



Spring Migration Series 2019

Guided Birding Hikes @ Venetucci Farm & more

Greetings All! I have been given permission to lead the guided birding hikes at Venetucci Farm and Pinello Ranch in 2019!

Spring migration has already begun! Mountain Bluebirds started passing through the farm in February and March and Say's Phoebes are already back as well. April and especially May will bring migrants through the Pikes Peak region every day and night.

When: Guided Birding Hikes: **Please note times vary**

April 27th: Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm, 7:00am-9:30am**

April 28th: Guided Birding Hike @ **Cross Creek Park: Free, 7:00am-8:30am**

May 4th: Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm, 7:00am-9:30am**

May 11th: Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm, 7:00am-9:30am**

May 12th: Guided Birding Hike @ **Cross Creek Park Free, 7:00am-8:30am**

May 17th – 19th: We are participating in the **Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival**, including offering an outing to both Venetucci and Pinello on **Sunday May 19, 7:00am-12:00pm**. Registration is **only** through the Pikes Peak Birding and Nature Festival:
<https://pikespeakbirdingandnaturefestival.org/>

May 25th: Guided Birding Hike @ **Venetucci Farm & Pinello Ranch**. Here's a rare opportunity to bird both places in one morning. This outing will be **\$15/person** and go from **7:00am-12pm**. We will walk to Coyote Willows and then drive to the wetlands on the northwest corner of the farm and then drive to Pinello Ranch.

June 8th and June 22nd: "**Birding by Ear**" **Guided Birding Hikes at Venetucci Farm. 6:00am-8:30am**. This is definitely for the "early birds" but the bird songs make it worth it! Plus a first Birding by Ear @ **Cross Creek Park, Free, 7:00am-8:30am, Sunday June 23.**

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

To Register: Please email David Rudin: dbrudin@yahoo.com, and provide date, number of participants and names. Please note my only compensation is participant fees (Cross Creek being the exception). **Payment will be due the morning of the event payable by check made out to David Rudin or Cash (Exact Change please).** **Hikes will go rain or shine.**

For Questions: Email: David Rudin, dbrudin@yahoo.com, or call 719-648-9324. To learn more about Birding Programs at the farm please visit: <https://www.ppcf.org/venetucci-birding-program/>

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. **Wearing long sleeve shirts, long pants and using bug spray is recommended to keep biting flies at bay during warm weather.**