

Brookline Bird Club Bulletin

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THE BROOKLINE BIRD CLUB, INC.

There are now about 1,150 members in the Brookline Bird Club (BBC). Membership is open to all who are interested in birds and nature. A membership form can be found at the end of the bulletin. Whether you are a member or not, you are invited to participate in our activities. All trips listed in this bulletin are free of charge, though some trips may specify costs for travel or admission.

The BBC stresses the importance of good public relations. When attending trips, you should park your vehicle off the road, away from driveways and posted areas, so that traffic can flow unimpeded. Respect special guidelines at birding locations such as cemeteries and national wildlife refuges. Most important, do not enter private property unless you have permission. For a refresher on responsible birding, see the BBC Code of Ethics posted on our website and published yearly in the spring bulletin.

Should weather conditions appear bad and driving hazardous, contact the leader, at whose discretion the trip may be postponed or canceled. Also, check MASSBIRD for trip updates.

Bring a lunch on all-day trips. Inform the leader if you need to leave early. Try to carpool whenever possible, not only to save costs and fuel, but also so that the leader can take everyone to limited-access places.

NOTES TO LEADERS

If you cannot lead a scheduled trip, you are responsible for finding a substitute leader. If you must cancel due to bad weather or other emergency, use the BBC Email Hotline and MASSBIRD to get the word out. Reports are very important to the BBC. Leaders are sent in advance a copy of the Massachusetts checklist, which should be filled out as soon as possible and forwarded to the club statistician (see the first page for contact information).

If a leader records either a "write-in" or rarity on the Mass. Checklist (e.g., Sedge Wren, Barn Owl, Western Kingbird) he or she should post to Massbird and call Bill Drummond at (978) 975-1167, Bird Watcher's Supply and Gift at (978) 462-0775, and Massachusetts Audubon Society (MAS) at (781) 259-2150. MAS can be phoned at any time.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES

- **Massachusetts Voice of Audubon:** call (781) 259-8805 to hear a report on Eastern MA, Western MA, Nantucket, and Cape Cod bird sightings. Use the same number to report sightings for all but Eastern MA. To report Eastern MA sightings, phone the Wildlife Information Line at (781) 259-2150.
- **BBC Rare Bird Email Hotline:** contact Barbara Volkle at barb620@theworld.com for details.
- **MASSBIRD email list:** see www.massbird.org for details on how to subscribe and how to view message archives.
- **BBC Website:** www.brooklinebirdclub.org
Webmaster: Jason Forbes, jason@brewsterslinnet.com
- **Family Radio Service (FRS) radios:** the BBC has adopted the American Birding Association standard channel 11/22. See www.americanbirding.org for more information.
- **Massbird.org:** for sightings, links to local bird clubs, and general information visit www.massbird.org.

For general birding tips and information, call Bill Drummond at (978) 975-1167.

THE BBC, FACEBOOK, AND YOU!

Club members can use the BBC Facebook page to keep up with their birding friends, upload photos, and share videos or links. To sign up for your free Facebook account, go to <http://www.facebook.com/>. Once you have set up your account, type Brookline Bird Club in the search window and you will be taken to the BBC Facebook page; once there, click the "Like" button. It's as simple as that! There is also a "Like" button for our Facebook page on the BBC home page.

Suggestions or comments on the BBC Facebook page can be sent to Eddie Giles egiles@brooklinebirdclub.org.

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL-DAY PELAGIC TRIPS AND MORE

Four dedicated pelagic trips out of Hyannis are planned for the summer and fall, as well as the popular annual trips to Downeast Maine and the Rangeley Lakes Region. You must register for the Downeast Maine trip by April 1. See pages 38 to 43 for details. Reserve your space now!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY WANTED

Membership Secretary Laura McCoy will be stepping down after several years of dedicated service. The club is looking for someone with good attention to detail who can take on this important task. Please contact Dave Williams or Laura at:

dave.williams6@gmail.com

laura.mccoy@comcast.net.

CLUB ARCHIVIST WANTED

The BBC gathered many materials for the 100th anniversary year in 2013. Photos, club minutes, newspaper clippings, historic trip lists, and other cool stuff, used on the web site, in the written club history, and at the anniversary banquet, will deteriorate further if they are not scanned and organized in electronic form. We are looking for someone with a scanner and basic computer skills to help us archive these materials for the future. Please contact Sylvia at smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org if you are interested.

SUPPORT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AT TAX TIME

Since 1978, the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) has been responsible for protecting the 176 species of animals and 256 species of native plants officially listed as Endangered, Threatened, or of Special Concern in Massachusetts. In 2004, the program was removed from the state's operating budget, leaving it to be funded by project-specific permitting and fees, federal grants, contributions--and your voluntary donations on state income tax forms. Help support the NHESP by making a contribution to 'Endangered Wildlife Conserv.' on your state income tax form line 32A or make a direct gift. See <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/nhesp/> nhesp.htm for more information.

BBC BOOK FUND AND RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

The BBC, through its Conservation and Education Committee, has developed a program to assist and support K-12 teachers who would like to incorporate the study of birds into their classes. The program has three components:

(1) Book Fund: The committee is authorized to provide donated funds to a limited number of schools to purchase books or other teaching materials about birds, nature, and natural science. If you know of specific teachers or schools who might be suitable recipients for this fund, please contact John Nelson or Dave Williams:

jnelson@northshore.edu

dave.williams6@gmail.com

(2) Teaching Resources: The committee has developed a document titled "Birds and Bird Conservation: Teaching Resources" that includes a detailed list of organizations (with web sites) which offer bird programs and resources for students and teachers, as well as annotated lists of recommended bird and nature books for both children and adults. The document can be downloaded from the BBC website at www.brooklinebirdclub.org/p/education-resources.html.

(3) Consultation: The BBC counts many experienced educators on its board and among its membership, and we would be glad to assist teachers in designing a bird-study curriculum. For more information about curriculum consultation, contact John Nelson or Dave Williams.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY TRIPS

Trip leaders at MAC must be able to park. Trip participants are kindly asked to leave the first parking space in front of the medical office building free for the leader. Just west of the cemetery is free on-street parking on side streets (e.g., Francis St.) in Watertown with a short walk or ride on bus 71 or 73 to the cemetery gate. See <http://www.mapquest.com/#b1cbc5bd2f4181aace5fbf0a>. The BBC does not endorse use of the Star Market parking lot; towing is possible. Check daily listings for starting times. Very large groups may be split. Thank you.

BROOKLINE BIRD CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

(Adapted from the American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics, available at the ABA website <http://americanbirding.org>)

Today's birdwatchers are a powerful force for nature conservation. The number of us interested in birds rises continually, and it is vital that we take seriously our responsibility to avoid any harm to birds or the environment upon which they depend.

We believe that all birders have an obligation at all times to protect wildlife, the natural environment and the rights of others. We therefore pledge ourselves to provide leadership in meeting this obligation by adhering to the following general guidelines of good birding behavior.

Birders should always act in ways that do not endanger the welfare of birds or other wildlife. Since birds' tolerance of disturbance varies between species and seasons, it is safer to keep all disturbances to a minimum.

In keeping with this principle we will:

1. Observe and photograph birds without knowingly disturbing them in any significant way;
2. Avoid chasing or repeatedly flushing birds;
3. Only sparingly use recordings and similar methods of attracting birds and not use these methods in heavily birded areas, especially during breeding season;
4. Keep an appropriate distance from nests and nesting colonies so as not to disturb them or expose them to danger; and
5. Refrain from handling birds or eggs unless engaged in recognized research activities.

Birders should always act in ways that do not harm the natural environment.

In keeping with this principle we will:

1. Stay on existing roads, trails and pathways whenever possible;
2. Avoid trampling vegetation or otherwise disturbing fragile habitat; and
3. Be especially careful near breeding habitat.

Birders should always respect the rights of others.

In keeping with this principle we will:

1. Respect the privacy and property of others by observing

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"No Trespassing" signs and by asking permission to enter private or posted lands;

2. Observe all laws and the rules and regulations which govern use of public lands; and
3. Practice common courtesy in our contacts with others and always behave in a manner that will enhance the image of the birding community in the eyes of the public.

Birders in groups should assume special responsibilities.

As group members, we will:

1. Take care to alleviate the problems and disturbances that are multiplied when more people are present;
2. Act in consideration of the group's interests as well as our own, and be especially accommodating to new birders;
3. Realize a camera offers no privileges to push in front of others before everyone in the group has finished watching the bird;
4. Be considerate of others when using hand-held FRS radios in the field by keeping the volume low enough to hear a transmission without disturbing others; by putting distance between those of us using radios; and by considering the use of earbuds to keep transmissions private; and
5. Support, by our actions, the responsibility of the group leader or leaders for the conduct of the group.

What Is Birding 101?

Trips designated Birding 101 are geared especially to beginning or young birders. The leader will focus on the basics of birding such as field marks, how to describe a bird's location, and ID tips. These trips are open to all, but are ideal if you are a beginner or have a nonbirding friend who might like to come along and see what it's all about. That's how most of us got started! Look for these trips in future bulletins as well. If you have a suggestion for a good spot for a beginners' walk, please contact the field trip coordinator.



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GENERAL RULES FOR BIRDING IN CEMETERIES

Birders visiting cemeteries should be respectful of other visitors and mindful of cemetery rules and regulations, particularly those concerning hours and parking. Picnicking is not appropriate and is against the rules in some cemeteries, such as Mount Auburn Cemetery in Watertown/Cambridge.

Leaders of groups planning to visit cemeteries should call in advance to register. Birders should avoid touching monuments and certainly should not use them for tables or backrests. If birders observe any vandalism or disturbances, they should notify cemetery management. Many cemeteries would appreciate a report of your bird sightings for their records.

Mount Auburn Cemetery, in particular, enjoys a long history of well-mannered BBC groups and depends on the efforts made by club leaders and members to set examples for the many visitors and groups that gather there each spring. Club members can do their part to maintain this relationship by observing the birding ethics published above. Further, birders in Mount Auburn should move away from areas where memorial and funeral services are being held and give grieving visitors their privacy. Birders should use paths to avoid trampling natural plantings and should gather in only small quiet groups, not large loud crowds. Cars should be parked on roads without green lines with all wheels on the pavement. Observe “no parking” signs and requests from the cemetery staff. Move far away from the entrance area to park. Do not park on sections of roads needed for funeral processions -- Central, Lawn, Spruce, and Fountain Avenues. Food and drinks are not permitted in the cemetery. Groups planning to visit Mount Auburn should register well in advance by calling 617-607-1986 (group registration) or completing the online group registration form at www.mountauburn.org. (Note: Spring BBC trips are already registered.) Birders mindful of the above will help preserve the special peace and tranquility of Mount Auburn.

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING APRIL 8, 2016

The annual meeting will be held on Friday, April 8 at the Geological Lecture Hall at Harvard, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge. Social hour from 6:30 to 7:30. Marshall Iliff, a project leader for e-Bird, will speak about weather and its effects on bird movements, focusing on vagrancy. Free parking.

Did You Remember to Renew Your Membership?

Join or renew online via Paypal at
www.brooklinebirdclub.org/p/join-bbc-html.

FIELD TRIP CANCELLATIONS

Field trips may be cancelled due to dangerous weather conditions or other emergencies. Cancellations will be posted on the web site (www.brooklinebirdclub.org), sent out via our Twitter feed (@bbcbirds), and posted to the Massbird listserv.

SEND US YOUR MA TOTAL FOR 2015

Outgoing statistician Bob Stymeist will be compiling his statistical report and birders' year totals for the summer bulletin. If interested, send Bob your total number of birds found in Massachusetts in 2015 at the address listed on the inside cover.

PROGRAM OF TRIPS
April 1, 2016 to June 30, 2016

All trips free of charge except where noted.
Includes limited-participation trips not on the website.
Watch for *Birding 101* and *Limited Mobility* logos.

Friday, April 1

Timberdoodles in Stoughton. Evening.

Come watch American Woodcock display behavior. Water-resistant shoes helpful, but not needed. Meeting place: Bird Street entrance to Bird Street Conservation Area in Stoughton. 6:00 p.m.
Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Saturday, April 2

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord. Morning.

This is an easy walk in search of early spring migrants such as Wood Duck, Pied-Billed Grebe, Eastern Phoebe, Tree Swallow, and Rusty Blackbird. Meeting place: Refuge parking lot on Monsen Road (off Rt. 62). 8:00 a.m.

Jonathan Center, Chelmsford (978) 866-7391
jbcenter@verizon.net

Newburyport and Vicinity. All day.

We will do a little walking but a lot of birding close to our cars in search of migrants. Meeting place: Newburyport District Courthouse, Rt. 1 traffic circle, Newburyport. 9:00 a.m.

Ida Giriunas, Reading (781) 929-8772
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Thursday, April 7

Horn Pond, Woburn. Morning.

Let's see what ducks are still around. We'll search for Gadwall and Green-winged Teal and look for early spring migrants such as Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Field Sparrow and early warblers such as Palm, Pine, and Yellow-rumped. Co-sponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting place: Sturgis St. entrance. 8:00 a.m.

Diana Fruguglietti, Woburn (781) 933-9063
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Saturday, April 9

Westboro Wildlife Management Area. Morning.

We will hike at an easy pace through easy to moderate trails in search of early spring arrivals in a variety of marsh, field, and woodland habitats. We will check the ponds and marsh for any migrant ducks and swallows. Anyone may hike either or both sections. We will hike the eastern trails until around 10 a.m. then go over to the western trails until around 1 p.m. Meeting place: Westboro Town Beach parking area near 60 Lyman Street. 7:00 a.m.
Nick Paulson, Upton (508) 330-4401
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Crooked Pond (Bald Hill Reservation) to JB Little. Morning to mid-afternoon.

We will listen for the song of Winter Wren and other special birds as we walk a relatively flat, but often wet, trail one-half mile into this beautiful wooded area. Then we will continue to JB Little in Groveland or other locations in the vicinity. Meeting place: Main entrance to Crooked Pond on Middleton Road, Boxford. 7:30 a.m.

Zack Weber, Cambridge
birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com
and Sabrina Hepburn, Waltham (781) 296-2493
s.k.hepburn@gmail.com

Sunday, April 10

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary. Morning.

We will walk about three hours on easy trails in search of early spring migrants. Some trails may be wet and make waterproof boots necessary. Note: Admission is free for Mass Audubon members and \$4 for non-members. Meeting place: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of the drive at 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. 8:00 a.m.

Jonathan Center, Chelmsford (978) 866-7391
jbcenter@verizon.net

Hawk Watching Workshop and Field Trip. Newburyport. Morning to early afternoon.

Co-sponsored with the Eastern Mass Hawk Watch. This is a workshop discussing spring hawk migration at Plum Island. Following the workshop (depending on weather conditions), we'll head over to Plum Island Lot #1, where we will



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have a chance to put our skills into practice at one of the most significant spring hawk watching sites on the East Coast. There is a \$10 fee for the workshop, or you can join the field trip alone at 11:30 (free). Those who plan on going to the hawk watch afterward should plan on bringing lunch. Beginning birders who want to learn more about hawks are welcome. End time dependent on the hawks! For directions and registration info see: http://massbird.org/emhw/EMHW_Workshop_2014.htm. Meeting place: Joppa Flats Education Center. 9:00 a.m.

Craig Jackson, Malden (781) 321-438
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Tuesday, April 12

Horn Pond, Woburn. Morning.

Let's look for early spring migrants such as Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Field Sparrow and early warblers such as Palm, Pine, and Yellow-rumped. Co-sponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting place: Lake Ave. parking lot. 8:00 a.m.

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Wednesday, April 13

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Linda Ferraresso, Salem (978) 498-4352
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and **Larry O'Bryan (781) 648-1663**
lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord. Morning to early afternoon.

We will walk easy trails looking for residents and early migrants. Take Rt. 62 to Monsen Road in Concord. We'll move on from there to Nine-Acre Corner with possible extension to Drumlin Farm. Meeting place: Refuge parking lot. 7:00 a.m.

Clayton Swanson, Lexington (978) 395-7877
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Thursday, April 14

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

David Scott, Newton (617) 671-8335
davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Friday, April 15

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454
robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu

Saturday, April 16

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 7:00 a.m.

Brooke Stevens, Cambridge (617) 491-7850
brookestev@aol.com



Nahant. Morning. [Birding 101]

The main focus will be birds and their behaviors, but buds, bugs, and beginning birders will be a boon! Meeting place: Short Beach Parking Lot, Ward Rd. (first, immediate, left off Castle Road), Nahant. 7:00 a.m.

Linda Pivacek, Nahant (781) 581-1114
lpivacek@comcast.net

Sunday, April 17

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Jared Keyes, Concord (978) 505-0586
jared.keyes@bbh.com

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport. Morning.

Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting place: Halibut Point State Park parking lot. From Rt. 128 (Exit 9), take Rt. 127 north (Eastern Ave.) toward Rockport, 3 mi. At 5-way intersection, turn left onto Railroad Ave. (remains Rt. 127) and follow for 2.4



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mi. Turn right onto Gott Ave. Turn right into the state park's lot; you can either display your TTOR card or pay the parking fee. 8:00 a.m.

Peter Van Demark, Rockport (978) 546-2402
peter@caliper.com

Monday, April 18

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Neil Hayward, Cambridge (617) 717-9969
neil.hayward@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 19

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

David Scott, Newton (617) 671-8335
davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Boston Nature Center, Mattapan. Morning.

Join Mass Audubon to observe resident birds and migrants at a unique urban habitat. Birders of all levels welcome. Binoculars provided, if needed. http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Boston/catalog.php. Meeting place: In front of the Conservation Center (a large yellow building set back from the road), 500 Walk Hill St. 7:00 a.m.

Mary Lou Kaufman (617) 325-5129
mlkaufman93@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 20

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Neil Hayward, Cambridge (617) 717-9969
neil.hayward@gmail.com

Thursday, April 21

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454
robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu

Brooks Estate, Medford. Morning.

Let's see what early spring migrants we can find. Co-sponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting place: Grove St. entrance (255-277 Grove St.), which is called the Brooks Estate Path on Google Maps. 8:00 a.m.

Diana Fruguglietti, Woburn (781) 933-9063
diana.fru@gmail.com

Friday, April 22

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454
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Saturday, April 23

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 7:00 a.m.

Brooke Stevens, Cambridge (617) 491-7850
brookestev@aol.com



Fruitlands Museum, Harvard. Morning.

We will be looking for local residents and early arrivals, including Blue-winged Warbler, Pine Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Wood Thrush, Veery, Tree Swallow, and Flicker. Expect to walk about 2 miles on trails through meadow and woods with some steep sections. We spend at least 30 minutes in meadows visible from the parking lot, so latecomers can catch up. Meeting place: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard. For directions, visit <http://www.fruitlands.org/directions.php>. 7:00 a.m.

Pat White (978) 456-8127 porchbird@charter.net

Birding Sketchcrawl—Spring Series. Morning.

Join me as we bird and sketch favorite patches on Cape Ann. All artistic levels welcome. Bring your own sketching materials and other creature comforts. Meeting place: At the end of the Jodrey State Fish Pier, Gloucester. 8:00 a.m.

Laura de la Flor, Salem (978) 741-0897
anhinga3@comcast.net



Sunday, April 24

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Jason Forbes, Waltham (781) 354-6158

jason@brewsterslinnet.com

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Morning.

Be prepared for a 3-mile walk focusing on spring songbird migration. Our target birds will be Ruffed Grouse, Pileated Woodpecker, Winter Wren, and a variety of warblers. This trip will be canceled in the event of rain. Please contact the leader the night before if the forecast is for inclement weather. Meeting place: Parking lot across from the Visitor Center. Free Street off Rt. 228, Hingham. 8:00 a.m.

Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370

egiles@brooklinebirdclub.org

Monday, April 25

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Neil Hayward, Cambridge (617) 717-9969

neil.hayward@gmail.com

Newburyport and vicinity. Morning.

Meeting place: Parking lot #1, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. 7:00 a.m.

Dave Williams, Reading (781) 944-8118

dave.williams6@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 26

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon. Morning.

We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting place: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon. 6:00 a.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857

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Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454

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Marblehead Neck Sanctuary. Morning.

Meeting place: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead. 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Linda Ferrarresso, Salem (978) 498-4352

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Wednesday, April 27

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

David Hursh, Waltham (781) 790-1545

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Thursday, April 28

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

David Scott, Newton (617) 671-8335

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Boston Public Garden. Morning.

This is a two-hour walk exploring the four corners of the Public Garden, where a surprising number of interesting migrants have found their way in the springtime. Meeting place: Charles Street entrance to the garden (across from the Public Garden Garage). 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Linda Ferrarresso, Salem (978) 498-4352

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Friday, April 29

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Larry O'Bryan (781) 648-1663

lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

Wayland. Morning.

We will bird Pelham Island Road, Heard Pond, and Griscom Woods. Meeting place: Whole Foods, 317 Boston Post Road, Wayland (located 1/4 of a mile west of the Rt. 20/Rt. 27 intersection). 7:00 a.m.

Glenn Long, Natick (508) 653-1412

hdtwblg@hotmail.com

Saturday, April 30

Arnold Arboretum, Boston. Morning.

A 90-minute walk suitable for beginners as well as more experienced birders. See the arboretum website at <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu> for directions or to download a checklist of birds. Meeting place: Main gate off the Arborway; park along the Arborway. 8:00 a.m.
Bob Mayer, Jamaica Plain (617) 983-3330
rgmayer@comcast.net



Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

This trip will end at 8:30 and become a family walk from the main gate. Birders are welcome to continue for the second leg of the walk. Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.
David Hursh, Waltham (781) 790-1545
dhursh@hotmail.com

Kids' Walk at Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

This walk will start at 8:30; those who took part in the 6:30 walk may continue. This is an introduction to birding for young families, children (accompanied by an adult), and novice birders. Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 8:30 a.m.
David Hursh, Waltham (781) 790-1545
dhursh@hotmail.com



Sunday, May 1

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.
Zack Weber, Cambridge
birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Morning.

Be prepared for a 3-mile walk. Our target birds will be a variety of warblers including Worm-eating and possibly Hooded and Cerulean. This trip will be canceled in the event of rain. Please contact the leader the night before if the forecast is for inclement weather. Meeting place: Parking lot across from the Visitor Center. Free Street off Rt. 228, Hingham. 6:30 a.m.
Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370
egiles@brooklinebirdclub.org

Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, Harvard. Morning.

We will walk about 3 miles on easy paths through woodland as we search for migrant and breeding songbirds. Trip will be canceled in the event of steady rain. Meeting place: Parking lot near the refuge gate at the end of Still River Depot Road (off Rt. 110), Harvard. 7:00 a.m.

Jonathan Center, Chelmsford (978) 866-7391
jbcenter@verizon.net

Newburyport and Vicinity. All day.

We will do a little walking and a lot of birding close to our cars in search of migrants. Meeting place: Newburyport District Courthouse, Rt. 1 traffic circle, Newburyport. 8:00 a.m.
Ida Giriunas, Reading (781) 929-8772
ida8@verizon.net



Manchester Early Migrant Walk. Evening.

This trip will be about 3 hours long and will visit two sites. Moderate walking on forest trails. Uneven terrain by possible muddy areas. Witness the flight of herons and egrets as they go to roost for the evening on Kettle Island. Meeting place: School Street at the Manchester/Essex Conservation Trust Property. This is just north of Exit 15 (Rt. 128) on School Street heading toward Essex. 5:00 p.m.

Susan Hedman, Gloucester (978) 281-1121
2winterwren@gmail.com

Monday, May 2

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.
Neil Hayward, Cambridge (617) 717-9969
neil.hayward@gmail.com

Plum Island. Morning.

This will be a quest for early warblers. Meeting place: Parking lot #1. 7:00 a.m.
Dave Williams, Reading (781) 944-8118
dave.williams6@gmail.com



Tuesday, May 3

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Chris Floyd, Lexington (781) 862-2841
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Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon. Morning.

We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting place: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon. 6:00 a.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Boston Nature Center, Mattapan. Morning.

Join Mass Audubon to observe resident birds and migrants at a unique urban habitat. Birders of all levels welcome. Binoculars provided, if needed. http://www.massaudubon.org/Nature_Connection/Sanctuaries/Boston/catalog.php. Meeting place: In front of the Conservation Center (a yellow building sitting back from the road), 500 Walk Hill Street. 7:00 a.m.

Mary Lou Kaufman (617) 325-5129
mlkaufman93@gmail.com

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary. Morning.

Meeting place: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead. 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Linda Ferraresso, Salem (978) 498-4352
tattler1@comcast.net

Wednesday, May 4

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Neil Hayward, Cambridge (617) 717-9969
neil.hayward@gmail.com

Mount Auburn Cemetery Sit. Morning.

Join us for a sit at the base of the tower, a great vantage point from which to see the warblers in the surrounding treetops, as well as spectacular views of Cambridge and Boston, and moving to Laurel Ave., overlooking



the dell, if the tower birding dies down. Note: We will post an earlier start time to Massbird if we know the car gates are opening before 7. Meeting place: Base of the tower on Mountain Ave. 7:00 a.m.
Peter and Fay Vale, Wakefield (781) 413-7788
peterfay@comcast.net

Thursday, May 5

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Larry O'Bryan (781) 648-1663
lobryan@gilbertobryan.com
and Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454
robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu

Boston Public Garden. Morning.

This is a two-hour walk exploring the four corners of the Public Garden, where a surprising number of interesting migrants have found their way in the springtime. Meeting place: Charles Street entrance to the garden (across from the Public Garden Garage). 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Linda Ferraresso, Salem (978) 498-4352
tattler1@comcast.net

Westboro Wildlife Management Area. Morning.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy in search of migrant warblers. Meeting place: Ball field entrance. Take Hospital Rd. off Lyman St. Then take a left at the ball field sign, then left after the maintenance building, then take a right to follow along the shore to the gate. 6:00 a.m.

Nick Paulson, Upton (508) 330-4401
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Friday, May 6

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Larry O'Bryan (781) 648-1663
lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

Saturday, May 7

South Shore Century Run. All day.

Call the leader for the meeting place at 4:00 a.m. for owls, or 6:30 a.m. at the main parking area of Wompatuck State Park for the wimps! A medium-paced trip to key places on the South Shore to try to observe 100 species of migrants and residents while having fun. Meeting place: Main parking area of Wompatuck State Park. 6:30 a.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Bike. Morning.

Turn off your engines and leave your car behind as we cycle the main refuge road looking and listening for spring migrants. Be ready to pedal by 6:30 a.m. Meeting place: Parking lot #1 on the refuge. 6:30 a.m.

Laura de la Flor, Salem (978) 741-0897
anhinga3@comcast.net
and Mark Burns, Salem (978) 741-0897
mcburns16@comcast.net

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard. Morning.

We will be looking for local residents and early nesters, including Kingbird, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Bluebird, House Wren, a variety of warblers, and Veery. Expect to walk about 2 miles on trails through meadow and woods with some steep sections. We spend at least 30 minutes in meadows visible from the parking lot, so latecomers can catch up. Meeting place: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard. For directions: <http://www/fruitlands.org/directions>. 6:30 a.m.

Pat White (978) 456-8127 porchbird@charter.net

Plum Island. Morning.

We will check several areas on the refuge in search of migrant songbirds and many other birds that may be around at this time of year. Meeting place: Parking lot # 1 on Parker River NWR. 7:00 a.m.

Jonathan Center, Chelmsford (978) 866-7391
jbcenter@verizon.net

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Join us for a morning walk during one of the peak weekends of spring migration, at one of the most famous and historic migrant traps in greater Boston! It's not unusual to record 17 species of warblers on the trips this weekend, as well as possible vireos, orioles (including orchard), thrushes, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, hummingbird and other migrants. All levels encouraged. Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 7:00 a.m.

Sabrina Hepburn, Waltham (781) 296-2493
s.k.hepburn@gmail.com

Cold Spring Park, Newton. Morning.

This is an easy walk through mixed forest and open fields in search of resident and breeding birds. Meeting place: Main entrance to the park on Beacon St., Newton, just west of the intersection with Walnut St. Turn left and follow the road to the end near the head of the exercise trail. 7:30 a.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (857) 756-7981
smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

Arnold Arboretum, Boston. Morning.

Meet Mike McCarthy for a 90-minute walk focusing on warblers. Mike has led birding tours for the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, was an endangered species biologist for the National Park Service on Cape Cod, and biologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Suitable for all levels, birding by ear as well as sight. See the arboretum website <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu> for directions or to download a checklist of birds. Meeting place: Inside the main gate off the Arborway (parking along the Arborway) 8:00 a.m.

Mike McCarthy (617) 327-1811
mmccarthy15@verizon.net

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East Richardson Preserve, Dracut. Morning.

This walk is co-sponsored by the Dracut Open Space Committee. We will visit the East Richardson Preserve, a hilly, forested property featuring a pond, small streams, and a spruce grove to look for migrants and residents that rely on these undeveloped spaces. We hope to see and hear a variety of species including warblers, vireos, and ducks and will spend time identifying field marks and songs. Beginners welcome. Meeting place: South end of East Richardsons Road, which is off Marsh Hill Road. 7:00 a.m.

Mike Baird, Lowell (978) 551-3504
rkramden1994@gmail.com

Sunday, May 8

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Morning.

Be prepared for a 3-mile walk. Our target birds will be a variety of warblers including Worm-eating and possibly Hooded and Cerulean. This trip will be canceled in the event of rain. Please contact the leader the night before if the forecast is for inclement weather. Meeting place: Parking lot across from the Visitor Center. Free Street off Rt. 228, Hingham. 6:00 a.m.

Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370
egiles@brooklinebirdclub.org

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Jason Forbes, Waltham (781) 354-6158
jason@brewsterslinnet.com

Eastern Point, Gloucester, on foot. Morning.

An easy—but long (4-hour)—walk on the roads and grassy foot-paths of this traditional warbler hot spot. Meeting place: Parking lot at the small stone church on Farrington Rd., just past the Niles Beach parking area and the entrance to Eastern Point in Gloucester. 6:45 a.m.

Susan Hedman, Gloucester (978) 281-1121
2winterwren@gmail.com

Upton State Forest. Morning.

We will hike a loop down to Dean Pond and back in search of migrants and local residents, specifically focusing on finding both

Waterthrush species, Winter Wren, Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Brown Creeper. Meeting place: Main entrance is off Southboro Rd. by the intersection of Westboro Rd. Take the dirt road in to the parking area. 7:00 a.m.

Nick Paulson, Upton (508) 330-4401
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Monday, May 9

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Jared Keyes, Concord (978) 505-0586
jared.keyes@bbh.com

Tuesday, May 10

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Chris Floyd, Lexington (781) 862-2841
chris@mitre.org

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon. Morning.

We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting place: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon. 6:00 a.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857
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Marblehead Neck Sanctuary. Morning.

Meeting place: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead. 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Linda Ferrareso, Salem (978) 498-4352
tattler1@comcast.net

Wednesday, May 11

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

David Hursh, Waltham (781) 790-1545
dhursh@hotmail.com

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Marblehead Neck and Vicinity. Morning.

Meeting place: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead. 7:00 a.m.

Don Wilkinson, Nahant (617) 201-5308
singingbirder@yahoo.com

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Evening.

We will look and listen for migrants and newly arriving residents as the day winds down. If you're coming from work and miss the start, call the leader for the group's location. Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. MBTA: Bus route 71 or 73. 5:00 p.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (857) 756-7981
smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

Thursday, May 12

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Larry O'Bryan (781) 648-1663
lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

Boston Public Garden. Morning.

This is a two-hour walk exploring the four corners of the Public Garden, where a surprising number of interesting migrants have found their way in the springtime. Meeting place: Charles Street entrance to the garden (across from the Public Garden Garage). 6:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Linda Ferraresso, Salem (978) 498-4352
tattler1@comcast.net

Westboro Wildlife Management Area. Morning.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. Meeting place: Ballfield entrance. Take Hospital Rd. off Lyman St. Then take a left at the ballfield sign, then a left after the maintenance building, then a right to follow along the shore to the gate. 6:00 a.m.

Nick Paulson, Upton (508) 330-4401
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Concord River Greenway, Lowell.

Morning.

This walk is co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust. We will focus on spring migrants that use the water of the Concord River and the trees of the Lowell Cemetery for food and shelter as they make their way to their northern breeding grounds, and we will also look for birds that breed along this restored riparian habitat. This two-hour walk is suitable for beginners and those with limited mobility as the path is flat and paved. An R.S.V.P. to the Trust's Carolyn Mecklenburg would be appreciated but is not required: cmeklenburg@lowell-landtrust.org. Meeting place: Just inside the Lawrence Street gate of Lowell Cemetery. 7:00 a.m.

Mike Baird, Lowell (978) 551-3504
rkrampen1994@gmail.com



Friday, May 13

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Linda Ferraresso, Salem (978) 498-4352
tattler1@comcast.net and **Peter Vale (781) 413-7788**
peterfay@comcast.net

Saturday, May 14

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 7:00 a.m.

Brooke Stevens, Cambridge (617) 491-7850
brookestev@aol.com

Hammond Pond Reservation, Chestnut Hill. Morning.

We will bird the Hammond Pond area and then proceed to the adjacent Webster Conservation area and Houghton Gardens. It can be quite muddy. Meeting place: DCR parking lot off Hammond Pond Parkway, just north of Rt. 9. MBTA: Green line, D train to Chestnut Hill stop, cross Hammond Road, and cross the Shaw's shopping center parking lot. 8:00 a.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (857) 756-7981
smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

Sunday, May 15

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 7:00 a.m.

Jim McCoy, Melrose (978) 578-7076

jfmccoy@hotmail.com

Bird Banding, Auburn. Morning.

Meeting place: Auburn Sportsman's Club, 50 Elm St., Auburn. 7:00 a.m.

Mark Blazis, Grafton markblazis@charter.net

Newburyport and Vicinity. Morning to mid-afternoon.

Those wishing to take the train to Newburyport, or meet at the later time, will be met at the southern parking lot on the west side of the tracks at 10:30 a.m. Call the leader two days in advance if taking the train. Meeting place: Parking lot #1, Parker River NWR. 7:30 a.m.

Zack Weber, Cambridge

birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com

Bussey Brook Meadow, Arnold Arboretum, Boston. Morning.

The Arboretum Park Conservancy and the BBC are sponsoring this 90-minute walk in the Bussey Brook area of the Arboretum. The walk is suitable for beginning birders as well as those more experienced. Meeting place: South Street gate to the Arboretum, on South Street, where there is limited parking. Also accessible from Forest Hills T Station path from Washington Street. 8:00 a.m.

Bob Mayer, Jamaica Plain (617) 983-3330

rgmayer@comcast.net



Halibut Point State Park, Rockport. Morning.

Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting place: Halibut Point State Park parking lot. From Rt. 128 (Exit 9), take Rt. 127 north (Eastern Ave.) toward Rockport, 3 mi. At 5-way intersection, turn left onto Railroad Ave. (remains Rt. 127) and follow for 2.4 mi. Turn right onto Gott Ave. Turn right into the state park's lot; you can display your TTOR card or pay the parking fee. 8:00 a.m.

Peter Van Demark, Rockport (978) 546-2402

peter@caliper.com



Monday, May 16

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Jared Keyes, Concord (978) 505-0586

jared.keyes@bbh.com

Plum Island. Late afternoon and Evening.

Call the leader 2 or 3 days in advance if taking the train. Meeting place: Newburyport Train Station, off Parker Street in Newburyport. Park at the southern parking lot on the west side of the tracks. Or you can meet the group at parking lot #1 on the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge at 5:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.

Ida Giriunas, Reading (781) 929-8772

ida8@verizon.net

Tuesday, May 17

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

David Hursh, Waltham (781) 790-1545

dhursh@hotmail.com

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon. Morning.

We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting place: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon. 6:00 a.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Wednesday, May 18

Westport. All day.

We will look for late migrants and hopefully find some of the unique birds that breed in this southeastern section of the state. Limited participation. Contact the leader for meeting information.

Bob Stymeist, Arlington rstymeist@verizon.net

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Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Jared Keyes, Concord (978) 505-0586

jared.keyes@bbh.com

Nahant. Morning.

We will visit the "Thicket" and other migration hotspots. Meeting place: Dunkin' Donuts at the end of the Nahant Causeway. 7:00 a.m.

Don Wilkinson, Nahant (617) 201-5308

singingbirder@yahoo.com

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Evening.

We will look and listen for migrants and newly arriving residents as the day winds down. If you're coming from work and miss the start, call the leader for the group's location. Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. MBTA: Bus route 71 or 73. 5:00 p.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (857) 756-7981

smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

Thursday, May 19

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454

robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu

Westboro Wildlife Management Area. Morning.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy in search of migrant warblers. Meeting place: Ballfield entrance. Take Hospital Rd. off Lyman St. Then take a left at the ballfield sign, then a left after the maintenance building, then a right to follow along the shore to the gate. 6:00 a.m.

Nick Paulson, Upton (508) 330-4401

grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Mount Auburn Cemetery Sit. Morning.

Join us for a sit at the base of the tower, a great vantage point from which to see the warblers in the surrounding treetops, as well as spectacular views of Cambridge and Boston, and moving to Laurel Ave., overlooking



the dell, if the tower birding dies down. We will post an earlier start time to Massbird if we know the car gates are opening well before 7. Meeting place: Base of the tower on Mountain Avenue. 7:00 a.m.

Peter and Fay Vale, Wakefield (781) 413-7788

peterfay@comcast.net

Friday, May 20

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

David Scott, Newton (617) 671-8335

davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday, May 21

Mount Auburn Cemetery: Focus on Spring

Bird Songs. Morning.

If you are interested in learning or enjoying spring bird songs, this trip is for you! We will take advantage of full "leaf-out" at Mount Auburn—when seeing spring migrants becomes more difficult—to relax and focus on just listening to these vociferous songsters. We'll look at cooperative birds, but the main goal will be to listen to and identify by ear as many species of spring migrants as possible. Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

Sabrina Hepburn, Waltham (781) 296-2493

s.k.hepburn@gmail.com

Canoe/Kayak Bolton Flats. Morning.

We will canoe/kayak the Still River area of Bolton Flats WMA in search of Virginia Rail, Sora, both Bitterns, Marsh Wren, Common Gallinule, and other marsh species including ducks, sparrows, flycatchers, warblers, and swallows. Bring your own kayak or canoe; it needs to be carried or dragged about 100 paces through some grass and mud to the launch site. Meeting place: The parking area for this entrance is the old boardwalk entrance that is along Rt. 110, a hidden driveway between two trees on the left .6 miles north of the intersection with Rt. 117. 7:00 a.m.

Nick Paulson, Upton (508) 330-4401

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Arnold Arboretum, Boston. Morning.

A 90-minute walk suitable for beginners as well as more experienced birders. See the arboretum website at <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu> for directions or to download a checklist of birds. Meeting place: Main gate off the Arborway; park along the Arborway. 8:00 a.m.

Bob Mayer, Jamaica Plain (617) 983-3330
rgmayer@comcast.net



Birding on the 7 Seas Whale Watch, Gloucester. Morning.

Board at 7 Seas wharf, 63 Rogers St., next to the Gloucester House Restaurant. Phone (978) 283-1776. Make your own reservation at www.7seaswhalewatch.com. Meeting place: Take Rt. 128 to Gloucester to the first rotary. Take the first right off the rotary (Rt. 127, Washington St). Follow .8 mi and bear right at the Joan of Arc statue. Then take your first left onto Angle St., go straight through the stop sign, and down the hill. Turn left onto Rogers St. 7 Seas will be on the right about 200 yards ahead 8:00 a.m.

Ida Giriunas, Reading (781) 929-8772
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Sunday, May 22

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Morning.

Be prepared for a 3-mile walk. Our target birds will include Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoo, as well as a variety of warblers including Worm-eating and possibly Hooded and Cerulean. This trip will be canceled in the event of rain. Please contact the leader the night before if the forecast is for inclement weather. Meeting place: Main entrance, Free Street off Rt. 228, Hingham. 6:00 a.m.

Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370
egiles@brooklinebirdclub.org

Eastern Point, Gloucester. Morning.

We will walk for 3 or 4 hours in the Eastern Point area of Gloucester, mostly on pavement but partly on woodland paths and a field that may be wet. Co-sponsored by the Essex County Ornithological Club. Meeting place: Mass Audubon parking lot by the lighthouse at the end of Eastern Point Blvd. Don't be deterred by the "Residents Only" sign; the parking lot is open to the public and free until Memorial Day. 6:30 a.m.

John Nelson, Gloucester (979)-283-6128
jnelson@northshore.edu

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park. Morning.

We will hike along the Blackstone River in search of migrants and residents, checking Rice City Pond and Goat Hill, which is a known Worm-eating Warbler breeding spot. We will walk at an easy pace but some trails are moderate at Goat Hill and along the flood plain area of the river. Meeting place: Main entrance, 287 Oak St., Uxbridge. 7:00 a.m.

Nick Paulson, Upton (508) 330-4401
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Tuesday, May 24

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon. Morning.

We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting place: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon. 6:00 a.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857
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Wednesday, May 25

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Evening.

We will look and listen for migrants and newly arriving residents as the day winds down. If you're coming from work and miss the start, call the leader for the group's location. Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. MBTA: Bus route 71 or 73. 5:00 p.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (857) 756-7981
smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

Thursday, May 26

Westboro Wildlife Management Area. Morning.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy in search of migrant warblers. Meeting place: Ballfield entrance. Take Hospital Rd. off Lyman St. Then take a left at the ballfield sign, then a left after the maintenance building, then a right to follow along the shore to the gate. 6:00 a.m.

Nick Paulson, Upton (508) 330-4401
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.

Soheil Zende, Lexington (781) 863-2392
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Saturday, May 28

Falmouth and Mashpee. Morning.

We will walk in fields and woods and on the beach as we seek our target birds, Grasshopper Sparrow and Piping Plover. Co-sponsored by the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. Meeting place: Nickelodeon Cinema (sign says "Hamilton Tree Company") on Rt. 151 between Rt. 28 and Old Barnstable Road, Falmouth. 9:00 a.m.

Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454
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Sunday, May 29

Plymouth Beach and vicinity. Morning.

Participants should be prepared to walk 5 miles round-trip on the beach. (Note: The BBC does not drive vehicles on the beach to protect the endangered birds that nest there.) This trip will continue as the Plymouth Airport trip. Meeting place: Plymouth Beach parking lot. 6:30 a.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857
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Plymouth Airport for grassland sparrows. Afternoon.

With permission from the airport manager, we will be allowed to go inside the second fence line onto the airport, closed to the general public, in search of the grassland birds which nest at the airport. Note: This trip can be cancelled at any time, without notice, for homeland security reasons! Meeting place: Airport parking area off South Meadow Road in Plymouth. 12:00 p.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857
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Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord. Morning.

Meeting place: Refuge parking lot on Monsen Road (off Rt. 62). 6:30 a.m.

Jason Forbes, Waltham (781) 354-6158
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Thursday, June 2

Westboro Wildlife Management Area. Morning.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy in search of migrant warblers. Meeting place: Ballfield entrance. Take Hospital Rd. off Lyman St. Then take a left at the ballfield sign, then a left after the maintenance building, then a right to follow along the shore to the gate. 6:00 a.m.

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Crane Beach, Ipswich. Evening.

This two-mile walk in the sand is aimed at nesting Piping Plovers, Least Terns, and Bank Swallows as well as evening singers such as Whip-poor-wills. Be prepared for mosquitoes at sunset. Co-sponsored by the Essex County Ornithological Club. Meeting place: Outside the gate to the Crane Beach parking lot at the end of Argilla Road. 6:15 p.m.

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Saturday, June 4

Millis and Medfield Breeding Birds. Morning.

We'll be walking about a mile and a half, mostly staying on pavement. Boots are not required, but may be a good idea if we venture a short way on dirt paths. Ticks should not be a problem. We'll be looking and listening for swamp breeders, including Brown Creeper, Northern Waterthrush, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, etc. We'll then stop at the Medfield State Hospital fields for grassland and successional breeding birds. We will make additional stops in Medfield as time allows. Meeting place: Paddock Lane (near corner of Causeway Street) in Millis. 6:30 a.m.

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Fruitlands Museum, Harvard. Morning.

We hope to see nesting Indigo Bunting, Veery, Scarlet Tanager, Wood Thrush, Blue-winged Warbler, Chestnut-Sided Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Baltimore Oriole, Red-bellied Woodpecker, and Bobolink. Expect to walk about 2 miles on trails through meadow and woods with some steep sections. We spend at least 30 minutes in meadows visible from the parking lot, so latecomers can catch up. Meeting place: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard. For directions: <http://www.fruitlands.org/directions>. 6:30 a.m.

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Westover Air Force Base for Grassland Birds.

About 2 hours. A guided 1.25-mile tour to view one of the largest populations of Upland Sandpiper in New England as well as Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink, and other edge birds. This trip will continue to other locations in the general area. Contact the leader by May 15 for details. Names of participants must be submitted to the base in advance for clearance checks. Information on meeting time and location will be provided to the participants as details are finalized with base personnel.

Linda Ferraresso, Salem (978) 498-4352

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Mount Holyoke to the Quabbin. All day.

Join us for a series of short hikes as we search for Cerulean Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, and Alder Flycatcher. Time will also be taken to enjoy the flora and fauna along the way. Meeting place: Entrance to Skinner State Park off Rt. 47 in Hadley 7:30 a.m.

Mark Burns, Salem (978) 741-0897

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Newburyport and Vicinity. All day.

We will do a little walking and a lot of birding near our cars in search of migrants.

Meeting place: Newburyport District Courthouse, Rt. 1 traffic circle, Newburyport. 8:00 a.m.

Ida Giriunas, Reading (781) 929-8772

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Sunday, June 5

Quabbin Park. Morning.

We will hike a shore-to-shore loop from Hank's Meadow (540 ft. elevation) to the peak of Quabbin Hill (1,004 ft. elevation). Due to the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir it allows for an unusual climb from col to col of a peak, as the reservoir is the col. A col is the highest low point between a peak and its highest neighbor. We will search for residents and late migrants along the way. Meeting place: Hank's Meadow parking lot. 9:00 a.m.

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Allens Pond Mass Audubon Sanctuary, Dartmouth. Morning.

This trip is for the marsh sparrows and white-eyed vireo. This is the best spot in Massachusetts to observe both nesting marsh sparrows (Saltmarsh and Seaside) up close and personal. Note: The time is approximate since the leader is completing his breeding bird survey route prior to this trip. Meeting place: Parking area for Allens Pond MAS on Horseneck Road in South Dartmouth. 9:30 a.m.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857

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Wednesday, June 8



Great Meadows NWR, Concord. Morning to early afternoon.

We will walk easy trails looking for birds and butterflies. Beginners welcome. We'll move on from there to Nine-Acre Corner with possible extension to Drumlín Farm. Meeting place: Refuge parking lot off Monsen Road, off Rt. 62 in Concord 7:00 a.m.
Clayton Swanson, Lexington (978) 395-7877
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Myles Standish Forest, Carver. Evening.

A serene way to end the day with Prairie Warblers and Hermit Thrushes reluctantly giving way to Whip-poor-wills and, perhaps, Northern Saw-whet Owls. Come for a bring-your-own-picnic supper at 6:00; birds at 6:30 p.m. Meeting place: The parking area at the headquarters/interpretive center at the intersection of Lower College Pond and Fearing Pond Roads in the Carver (southwest) part of the forest. 6:00 p.m.

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Thursday, June 9 to Sunday, June 12

Weekend trip to the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont.

Explore the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont on a three-day birding adventure. We will look for boreal species such as Black-backed Woodpecker, Gray Jay, Spruce Grouse, and Boreal Chickadee, in addition to 18-20 nesting warblers. Our base is Island Pond. On Friday we get an early start at the famous Moose Bog and South American Road, where we could encounter some of the boreal birds. Later in the day we will visit the Silvio O. Conte Wildlife Refuge. On Saturday we will visit several different habitats in Orleans County including Lake Willoughby, considered by some to be the Lac Lucerne of the United States. On Sunday we will bird Victory Bog and end the day at mid-afternoon. A possible extension to hike East Mountain for Bicknell's Thrush on Monday. Participation is limited; please contact the leaders for further information.

Bob Stymeist and Martha Steele, Arlington
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Thursday, June 9 to Sunday, June 12

Weekend Trip to Claybrook Mountain Lodge, Highland Plantation, Maine.

Birding at Claybrook Mountain Lodge is unique because it's located at the northern edge of the eastern deciduous forest and the southern edge of the boreal forest. Add to this the habitat mix, the extensive grasslands and marshlands a few miles to the south, and it's easy to understand why birders consider this area one of Maine's best inland birding hotspots. This trip will concentrate on Maine's boreal specialties including Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray Jay, and Boreal Chickadee. Participants can expect to do some moderate hiking. Time will also be taken to observe and enjoy the flora and fauna along the way. Limited participation. Contact leader for additional information and reservations.

Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370
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Sunday, June 12

Martin Burns Wildlife Management Area, West Newbury. Morning.

We will walk on fairly level gravel roads for 2.5 miles looking for breeding birds including Field Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, and Prairie Warbler. Meeting place: Martin Burns WMA, Orchard St., West Newbury. 7:30 a.m.

Linda Ferrarresso, Salem (978) 498-4352
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Saturday, June 18

Summer Solstice Saunter. All day.

Contact leader for details. Please contact no later than June 16.

Laura de la Flor, Salem (978) 741-0897
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Mt. Greylock. All day.

This will be an exciting trip with the occasional surprise. Mourning Warbler has always been a specialty of this trip. Enjoy the warblers and other neotropical migrants we observed during spring migration. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club.

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This trip will end around 3 p.m., then reconvene for dinner and an evening trip to Post Farm Marsh, Lenox. Meeting place: Mt. Greylock Visitors' Center at the base of the mountain in Lanesborough. 6:00 a.m.

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Sunday, June 19

October Mountain. Morning.

Trip may spill over to early afternoon. This trip has more diversity than the prior day's as we begin along the Housatonic River WMA and make our way over October Mountain. Currently there may be more Mourning Warblers available here than at Mt. Greylock. Recently Olive-Sided Flycatcher has been present. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting place: The intersection of Roaring Brook Road and New Lenox Road in Lenox. 6:00 a.m.

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Halibut Point State Park, Rockport. Morning.

Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting place: Halibut Point State Park parking lot. From Rt. 128 (Exit 9), take Rt. 127 north (Eastern Ave.) toward Rockport, 3 mi. At 5-way intersection, turn left onto Railroad Ave. (remains Rt. 127) and follow for 2.4 mi. Turn right onto Gott Ave. Turn right into the state park's parking lot; you can either display your TTOR card or pay the parking fee 8:00 a.m.

Peter Van Demark, Rockport (978) 546-2402

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Thursday, June 23 to Sunday, June 26

19th Annual Weekend Trip to the Rangeley Lakes Region.

This trip will concentrate on Maine's boreal specialties including Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, and Bicknell's Thrush. We will focus on biodiversity,

taking time to enjoy the flora and fauna as well as seeking birds. Participants can expect to do some moderate hiking as well as some optional canoeing. Limited participation. Please contact the leader for additional information and reservations.

Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370

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Sunday, June 26

Birding on the 7 Seas Whale Watch, Gloucester.

Morning to early afternoon.

Board at 7 Seas wharf, 63 Rogers St., next to the Gloucester House Restaurant, phone (978) 283-1776. Make your own reservation at www.7seaswhalewatch.com. Meeting place: Take Rt. 128 to Gloucester to the first rotary. Take the first right off the rotary (Rt. 127, Washington St.). Follow .8 mi and bear right at the Joan of Arc statue. Then take your first left onto Angle St., go straight through the stop sign, and down the hill. Turn left onto Rogers St. 7 Seas will be on the right about 200 yards ahead. 7:30 a.m.

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Friday, July 1 to Monday, July 4

Weekend Trip to Downeast Maine.

Join us on our annual trip to Machias Seal Island for Puffins, Razorbills, Common Murres, and Arctic Terns. On our free day we tour beautiful, scenic Washington County, Maine, looking for northern species (Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, nesting warblers, thrushes, etc.). We will have a local guide help us find these Washington County birds. On our way home on Monday we will look for Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows, Sandhill Cranes, and Black Terns. Cost will be \$148 for BBC members and \$163 for non-members for the boat and the guide. Motel, travel, and meals are at participants' expense. Limited to 15 participants. Contact leader for additional information and reservations (requested by April 1).

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BROOKLINE BIRD CLUB PELAGIC TRIPS 2016

Trips are subject to change. Check the club web site, www.brooklinebirdclub.org, for updates.

Saturday, January 23, 2016 (bad weather date: Sunday, January 24) Hyannis to the Nantucket Shoals Area. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Birds expected: FULMAR, Alcids, Gannets, Phalaropes, Shearwaters, Jaegers, several gulls, sea ducks, mammals, any rarities.

Limit: 65 participants

Cost: BBC members \$100, non-members \$120

Saturday, July 16, 2016, 2 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hyannis to the Hydrographer Canyon area for 4 Shearwater species (including Scopoli's), 3 Storm-petrel species, Gannets, 3 Jaeger species, terns, gulls, sea ducks, possible Black-capped Petrel, Bridled Tern, Skuas, and any other rarities.

Limit: 50 participants

Cost: BBC members \$195, non-members \$215

Saturday–Sunday, August 20–21, 2016, 5:30 a.m.

Saturday to 6 p.m. Sunday

Hyannis to Hydrographer, Veach, and Atlantis Canyon area for White-Faced Storm Petrel, Band-Rumped and Leach's Storm-Petrel, 5 Shearwater species (including possible BAROLO), 3 Jaeger species, terns, gulls, sea ducks, possible Tropicbird, Bridled Tern, or other rarities.

Limit: 50 participants

Cost: BBC members \$310, non-members \$330

Saturday–Sunday, September 24–25, 2016, 5:30 a.m.

Saturday to 6 p.m. Sunday

Hyannis to Hydrographer, Veach, and Atlantis Canyon area for White-faced Storm Petrels, other petrels, several species of shearwaters, jaegers, possible skua, terns and other seabirds and mammals.

Limit: 50 participants

Cost: BBC members \$310, non-members \$330

Saturday, November 19, 2016 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (bad weather date: Sunday 11/20)

Hyannis to Nantucket Shoals.

Birds Expected: Alcids, Fulmar, Gannets, Phalaropes, Shearwaters, Jaegers, several gulls, hundreds of sea ducks, mammals, any rarities.

Limit: 65 participants

Cost: BBC members \$100.00, non-members \$120.00

A fuel surcharge is possible. We have master birders Jeremiah Trimble, Nicholas Bonomo, and two others leading these trips. Our boat, the *Helen H*, is a very comfortable, fast, 100-foot fishing boat with a knowledgeable and enthusiastic captain and crew. We use gallons of chum to attract the birds. There are 38 bunks aboard which will be available to the first 38 who sign up. There is a full galley with excellent food at reasonable prices. Parking is free.

To reserve a space, send a check for the full amount made out to Brookline Bird Club Agent along with a signed waiver to: Ida Giriunas, 83 Summer Ave., Reading, MA, 01867 and include either your email or your postal address for confirmation, boarding instructions, and other details. To register and to receive further information and a waiver form, contact Ida at 781-929-8772, ida8@verizon.net.

ADDITIONAL OUT-OF-STATE TRIPS

Donald Wilkinson will be leading a trip to Nevada and Utah for Himalayan Snowcock July 13 to 18, 2016.

All trips will be on the website.

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WE WANT YOUR INPUT

The Board of Directors wants to ensure it is discussing ideas and addressing questions important to the club. Members are encouraged to forward issues to the board via a club officer or board member. The board meets three times a year—late winter, late spring, and early fall—to discuss various items related to club functions. For contact information for officers and board members, please see the front pages of the bulletin.

WEBSITE ACCESS TO TRIP LIST

As a convenience to members, we publish the schedule of club trips on the BBC website www.brooklinebirdclub.org. We do not list the limited-participation trips, however, so continue to check for them here in the hardcopy bulletin.

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