



Summer Birding Series 2018  
Guided Birding Hikes @ Venetucci Farm &  
**NEW:** Cross Creek Regional Park

Greetings All! Despite the water issues that have affected the farm in the last two years, it remains an excellent birding destination. The Pikes Peak Community Foundation (PPCF) is committed to the Farm's long-term stewardship as the water crisis is resolved. In the meantime, I have been given permission to lead the guided birding hikes in 2018!

Summer is the time to find the many incredible songbirds nesting on the farm, learning their songs and even calls is a great way to hone in on their locations. "Birding by Ear" is a skill that can be developed just like learning the field marks for visual identification.

**When:** All Guided Birding Hikes: 7:00am-9:30am

**"Birding by Ear" Guided Birding Hikes at Venetucci Farm:**

**June 9 and June 23, July 14**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>: Special outing for Aiken Audubon. Register through me as well. Visit <https://aikenaudubon.com/birding/trips/> and see the special rates.**

**Also note that I am leading two free guided birding hikes for **Cross Creek Regional Park**: <http://www.crosscreekpark.com/>. This park on the outskirts of Fountain is just gaining popularity and already has 90 species recorded. A major renovation of Hale Reservoir, the heart of the park, is scheduled for 2019. Come bird this 60 acre gem with me and learn about the plans for the renovation.**

**DATES: June 10 and June 24, 7:00-8:30. RSVP to me and Meet at the Park Pavilion.**

**Cost:** \$12/adult, \$10/college student, \$7/children (children 5 and under are free).

**To Register:** Please email David Rudin: [dbrudin@yahoo.com](mailto:dbrudin@yahoo.com), and provide date, number of participants and names. Please note that I am doing this on a contract basis so my only compensation is participant fees. **Payment will be due the morning of the event payable by check made out to David Rudin 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.**

**Hikes will go rain or shine. For Questions:** Email: David Rudin, [dbrudin@yahoo.com](mailto:dbrudin@yahoo.com), or call 719-648-9324. To learn more about Birding Programs at the farm please visit: <https://www.ppcf.org/venetucci-farm/>

**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. **Special Notes: Wearing long-sleeve shirts, long pants and using bug spray is recommended to keep mosquitoes at bay during warm weather.**