



2nd Annual “Fledgling” Guided Birding Hike @ Venetucci Farm

Saturday, August 12th, 7:00-9:30

This is our second year offering a guided birding hike in August at Venetucci Farm. The more we have surveyed the birds, the more we realize that every month offers new surprises. August typically still has a variety of songbirds and raptors in addition to juvenile birds hatched during the current year. Once out of the nest they are known as fledglings. This is a good preparation as fall migration has already begun and will continue with all the challenges of identifying young birds as well as adults who in some cases will be going through molt and thus look different than they did in the spring. Highlights will include tips on identifying different species, learning about behavior and habitat needs.

Pre-registration is required as group size will be limited

When: Saturday, August 12th, 7:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Where: Venetucci Farm, 4940 S. US Hwy 85/87, CoSpgs, 80911

* (Directions below)

Cost: \$12/person, \$10/college/high school students, \$7/children over 5yo.

Payment will be due the morning of the event payable by check made out to Venetucci Farm or Cash (Exact Change please). Please be courteous and cancel well in advance of the date if your plans change. This will allow others on the waitlist time to be able to plan to attend.

To Register: Please email David Rudin, drudin@ppcf.org, 719-648-9324, and let me know the name(s) of those planning to attend this outing.

Special Notes: Please bring binoculars and bird identification books (Some accommodations are possible with advance notice). The walking will be moderate but please plan on trail hiking. And of course be prepared for the weather and possible insect pests.

***Directions: From the North:** Take South Academy Exit from I-25, exit #135. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left heading north on Academy Blvd. Approximately 1/4 mile on right exit onto Hwy 85. Turn right onto Hwy 85 and take first right past Venetucci Farm into the St. Dominic's church. Go 50 feet and take a right onto the dirt road, heading north with the green water tower on your right. Go through the gates and park by the big red barn.