

## Sponsors of the Sax-Zim Bog Birding Festival



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#### Area

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133

Meadowlands, MN

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7701 Central Avenue  
Meadowlands, MN

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Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Daily Specials  
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Meadowlands, MN  
218-427-2240

#### Trailside Bar & Lounge

9994 Spruce Street  
Meadowlands, MN  
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Meadowlands Artist Center  
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Meadowlands, MN  
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Meadowlands, MN  
218-721-4307

\*See individual websites

Alesh Accommodations  
Birders, Conferences, Retreats  
cindyalesch@yahoo.com  
Meadowlands, MN  
218-393-2520

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Meadowlands, MN  
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\*Mueller One at a Time  
Custom Furniture & Lumber  
Custom Furniture & Lumber Co.  
7920 County Road 201  
Meadowlands, MN  
218-427-2431

### Cotton

Wilbert Cafe - El Toro  
Lounge & Liquor  
9105 U. S. Highway 53  
Cotton, MN  
218-482-3318

### Floodwood

HomeTown Family Foods  
Open 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
7 days a week  
810 Highway 73  
Floodwood, MN  
218-476-2455

Floodwood Bridgeman's  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
106 W. 5th Avenue  
Floodwood, MN  
218-476-2321

Larry's Service & Bait, Inc.  
314 W. Highway 2  
Floodwood, MN  
218-476-2225

Mainline Station  
Daily Food Specials,  
On & Off Sale  
122 W. 7th Avenue  
Floodwood, MN  
218-476-2222

\*Subway  
308 - 9th Avenue  
Floodwood, MN  
218-476-1493

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Savannah Portage Supper Club  
Full Menu, On & Off Sale  
102 E. 2nd Avenue  
Floodwood, MN  
218-476-2342

Floodwood Farm & Feed  
Bird Feeding Supplies  
100 E. 2nd Avenue  
Floodwood, MN  
218-476-2233

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5 star accommodations  
112 W. Highway 2  
Floodwood, MN  
218-476-2340

### Hibbing

\*Hibbing Park Hotel & Suites  
1402 E. Howard  
Hibbing, MN  
800-262-3481

\*Grandma's in the Park  
Bar & Grill  
1402 E. Howard  
Hibbing, MN  
800-262-3481

### Duluth

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5 star motel - winter rates - \$49.00  
909 Cottonwood Ave  
Duluth, MN  
218-727-3110

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'06 Platinum Hospitality Award.  
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Duluth, MN  
218-628-1464

Super 8 Motel  
Deluxe continental breakfast -  
High speed wireless Internet  
4100 Superior St. West  
Duluth, MN  
218-628-2241

\*Duluth Audubon Society  
218-721-4748

\*Wild Birds Unlimited  
1709 Mall Dr.  
Duluth, MN  
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Cloquet, MN

### State Organizations

\*The Minnesota Ornithologists'  
Union

Minnesota DNR Non-Game  
Wildlife Program  
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### Vendors at the Sax-Zim Winter Birding Festival:

- Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory\*
- Kollath-Stensaas Publishing\*
- The Learning Room\*
- Floodwood Farm & Feed and Country Market\*
- Mueller One at a Time Custom Furniture & Lumber\*
- Wood turnings by Jerry Maly
- Duluth Audubon Society\*
- Debbie Zubrod~Quilts & Crafts
- Al Moline~Wildlife artist
- Minnesota DNR non-game wildlife program

Brochure by the Northern Independent



Great Grey Owl Original oil painting  
22" x 36" by Rollin Alm

# The 2008 Sax~Zim Bog Festival of Birds

February 15 - 17, 2008  
Meadowlands  
Community Center  
Meadowlands, Minnesota

<http://moumn.org/sax-zim/>



## Welcome to the 2008 Sax-Zim Bog Festival of Birds!

The Toivola-Meadowlands Development Board is pleased to sponsor our first winter birding festival. Located near the the Sax-Zim Bog and home to a host of Minnesota bird specialties like the Sharp-tailed Grouse, Great Grey Owl, Boreal Chickadee and a variety of winter finches, we invite you to attend our festival and enjoy the home town hospitality amidst the beauty of a Minnesota winter. The communities of Meadowlands, Floodwood, Cotton, and Toivola welcome birding enthusiasts to this event and to the area throughout the year.

### Schedule

#### Friday, February 15th

Registration: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sweet Rolls, Meat & Cheese Platter,  
Coffee & Hot Apple Cider  
Program Begins at 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Dave Benson author of "Owls  
of the North".

#### Saturday, February 16th

Field Trips: All Day  
Registration: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Catered Dinner: 5:30 p.m.  
Program Begins at 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Laura Erickson

#### Sunday, February 17th

Field Trips: A.M. only  
Sunday Morning Brunch 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at  
the Meadowlands Community Center. Tickets can be  
purchased at the Meadowlands Community Center  
for \$5 per person. Not included in registration.  
*Sponsored by the Elmer Township Fire Dept.*

\*Silent Auction sponsored by the Learning Room Friday, Saturday, & Sunday. Includes cover painting "Great Grey Owl" and local crafts, bird supplies, gifts, and other related items. *Cover painting by Rollin Alm, Alm Studio~Fine Arts Painting and Drawing, Meadowlands, MN 55765 218-427-2702*

## Field Trips

### Saturday, February 16

**Sax-Zim Bog / Hedbom Logging Road:** Meet at 6:00 a.m. in the parking lot and leave by 6:30 a.m. Begin by looking for Great Gray Owls at dawn then concentrate on Sharp-tailed Grouse, Northern Hawk Owl (hopefully an owl or two is over wintering in Sax-Zim Bog), American Three-toed & Black-backed Woodpeckers, Northern Shrike, Boreal Chickadee, Red & White-winged Crossbills, Common & Hoary Redpolls, Evening & Pine Grosbeaks, Snow Bunting and other winter bird residents. Head over to Hedbom Logging Road for any birds we might have missed in the "bog" or get better second looks at birds.

**Hedbom Logging Road / Sax Zim Bog:** Meet at 5:30 a.m. in the parking lot, leave by 6:00 a.m. Arrive at the Hedbom Logging Road at 6:30 a.m. and look for Great Gray Owls during the dawn hours. Then turn our attention to American Three-toed & Black-backed Woodpeckers, Northern Shrike, Boreal Chickadee, Red & White-winged Crossbills, Common & Hoary Redpolls, Evening & Pine Grosbeaks, Snow Bunting and other winter bird residents. Head back to Sax Zim Bog to pick up any birds we might have missed.

**Sax-Zim Bog/Duluth Harbor Area:** Meet in the parking lot at 6:00 a.m. and leave by 6:30 a.m. Begin by looking for Great Gray Owls at dawn and then for Sharp-tailed Grouse, Northern Hawk Owl, American Three-toed & Black-backed Woodpeckers, Northern Shrike, Boreal Chickadee, Red & White-winged Crossbills, Common & Hoary Redpolls, Evening & Pine Grosbeaks, Snow Bunting and other winter birds. After lunch, go to the Duluth harbor to look for Harlequin Duck, Gyrfalcon, Thayer's Gull, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, and Snowy Owl. If there is time we will look for Bohemian Waxwings.

**Migrate, Hibernate or Deal with It: How Critters Cope with Winter in the North.** Naturalist and author Mark "Sparky" Stensaas will lead this field trip to explore how birds, mammals, amphibians, and even insects not only survive but thrive in the winter woods of the boreal forest. Dress warm but no snowshoes necessary!

### Sunday, February 17 (half day trips)

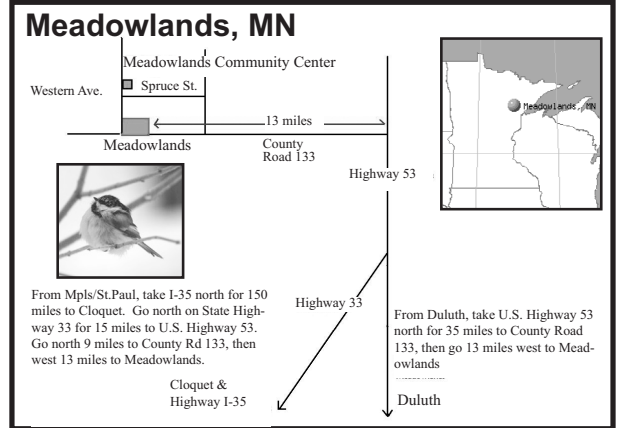
All field trips return to the Meadowlands Community Center by 11:00 a.m. for the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Elmer Volunteer Fire Department. \$5 per birder.

**Sax-Zim Bog A:** Meet at 6:00 a.m., be ready by 6:30 a.m. See Saturday's trip info above. Spend some time looking at these wonderful Minnesota specialties on the last day of the festival. Return to Meadowlands at 11:00 a.m.

**Sax-Zim Bog B:** Same as Sax-Zim Bog A

**Hedbom Logging Road/Sax Zim Bog:** Meet at 5:30 a.m. in the parking lot, leave by 6:00 a.m. See Saturday's trip info above. Leave Hedbom around 10:30 a.m., arrive at Meadowlands at 11:00 a.m.

**Migrate, Hibernate or Deal with It: How Critters Cope with Winter in the North.** See Saturday's trip info above.



## Speakers

### Friday night speaker: Dave Benson

Dave Benson, a naturalist and writer from Duluth, Minnesota, is the author of *Owls of the North: a Naturalist's Handbook*. He is a former naturalist at Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory and has worked as a naturalist at Gooseberry Falls, Jay Cooke, and Pattison State Parks. Dave has conducted training sessions and owl surveys for the National Park Service and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. He is a naturalist specializing in Northeastern Minnesota.

### Saturday night speaker: Laura Erickson

Sunday's speaker is Laura Erickson, a Duluth ornithologist, bird rehabilitator, and contributing writer to Audubon, Birder's World, and The Country Today. She is the 1997 winner of the National Outdoor Book Award for *Sharing the Wonder of Birds with Kids*, and is also the author of *101 Ways to Help Birds* and *For the Birds: An Uncommon Guide*.

### Trip Leader: Sparky Stensaas

Sparky Stensaas is the author of five books on the natural history of the North Woods including *Canoe Country Wildlife*, *North Woods Journal*, and *Rock Picker's Guide to Lake Superior's North Shore*. He is the owner of Stone Ridge Press and co-owner of Kollath-Stensaas Publishing. Wildlife photography is Sparky's second career. He lives in Carlton County with his wife Bridget.

## Trip Leaders

Dave Benson  
Lars Benson  
Jonas Benson  
Mark Stensaas  
Jim Lind



Kim Eckert  
Warren Nelson  
Steve & Jo Blanych  
Ben Yokel  
Laura Erickson  
Shawn Conrad