

Fort Collins Audubon Society and Quetzal Foundation announce:

Colorado Grouse Tour



May 2-7, 2010

Leader: Jess Brauch

Jess is a trained research ornithologist with experience working on Greater Sage-Grouse, and many other bird species. She has worked for the State of Nebraska, Louisiana State University, and the US Department of the Interior.

Cost: \$1199 per person single occupancy; \$999 per person double occupancy.

Tour Description: Tour begins at Denver International Airport at 6 am on Day 1. Fees include 5 nights lodging in AAA-approved accommodations, ground transportation in a 12-seat van, access to blinds and park entrance fees. Airfare to and from Denver is not included; meals are not included. Each tour is limited to 6 participants. Tour proceeds support conservation through programs of the Fort Collins Audubon Society (www.fortnet.org/Audubon) and Quetzal Foundation (www.quetzalfoundation.org). Additional information and expected bird and mammal species lists are available from Tour Organizer, Nick Komar, upon request via email (quetzal65@comcast.net) or telephone (970-449-3645).

Itinerary:

Day 1 Loveland Pass for ptarmigan; Lodging in Steamboat Springs

Day 2 Hayden area for Dusky Grouse, Sharp-tailed Grouse, Greater Sage-Grouse; Grand Junction for Gambel's Quail, Chukar; Lodging in Gunnison

Day 3 Gunnison Sage-Grouse lek; Pueblo for Scaled Quail; Lodging in Lamar

Day 4 Lesser Prairie-Chicken lek; Wray area for pheasant, bobwhite, turkey; Lodging in Wray

Day 5 Greater Prairie-Chicken lek; Lodging in Estes Park

Day 6 Return to Denver by noon for afternoon flights

Trip Preparation: Spring weather in Colorado is unpredictable. Snowstorms and warm sunny days are both possible. Dress in layers, be prepared for cold weather, wear sunscreen and drink plenty of fluids (to avoid dehydration in the dry, high-altitude climate). While strenuous walking will be avoided, long scenic van-rides are daily features of this tour.

Registration: Contact Tour Organizer, Nick Komar (email: quetzal65@comcast.net) to reserve a space on the tour. Reservation requires a non-refundable deposit of \$50 payable by check to Quetzal Tours, 1507 Wildwood Ct, Fort Collins CO 80521. Full payment must be received by April 1, 2010. Payments received after April 1 will be accepted on a space-available basis.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations prior to April 1 are refundable; after April 1, will refund only if a replacement is available. Otherwise, 50% will be refunded. Tours may be cancelled due to inclement weather or if seats cannot be sold. Participants will receive full refunds in the event of cancelled tours. Inclement weather may cause changes to the tour itinerary resulting in some bird species not being encountered.