

**Delta Marsh Bird Observatory presents:  
A Year of Learning Birds  
2026**

**January 20 – Where to Find Birds in Manitoba**

**7 p.m. – Virtual**

Discover the wonderful places to go birding in Manitoba and some of the best times of year to visit them. Workshop is free. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

**February 17 – Bird Love**

**7 p.m. – Virtual**

Birds need to find a mate and they do it in a wide variety of ways. We will explore the fascinating courtship rituals of different birds. Workshop is free. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

**March 17 – Raptors**

**7 p.m. – Virtual**

Raptors fascinate young and old alike. Come and learn to identify the birds of prey that migrate through Manitoba. Workshop is free. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

**March 28 – Working with Pyle**

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

This full day workshop will teach you how to read Pyle's Identification Guide to North American Birds and how to use it when banding. It will be an in depth look at Pyle. In the afternoon we will practice identification, ageing and sexing on specimens. Workshop is \$25. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

**April 21 – Baby Bird Identification**

**7 p.m. – Virtual**

This workshop will explore the identification of baby birds. We will learn what to look for to help us figure it all out. Workshop is free. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

**May 18 – 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](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

**May 21/22/23/24 – 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](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to sign up.

**June 6 (tentative) – 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](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

**August 1 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 [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to sign up.

### **July 29 – Bird Extraction**

#### **7 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](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to sign up.

### **August 18 – Avian Mating Systems**

#### **7 p.m. – Virtual**

Do all birds mate for life? No, birds exhibit just about every breeding strategy you could imagine. Join us as we explore this variety. Workshop is free. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

### **September 22 – How & Why Birds Migrate**

#### **7 p.m. – Virtual**

Birds make amazing journeys every spring and fall. Discover how birds find their way and why they leave on these incredible journeys. Workshop is free. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

### **October 4 – 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](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

### **October 20 – Vagrancy in Birds**

#### **7 p.m. – Virtual**

Birds are usually found where expected. Sometimes things go wrong and birds end up in new places. We will explore how this happens. Workshop is free. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

### **November 17 – Manitoba's Grassland Birds**

#### **7 p.m. – Virtual**

Grasslands are an endangered habitat with special birds. Learn which birds call Manitoba's grasslands home. Workshop is free. Please email [info@dmbo.ca](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.

### **December 22 – 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](mailto:info@dmbo.ca) to register.