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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Shorebirds with Wayne Petersen

Wednesday, July 31, 6:30–8:45 p.m.

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Limited to 100 participants

With their diverse adaptations, varied habitats, marvelous migrations, and often confusing plumages, shorebirds are a perennial favorite among birders in New England. More than two dozen shorebird species visit our coastal beaches, salt marshes, and muddy lake shores during autumn migration each year.

This workshop will examine the natural history of shorebirds within an ecological context that considers their classification, identification, breeding ecology, migration, and conservation. Specific reference will be made to the importance of Massachusetts to the conservation of shorebirds in the Western Hemisphere.

An associated walk will be held the morning of Saturday, August 3, at Parker River NWR.

The walk is limited to 20 people, with priority given to BBC members and workshop attendees.

Cost: \$15 for both events for BBC Members or \$10 for one; \$25 for both events for non-members or \$20 for one. To reserve a space, email diana.fru@gmail.com and send a check for the full amount made out to Brookline Bird Club Agent to Diana Fruguglietti, 5 Ellen Road, Woburn, MA, 01801. Meeting locations will be sent to attendees upon registration.

Habitat Gardening for Birds with Master Gardener Catherine Carney-Feldman

Sunday, August 25, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, Topsfield

All species on our planet need habitat—a place to call home. Habitats provide shelter from the weather and predators, a place to raise young, water, and of course food. With over 2,000 acres, the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary is a perfect place to see what birds require for habitat and learn the basics of how you can transform your own landscape into a sustainable habitat for birds. Participants will receive a guided tour of the nature gardens, as well as a list of native trees, bushes, and ground cover that provide food for birds.

Co-sponsored by the Essex County Ornithological Club. Cost: \$10 for BBC or ECOC members; \$20 for non-members. To reserve a space, email diana.fru@gmail.com and send a check for the full amount made out to Brookline Bird Club Agent to Diana Fruguglietti, 5 Ellen Road, Woburn, MA, 01801.

We want to hear from you!

Addressing ideas and issues that are important to club members is our top priority. The board meets four times a year to discuss club-related items. Members are encouraged to reach out to corporate and club officers and directors with thoughts and suggestions. You can also email us at webmaster@brooklinebirdclub.org.

BBC YOUNG BIRDER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Young Birder Scholarship Evaluation Committee was impressed by the high quality of all six applications we received, and we thank all the applicants for their interest and effort. We are pleased to announce the awarding of our two scholarships to Sam Poleretzky of North Andover and Brynlee Kimball of Auburn, NH. Among their many accomplishments, Sam has founded a birding club at his high school, while Brynlee has raised homing pigeons since she was eleven. Congratulations to Sam and Brynlee!

Supported through the generous donations of club members and instituted to nurture interest in bird study and conservation among young birders, these scholarships cover the full cost (\$1395) of the Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens program at National Audubon's Hog Island camp on June 16-21, 2019.

To donate, you can designate an amount on the "BBC Young Birder Scholarship" line on the form on the back page of the club bulletin. You can also donate online by clicking the donate link on the BBC website and entering an amount in the box for "Young Birder Scholarship."

BBC CONSERVATION DONATIONS

The BBC makes annual donations to organizations that engage in bird conservation projects and/or maintains properties regularly visited on club field trips. For 2019, the BBC has donated \$100 each to Massachusetts Audubon Society, Friends of Mt. Auburn, Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, and Essex County Greenbelt Association. In addition, for the third straight year, the BBC has donated \$250 to the Bobolink Project, which protects Bobolink habitat by compensating farmers who agree to delay haying until after breeding season.

ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS BIRD CLUBS

The Association of Massachusetts Bird Clubs (AMBC) was founded in 2016 through the initiative of the BBC and now includes 19 member clubs representing more than 4,000 birders across the state. One mission of the Association is conservation advocacy, and it has recently signed on as a co-sponsor of the Act to Protect Pollinators, a Massachusetts bill that will reduce residential use of pesticides. The Association has also signed American Bird Conservancy petitions opposing construction of a border wall and resisting any weakening of interpretation or enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Any individual member of any member club, including the BBC, is welcome to attend Association meetings and join the Association's Google Group. To learn more, contact John Nelson at jnelson@northshore.edu.

MEMBER DISCOUNT

Bird Watcher's Supply & Gift in Newburyport offers current BBC members a 10% discount on all books and ABA guides, as well as substantial discounts on binoculars, spotting scopes, and tripods. Bring a copy of this book to receive a discount.

ONLINE STORE

We have new apparel offerings on our website! Visit brooklinebirdclub.qbstores.com for hats, outerwear, shirts, and more.

SUPPORT NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES THROUGH DUCK STAMPS

As birders, we treasure our visits to national wildlife refuges locally and nationally. Of the 26 refuges in New England, 11 are in Massachusetts, including Parker River, Monomoy, Great Meadows, Oxbow, and Assabet River.

One of the easiest ways to support bird habitat conservation is by buying Federal Duck Stamps, which are among the most successful conservation tools ever created. Duck stamps have raised over a billion dollars toward acquiring and protecting wetland habitat since 1934.

For every dollar you spend on a duck stamp, 98% goes toward protecting vital wetland habitat. Your stamp also provides free admission to refuges. The 2019-2020 Federal Duck Stamp goes on sale June 28. Buy your stamp at refuge offices and admission booths, the post office, on the BBC website, or at duckstamp.com.

PROGRAM OF TRIPS

July 1–October 31, 2019

This list includes limited participation trips not available on our website. All trips free of charge unless otherwise indicated.

Tuesday, July 2

Pine Hill Road Grasslands, Lancaster

6:30–9:00 p.m.

Join us for the anniversary of our BBC breeding bird conservation trips by recreating our first, highly successful event. First we will search for breeding grassland MA Endangered Species Act birds such as Vesper and Grasshopper Sparrow and then for calling Eastern Whip-poor-wills as the evening fades to dusk. Meeting location: The first fork in Pine Hill, about 1/3 of a mile from Harvard Road.

Trip leader: Zack Weber,
birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com



Saturday, July 6

Quabbin Reservoir

7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Join us for a four- to five-mile walk through a very birdy area, with species ranging from Broad-winged Hawk to Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Blue-headed Vireo, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Scarlet Tanager, Baltimore Oriole, and lots in between (maybe even a moose or a bobcat!). Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: Gate 10 on Route 202, Pelham.

Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442,
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Saturday, July 6

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00–10:00 a.m.

All the nesting birds will still be around, with good views of young out of the nest being fed by parents: Veery, Indigo Bunting, Catbird, Red-winged Blackbird, Tree Swallow, Bobolink, Wood Thrush, Baltimore Oriole, and warblers. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadow and woods with some steep sections. Meeting location: Top parking area at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road.

Trip leader: Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057,
cassandra.oxley@gmail.com

Sunday, July 7

Essex and Ipswich Grasslands

5:30–8:30 p.m.

We will drive and walk at a leisurely pace around the agricultural fields and meadows between Ipswich and Essex looking for Glossy Ibis, Eastern Meadowlark, and other grassland specialties of the area. Contact trip leader on July 5 for meeting location.

Trip leader: Will Freedberg, (617) 899-5525,
william.freedberg@gmail.com

Monday, July 8

Parker River NWR, Newbury

5:00–7:00 p.m.

Beginners and those with limited mobility welcome.

Meeting location: parking area #1.

Trip leader: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772,
ida8@verizon.net



Sunday, July 14

Crane Pond WMA, Groveland

7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

We will search for breeding marsh birds such as bitterns and gallinule and keep an eye out for interesting forest birds along the way. Waders may be helpful depending on water levels. Meeting location: Quaker Corner parking area on south end of J B Little Road.

Trip leader: Zack Weber,
birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com



Saturday, July 20

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00–10:00 a.m.

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. Meeting location: parking area opposite park entrance on Gott Avenue.

Trip leader: Peter Van Demark, (978) 546-2402,
phvand@icloud.com



Saturday, July 27

Plymouth Beach

6:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will walk the beach for shorebirds and nesting terns. Shorebird migration should be in full swing! Terns should be feeding almost-fledged young. Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club and Friends of Myles Standish State Forest. Meeting location: Plymouth Beach parking area off Route 3A.

Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442,
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Saturday, July 27

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:00–11:00 a.m.

We will search for resident and migrant birds as well as shorebirds. Meeting location: visitor parking area on Mosen Road off Route 62.

Trip leader: Sylvia Martin, (857) 756-7981,
warbler@neomailbox.ch

Birding Sketchcrawl – Summer Series

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Come and bird/sketch favorite patches around Essex and Middlesex Counties. Contact trip leader for meeting location and details no later than July 25.

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

Sunday, July 28

Newburyport and Vicinity

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Beginners and those with limited mobility welcome.

Meeting location: District Courthouse parking area, Route 1 traffic circle.

Trip leader: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772,
ida8@verizon.net



Sunday, August 11

Belle Isle Marsh and Winthrop

4:00–7:30 p.m.

We'll start in Winthrop looking for peeps and White-rumped Sandpipers and move to Belle Isle Marsh to look for Stilt Sandpipers, dowitchers, and possible grassland birds like American Kestrel. Contact the leader on August 9 to confirm meeting location.

Trip leader: Will Freedberg, (617) 899-5525,
wiliam.freedberg@gmail.com

Thursday, August 15

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:30–11:00 a.m.

We will walk easy trails looking for birds and butterflies. Shorebirds and early fall migrants are expected. Beginners welcome. Meeting location: Refuge parking area off Monsen Road, off Route 62. We might also move on to Nine Acre Corner and Drumlin Farm.

Trip leader: Clayton Swanson, (978) 395-7877,
cas-swansong@comcast.net



Saturday, August 17

Shorebirds, Cape Cod

Co-sponsored with South Shore Bird Club. Contact trip leader for meeting time, location, and details.

Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442,
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Sunday, August 18

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00–10:00 a.m.

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. Meeting location: parking area opposite park entrance on Gott Avenue.

Trip leader: Peter Van Demark, (978) 546-2402,
phvand@icloud.com



Thursday, August 22

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

5:30–7:00 p.m.

We will walk slowly looking for rails, shorebirds, wading birds, and Common Nighthawks. Meeting location: Concord Unit observation tower off Monsen Road. Note: Do not GPS Great Meadows. You will be taken to the Sudbury Unit!

Trip leader: Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103,
katbirder@gmail.com



Saturday–Sunday, August 24–25

Extreme Pelagic Trip Aboard the *Helen H.*

6:00 a.m. Saturday–6:00 p.m. Sunday

From Hyannis to Hydrographer, Veatch, and Atlantis Canyon areas with expert guides. Birds expected:

White-Faced Storm Petrels (22 seen in August 2010), 4 species of shearwaters, jaegers, gannets, gulls, terns, and several species of marine mammals. We also hope to see skuas, Bridled Tern, and other rarities. In 2007, we found a Little Shearwater, so anything is possible.

Limit: 50 participants. Cost: BBC Members: \$310.00;

non-members: \$335.00. 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 Avenue, Reading, MA, 01867.

Please include either your email or your postal address for confirmation, boarding instructions, and further information. For additional information and to receive a waiver, contact Ida. Meeting location: Helen H. Dock, 137 Pleasant Street, Hyannis.

Trip organizer: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772,

ida8@verizon.net

Saturday, August 24

Nighthawk Watch at Oxbow NWR, Harvard

5:30–7:45 p.m.

Join us for a pleasant evening watching Common Nighthawk migration along the Nashua River valley.

Bring a lawn chair or a camp stool. Co-sponsored

by Friends of the Oxbow NWR. Rain date: Sunday,

August 25 (same time and place). Meeting location:

halfway down the hill near Oxbow Refuge sign on Still River Depot Road, off Route 110.

Trip leader: Don MacFarlane, (978) 897-7567

Sunday, August 25

Delaney WMA, Stow

7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will spend the morning walking three to four miles through fields, forests, and wetlands looking for post-nesting birds and early migrants. Contact trip leader the night before if rain is predicted. Meeting location: boat launch parking area off Harvard Road, Stow.

Trip leader: Cliff Cook, (339) 222-4518,
ccook13@gmail.com

Parker River NWR, Newbury

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will carpool down the refuge in search of shorebirds and fall migrants. Meeting location: parking area #1.

Trip leader: Neil Hayward, (617) 717-9969,
neil.hayward@gmail.com

Monday, August 26

Parker River NWR, Newbury

5:30–7:30 p.m.

Meeting location: Carpoolers can meet at the Newburyport train station off Parker Street at 4:30 p.m. Park at the southern parking area on the west side of the tracks. Participants may also meet the group at parking area #1 at the refuge at 5:30 p.m. Call trip leader two days in advance if taking the train.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 944-8118,
dave.williams6@gmail.com

Friday, August 30

Nighthawks at Minute Man NHP, Concord

5:30–7:30 p.m.

We will begin with a pleasant one-mile walk on graded paths and boardwalks observing locally nesting species like Baltimore Oriole, Cedar Waxwing, Indigo Bunting, various flycatchers, and possibly some early fall migrants. The walk will culminate on the Elm Brook Boardwalk, where we will watch for migrating Common Nighthawks. Co-sponsored by Minute Man NHP. In case of rain, please contact Kathy by text for walk status. Meeting location: Brooks Village Lot, 1175 Lexington Road (Route 2A).

Trip leader: Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103,
katbirder@gmail.com

Saturday, August 31

Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Marshfield

7:00–10:30 a.m.

Meeting location: parking area at the end of Winslow Cemetery Road.

Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442,
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Wednesday, September 4

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street.

Trip leader: Mark Rosenstein, (617) 669-3134,
mar@actwin.com

Saturday, September 7

Shore Birding around Boston

7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Stops may include Belle Isle Marsh, the Key, Revere Beach, and Winthrop. Meeting location: Belle Isle Reservation parking area, 1399 Bennington Street, Boston.

Trip leaders: Dave Williams, (781) 944-8118,

dave.williams6@gmail.com and

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

Oxbow NWR, Harvard

7:30–10:30 a.m.

We will walk about three miles on easy, level dirt paths while searching for migrant and late breeding songbirds. We will also look for late blooming wildflowers such as Closed Gentian with its unique deep blue-purple flowers. Rain cancels walk. Meeting location: parking area near the refuge gate at the end of Still River Depot Road, off Route 110.

Trip leader: Jonathan Center, (978) 866-7391,

jbcenter@verizon.net

Nighthawk Watch at Oxbow NWR, Harvard

5:30–7:45 p.m.

Join us for a pleasant evening watching Common Nighthawk migration along the Nashua River valley. Bring a lawn chair or a camp stool. Co-sponsored by Friends of the Oxbow NWR. Rain date: Sunday, September 8 (same time and place). Meeting location: halfway down the hill (near Oxbow Refuge sign) on Still River Depot Road, off Route 110.

Trip leader: Don MacFarlane, (978) 897-7567

Wednesday, September 11

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street.

Trip leader: Karsten E. Hartel, (781) 646-8949,
karstenehartel@gmail.com

Saturday, September 14

Parker River NWR, Newbury

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Beginners and those with limited mobility welcome.

Meeting location: District Courthouse parking area, Route 1 traffic circle.

Trip leader: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772,
ida8@verizon.net



Sunday, September 15

Westboro WMA

7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will take an easy to moderate walk through a mixture of habitats including grass fields, cornfields, swamps, forests, and thickets in search of fall migrants. We will start the walk on the eastern trails between Big and Little Chauncy Ponds. If there is interest, we will also walk the western trails. Meeting location: Westborough Town Beach parking area at 60 Lyman Street.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401,
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Sunday, September 15

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00–10:00 a.m.

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. Meeting location: parking area opposite park entrance on Gott Avenue.

Trip leader: Peter Van Demark, (978) 546-2402,
phvand@icloud.com



Wednesday, September 18

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street.

Trip leader: Mark Rosenstein, (617) 669-3134,
mar@actwin.com

Saturday–Sunday, September 21–22

Extreme Pelagic Trip Aboard the *Helen H.*

6:00 a.m. Saturday–6:00 p.m. Sunday

From Hyannis to Hydrographer Canyon area with expert guides. Birds expected: White-Faced Storm Petrels, several species of shearwaters, jaegers, gannets, gulls, terns, and several species of marine mammals. We also hope to see skuas, Bridled Tern, and other rarities. Anything is possible. Limit: 50 participants. Cost: BBC Members: \$310.00; non-members: \$335.00. 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 Avenue, Reading, MA, 01867. Please include either your email or your postal address for confirmation, boarding instructions, and further information. For additional information and to receive a waiver, contact Ida. Meeting location: Helen H. Dock, 137 Pleasant Street, Hyannis.

Trip organizer: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772,
ida8@verizon.net

Saturday, September 21

Cuttyhunk Island

We will explore the nooks and crannies of this small island hideaway in hopes of finding some avian gems who have taken refuge on their journey south. We will take an early morning boat from New Bedford and return late in the afternoon. There is a fee for the boat. All birding will be by foot so wear your best walking shoes! Since there are no facilities on the island this time of year, plan to bring lunch, water, and any other personal items you may need with you. Rain date: September 22. Contact trip leader for meeting time, location, and details; boat space is limited.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352,
tattler1@comcast.net

Saturday, September 21

Dunback Meadow, Lexington

7:00–9:00 a.m.

We'll be looking for migrating songbirds such as Connecticut Warbler, Philadelphia Vireo, and Lincoln's Sparrow. Meeting location: Allen Street entrance (there is parking along Allen Street).

Trip leader: Jim McCoy, (978) 578-7076,
jfmccoy@hotmail.com

Autumnal Equinox Walk

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of the fall season by birding favorite patches, locally and beyond. Contact trip leader for meeting location and details no later than September 19.

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

Sunday, September 22

Bolton Flats, Lancaster

7:00–10:00 a.m.

This walk will focus on fall migrant land birds such as warblers and sparrows and any other kind of bird that may turn up. The path is one or two miles long and is usually dry and grassy, but there may be a few large puddles to negotiate, necessitating waterproof boots. Beginners are welcome. Rain cancels walk. Meeting location: parking area for the main entrance to Bolton Flats off Route 117.

Trip leader: Jonathan Center, (978) 866-7391,
jbccenter@verizon.net

Parker River NWR, Newbury

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will carpool down the refuge in search of shorebirds and fall migrants. Meeting location: parking area #1.

Trip leader: Neil Hayward, (617) 717-9969,
neil.hayward@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 24

Parker River NWR, Newbury

7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will be looking for migrating songbirds. We may visit Sandy Point as well, so be prepared to walk on sand. Meeting location: parking area #1.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 944-8118,
dave.williams6@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 25

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street.

Trip leader: Mark Rosenstein, (617) 669-3134,
mar@actwin.com

Saturday, September 28

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00–9:30 a.m.

We will look for warblers, thrushes, sparrows, and raptors, among many other birds. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadow and woods, with some steep sections. Meeting location: top parking area at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road.

Trip leader: Rita Grossman, (617) 834-7369,
rgibesgrossman@gmail.com

Nahanton Park and Other Nearby Locations, Newton

8:00–10:30 a.m.

We will search for sparrows and other fall migrants. Meeting location: Nahanton Park parking area off Winchester Street.

Trip leader: Haynes Miller, (617) 413-2419,
millerhaynes@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 2

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street.

Trip leader: Karsten E. Hartel, (781) 646-8949,
karstenehartel@gmail.com

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Meeting location: Refuge parking area off Monsen Road.

Trip leader: Barbara Volkle, (508) 393-9251,
barb620@theworld.com

Saturday, October 5

Outer Cape Cod

6:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

On this trip we should record close to 100 species, covering Canada Goose through House Sparrow, both of which might be missed. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: Bourne, at the commuter lot adjacent to the McDonald's at the intersection of Routes 3 and 6, Scussett Beach Road exit.

Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442,
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00–9:00 a.m.

A two-mile walk on paved paths around the pond. Meeting location: Trader Joe's parking area, 211 Alewife Brook Parkway.

Trip leader: Thomas Michel, (617) 365-1102,
Thomas_Michel@hms.harvard.edu

Sunday, October 6

Gooseberry Neck, Westport

6:30–8:20 a.m.

First part of split trip to Allens Pond to look for migrants. Meeting location: Gooseberry Neck parking area at Horseneck Beach State Park.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401,
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Allens Pond, Dartmouth

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Part of a split trip with Gooseberry Neck. We will be birding the Beach Loop, Quansett Trail, and the Allens Neck Trails of Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in search of migrant passerines in the thickets, and ocean and marsh birds. Meeting location: beach lot at the corner of East Beach Road and Horseneck Road.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401,
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Delaney WMA, Stow

7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will spend the morning walking three to four miles through fields, forests, and wetlands looking for migrants and resident birds. Contact trip leader the night before if rain is predicted. Meeting location: boat launch parking area off Harvard Road in Stow.

Trip leader: Cliff Cook, (339) 222-4518,
ccook13@gmail.com

Assabet River NWR, Sudbury

7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Walk the trails of this varied refuge. Be prepared to walk. Meeting location: Visitor Center, 680 Hudson Road, about 2.7 miles west of Route 27, just east of the Stow line.

Trip leader: Barbara Volkle, (508) 393-9251,
barb620@theworld.com

Wednesday, October 9

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street.

Trip leader: Karsten E. Hartel, (781) 646-8949,
karstenehartel@gmail.com

Thursday, October 10

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

8:00–11:00 a.m.

We will walk easy trails. This is a good time for raptors! Beginners welcome. We might also move on to Nine Acre Corner and Drumlin Farm. Meeting location: Refuge parking area off Monsen Road, off Route 62.

Trip leader: Clayton Swanson, (978) 395-7877,
cas-swansong@comcast.net



Saturday, October 12

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

8:00–11:00 a.m.

Join us as we walk on easy paths around the refuge impoundments in hopes of finding fall migrants such as waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, and sparrows.

Meeting location: Refuge parking area off Monsen Road, off Route 62.

Trip leader: Jonathan Center, (978) 866-7391,
jbcen@verizon.net

Nahanton Park and Other Nearby Locations, Newton

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will search for sparrows and other fall migrants at Nahanton Park and other locations, to be determined nearer the date of the trip. Meeting location: Nahanton Park parking area off Winchester Street.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352,
tattler1@comcast.net

Sunday, October 13

Great Meadows NWR Big Sit, Concord

6:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

A “big sit” at the birding platform halfway out along the main dike. The trip leader will be present from a half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset.

Participants may come for any portion of the big sit. Meeting location: parking area at the end of Monsen Road.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401,
grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Tuesday, October 15

Parker River NWR, Newbury

7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will visit Sandy Point as well, so be prepared to walk on sand. Meeting location: parking area #1.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 944-8118,
dave.williams6@gmail.com

Wednesday, October 16

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street.

Trip leader: Karsten E. Hartel, (781) 646-8949,
karstenehartel@gmail.com

Saturday, October 19

Birding Sketchcrawl – Fall Series

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Come and bird/sketch favorite patches around Essex and Middlesex Counties. Contact trip leader for meeting location and details no later than October 17.

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

Saturday, October 19

Boston Nature Center, Mattapan

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will explore this urban oasis in search of sparrows and other possible fall migrants such as Dickcissel and Blue Grosbeak. It will be an easy walk through varied habitats. Co-sponsored by the Boston Nature Center. Meeting location: Visitors Center, 500 Walk Hill Street.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352,
tattler1@comcast.net

Cold Spring Park, Newton

8:00–11:00 a.m.

An easy walk on flat trails.

We will look for fall migrants and resident birds. Co-sponsored by the Newton Conservators. Meeting location: end of the left side of Beacon Street parking area.

Trip leader: Pete Gilmore, (617) 610-2477,
petegilmore79@gmail.com



Sunday, October 20

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00–9:00 a.m.

A two-mile walk on paved paths around the pond. Meeting location: Trader Joe's parking area, 211 Alewife Brook Parkway.

Trip leader: Thomas Michel, (617) 365-1102,
Thomas_Michel@hms.harvard.edu

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00–10:00 a.m.

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. Meeting location: parking area opposite park entrance on Gott Avenue.

Trip leader: Peter Van Demark, (978) 546-2402,
phvand@icloud.com



Wednesday, October 23

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding at Cambridge's Danehy Park. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting.

Co-sponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club.

Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street, Cambridge.

Trip leader: Mark Rosenstein, (617) 669-3134,
mar@actwin.com

Sunday, October 27

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

8:00–10:00 a.m.

A two-mile walk on a level, paved path around the pond. Meeting location: TD Bank parking area, 235 Alewife Brook Parkway.

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

Wednesday, October 30

Danehy Park, Cambridge

7:30–9:00 a.m.

Join us for some weekday urban birding. A small marsh, grasses, and open fields often attract unexpected birds in this setting. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area at 99 Sherman Street.

Trip leader: Mark Rosenstein, (617) 669-3134,
mar@actwin.com

NOTES TO TRIP PARTICIPANTS

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NOTES TO TRIP LEADERS

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