



2018 Fall Migration Series

Guided Birding Hikes

Venetucci Farm

& Cross Creek Park



Birds are already on the move in August and by September migration is in full swing. Migration in the fall is more spread out than spring migration, with surprises possible around every corner. To add to the fun, molting adults and juveniles with funky plumage make identification an extra challenge. As we always say, "Any bird is possible during migration!"

Highlights will include tips on identifying different species and learning about behavior and habitat needs. At Venetucci Farm we are working to manage the ranch for agriculture and wildlife. Cross Creek is just beginning the process to discover what bird species utilize the park.

Pre-registration is required for all events as group size will be limited to 15.

When: Saturdays @ Venetucci Farm and Sundays @ Cross Creek Park

- August 25, 7:00am-9:30am, Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm**
- August 26, 7:00-8:30, Guided Birding Hike @ **Cross Creek Park**
- September 8, 7:00 a.m.- 9:30 a.m., Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm**
- Sept 15, 7:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm**
- Sept 16, 7:00a.m. -8:30 a.m., Guided Birding Hike @ **Cross Creek Park**
- Sept 22, 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm**
- Sept 29, 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm**

Where: **Venetucci Farm**, 5210 South Highway 85, Colorado Springs, CO 80911
Cross Creek Park, 8115 Parkglen Dr, Fountain, CO 80817

Cost: **Venetucci Farm:** \$12/adult, \$10/student, \$7/children (children 5 and under are free). Please make checks out to David Rudin. Payment is due on the day of the outing. **Cross Creek:** Both outings are free as the park is subsidizing them.

To Register: Please email David Rudin, dbrudin@yahoo.com and let me know the names and dates of those outings you want to attend.

Please note the hikes will go rain or shine

For Questions: Email: David Rudin, dbrudin@yahoo.com or call 719-648-9324

Special Notes: Please bring binoculars. I have a few pairs of loaner binoculars as well. The walking will be moderate but please plan on trail hiking.

****Directions to Venetucci Farm (5210 South Highway 85, CoSpgs, CO 80911):** From I-25 going south, take the South Academy Blvd Exit 135. Go east for .5 miles and take the exit for Highway 85 toward Fountain. Turn right on

Highway 85 and go .9 miles. Look for the farm on your right and proceed past to St. Dominic's Catholic Church. Turn right, go 50 yards and turn right again on the dirt road. The green water tower will be on your right. Go through the farm gates and park by the large red barn.

****Directions to Cross Creek Park (8115 Parkglen Dr, Fountain, CO 80817)**

From I-25 take the 132-A Exit, Mesa Ridge Parkway (Hwy 16). Stay on Mesa Ridge for about 2.5 miles heading east. Make a right on Sneffels Street, then a quick right on Cross Creek and a quick left onto Parkglen Drive. Meet at the Pavilion.