Bird Hike Etiquette

Here are a few things to keep in mind to ensure that everyone has a productive and enjoyable outing.

1) Be on time.

2) Wear muted colors; no white (a danger signal to birds), red or other bright colors.

3) Silence is golden.  The keen senses of birds alert them to our presence long before we have a chance to see them.  Walk as quietly as possible and whisper.  Quiet walks make it easier to hear the birds when they are not easily being seen.  Take cues from the leader who might signal for quiet as the group approaches a bird.

4) Cell phones- turn them off or to vibrate.  If you must take a call, please move away from the group and talk quietly.

5) Stay with the group.  Don’t wander off. If you are lagging behind, you may spook the bird everyone is trying to see as you reunite with the group.

6) Stay behind the leader, so when a bird is spotted, everyone can stop and get a chance to see the bird.If you spot a bird the leader has missed, let him or her know so everyone can see it.

7) If you are leaving the hike early, please exit in the direction the group has already passed rather than moving ahead of the group.  Moving ahead of the group causes the birds to fly that the group has not had a chance to view yet.