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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Members,

Spring 2022 Greetings!

The end of 2021 and beginning days of 2022 brought much excitement with surprise sightings in Somerset/Dighton, Massachusetts, Georgetown, Maine, and the Boothbay Harbor area, of a Steller's Sea-Eagle! Grateful thanks to those who first spotted and got the word out about this magnificent bird, and for all ongoing reports of its whereabouts. What will the rest of the year bring to birders in New England?

The club has enjoyed an appreciated uptick in new members, and our recent winter walks have sometimes drawn up to 20 participants. At the same time, COVID continues to affect our lives—this time with a variant called Omicron. We are continuing—with care—to offer walks that we believe will keep our members safe. We practice social distancing, restrict carpooling, no sharing of optics, suggest mask-wearing, and adhere to site-specific rules, such as those posted at Mass Audubon sanctuaries. Trip leaders expect that anyone not feeling well—or testing positive!—will delay in-person participation until feeling better and/or testing negative. Please check out our traditional and lesser-known spring walks in both the Blue Book and on our website. As always, we're including information such as parking and clothing suggestions, terrain difficulty, and bird sightings possibilities.

We're continuing to offer a range of popular zoom webinars and workshops. These are archived for future viewing in the members section of our website. And we're very much looking forward to our virtual Members Meetings. On February 9, Dr. Steve Kress and photojournalist Derrick Jackson presented their latest efforts on restoring the Atlantic Puffin colonies to New England. At the Annual Meeting on April 14, Paul Bacich will present "Birding in Cuba". Please check the Brookline Bird Club website for Derrick Jackson's stunning images which are for sale. All sale proceeds go to supporting Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) interns in Puffin restoration efforts.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Brookline Bird Club. Stay safe and healthy.

Leslie Kramer
President

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 officers and directors with thoughts and suggestions. You can also email us at webmaster@brooklinebirdclub.org.

GIFT FOR NEW LIFE MEMBERS

In response to the needs of birders, and to honor their commitment to the BBC, our new gift to you is a BBC logo-imprinted Microfiber Screen Cleaning Cloth in a pouch (with the BBC logo) on a key chain, that helps you keep track of your lens cloth.

ONLINE STORE

We have apparel offerings on our website. Visit brooklinebirdclub.qbstores.com for hats, outerwear, shirts, our new Microfiber Screen Cleaning Cloth in Pouch with Key Chain, and more.

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

April 14, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Paul Baicich and Soledad Pagliuca
“Birding and Beyond in Cuba.”

Paul J. Baicich has been an active birder since his early teens in New York City. His concerns include an interest in bird conservation and policy, as well as studies in avian breeding biology, waterfowl, and the practice of bird feeding over the decades. He has worked for the American Birding Association, National Wildlife Refuge System on a consultant basis on issues of popular birding and parallel refuge receptiveness, and has led/co-led trips from Alaska to Cuba. Soledad Pagliuca spent years in human and women's rights efforts in Central America, and the Friendship Association (of St. Augustine), which sponsors delegations to Cuba in support of their conservation projects, and related educational and cultural events in Cuba and in the U.S. She is the Managing Editor of the Association's Ediciones Nuevos Mundos.

BBC DONATION TO AUBURN BIRDBANDING RESEARCH STATION

By John Nelson

The BBC, through our Conservation and Education Committee, has made a conservation donation in honor of Mark Blazis to the Auburn Birdbanding Research Station, which Mark directed until he passed away in November 2021. A former BBC trip leader and supporter of our scholarship program, Mark was a dedicated educator, committed conservationist, and accomplished nature writer. A longtime resident of Grafton, Mark co-authored and edited ten field guides to the fauna and flora of Massachusetts, and he was awarded the Richard Cronin Award--the highest honor of the New England Outdoors Writers Association--for his weekly "Outdoors" column for the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette*. Internationally, Mark led many field trips to Africa, Amazonia, the Galapagos, India, the Arctic, and Antarctica. He and his wife Helen were honored with an American Red Cross Hometown Hero Award for their work in bringing medical care to the Kichwa tribe in the rainforest of Ecuador, where he also assisted residents in banding birds, and forming their own bird-guiding company. In addition to numerous awards for conservation education and research from organizations such as Massachusetts Audubon and the Garden Club of America, Mark was personally selected by the late Roger Tory Peterson as North America's Nature Educator of the Year.

BBC DONATION TO KESTREL EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES

By John Nelson

The BBC is proud to announce a donation of \$400 to Kestrel Educational Adventures to pay for field guides and orienteering compasses for elementary school students in a program sponsored by the town of Salem, Massachusetts that will include a course on biomimicry and outdoor adventure outings. Kestrel's mission is to "help young people unleash their inner scientists and cultivate an understanding of the natural world," and they have a long tradition of offering nature programs to students throughout the North Shore. Kestrel director Jessica Kagle has graciously thanked the BBC for our donation.

LOOKING FOR NEW TRIP LEADERS

Is there a place you love to go birding that you'd like to share with others? Whether it's a well-known spot or new location, we invite you to lead a trip there for the BBC! The club is always looking for new leaders and new places to bird. Whether it's a trip for beginners to local park or a longer expedition further afield we would love to hear from you. Please contact Cliff Cook at ccook@brooklinebirdclub.org for additional information.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

The club continues to offer virtual workshops and webinars. Registration is required and limited to BBC members. Workshop topics have ranged from audio birding to bird identification to nature photography. See the BBC website for current listings and registration.

NOTES TO TRIP PARTICIPANTS

As the pandemic continues to evolve, the BBC may need to make adjustments to trip rules and expectations. Please check the website for current updates.

Whether you are a member or not, you are invited to participate in our trips and activities free of charge, though there may be costs for travel or admission for trips farther afield.

The BBC stresses the importance of good public relations. When attending trips, please park your vehicle off the road, away from driveways and posted areas, so as not to impede traffic. Respect guidelines at birding locations such as cemeteries and national wildlife refuges.

Most importantly, please do not enter private property unless you have permission. For a refresher on responsible birding, visit our updated Code of Ethics on the BBC website.

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

Bring a lunch on all-day trips. Please inform the trip leader if you need to leave early.

Please remember to check the website for additional trips not listed here and to check for cancellations before attending.

THE BROOKLYN BIRD CLUB

PLEASE READ THE CARTOON CAPTION WITH A BROOKLYN TWANG!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THEY'RE TREE SWALLOWS?

I ONLY SEE TWO!



Jon
Damian

By Jon Damian

Some areas where the BBC schedules trips have entrance fees, including many national wildlife refuges. Parker River NWR charges a \$5 entrance fee per vehicle at the gatehouse on Plum Island. Great Meadows NWR charges a \$4 fee per vehicle to enter the refuge at Monson Road and will be adding a payment-activated entrance gate this year. In both cases a duck stamp and other types of prepaid passes cover the cost of admission.

PROGRAM OF TRIPS

March 25–June 30, 2022

NOTE: These trips are provisional and are subject to change based on public health guidelines. Please check the club web site for current information. All trips are free of charge unless otherwise indicated.

Friday, March 25

Timberdoodles in Stoughton

6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Come watch American Woodcock display behavior. Water-resistant shoes helpful, but not needed.

Meeting location: Bird Street entrance to Bird Street Conservation Area in Stoughton.

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

Wednesday, March 30

Horn Pond, Woburn

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

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



Trip leader: Diana Fruguglietti, (781) 933-9063
diana.fru@gmail.com

Saturday, April 2

Belle Isle Marsh and Vicinity

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Led by DCR staff. We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for raptors, shorebirds and resident wading marsh birds at this birding hotspot and state park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities available upon request. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Meeting location: Main Entrance Parking Lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

Trip leaders: Matthew Nash, (781) 656-1485

Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Sean Riley

sean.m.riley@mass.gov

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Co-sponsored with Boxborough Birders. We will look for local avian residents and early migrants. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections. Prepare for ticks. We will bird at the meeting location for about 30 minutes so any latecomers can catch up. Meeting location: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard.

Trip leaders: Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057

cassandra.oxley@gmail.com

Rita Grossman, (978) 264-4077

rgibesgrossman@gmail.com

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

This is an easy walk on level paths in search of early spring birds. Rain cancels the walk. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Meeting location: The refuge parking lot is off Monsen Road in Concord.

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

jbcenter@verizon.net

Woodcocks of Rock Meadow

6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Come enjoy the warming evenings at scenic Rock Meadow, which each year plays host to courting American Woodcocks, with the males engaging in their spiraling sky-dance flights above the fields. Meeting location: The parking lot at 248 Mill Street in Belmont. If the lot is full there is usually parking at Audubon's Lone Tree Hill across the street.

Trip leader: Matt Sabourin, (413) 575-9528

Accipiter22@gmail.com

Sunday, April 3

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

We will hike at an easy pace through easy to moderate trails in search of early spring arrivals in a variety of marsh, field, and woodland habitats. We will check the ponds and marsh for any migrant ducks and swallows. We will hike the eastern trails until around 10 a.m., then the western trails until around 1 p.m. Meeting location: Westborough Town Beach parking area near 60 Lyman Street.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401

grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Tuesday, April 5

Horn Pond, Woburn

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Let's look for early Spring migrants such as Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Field Sparrow, and early warblers such as Palm, Pine, and Yellow-rumped. Co-sponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: The Lake Avenue parking lot.



Trip leader: Diana Fruguglietti, (781) 933-9063
diana.fru@gmail.com

Saturday, April 9

Crooked Pond, Boxford

7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Join us for the traditional BBC early spring walk at Crooked Pond--Bald Hill Reservation, for Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, and early spring migrants like Louisiana Waterthrush.. The trail is generally flat, muddy, and possibly icy. Dress warmly; walking sticks helpful. Meeting location: Main entrance on Middleton Road, Boxford. Park well off the road; leave room for other cars.

Trip leaders: Leslie Kramer
lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

Gino Ellison, (617) 548-4673
gene@cfninvestments.com

Monday, April 11

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord

7:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

We will walk easy trails looking for residents and early migrants. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. We'll move on from there to Nine-Acre Corner with possible extension to Drumlin Farm. Meeting location: Refuge parking lot off Monsen Road in Concord.

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

Tuesday, April 12

Fresh Pond Reservation, Cambridge

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

An easy approximately two-mile walk on paved paths around the pond. Meeting location: The TD Bank parking lot in Fresh Pond, Cambridge, at 6:00 a.m.



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

BBC trips to Mount Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge cover one to three miles depending on the leader and conditions. Most pathways are paved, but some slopes are steep, and trips often cross rolling lawns. Restrooms available at the gatehouse.

Wednesday, April 13

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

**Trip leaders: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851
tattler1@comcast.net**

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

Brooks Estate, Medford

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Let's see what early spring migrants we can find. Co-sponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club Meeting

location: Grove St. entrance (255–277 Grove St) which is called the Brooks Estate Path on Google Maps.

**Trip leader: Diana Fruguglietti, (781) 933-9063
diana.fru@gmail.com**



Thursday, April 14

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Pete Gilmore, (617) 610-2477

petegilmore79@gmail.com

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

7:00–8:30 p.m.

Paul Baicich and Soledad Pagliuca

“Birding and Beyond in Cuba.”

Friday, April 15

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Gino Ellison, (617) 548-4673

gene@cfninvestments.com



Saturday, April 16

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

6:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

We will walk one to two miles on easy trails through sanctuary woodlands and wetlands. (Small fee required if you are not a member of Mass Audubon.) Meet at the information board near the main parking lot. We will be looking for early migrants such as Pine and Palm warblers, swallows, and vocal residents such as Barred Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, and Eastern Bluebird. Post trip visit to Topsfield fairgrounds for early shorebirds and ducks. Meeting location: Refuge parking lot, up driveway from main entrance.



Trip leader: Peter Vale, (781) 413-7788
peterfay@comcast.net

Mount Auburn Cemetery

7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.



Trip leader: Brooke Stevens, (617) 491-7850
brookestev@aol.com

Belle Isle Marsh and Vicinity

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Led by DCR staff. We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for raptors, shorebirds and resident wading marsh birds at this birding hotspot and state park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities available upon request. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Meeting location: Main

Entrance Parking Lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

Trip leaders: Matthew Nash, (781) 656-1485
Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Sean Riley
sean.m.riley@mass.gov

Hayden Woods, Lexington

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Hayden Woods is a great spot to find declining Rusty Blackbird. Let's take a walk through the woods in search of blackbirds and other early spring migrants. Possible extension to the Waltham Street fields.

Meeting location: The south end of Valleyfield Street (near the Valleyfield Play area) in Lexington.

Trip leader: Naeem Yusuff, (617) 308-2588
naeem.yusuff@yahoo.com

Birding Sketchcrawl—Spring Series

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Come and bird/sketch favorite patches around Essex and Middlesex counties.

Meeting location: Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than April 15.



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

Sunday, April 17

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

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

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting location: Halibut Point State Park parking lot. Trustee members park free in season. On CATA's Lanesville bus route from Rockport Station.



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

Tuesday, April 19

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Thomas Michel, (617) 365-1102
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Wednesday, April 20

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

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

Willard Brook State Forest, West Townsend

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Join the BBC for a brisk midweek walk along scenic Willard Brook and connecting trails in search of early migrants, including Louisiana Waterthrush, Pine

Warbler, and other early arrivers, as well as resident Brown Creepers, thrushes, Purple Finches and others. Terrain is rocky hillside, and the streambed can be muddy, snowy, wet, and icy. Boots, walking sticks, and warm clothing are recommended. Meeting location: The parking lot along Route 119, and park to accommodate others.

Trip leaders: Leslie Kramer
lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org
Gino Ellison, (617) 548-4673
gene@cfninvestments.com

Thursday, April 21

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:30 a.m.–7:30 a.m.

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 location: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

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

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

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

Friday, April 22

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Naeem Yusuff, (617) 308-2588

naem.yusuff@yahoo.com

Saturday, April 23

Mount Auburn Cemetery

7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Brooke Stevens, (617) 491-7850

brookestev@aol.com



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7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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

Trip leader: Linda Pivacek, (781) 864-2658

lpivacek@comcast.net



Cedar Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Wenham

8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will walk approximately 2.5 miles along forest trails looking for early Spring migrants. Hilly terrain. Possible muddy sections. No restroom facilities.

Meeting location: Enter the property off of the Cherry St. entrance and park at the end of the road.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187
dave.williams6@gmail.com

Sunday, April 24

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Jason Forbes, (781) 354-6158
jason@brewsterslinnet.com

Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, Harvard

8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will walk about three miles on easy paths through woodland and riparian habitats as we search for migrant and breeding songbirds. Rain cancels walk.

Meeting location: Parking lot near the refuge gate at the end of Still River Depot Road (off Rt. 110), Harvard.

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

Franklin Park — Scarboro Pond, Boston

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

We will look for warblers, vireos, and other spring migrants in the Scarboro Pond section of Franklin Park. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Expect to walk up to two miles on paved paths. If you would like loaner binoculars, please contact the trip leader 48 hours in advance. Co-sponsored with the Franklin Park Coalition and loaner binoculars generously provided by Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center. Meeting location: Meet by the tennis courts next to the Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive. Street parking available and accessible via bus and subway (Forest Hills stop on Orange Line).

Trip leader: Justine Hanson, (617) 840-0832
justinehanson@gmail.com



Olmsted Park and Leverett Pond, Brookline

8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

This 90-minute walk is suitable for beginning birders as well as those more experienced. Co-sponsored by the Brookline GreenSpace Alliance and the Emerald Necklace Bird Club. Meeting location: Parking lot for Daisy Field, Olmsted Park on Willow Pond Road, between Pond Avenue and the Jamaica way.

Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 522-0157
rgmayer38@gmail.com



King's Beach — Swampscott/Lynn

10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Let's take a look at gulls! Gulls take 3 to 4 years to reach adult plumage. And in each year, there's a winter and a summer plumage. Which means, we get to see six to eight different versions of each species. And THAT is what makes gulls so much fun to identify! Free on-street parking. one mile walk on sidewalk and sand. All skill levels welcome. Binoculars available. Smiles required. Meeting location: Corner of Eastern Avenue and Lynn Shore Drive, across the street from 3 Lynn Shore Drive.

Trip leader: Shilo McDonald, (617) 513-6284
ShiloCM@yahoo.com

Monday, April 25

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. Meeting location: Lake Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman St. take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Road) pass the fields and take a left and follow to the yellow gate at the end.

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

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187
dave.williams6@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 26

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 a.m.–7:30 a.m.

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 location: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

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

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

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

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

We will explore this small gem of a sanctuary for migrants and residents alike. Meeting location: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851
tattler1@comcast.net

Wednesday, April 27

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335
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Thursday, April 28

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103

katbirder@gmail.com

Boston Public Garden

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

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

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851

tattler1@comcast.net

Friday, April 29

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Larry O'Bryan, (781) 648-1663

lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

Hammond Pond/Webster Woods, Newton

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Hammond Pond and Houghton Gardens for early migrants. Trails can be muddy. Meeting location: Parking area for the reservation off Hammond Pond Parkway, behind “The Street” shopping plaza.



Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335
dauidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday, April 30

South Shore Century Run

6:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Meet at 6:00 a.m. at the main parking area of Wompatuck State Park. A medium-paced trip to key places on the South Shore to try to observe 100 species of migrants and residents while having fun. Meeting location: Main parking area of Wompatuck State Park by visitors building on right.

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

Arnold Arboretum, Boston

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

A two hour walk suitable for beginners as well as more experienced birders.

See the Arboretum website *arboretum.*

harvard.edu for directions or to download a checklist of birds. Meeting location: Main Gate off the Arborway, parking along the Arborway.



Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 522-0157
rgmayer38@gmail.com

Mount Auburn Cemetery

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Naeem Yusuff, (617) 308-2588

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Sunday, May 1

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Gino Ellison, (617) 548-4673

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Franklin Park — Scarboro Pond, Boston

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Trip leader: Justine Hanson, (617) 840-0832

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Monday, May 2

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Jared Keyes, (978) 505-0586

jaredskeyes@gmail.com

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. Meeting location: Lake Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman St. take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Road) pass the fields and take a left and follow to the yellow gate at the end.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401

grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Chandler Pond, Brighton

7:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Easy birding around the pond. Possible extension to another location if the pond is not too birdy. Meeting location: Path west of pond on Lake Shore Road

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335

davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk



Manchester Early Migrant Walk

4:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

This trip will be about three hours long and will visit two sites. Moderate walking on forest trails. Uneven terrain, may possibly be in muddy areas. Witness the evening flight of herons and egrets as they go to

roost for the evening on Kettle Island. Heavy rain cancels walk. Meeting location: School Street at the Manchester/Essex Conservation Trust Property.

Trip leader: Susan Hedman, (978) 325-6226
2winterwren@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 3

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 a.m.–7:30 a.m.

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 location: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

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

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Chris Floyd, (781) 862-2841
chrisf@mitre.org

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

We will explore this small gem of a sanctuary for migrants and residents alike. Meeting location: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead.

Trip leader: Linda Ferrarresso, (617) 755-1851
tattler1@comcast.net

Wednesday, May 4

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Jared Keyes, (978) 505-0586

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Thursday, May 5

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335

davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Boston Public Garden

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

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

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851

tattler1@comcast.net

Friday, May 6

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Larry O'Bryan, (781) 648-1663

lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

Saturday, May 7

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Gino Ellison, (617) 548-4673

gene@cfninvestments.com

Parker River NWR on Bike

6:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Leave your car behind as we cycle the main refuge road looking and listening for spring migrants. Be ready to peddle by 6:30 a.m. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms available. Meeting location: Parking lot #1 on the left as you enter the refuge.

Trip leader: Laura de la Flor, (978) 741-0897

anhinga3@comcast.net

Upton State Forest

7:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

We will hike the trails in search of late migrants and woodland breeders. Meeting location: Main entrance is off of Southboro Rd. by the intersection of Westboro Rd. Take the dirt road in to the parking area.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401

grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Belle Isle Marsh and Vicinity

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Led by DCR staff. We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for Osprey, breeding and migrating passerines, American Oystercatcher and other specialty shorebirds at this birding hotspot and state Park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities available upon request. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Meeting location: Main Entrance Parking Lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

Trip leaders: Matthew Nash, (781) 656-1485

Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Sean Riley

sean.m.riley@mass.gov

Bussey Brook Meadow, Arnold Arboretum, Boston

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

The Arboretum Park Conservancy, Arnold Arboretum, and the BBC are sponsoring this two-hour walk in the Bussey Brook area of the Arboretum. The walk is suitable for beginning birders as well as those more experienced. Meeting location: 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.



Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 522-0157

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Sunday, May 8

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Jason Forbes, (781) 354-6158

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Cold Spring Park, Newton

7:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

A quiet walk through wetland and woodland, looking for early migrants.

Co-sponsored with The Newton

Conservators. Meeting location: Go left in the park and follow the lot around to a small circle at the end.



Trip leader: Pete Gilmore, (617) 610-2477

petegilmore79@gmail.com

Eastern Point, Gloucester, on foot

6:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

An easy but long (four-hour) walk on the roads and grassy footpaths of this traditional warbler hot-spot. Mainly level terrain, but may have some muddy areas and uneven terrain. Heavy rain cancels walk. Meeting location: Mass Audubon Eastern Point parking lot. Follow East Main Street in Gloucester to Niles Beach, and take the first right at the end of the beach parking area. Don't be deterred by the "Residents Only" sign at the entrance and stay right until you see the lighthouse.

Trip leader: Susan Hedman, (978) 325-6226

2winterwren@gmail.com

Monday, May 9

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Jared Keyes, (978) 505-0586

jaredskeyes@gmail.com

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. Meeting location: Lake Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman St. take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Road) pass the fields and take a left and follow to the yellow gate at the end.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401

grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Tuesday, May 10

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 a.m.–7:30 a.m.

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 location: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 344-5857

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103

katbirder@gmail.com

Cold Spring Park, Newton

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Easy one to two-mile walk through mixed forest and open areas in search of resident and breeding birds. Meeting location: Parking area off Beacon St, follow road down to the end.

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335

davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

We will explore this small gem of a sanctuary for migrants and residents alike. Meeting location: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851

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Wednesday, May 11

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335

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Charles River Esplanade

7:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

We will walk along the Charles River Esplanade from the Longfellow Bridge upriver looking for birds on both land and water. We hope to see a range of spring migrants as well as year round residents and birds setting up their breeding territories. Co-sponsored with the Charles River Esplanade Association. Meeting location: Preregister on the Esplanade Association's website, *esplanade.org*. Meeting place and other details provided upon registration.



Trip leaders: Cliff Cook, (339) 222-4518

ccook13@gmail.com

Leslie Kramer

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Thursday, May 12

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leaders: Larry O'Bryan, (781) 648-1663

lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187

dave.williams6@gmail.com

Boston Public Garden

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

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

**Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851
tattler1@comcast.net**

Friday, May 13

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

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

Saturday, May 14

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

**Trip leader: Jared Keyes, (978) 505-0586
jaredskeyes@gmail.com**

Sunday, May 15

Wayland

5:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

We will listen for state-listed American and Least Bitterns. With some luck, we might even hear one!

Not a trip for the easily frustrated. Uneven terrain. Target endangered breeding species: American and Least Bittern. Meeting location: Wayland Commons Center - Mass Central Rail Trail Access parking section.



Trip leader: Zack Weber
birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Jared Keyes, (978) 505-0586
jaredskeyes@gmail.com

Parker River NWR, Newbury

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We'll explore the island for migrants and returning breeding birds. Beginners welcome. Contact leader in advance to help with the trip planning. We'll car-pool if appropriate. Note than entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms available. Meeting location: Parking lot #1.



Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335
davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, Harvard

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will walk about 3 miles on easy paths through woodland and riparian habitats as we search for migrant and breeding songbirds. Rain cancels the walk Meeting location: Parking lot near the refuge gate at the end of Still River Depot Road (off Rt. 110), Harvard.

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

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting location: Halibut Point State Park parking lot. Trustee members park free in season. On CATA's Lanesville bus route from Rockport Station.



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

Monday, May 16

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Naeem Yusuff, (617) 308-2588
naeem.yusuff@yahoo.com

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. Meeting location: Lake Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman St. take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Road) pass the fields and take a left and follow to the yellow gate at the end.

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

Tuesday, May 17

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 a.m.–7:30 a.m.

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 location: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

**Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 344-5857
gdentremont1@comcast.net**

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

**Trip leader: Jared Keyes, (978) 505-0586
jaredskeyes@gmail.com**

Parker River NWR, Newbury

6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

We will explore various parts of the Parker River NWR in search of Warblers. Note than entrance fee

or pass is required. Restrooms available. Meeting location: Parking lot #1.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187
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Cold Spring Park, Newton

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Easy one to two-mile walk through mixed forest and open areas in search of resident and breeding birds. Meeting location: Parking area off Beacon St, follow road down to the end.

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335
davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesday, May 18

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

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

Thursday, May 19

Martin Burns WMA

6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Will walk the three-mile loop. No restroom facilities. Target birds: Indigo Bunting, Blue-winged Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, and Olive-sided Flycatcher. Meeting location: Orchard St. entrance in Newbury.

Trip leader: Peter Vale, (781) 413-7788
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Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851
tattler1@comcast.net

Late Spring Migrants at Minute Man NHP, Lincoln

7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Join me at this undiscovered birding spot which hosts many nesting species and late migrants. Blue-winged Warbler, American Redstart, and Indigo Buntings are regular nesters. Each year brings a few surprises. In past years, around this date, these have included Bay-Breasted Warbler, Alder Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, and both cuckoos. This is a one mile walk on both paved paths and wooded trails which may be muddy. Co-sponsored with Minute Man NHP.

Meeting location: Minute Man NHP, Hartwell Tavern lot, Lincoln.

Trip leader: Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103
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Friday, May 20

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335
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Saturday, May 21

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Thomas Michel, (617) 365-1102

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Eastern Point, Gloucester

6:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

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

Trip leader: John Nelson, (978) 283-6128

jnelson@northshore.edu

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Co-sponsored with Boxborough Birders. We will look for resident species including Indigo Bunting, Savannah Sparrow, Hermit Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, Veery, Blue-headed Vireo, Wild Turkey, American Kestrel, and a variety of warblers. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections. Prepare for ticks. We will bird at the meeting location for about 30 minutes so any latecomers can catch up. Meeting location: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard.

Trip leaders: Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057

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Rita Grossman, (978) 264-4077

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Belle Isle Marsh and Vicinity

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Led by DCR staff. We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for Osprey, breeding and migrating passerines, American Oystercatcher and other specialty shorebirds at this birding hotspot and state Park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities available upon request. Ages: Adults and

kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Meeting location: Main Entrance Parking Lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

Trip leaders: Matthew Nash, (781) 656-1485
Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Sean Riley
sean.m.riley@mass.gov

Arnold Arboretum, Boston

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

A two-hour walk suitable for beginners as well as more experienced birders.

See the Arboretum website *arboretum.*

harvard.edu for directions or to download a checklist of birds. Meeting location: Peters Hill Gate on Bussey Street



Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 522-0157
rgmayer38@gmail.com

Sunday, May 22

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord

6:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Rails and Least Bittern are our main targets. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Duck stamps and entrance passes will be accepted. Meeting location: Refuge parking lot off Monsen Road in Concord.

Trip leader: Jason Forbes, (781) 354-6158
jason@brewsterslinnet.com

Franklin Park — Scarboro Pond, Boston

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

We will look for warblers, vireos, and other spring migrants in the Scarboro Pond section of Franklin Park. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Expect to walk up to two miles on paved paths. If you would like loaner binoculars, please contact the trip leader 48 hours in advance. Co-sponsored with the Franklin Park Coalition and loaner binoculars generously provided by Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center. Meeting location: Meet by the tennis courts next to the Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive. Street parking available and accessible via bus and subway (Forest Hills stop on Orange Line).



**Trip leader: Justine Hanson, (617) 840-0832
justinehanson@gmail.com**

Allens Pond Mass Audubon Sanctuary, Dartmouth

8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will hike the Beach Loop and Quansett Trail. Mostly flat trails, but a mix of sandy, rocky, and muddy areas. We will look for migrants and breeders in a variety of habitats. If there is further interest we will continue to other nearby areas for any specialty species of interest. Meeting location: Allen's Pond MAS parking lot near the south end of Horseneck Road.

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

Monday, May 23

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

A search for late migrants, including Mourning Warblers. Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: Chris Floyd, (781) 862-2841
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Tuesday, May 24

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

A search for late migrants. Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

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

Blue Hills, Milton

6:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

We'll look for breeding Worm-eating Warblers, Prairie Warblers and Indigo Buntings. One to two miles of walking—most trails are good, but we may want to take some steeper and rockier paths. Meeting location: Skyline Trail parking on Hillside St, opposite police post and Reservation HQ.

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335
davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

Wednesday, May 25

Mount Auburn Cemetery

7:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

A search for late migrants, including Mourning Warblers. Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leaders: Leslie Kramer

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Diana Fruguglietti, (781) 933-9063

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Thursday, May 26

Mount Auburn Cemetery

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

A search for late migrants, including Mourning Warblers. Meeting location: Main entrance to the cemetery.

Trip leader: David Scott, (617) 671-8335

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Fresh Pond Reservation, Cambridge

6:00 a.m.–8:00 a.m.

An easy, approximately two-mile walk on paved paths around the pond. Meeting location: The TD Bank parking lot in Fresh Pond, Cambridge at 6:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Thomas Michel, (617) 365-1102

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Martin Burns WMA, West Newbury

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will walk the three-mile loop. No restroom facilities. Meeting location: Orchard St. entrance in Newbury.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187
dave.williams6@gmail.com

Evening Walk at Minute Man NHP, Lincoln

5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

This area is great for late migrants and nesting species. Our target species will include Alder and Olive-sided Flycatchers, as well as nesting Blue-winged Warbler and Indigo Bunting. This is a one-mile walk on paved paths and boardwalk. Insect repellent is suggested. Meeting location: Minute Man NHP, Brooks Village lot, Lincoln.

Trip leader: Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103
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Saturday, May 28

Dunback Meadow, Lexington

6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Our target birds will be late migrants including Mourning Warbler and flycatchers. Be prepared to walk three to five miles. Meeting location: The parking lot of the Clark Middle School on Stedman Road in Lexington.

Trip leader: Cliff Cook, (339) 222-4518
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Sunday, May 29

Millis and Medfield Breeding Birds

6:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Trying for 50 species again this year, we'll be walking about a mile and a half, mostly staying on pavement. Boots are not required. Ticks should not be a problem. We'll be looking and listening for swamp breeders, including Green Heron, Brown Creeper, Northern Waterthrush, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. We may then stop at the Medfield State Hospital fields for grassland and successional breeding birds. We could also make additional stops in Medfield as time allows. Meeting location: Paddock Lane (near the corner of Causeway Street) in Millis.

Trip leader: John O'Connell, (774) 222-2560
joconnell484@gmail.com

Plymouth Airport for Grassland Sparrows

8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

This is a series of one to one and a half hour trips offered so COVID-related protocols limiting group size will allow people to enjoy the birds of Plymouth airport. 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! Target endangered breeding species: Upland Sandpiper, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow. The first trip will leave at 8:00 a.m. and the last one at 12:00 p.m. Meeting location: Contact leader for details.

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



Wednesday, June 1

Crane Beach, Ipswich

6:15 p.m.–9:00 p.m. 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 location: Outside the gate to the Crane Beach parking lot at the end of Argilla Road.



Trip leaders: John Nelson, (978) 283-6128

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Jim Berry, (978) 356-5505

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Thursday, June 2

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

We will walk easy trails looking for birds and butterflies. Beginners welcome. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. We'll move on from there to Nine-Acre Corner with possible extension to Drumlin Farm. Meeting location: The Refuge parking lot is off Monsen Road, Concord.



Trip leader: Clayton Swanson, (978) 395-7877

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Saturday, June 4

Belle Isle and Vicinity

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Led by DCR staff. We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for Saltmarsh Sparrow, shorebirds, terns and breeding marsh birds at this birding hotspot and state park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities available upon request. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Meeting location: Main Entrance Parking Lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

Trip leaders: Matthew Nash, (781) 656-1485

Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Sean Riley

sean.m.riley@mass.gov

Mount Holyoke to the Quabbin

7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

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 location: Entrance to Skinner State Park off Rt. 47 in Hadley.

Trip leader: Mark Burns, (978) 741-0897

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Sunday, June 5

Allens Pond Mass Audubon Sanctuary, Dartmouth

9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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

**Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 344-5857
gdentremont1@comcast.net**

Salem Woods

2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Listen Carefully. An afternoon walk in the woods. With the trees full of leaves and thickets as dense as ever, we will focus on birding by ear. The distance and difficulty of this walk will be adjusted for the attendees and will range from one to two miles with easy to moderate incline on marked dirt trails. Expect to hear Baltimore Oriole, Common Yellowthroat, Swamp Sparrow, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Marsh Wren. All skill levels welcome. Binoculars available. Bug spray recommended. Ears required. Meeting location: Free parking at the trail entrance in the Olde Salem Greens Golf Course parking lot.

**Trip leader: Shilo McDonald, (617) 513-6284
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Wednesday, June 8

Myles Standish State Forest, Carver — Evening

6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

A serene way to end the day with Prairie Warblers and Hermit Thrushes reluctantly giving way to Eastern Whip-poor-wills and, perhaps, Northern Saw-whet Owls. Target endangered breeding species: Whip-poor-will. Meeting location: Headquarters parking lot at Cranberry Road, Carver, MA.

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



Saturday, June 11

Pine Hill Grasslands

6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

We will hike a sandy/gravelly field area for grassland breeding sparrows and warblers including Grasshopper Sparrow, and wait until sunset for whip-poor-wills. Meeting location: Parking area at the gated end of Pine Hill Rd. Take Harvard Rd. off of Rt. 117 in Lancaster. Follow Harvard Road until you go over the train tracks and continue on dirt road until you reach the area of the gates.

Trip leader: Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401
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Sunday, June 12

Millis and Medfield Breeding Birds

6:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Trying for 50 species again this year, we'll be walking about a mile and a half, mostly staying on pavement. Boots are not required. Ticks should not be a problem. We'll be looking and listening for swamp breeders, including Green Heron, Brown Creeper, Northern Waterthrush, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. We may then stop at the Medfield State Hospital fields for grassland and successional breeding birds. We could also make additional stops in Medfield as time allows. Meeting location: Paddock Lane (near the corner of Causeway Street) in Millis.

Trip leader: John O'Connell, (774) 222-2560
joconnell484@gmail.com

Norfolk Airport

7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

This former airfield now provides habitat for endangered grassland breeding birds. We hope to find both Grasshopper Sparrow and Eastern Meadowlark on territory in these fields. Bobolinks' bold and unusual songs and plumage should be a nice bonus on this trip. We will be walking primarily on flat, grassy terrain for a mile or two for the endangered species. We may also extend the walk into some wooded trails in search of other species later in the morning. Target endangered breeding species: Grasshopper Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlark. Meeting location: Gravel parking lot on Leland Rd at the southwest corner of the airfield.

Trip leader: Zack Weber
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Martin Burns WMA, West Newbury

7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will walk on fairly level gravel roads for 2.5 miles looking for breeding birds including Field Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, and Prairie Warbler. Co-sponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. No restroom facilities. Meeting location: Martin Burns WMA, Orchard St., West Newbury.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851
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Tuesday, June 14

Parker River NWR, Newbury

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will explore various locations on the Refuge in search of breeding birds. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms available. Meeting location: Parking lot #1.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187
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Friday, June 17

Pine Hill Grassland, Lancaster

7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

This trip will focus on finding some of the unusual birds that nest at Pine Hill - Grasshopper Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow and Eastern Whip-poor-will. Easy walk over flat sandy roads. Rain cancels walk. Meeting location: Parking area at the gated end of Pine Hill Rd. Take Harvard Rd. off of Rt. 117 in Lancaster. Follow Harvard Road until you go over the train tracks and continue on dirt road until you reach the area of the gates.

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



Saturday, June 18

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Co-sponsored with Boxborough Birders. We will look for local avian residents and early arrivals. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections. Prepare for ticks. We will bird at the meeting location for about 30 minutes so any latecomers can catch up. Meeting location: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard.

Trip leaders: Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057
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Rita Grossman, (978) 264-4077
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Belle Isle and vicinity

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.

Led by DCR staff. We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for raptors, shorebirds and resident wading marsh birds at this Birding Hotspot and state park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities available upon request. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Meeting location: Main Entrance Parking Lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

Trip leader: Matthew Nash, (781) 656-1485

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Sean Riley

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Mt. Greylock

6:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

This will be an exciting trip with the occasional surprise. Mourning Warbler has always been a specialty of this trip. Enjoy the warblers and other neotropical migrants we observed during spring migration. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. This trip will end around 3 p.m., then reconvene for dinner and an evening trip to Post Farm Marsh, Lenox. Target special concern breeding species: Pied-billed Grebe, Common Gallinule, Blackpoll Warbler, Mourning Warbler. Meeting location: Mt. Greylock Visitors' Center at the base of the mountain in Lanesborough.

Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 344-5857

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Sunday, June 19

October Mountain

6:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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. Multiple habitats make this trip more diversified than the Greylock trip. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Target endangered breeding species: American Bittern, Mourning Warbler. Meeting location: New Lenox Road, Lenox, parking lot just west of the bridge over the Housatonic River (boat ramp.)



Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 344-5857
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Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting location: Halibut Point State Park parking lot. Trustee members park free in season. On CATA's Lanesville bus route from Rockport Station.



Trip leader: Peter Van Demark, (978) 546-2402
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New Hampshire White Mountains and Pondicherry NWR

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

We will visit multiple habitats in search of birds with breeding ranges north of typical BBC trip locations. This trip starts with a tram ride up to the top of Cannon Mountain. We will enjoy the views and songs of the Winter Wren on the ride up and then search the summit trails for the elusive and range-restricted Bicknell's Thrush. After a quick lunch at the base of the mountain (BYO or limited items for purchase), the trip moves to Pondicherry NWR where we will walk for a few miles in search of northern forest and wetland species. Some species that may be possible (but far from guaranteed) on this trip: Winter Wren, Bicknell's Thrush, Ruffed Grouse, Common Loon, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Boreal Chickadee, Black-backed Woodpecker, and various northern-breeding song birds. Expected tram ticket price is \$25. Sunscreen and insect repellent recommended. Limited participation: if you intend to attend, please email the leader no later than 1 week in advance. Meeting location: Cannon Mountain Tramway parking lot (off exit 34B on I-93 North)



Trip leader: Zack Weber
birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com

Thursday, June 23 – Sunday, June 26

25th 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, Canada Jay, Boreal Chickadee, and Bicknell's Thrush and 20+ species of warbler. Time will also be taken to observe and enjoy the flora and fauna along the way. Participants can expect to do some moderate hiking and optional canoeing. Limited participation. Please contact Eddie for additional information and reservations at least two weeks in advance.

Trip leaders: Eddie Giles, (508) 378-3370

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Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 344-5857

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Saturday, June 25

Ashby & Townsend

Contact leader for meeting time

We'll explore for nesting warblers, juncos, sapsuckers, and probably butterflies & dragonflies, possibly into early afternoon. Possible sites include Willard Brook State Forest, Townsend State Forest, and Mt. Watatic. Some trails are steep and moderately uneven. Meeting location: Email leader for meeting location and carpooling options.

Trip leader: Jason Forbes, (781) 354-6158

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Pine Hill Grassland, Lancaster

6:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

In June, this wonderfully preserved grassland is alive with the songs of breeding Grasshopper and Vesper Sparrow, which are state listed as threatened species. Prairie Warbler, Indigo Bunting, and American Kestrels nest regularly here as well. A mile walk on level grade; can be dry so bring water. Meeting location: Parking area at the gated end of Pine Hill Rd. Take Harvard Rd. off of Rt. 117 in Lancaster. Follow Harvard Road until you go over the train tracks and continue on dirt road until you reach the area of the gates.

Trip leader: Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103
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Thursday, June 30 – Sunday, July 3

Pelagic Downeast Maine Puffin and Boreal Species Trip

Join us on our annual trip to Machias area in Downeast Maine to see Atlantic Puffins, Razorbills, Common Murres, and Arctic Terns. We also tour beautiful coastlands and boreal forests in search of nesting warblers and boreal specialties such as Spruce Grouse, Boreal Chickadee, and Canada Jay. We explore the blueberry barrens, and coastal wetlands for other species such as Sandhill Crane, Black Tern, Nelson's Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper, and potential rarities. The cost of the trip is \$240.00 per person for BBC members (\$255 for non-members), which includes the boat trip but not lodging or food.



NOTE ON LIMITED MOBILITY: We don't have any technical or rugged hiking, however we are on our feet a lot looking for boreal species, which can add up to several miles of walking per day. The boat landing on Machias can be slippery and treacherous, but participants can safely stay on the boat and still encounter all the breeding birds at close range if they are concerned about the landing. This trip is limited to 15 participants.

Please contact Deborah to inquire about availability or being added to the wait list. Meeting location: The Bluebird Motel, 231 Dublin Street, Machias, ME on June 30, 2022, 5:00 p.m..

**Trip leaders: Deborah Mauer, (508) 308-8050
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Important: Please read the updated “Guidelines for Trip Leaders” document on our website, *brooklinebirdclub.org/info-for-trip-leaders*.

- Familiarize yourself with and uphold the BBC Code of Ethics and Conduct and the BBC Mission Statement. *Brooklinebirdclub.org/about/code-of-ethics*
- Ahead of time check to ensure that the site is open and if there are pre-registration or other requirements for visiting the property, such as entrance fees. We encourage you to scout the location in advance. Also, check eBird and other reports for the area.
- At the meeting place, ask participants to introduce themselves and make them aware of the availability, or not, of restrooms. Provide an outline of your plans before you set out. As appropriate, invite discussions of natural history, local history, and conservation.
- Leaders can select another participant as a co-leader and split a group into smaller subgroups.
- Trip reports are an important part of promoting and documenting BBC trips. Record the number of trip participants. Please include photos in your trip reports, whenever possible.
- Submit a trip report to eBird and share the report with the club eBird account (username: BrooklineBirdClub). Detailed instructions to create and share an eBird checklist can be found on *brooklinebirdclub.org/info-for-trip-leaders*. We strongly encourage leaders to also send a report to Massbird or other relevant listservs.

- If you are unable to submit a report via eBird contact fieldtrips@brooklinebirdclub.org for a field card.
- Before advertising the presence of a rare bird or an owl through eBird or a listserv, evaluate the potential for disturbance to the bird, its surroundings, and other people in the area.
- Respect the privacy of participants' contact information. Contact information should be used only for official BBC trip communications, or with consent of the participant.

If you are unable to lead your trip:

- Please find a substitute from the list of BBC trip leaders by emailing fieldtripleaders@brooklinebirdclub.org. If the substitute has not previously led a BBC trip, have them contact the Field Trip Coordinator at fieldtrips@brooklinebirdclub.org.
- If you must cancel a trip email fieldtrips@brooklinebirdclub.org to post an announcement on the BBC website. Also send a message to Massbird@theworld.org. If pre-registration or other prior notice to the leader is required, the leader should contact participants directly.

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