

2017 Cerulean Warbler Weekend ✨ Complete Schedule of Activities

Festival Headquarters – Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary (3560 Havens Road, Hastings)

Friday, June 9

3-7 p.m. | Welcome table and walk up registration open at festival headquarters

4-6 p.m. | BIRDING OTIS FARM

This birding hike will take you on the trails of the Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary. Habitats include wetlands, pine forest, hardwood forest, and grasslands. Possible species include cuckoos, Brown Creeper, Eastern Bluebird, and many more species. **Tour Rating: Easy to Moderate** - Walking on mowed grass trails in hilly terrain.

Saturday, June 10

5:30-10 a.m. | Welcome table and walk up registration open at festival headquarters

6-8:50 a.m. | Henslow's Sparrow Tour

Search for the elusive Henslow's Sparrow. It takes a keen sense of hearing to find these secretive birds and our guides have that. This is a walking tour of the trails at Otis Farm. If the sparrows have not chosen nesting areas in the fields of Otis Farm, the trip will caravan to nearby fields where they have established territories. **Tour rating: Easy to Moderate** - walking mowed grass trails in hilly terrain.

7-10 a.m. | Wood Warblers at Warner Sanctuary Tour

This tour will carpool caravan to the nearby Warner Sanctuary to bird for wood warblers and other species of the deciduous forest. **Tour rating: Easy to Moderate** - Walking on dirt trails in hilly terrain.

8-11 a.m. | Cerulean Warbler & Flycatcher Tour

This is a carpool caravan to several Cerulean Warbler nesting territories within the Barry State Game Area. Other possible species include Least, Willow, Acadian, and Alder Flycatchers; Scarlet Tanager, Tufted Titmouse, Blue-headed Vireo, Eastern Towhee, Hooded Warbler, and deciduous forest species. **Tour rating: Easy**

9 a.m.-Noon | Cerulean Warbler & Flycatcher Tour

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Noon-1:30 p.m. | Lunch

1:30-3:30 p.m. | Presentation

Join us to learn more about Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary. Topics will cover land management issues, target bird species and other species of interest, related to the property.

3:30-4:30 p.m. | Otis Farm Trail Tour – What makes Otis an incredible bird habitat

This hike will take you on the trails of the Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary. Habitats include wetlands, pine forest, hardwood forest, and grasslands. Possible bird species include cuckoos, Brown Creeper, Eastern Bluebird, not to mention the outstanding variety of dragonflies, butterflies and other insects. **Tour Rating: Easy to Moderate** - Walking on mowed grass trails in hilly terrain.

6-9 p.m. | Dinner with the Birders & Urban Bird Walk

Join your fellow participants for dinner at one of Hastings' finer restaurants, the Seasonal Grille. After dinner (on your own) we will explore the town on a birding walk that includes a walk along the Thornapple River. Possible species include Chimney Swift, Great Blue Heron, Belted Kingfisher, Blue-grey Gnatcatcher, and many urban species. **Fee: your meal**
Tour rating: Easy

Sunday, June 11

7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | A BUS FULL OF BIRDERS

We will board the bus at the Hastings Library to head to the birding hotspots of Barry County. After visiting Otis Lake to see the most southerly nesting pair of Common Loon in the country, we will make a stop at a Hastings restaurant for breakfast (fee not included in tour). After some nourishment we will head out to the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute and the Hickory Corners area for grassland species. Other stops may be included on this fun tour, depending on birding reports. We will end back at the Library at approximately 1:30 PM. **Fee: \$50 plus your breakfast** **Tour Rating: Moderate**