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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!

The Brookline Bird Club’s social networking and online presence has changed from a group to an official page! What does this mean for you? An easier BBC Facebook experience! Club members will be able to use the BBC Facebook page every day to keep up with their birding friends, upload an unlimited number of photos, share links and videos, and learn more about and from their fellow club members. The BBC Facebook page will only be as good as our club members make it. So feel free to “Like” us and interact.

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.

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/#b1cbc5bd2f4181aace55fbf0a>. 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL-DAY PELAGIC TRIPS AND MORE

Three 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 page 44 for details. Reserve your space now!

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.

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.

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.

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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 11, 2014

We are delighted to present board member and new North American Big Year recordholder Neil Hayward, who will speak about the thrills, spills, and chills of his "Accidental Big Year." In 2013 he toted up an amazing 747 ABA area species, beating out the legendary Sandy Komito.

Preceded by a social hour starting at 6:00 p.m.

Did You Remember to Renew Your Membership?

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

PROGRAM OF TRIPS
April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014

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

Saturday, April 5



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, Route 1 traffic circle, Newburyport. 8:00 a.m.

Ida Girunas, Reading (781) 944-5135, cell (781) 929-8772
ida8@verizon.net

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). \$2 entry fee. 8:00 a.m.

Jonathan Center, Chelmsford (978) 256-4489
jbcenter@verizon.net

Saturday, April 12

Crooked Pond (Bald Hill Reservation) to Plum Island. 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 ½ mile into this beautiful wooded area. Then we will continue to Plum Island. Meeting place: Main entrance to Crooked Pond on Middleton Road, Boxford. 7:30 a.m. Those wishing to take the train to Newburyport will be met at the train station there on the west side of the tracks at 10:30 a.m. Call leader two days in advance if taking the train. Those driving will meet on the west side at the southern end.

William Drummond, North Andover (978) 975-1167
wcdrummond@verizon.net

Sunday, April 13

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 for Mass Audubon members is free 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) 256-4489
jbcenter@verizon.net

Hawk Watching Workshop and Field Trip. Morning.

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 have a chance to put into practice our skills 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). Meeting place: Joppa Flats Education Center. For directions and registration info see:

http://massbird.org/emhw/EMHW_Workshop_2014.htm.
9:00 a.m.

Craig Jackson, Malden (781) 321-4382
jalecr49@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 16

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:30 a.m.
Linda Ferraroso, Salem (978) 498-4352
tattler1@comcast.net and **Larry O'Bryan (781) 648-1663 lobryan@gilbertobryan.com**

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord. Morning.

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 off Monsen Road. \$2 entry fee. 7:00 a.m.

Clayton Swanson, Lexington (781) 274-6858
cas-swanson@comcast.net

Thursday, April 17

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 18

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

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.

Andrew MacBlane, Mattapan (617) 983-8500 x6907

amacblane@massaudubon.org

Saturday, April 19

Nahant. Morning.

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 Rd.), Nahant. 7:00 a.m.

Linda Pivacek, Nahant (781) 581-1114

lpivacek@comcast.net

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Brooke Stevens, Cambridge (617) 491-7850

brookestev@aol.com

Sunday, April 20

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport. Morning.

Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Co-sponsored by Halibut Point State Park and The Trustees of Reservations. 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 either display your TTOR card or pay the parking fee. 8:00 a.m.

Peter Van Demark, Rockport peter@caliper.com



Monday, April 21

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 22

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

mlkaufman43@comcast.net

Wednesday, April 23

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 24

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

Friday, April 25

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

Wayland. Morning.

We will bird Pelham Island Road, Heard Pond, Heard Conservation Area, 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 26

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. 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

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Brooke Stevens, Cambridge (617) 491-7850

brookestev@aol.com

Arnold Arboretum, Boston. Morning.

A 90-minute walk suitable for beginners as well as more experienced birders. See the arboretum website <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu> for directions or to download a checklist of birds. Meeting place: Peters Hill gate on Bussey Street. 8:00 a.m.

Bob Mayer, Jamaica Plain (617) 983-3330

rgmayer@comcast.net



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's center, Free Street off Rt. 228, Hingham. 6:30 a.m.

Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370

egiles@brooklinebirdclub.org

Sunday, April 27

Suffolk County. All Day.

Visit a variety of habitats and discover the diversity of urban wild and not-so-wild green spots. Contact leader for more details.

Bob Stymeist, Arlington rstymeist@verizon.net

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Jason Forbes, Waltham (781) 894-6119

jason@brewsterslinnet.com

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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 evening 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
winterwren2@comcast.net

Monday, April 28

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

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

Newburyport and vicinity. Morning.

Meet at the Newburyport Train Station parking lot at 25 Boston Way, near the Rt. 1 traffic circle. 7:00 a.m.

Dave Williams (781) 944-8118
dave.williams6@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 29

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

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, April 30

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

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

Boston Public Garden. Morning.

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

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

Thursday, May 1

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, May 2

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

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

Saturday, May 3

Newburyport and Vicinity. Morning to Mid-Afternoon.

Meeting place: Parking lot #1, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. 7:30 a.m.

William Drummond, North Andover (978) 975-1167
wcdrummond@verizon.net

Arnold Arboretum, Boston. Morning. [Birding 101]

A 90-minute walk suitable for beginners as well as more experienced birders. See the arboretum website <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu> for directions or to download a checklist of birds. Meeting place: Peters Hill gate on Bussey Street. 8:00 a.m.

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

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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: Entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 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 6:00 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



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. 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's center, Free Street off Rt. 228, Hingham. 6:30 a.m.

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

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. Meeting place: Parking lot #1 on the refuge. Be ready to peddle by 6:30 a.m.

Laura de la Flor, Salem (978) 741-0897
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and Mark Burns (978) 741-0897
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Sunday, May 4

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.
Zack Weber, Cambridge (314) 266-5157
zackweber@gmail.com

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) 256-4489
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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. Note: This trip must end at 8:30. 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. 7:00 a.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (781) 373-5496
smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

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. 7:00 a.m.

Ida Giriunas, Reading (781) 944-5135, cell (781) 929-8772
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Monday, May 5

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Main entrance to the cemetery. 6:00 a.m.
Donald Wilkinson, Nahant (617) 201-5308
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Boston Public Garden. Morning.

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

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

Plum Island. Morning

Meet at parking lot no. 1. 6:30 a.m.

Dave Williams (781) 944-8118
dave.williams6@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 6

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
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Wednesday, May 7

Boston Public Garden. Morning.

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: The Charles Street entrance to the Public Garden (across from the Public Garden Garage). 6:30 a.m.

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

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Mark Rosenstein, Cambridge (617) 669-3134
mar@actwin.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. Meeting place: Base of the tower on Mountain Ave. We will post an earlier start time to Massbird if we know the car gates are opening before 7. 7:00 a.m.

Peter and Fay Vale, Wakefield (781) 413-7788
peterfay@comcast.net



Thursday, May 8

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

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

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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. 7:00 a.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (781) 373-5496
smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

Friday, May 9

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

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

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.

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

Saturday, May 10

South Shore Century Run. All Day.

Call the leader for the meeting place at 4:00 a.m. for owls, or 6:00 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.

Glenn d'Entremont, Stoughton (781) 344-5857
gdentremont1@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, Veery, and Great Blue Heron. Expect to walk about 2 miles on trails through meadow and woods with some steep sections. 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

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Sabrina Hepburn (617) 515-7091
s.k.hepburn@gmail.com

Arnold Arboretum, Boston. Morning.

Meet Mike McCarthy for a 90-minute walk focusing on warblers. Mike has led birding tours for Mass Audubon's 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 beginners as well as more experienced birders, 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) at 8:00 a.m.

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



Westboro Wildlife Management Area Morning.

We will hike at an easy pace through easy to moderate trails in search of spring arrivals and migrant warblers in a variety of marsh, field, and woodland habitats. Blue-winged Warblers and Willow Flycatchers breed here in good numbers. We will also check the ponds and marsh for any migrant or breeding ducks and swallows, and if we are lucky a rail, Marsh Wren or Green Heron. Anyone may hike either or both sections. We will hike the eastern trails till around 10 a.m. then go over to the western trails until around 1 p.m. Meeting place: Westborough Town Beach parking area near 60 Lyman Street. 7:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, May 11

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Jason Forbes, Waltham (781) 894-6119

jason@brewsterslinnet.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. Note: This trip must end at 8:30. 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. 7:00 a.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (781) 373-5496

smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

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

winterwren2@comcast.net

Monday, May 12

Nahant. Morning.

We will visit the “Thicket” and other migration hotspots. Meeting place: Dunkin’ Donuts at the end of the Nahant Causeway. 6:30 a.m.

Donald Wilkinson, Nahant (617) 201-5308

singingbirder@yahoo.com

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

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 at 4:30 p.m. 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.

William Drummond, North Andover (978) 975-1167

wcdrummond@verizon.net

Tuesday, May 13

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.

Andrew MacBlane, Mattapan (617) 983-8500 x6907

amacblane@massaudubon.org

Wednesday, May 14

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

David Hursh, Waltham (781) 790-1545

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Thursday, May 15

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

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

Charles River, Watertown. Morning.

We will walk the DCR path along the Charles searching for waterfowl, herons, and songbirds, going to Bridge St. and looping back.

Meeting place: Entrance to the DCR trail in the Watertown Square MBTA busyard. Look for the granite posts near the mill building. 7:00 a.m.

Sylvia Martin, Waltham (781) 373-5496
warbler@lavabit.com

Friday, May 16

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 17

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Naeem Yusuff (617) 308-2588
naeem.yusuff@yahoo.com

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.

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Andrew MacBlane, Mattapan (617) 983-8500 x6907
amacblane@massaudubon.org

Sunday, May 18

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

Newburyport and Vicinity. Morning.

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

Jonathan Center, Chelmsford (978) 256-4489
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Halibut Point State Park, Rockport. Morning.

Beginners encouraged. A 2-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Co-sponsored by Halibut Point State Park and The Trustees of Reservations. 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 peter@caliper.com

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Jim McCoy (978) 578-7875 jfmccoy@hotmail.com



Monday, May 19

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Donald Wilkinson, Nahant (617) 201-5308

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and Sylvia Martin, Waltham (781) 373-5496

smartin@brooklinebirdclub.org

Boston Public Garden. Morning.

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

Linda Ferraresso, Salem (978) 498-4352

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Tuesday, May 20

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

Meeting place: Entrance to Mount Auburn Cemetery. 6:00 a.m.

David Hursh, Waltham (781) 790-1545

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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

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Wednesday, May 21

Marblehead Neck and Vicinity. Morning.

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

Donald Wilkinson, Nahant (617) 201-5308

singingbirder@yahoo.com

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.

Bob Stymeist, Arlington rstymeist@verizon.net

Boston Public Garden. Morning.

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

Linda Ferraresso, Salem (978) 498-4352

tattler1@comcast.net

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Tim Spahr (774) 249-8858 tspahr@cfa.harvard.edu

Thursday, May 22

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

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

peterfay@comcast.net

Mount Auburn Cemetery Walk. Morning.

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

Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454

robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu



Friday, May 23

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

David Scott, Newton (617) 671-8335

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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.

Andrew MacBlane, Mattapan (617) 983-8500 x6907

amacblane@massaudubon.org

Saturday, May 24

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 on Rt. 151 between Rt. 28 and Old Barnstable Road, Falmouth. 7:00 a.m.

Bob Petersen, Cambridge (617) 492-0454

robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu

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. The canoes and kayaks need to be carried or dragged about 100 paces through some grass and mud to the launch site. Bring your own kayak or canoe. 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

grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. Morning.

Be prepared for a 3-mile walk. Our target birds will include Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoo, a variety of warblers including Worm-eating, and possibly Acadian Flycatcher. 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

Sunday, May 25

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

gdentremont1@comcast.net

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! About 2 hours. Meeting place: Airport parking area off South Meadow Road in Plymouth. 12:00 p.m.

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

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Wednesday, May 28

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Tim Spahr (774) 249-8858 tspahr@cfa.harvard.edu

Thursday, May 29

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

Soheil Zende, Lexington (781) 863-2392

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Friday, May 30

Mount Auburn Cemetery. Morning.

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

David Scott, Newton (617) 671-8335

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Sunday, June 1

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord. Morning.

Meeting place: Refuge parking lot on Monsen Road (off Rt. 62). \$2 entry fee. 6:30 a.m.

Jason Forbes, Waltham (781) 894-6119

jason@brewsterslinnet.com

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. Waterproof boots recommended but not required. Meeting place: the parking area for Allens Pond MAS on Horseneck Road in South Dartmouth. 9:30 a.m. Note: The time is approximate since the leader is completing his breeding bird survey route prior to this trip.

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

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Freetown State Forest and SE MA Bioreserve. Morning to Early Afternoon.

Freetown State Forest is a Mass Audubon Important Bird Area. Worm-eating, Hooded, and Canada Warblers are possible as well as Purple Finch, Acadian Flycatcher, and other northern and southern forest birds. Note: Many roads are unimproved and in poor condition, so vehicles with high clearance are suggested.

We will make every effort to carpool. Meeting place: Mobil/Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 79 North, off exit 9 from Rt. 24 South, Assonet/Freetown. 6:30 a.m.

Lynn Abbey, Fall River (774) 488-4096

osprey1170@aol.com

Thursday, June 5

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.

Jim Berry, Ipswich (978) 356-5505

jim.berry3@verizon.net

and John Nelson (978) 283-6128

jnelson@northshore.edu

Saturday, June 7

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, Catbird, Baltimore Oriole, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Bobolink, and Great Blue Heron. Expect to walk about 2 miles on trails through meadow and woods with some steep sections. 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

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 Girunas, Reading (781) 944-5135, cell (781) 929-8772

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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 <http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu> for directions or to download a checklist of birds. Meeting place: Peters Hill gate on Bussey Street. 8:00 a.m.

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



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.

Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370
egiles@brooklinebirdclub.org
and Mark Burns (978) 741-0897
mcburns16@comcast.net

Sunday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 10

Freetown State Forest and SE MA Bioreserve. Morning to Early Afternoon.

Freetown State Forest is a Mass Audubon Important Bird Area. Worm-eating, Hooded, and Canada Warblers are possible as well as Purple Finch, Acadian Flycatcher, and other northern and southern forest birds. Note: Many roads are unimproved and in poor condition, so vehicles with high clearance are suggested. We will make every effort to carpool. Meeting place: Mobil/Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 79 North, off exit 9 from Rt. 24 South, Assonet/Freetown. 6:30 a.m.

Lynn Abbey, Fall River (774) 488-4096
osprey1170@aol.com

Wednesday, June 11

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord. Morning.

We will walk easy trails looking for birds and butterflies. Beginners welcome. Meeting place: Refuge parking lot off Monsen Road, off Rt. 62 in Concord. We'll move on from there to Nine-Acre Corner with possible extension to Drumlin Farm. \$2 entry fee. 7:00 a.m.

Clayton Swanson, Lexington (781) 274-6858 cas-swansong@comcast.net

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.

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



Friday, June 13 – Sunday, June 15

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 nesting warblers. We start at Victory Bog, where many of the boreal species can be found, and work our way north to Lake Willoughby, considered by some to be the Lac Lucerne of the United States; Peregrine Falcons nest on the cliffs that rise above the lake. Sunday morning we will have an early start at the famous Moose Bog and South American Road and visit the Silvio O. Conte Wildlife Refuge. We will also visit some of our favorite birding areas in Orleans County. Participation is limited; please contact the leaders for further information.

Bob Stymeist and Martha Steele
rstymeist@verizon.net

Saturday June 14

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 24 for details. Names of participants must be submitted to the base in advance for clearance checks.

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

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord. Morning.

Meeting place: Refuge parking lot on Monsen Road (off Rt. 62). \$2 entry fee. 6:00 a.m.

Zack Weber, Cambridge (314) 266-5157
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Sunday, June 15

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport. Morning.

Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Co-sponsored by Halibut Point State Park and The Trustees of Reservations. 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 peter@caliper.com



Saturday, June 21

Summer Solstice Saunter. All Day.

Contact leader for details. Please contact no later than June 20.

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. Combine this trip with the leader's October Mountain trip on June 16. Note: Leader may not be home the night of June 15. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting place: Mt. Greylock Visitors' Center at the base of the mountain in Lanesborough. 6:00 a.m.

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Sunday, June 22

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: intersection of Roaring Brook Road and New Lenox Road in Lenox. 6:00 a.m.

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Tuesday, June 24

Freetown State Forest and SE MA Bioreserve.

Morning to Early Afternoon.

Freetown State Forest is a Mass Audubon Important Bird Area. Worm-eating, Hooded, and Canada Warblers are possible as well as Purple Finch, Acadian Flycatcher, and other northern and southern forest birds. Note: Many roads are unimproved and in poor condition, so vehicles with high clearance are suggested. We will make every effort to carpool. Meeting place: Mobil/Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 79 North, off exit 9 from Rt. 24 South, Assonet/Freetown. 6:30 a.m.

Lynn Abbey, Fall River (774) 488-4096
asprey1170@aol.com

Thursday, June 26 to Sunday, June 29

**17th 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 and optional canoeing. Limited participation. Please contact leader for additional information and reservations.

Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater (508) 378-3370
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Sunday, June 29

**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.7seaswhale-watch.com. Directions: 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.

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Weekend Trip to Downeast Maine

July 4-7, 2014

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 \$140 for BBC members and \$155 for nonmembers 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 (required by April 1).

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**BROOKLINE BIRD CLUB PELAGIC SCHEDULE
FOR 2014**

Saturday, July 19, 2014, 2 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hyannis to the Hydrographer Canyon area.

Birds expected: 4 or 5 species of Shearwaters, Leach's and Wilson's Storm-petrels, Jaegers, Gannets, Terns, and several marine animals. We hope to see Band-rumped Storm-petrel, Bridled Tern, Skuas and other rarities. Anything is possible.

Limit: 50 Participants

Cost: BBC members \$185, non-members \$200

Saturday-Sunday, August 23-24, 2014

5:30 a.m. Saturday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday

**Hyannis to the Hydrographer, Veatch, and Atlantis
Canyon areas.**

Birds expected: White-faced Storm-Petrels (22 were seen in August 2010), 4 species of Shearwaters, Jaegers, Gannets, Gulls, Terns, and several species of marine mammals. We hope to see Skuas, Bridled Tern, and other rarities. In 2007 and 2012 we found a Little Shearwater, so anything is possible.

Limit: 50 participants

Cost: BBC members \$295, non-members \$310

Saturday, November 15, 2014, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hyannis to the Nantucket Shoals area.

Birds expected: Alcids, Gannets, Shearwaters, Phalaropes, Jaegers, sea ducks, Gulls, Fulmar, and rarities such as Skua. Marine mammals also expected.

Limit: 65 participants

Cost: BBC members: \$95, non-members \$110

Please be advised that there may be a fuel surcharge. We have master birders 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. 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, any changes in cost and any further details. For additional information and the waiver to be signed, contact Ida at (781) 929-8772 or ida8@verizon.net.

(Pelagic Trips continued on next page)

BIRD CONSERVATION

The BBC encourages a commitment to bird conservation and participation in activities and organizations that promote conservation through collection of data, monitoring of populations, preservation of habitat, protection of at-risk species, political action, and education. Check our website for a list of conservation activities, resources, and organizations for birders.

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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ADDITIONAL OUT-OF-STATE TRIPS

The following tours are led by long-term members of the BBC. Many of these tours are popular with club members and are listed here for your convenience. The BBC does not sponsor nor is it responsible for any matter relating to these tours.

As a service to members, Bill Drummond will lead a series of out-of-state trips. The 2014 trips are April in Texas, including the hill country, Big Bend National Park for Colima Warbler, and the Davis Mountains, and the Alaska trip in June including Nome, Barrow, St. Paul and the Pribilofs, Kenai Fjords National Park, and Denali National Park. There will also be a similar Alaska trip in 2015. Please note that these trips will not be on Bill's website, but lists from previous trips are available there. For more information contact:

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Don Wilkinson will be leading the following out-of-state trips in 2014:

North Carolina Pelagics and Land Specialties,
May 27-June 1

Himalayan Snowcock, Nevada, and Utah, July

California pelagics, Yosemite, CA Condor, September

For details, see www.donwilkinsonbirdingtours.com.

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The BBC Big Year

by Robert H. Stymeist, Club Statistician

This past year, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Brookline Bird Club was celebrated with a series of events, none more important than the core mission of the club: the field trips. This is what our club is all about. It has been said many times that the Brookline Bird Club is the most active bird club in the United States because of the number and variety of birding trips we offer. For our centennial, inspired by the recent book and movie *The Big Year*, we decided to do a club-wide big year, with all birders and trips contributing to beating the club's previous year totals (MA and NE) of species recorded. Anniversary committee members worked hard to organize a series of trips throughout the year to emphasize and search out some of Massachusetts' elusive species in an effort to amass as many different species as we could. We exceeded beyond expectations with a total of 331 species, 317 in Massachusetts and an additional 14 species from New England and one from Quebec, the Ross's Gull, our very first organized trip outside the country! Our previous Massachusetts record was 302 in 2004, and our New England record was 314 found on BBC trips in 1994.

The club scheduled 298 trips during the year plus an additional 19 impromptu trips in search of reported rarities throughout the year for a total of 317 trips, ironically the same number of species recorded in Massachusetts during the year! Of these trips 195 were morning trips, 67 were all-day trips, 24 were evening trips and 10 were pelagic trips; there were also weekend trips to Rangely, Maine and Machias Seal Island in Maine.

Over 60 members helped lead trips this year, many of whom have been leading trips for the club for over 20 continuous years. Special thanks should go to Ida Giriunas, who alone led 29 trips including 9 of the 19 impromptu trips.

Highlights were many. The club added several new birds to the overall list: Northern Lapwing, Common Ringed Plover, Red-necked Stint, and Mountain Bluebird. The longest drive for a

bird was the club's first trip out of the country to Chambly, Quebec, for the Ross's Gull. Ten members drove nearly 600 miles in 15.5 hours. It was a life bird for eight of the ten and the bird performed well for over an hour.

To see the entire list and where they were first seen during the year, visit the Brookline Bird Club's web site <http://www.brooklinebirdclub.org/>. The more unusual birds are in boldface, and the birds that have no dates are birds that the club has recorded in past years. The club didn't miss much this past year and many of those missed were pelagic (ocean) birds. This was not a good year for pelagics. Whale-watch boats were having a tough time finding Wilson's Storm-Petrels and bad weather cancelled some of the trips. Species like Northern Fulmar and Pomarine Jaeger are usually found every year. The big misses included Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Clapper Rail, Western Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Northern Saw-whet Owl even with two special evening walks at a banding station, and Lapland Longspur in Massachusetts.

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