate difficulty.

Marion Bottoms Conservation Area—This 3000 acre conservation area is comprised of a Missouri River access, a large area of flood-plain trees, and some fields. A report in May of last year indicated some warbler species, vireos, and a significant number of Prothonotary Warblers. Walking is easy to moderate with a potential two mile walk. This area is subject to cancellation due to flooded roads, but those who sign up may choose another trip in that case at the meeting.

Prairie Garden Trust—This privately owned site features a prairie, savanna, lotus ponds, woods, and creek trails. The wide variety of habitat includes a heron rookery and many varieties of birds are present. Some of the trails are moderately difficulty. The Visitors Center has indoor plumbing. Wear sturdy shoes, use insect repellent, and bring water. This site is about 25 minutes northeast of Jefferson City. More information is available at <http://prairiegardentrust.org>

Missouri Wildflower Nursery—This site is a nursery for Missouri native plants, flowers, grasses, vines and trees. It is located in Brazito, Missouri, about 10 miles southwest of Jefferson City. There are trails going through wooded and grassy areas. Warblers, woodpeckers, sparrows, and owls are among the birds that can be found here. Be sure to wear bug spray, sturdy shoes or boots and bring water. The trails are easy to moderate difficulty. More information is available at www.mowildflowers.net

Field Trip Choices

Indicate which trips you would like to go on by marking an X. Morning trips will leave at 7:30 a.m. Afternoon trips will leave at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday Trip Choices:

- All Day Saturday- 3M Wetlands and Grindstone .
- All Day Saturday- Saline Valley CA and Scrivner CA
- All Day Saturday- Rock Bridge SP and Eagle Bluffs CA.
- Saturday Morning- Jefferson City Greenway and Runge
- Saturday Morning- Prairie Garden Trust.
- Saturday Morning- Binder Lake.
- Saturday Afternoon- Binder Lake.
- Saturday Afternoon- Prairie Garden Trust.
- Saturday Afternoon- Missouri Wildflowers Nursery.

Sunday Trip Choices: (All Sunday trips are half day.)

- Sunday Morning. Prairie Garden Trust.
- Sunday Morning. Marion Bottoms CA.
- Sunday Morning. Binder Lake.
- Sunday Morning. Runge and MDC Headquarters
- Sunday Morning. Bird Banding at Birds-I-View.

**SPRING 2014 MEETING REGISTRATION FORM—
May 2-May 4, 2014**

Basic registration is \$50/person which includes all field trips, Friday night social, Saturday night banquet, and Friday and Saturday programs. Participants will be responsible for buying their own lunches. Children 12 and under may register for \$25.

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ADDITIONAL NEARBY LODGING OPTIONS***

Econo Lodge- 1926 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. Ph# 573-636-7723 or [_econolodge@yahoo.com](mailto:econolodge@yahoo.com)
Oak Tree Inn- 1710 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. Ph# 888-456-8733 or www.oaktreeinn.com
Truman Hotel-1510 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. Ph# 573-635-7171

***RESTAURANTS AND GASOLINE IN THE
JEFFERSON CITY AREA:***

A variety of restaurants are located near the Best Western. Right next door is Kentucky Fried Chicken and a half mile further up Christy Drive (towards Fulton) is a Pizza Hut. Around the corner from the hotel and a short distance down Ellis Blvd. are Roly Poly and El Jimador, located in the Birds-I-View shopping center. Across HWY 54 from Christy Dr. is the other service road, Jefferson Street, which runs parallel to 54. On this you will find Country Kitchen, Perkins, McDonald's, Zesto's Drive In, and Culver's. Missouri Blvd. has numerous restaurants also. Gasoline is easily found in two convenience stores, one very near the hotel on the corner of Ellis and Christy at the 54 overpass, and one just across the overpass from the hotel on Southwest Blvd.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 11, 2014. Please make checks payable to "Audubon Society of Missouri." Mail to: Jane Frazier, RBAS Board Member, 1408 Satinwood Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

NO REFUNDS.

Name(s) : _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address (print legibly): _____

Registration Fee (includes field trips, Friday and Saturday Programs, Saturday Banquet)

@ \$50 per person x _____ = _____

Child (12 and under) @ \$25 per person x _____ = _____

TOTAL _____

Would you like a vegetarian meal Saturday night? _____

We look forward to seeing you in Jefferson City!

