Delta Marsh Bird Observatory presents: A Year of Learning Birds 2025

January 21 – Brokenhead Wetland

7 p.m. – Virtual

Learn about this fascinating wetland with its unique plants and some of the birds you can find there. Workshop is free. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

February 18 – Owls of Manitoba

7 p.m. – Virtual

Join us as we explore the owls of Manitoba. Learn to recognize all 12 species that call Manitoba home. Workshop is free. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

March 18 - Bird Anatomy

7 p.m. – Virtual

Have you ever wondered what makes a bird a bird? The workshop will discuss the many unique features of birds. Workshop is free. Please email <u>info@dmbo.ca</u> to register.

April 15 – Introduction to Songbird Banding

7 p.m. – Virtual

This workshop will introduce you to the banding process and the basics of ageing and sexing birds. Workshop is free. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

May 17 – Delta Marsh Bird Observatory Great Canadian Bird-a-thon

9 a.m. – English Garden Entrance at Assiniboine Park (460 Assiniboine Park Dr)

Join us for a spring walk at the English Garden. This time of year, is always exciting as many migrants are back and the trees are full of colours. This is the Observatory's only fundraiser of the year so help us help the birds. Workshop is free but donations are greatly appreciated. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

May 22/23/24/25 – Learn to Band Birds Course

7:00 a.m. – Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area

This in-depth course will give you the basics of banding birds. Mornings will be spent banding and practicing your skills. Afternoons will be spent indoors learning to read Pyle and practicing ageing specimens. Snacks are included. Workshop is \$300. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

June 7 – Beginning Birder Walk at Bunn's Creek

9 a.m. – Bunn's Creek Centennial Park (365 McIvor Ave)

Join us for a spring walk at Bunn's Creek and see who might be back. This time of year is a great time to start learning birds in the field as most species are back and colourful. Workshop is free. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

July 14 to October 4 – Volunteer at Delta Marsh Bird Observatory

6:30 a.m. - Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area

Fall banding starts up and it is a great way to practice what you have learned and to gain even more experience. Please email <u>info@dmbo.ca</u> to register.

July 27 - Learn to Band Birds Workshop (Banding Birds)

8 a.m. – Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area

This workshop will introduce you to the banding process, how to scribe, how to extract birds and practice ageing and sexing live birds. Workshop is \$25. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

July 30 – Bird Extraction

7:00 a.m. – Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area

Join our Bander-in-Charge and get in depth practice removing birds from the mist nets. Workshop is free. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

August 19 – Gulls

7 p.m. – Virtual

Gulls are some of the trickiest birds to identify. This workshop is designed to give you tips and tricks to make it easier. Workshop is free. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

September 16 – Migration Patterns

7 p.m. – Virtual

You often hear that birds have shown up late or early. Migration is fairly predictable. Learn about what species show up when. Workshop is free. Please email <u>info@dmbo.ca</u> to register.

October 5 – Volunteer Appreciation

1 p.m. – Oak Hammock Marsh Wildlife Management Area

Thank you to all the volunteer who help make the banding possible. Please join us for a late lunch and a few surprises. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

October 21 – How We Track Birds

7 p.m. – Virtual

Learn why we mark birds, the methods used, and some amazing migration journeys discovered through this research. Workshop is free. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

November 18 – Birding Through Your Kitchen Window

7 p.m. – Virtual

What birds visit backyards? What do they eat? What should you feed them? What books should you have? Do you need binoculars? Find out the answers at this workshop. Workshop is free. Please email info@dmbo.ca to register.

December 16 - Caribbean Birds

7 p.m. – Virtual

Are you a snowbird? Have you ever wondered what those birds are around your resort? Join us as we explore some of the birds that call the Caribbean home. Workshop is free. Please email <u>info@dmbo.ca</u> to register.