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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Members,

Greetings!

Happy summer and early fall, both wonderful times to be out birding. Migrating birds will have arrived on their nesting grounds, reared their young—or not, for shorebirds and others—and will be returning in waves, to rest, refuel, and return to wintering grounds in southern North America, Central, and South America. Some warblers and other passerines will pass through in their fall plumage, while others will head out over the Atlantic and south, or west to the Mississippi Central Flyway on their routes south. We are left to wonder how their nesting season went and how they will navigate their various ways for a well-needed rest. Migration remains a mystery.

The club has enjoyed an uptick in new members: welcome! On behalf of the board and trip leaders, we are thrilled to have you join us on our walks and in our webinar and workshop offerings. This is what our club does so well: we invite and include all those interested in birds and birding to acquire the skills and knowledge to become a more skilled and ethical birder. Field guides and phone apps can be useful.

But perhaps the most effective way to become a better birder is to bird with a group, or a mentor, who models ethical and effective birding practices and can explain and show various non-intrusive

ways to arrive at a correct identification. Our Birding 101 walks are tailored to newer birders: join us! We welcome new trip leaders, too, to lead or co-lead folks on our walks. What is your favorite place to bird? Can you commit to one or two hours to share your birding patch with others? Experienced trip leaders are more than happy to co-lead and share the “how-tos” for engaging all participants in our joint passion. Contact Field Trip Coordinator Cliff Cook (ccook@brooklinebirdclub.org) for more information on how, where, and when to lead a walk.

As always, a heartfelt thank you to those who have supported the club over the years through your memberships and renewals, generous donations, volunteering, and other ways that get the word out about birding and the BBC. Because of you, we can continue to be “America’s Most Active Bird Club.”

Leslie Kramer
President

VIRTUAL FALL MEETING

Please join us for our Fall Members Meeting.

Dave Wiley,
NOAA Marine Ecologist and Researcher

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Details will be announced via email and on our website. A link will be sent to all members.

WE'RE ON INSTAGRAM

The Brookline Bird Club has launched our own Instagram account! Instagram, a popular social media application, allows users and viewers to share photos and short messages with viewers. We welcome members to join in by submitting your photos! Our account is monitored by Board members and skilled student birder Mark Price. We adhere to ethical guidelines and will not accept photos of owls or other sensitive species. As our Instagram collection grows, we will employ hashtags to keep our photos organized. #gobirding!

Find our Instagram account using this name: the_brookline_bird_club. Please send your photos with captions, or any questions to either Leslie Kramer: lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org or Mark Price: markjprice2005@gmail.com. Thanks to Mark and Leslie for spearheading this effort.

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 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 our new Microfiber Screen Cleaning Cloth in Pouch with Key Chain, hats, outerwear, shirts, and more.

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.

2022 BBC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

By John Nelson

The BBC is pleased to announce that this year's Bill Drummond Young Birder Scholarships have been awarded to Massachusetts residents Johnny Owens of Essex, and Jocelyn Pyne of Harvard, MA. These scholarships, instituted to nurture interest in bird study and conservation among young birders, cover the full cost (\$1690) of the Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens Program at National Audubon's Hog Island camp in June 2022. The Scholarship Evaluation Committee was impressed by the high quality of all the applications we received, and we thank all the applicants for their interest and effort. Johnny has volunteered for the past six years at Mass Audubon's Joppa Flats center as a bird bander, Coastal Education intern, teen naturalist trainer, and co-leader of the Joppa Flats youth Bird-a-thon team. Jocelyn takes particular pleasure in sketching birds and collecting field data, and she's looking forward to the opportunity to experience hands-on bird science and National Audubon's seabird restoration work at Hog Island. Congratulations, Johnny and Jocelyn!

These scholarships are supported through the generous donations of club members. To donate, you can designate an amount on the "BBC Bill Drummond

Young Birder Scholarship” line on the back page of the club bulletin when you renew your membership or, especially for life members, at any other time you might wish to donate. You can donate online by clicking the Donate link on the BBC home page and entering an amount in the box for “Bill Drummond Young Birder Scholarship.”

BOOK FUND DONATION TO MASSACHUSETTS YOUNG BIRDERS CLUB

By John Nelson

The BBC, through its Conservation and Education Committee, is proud to announce a donation of binoculars and bird guides to the Massachusetts Young Birders Club (MYBC). The mission of the MYBC is to expand and empower a diverse, sustainable community of young birders in Massachusetts and to guide youth in building their understanding and love of birds and nature. The MYBC especially strives to provide resources, such as bird guides and loaner binoculars, to young birders who do not have the means to purchase their own birding equipment. The BBC supports this effort, and we look forward to future collaborations between our club and the MYBC. In the past year the BBC Book Fund has also made donations to the Philbrook School in Roslindale and to Kestrel Educational Adventures for a school program in Salem. The BBC founders believed they had a “sacred obligation” to nurture young birders, and the BBC Board remains committed to carry out this mission.

The BBC School Book Fund is supported through the generous donations of club members. To donate, you can designate an amount on the “Book Fund” line on the back page of the club bulletin when you renew your membership or, especially for life members, at any other time you might wish to donate. You can donate online by clicking the Donate link on the BBC home page and entering an amount in the box for “School Book Fund.”

BROOKLINE BIRD CLUB 2021 STATISTICAL AND YEAR-END REPORT

By David Scott, Club Statistician

The Brookline Bird Club recorded 270 species for 2021, based upon 206 reported trips. Two-hundred and sixty-five species were recorded in Massachusetts, with the following out-of-state species recorded from the Rangely Lakes trip in Maine: Canada Jay, Bicknell’s Thrush, Boreal Chickadee, Fox Sparrow, and Spruce Grouse. Despite some restrictions due to the pandemic, the club led trips to most of our favorite birding locations and ran a successful pelagic trip in August.

With many activities curtailed during the pandemic, there were frequent media stories of an increased interest in birding, and we were delighted to see many new faces on our field trips in the spring. With numbers limited, some trips had waitlists of several dozen. Thanks to Eric Swanzey and Cliff Cook for coordinating the registration system, which allowed us to manage attendance on trips during the early part of the year.

The club recorded few extreme rarities in 2021, but there were still some very good birds recorded. Highlights included: flocks of Common Redpolls, Red and White-winged crossbills (Salisbury, January 24), Yellow-throated Warbler (Mount Auburn Cemetery, May 11), Golden-winged Warbler (Mount Auburn Cemetery, May 19), Sandhill Crane and Little Blue Heron (Bolton Flats, May 23), Black Tern and Seaside Sparrow (Plum Island, May 30), Acadian Flycatcher (Quabbin, June 5), White-faced Storm-Petrel, Audubon's Shearwater, Red and Red-necked phalaropes (overnight pelagic, August 7-8), Hudsonian and Marbled godwits (Plum Island, October 10), Western Kingbird (Plum Island, November 6). The Winthrop Monk Parakeets were popular in 2021, and the club stopped by to see them on August 28.

Birds we missed included Iceland Gull, Wilson's Snipe, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Dovekie, Black Vulture, Clay-colored Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat and a raft of ducks — Canvasback, Redhead, Barrow's Goldeneye, Eurasian Wigeon, and King Eider.

There were 388 species reported for Massachusetts in eBird, of which the club's total of 265 represented 68 percent (compared with 75 percent in 2019). The best bird of the year in Massachusetts—though not one observed on a club trip—was the astonishing Steller's Sea-Eagle, which stopped by the Taunton River before moving on up to Maine. A Wood Stork pulled in a good crowd during its short visit to Gloucester but did not stay long enough for the BBC to catch up with it.

The club reported most species in Essex County (215), followed by Middlesex (154), Worcester (132), Barnstable (127), Suffolk (120), Plymouth (113), and Norfolk (106). After missing out in 2020, it was good to be back at

Mount Auburn Cemetery for the spring migration and the club recorded a total of 109 species there from 37 reported trips, including 26 species of warbler.

The following table shows the trips reporting the most species by month:

Date	Location	Species	Leader
1/9	Charles River	29	Thomas Michel
2/20	Newburyport & Salisbury	46	Cliff Cook
3/27	Great Meadows	35	Sylvia Martin
4/26	Westboro WMA	46	Nick Paulson
5/1	South Shore	81	Glenn d'Entremont
6/6	Mt Holyoke to Quabbin	62	Mark Burns
7/11	Crane Pond WMA	49	Zack Weber
8/15	Squantum	52	Glenn d'Entremont
9/11	Plum Island	54	Nick Paulson
10/10	Hellcat tower Big Sit, Plum Island	86	Nick Paulson
11/6	Essex to Plum Island	54	Linda Ferrarresso, Nick Paulson
12/5	Emerald Necklace Ponds	26	Bob Mayer

With many trips involving multiple locations, including those to Maine and the pelagic, there were 282 eBird checklists associated with the 206 reported trips. American Robin was the most frequently

reported species, on 164 checklists, followed by Blue Jay (159), Song Sparrow (150), Black-capped Chickadee (149), Mourning Dove (144), Northern Cardinal (142), American Goldfinch (139), Downy Woodpecker (131), Mallard (125), Common Grackle (123), Tufted Titmouse (118), American Crow (115), and Red-winged Blackbird (114).

Thanks to all our trip leaders, especially those who led 10 or more trips in 2021: Peter Van Demark, Kathy Dia, Glenn d'Entremont, Linda Ferrareso, Sylvia Martin, Thomas Michel, Nick Paulson, and Dave Williams.

There were two virtual club meetings. In April, acclaimed author Jennifer Ackerman presented *The Bird Way: How Birds Talk, Work, Play, Parent, and Think*, a wide-ranging talk on bird behavior around the globe. In October, Rosemary Mosco, the creator of Bird and Moon comics, shared her experiences blending science and art to help people connect with the natural world and engage in its conservation. The club continued to offer webinars on a diverse selection of topics including bird identification, where to go birding, and how to increase engagement in birding. Many of these are archived on the BBC website in the Members section.

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, eleven 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 2022–2023 Federal Duck Stamp goes on sale June 24. Buy your stamp at refuge offices and admission booths, the post office, on the BBC website, or at duckstamp.com.

A BIT OF A BROOKLYN BIRDER'S POEM

by Jon Damian

You say Parula, and I say Parula
You like Plover, and I say Plover
Pileated, Pileated,
Penduline, Penduline
Olivaceous, Olivaceous
Colima, Colima
Merganser, Merganser
Oy Vey! Oy Vey!
Let's just go birding!
(boiding in Brooklynese)

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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.

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.

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.

PROGRAM OF TRIPS

July 1–October 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.

Saturday, July 2

Summer Solstice Walk

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of Summer by birding favorite patches, locally and beyond. Meeting location: Contact leader for details no later than July 1.

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

Sunday, July 3

Quabbin Reservoir

7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Join Glenn on a five to six-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 of stuff in between. (Maybe a moose or a bobcat!) Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: Quabbin Gate 10 on Route 202 in Pelham.

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

Saturday, July 16

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 a.m.–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 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

Sunday, July 17

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. Chance of seeing nesting Green Herons. Boots advisable. Co-sponsored by DCR. 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



Saturday, July 23

Plymouth Beach

6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

We will walk the beach for shorebirds and nesting terns. Shorebird migration should be in full motion. 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. Drive to the north end of the parking lot.

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

Thursday, August 11

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

We will walk easy trails looking for birds and butterflies. Shorebirds and early fall migrants are expected. Beginners welcome. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Meeting location: Visitor parking lot off Monson Road in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find “Great Meadows” as this may take you to a different location.)

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

Saturday, August 13

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

We will search for resident migrant birds as well as shorebirds. Note that entrance fee or pass is required.



Meeting location: Visitor parking lot off Monson Road in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find “Great Meadows” as this may take you to a different location.)

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

Wednesday, August 17

Hellcat, Parker River NWR

5:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Shorebirds, herons, and swallows. Bring a chair, bug spray, and water. Trip runs until dark. Meeting location: Hellcat parking lot (Lot #4) on Parker River NWR. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required.

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

Thursday, August 18

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

5:45 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

We will walk slowly looking for rails, shorebirds, wading birds, and migrating Common Nighthawks. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Meeting location: Observation tower adjacent to visitor parking lot off Monson Road in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find “Great Meadows” as this may take you to a different location.)

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



Sunday, August 21

David T. Brown Memorial Shorebird Walk, Squantum

6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

We will view the shorebirds in the pans during high tide and walk to special spots in Squantum. Meeting location: Mosswetuset Hummock parking area, off East Squantum Street, Quincy.

Trip leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442
gdentremont1@comcast.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. Co-sponsored by DCR. 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



Saturday, August 27

Shore Birding Around Boston

7:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Stops may include Belle Isle Marsh, The Key, Revere Beach, and Winthrop. We will not be carpooling so participants must have their own cars. Meeting location: Belle Isle Reservation main entrance parking lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

Trip leaders: Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187
dave.williams6@gmail.com
Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851
tattler1@comcast.net

Nighthawk Watch at Oxbow NWR, Harvard

5:30 p.m.–7:45 p.m.

Join us for a pleasant evening of watching nighthawk migration along the Nashua River valley. Bring a lawn chair or a camp stool. This trip is co-sponsored with the Friends of the Oxbow NWR. Rain date: Sunday, August 28. Meeting location: Half-way down the hill (near Oxbow refuge sign) on Still River Depot Road in Harvard.

Trip leader: Don MacFarlane, (978) 897-7567
donjmacfarlane@gmail.com

Thursday, September 1

Nighthawks at Minute Man NHP, Lincoln

5:30 p.m.–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. Insect repellent is recommended. In case of rain please contact Kathy by text for walk status. Meeting location: Minute Man NHP, Brooks Village Lot, 1175 Lexington Road (Route 2A).

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

Saturday, September 3

Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Marshfield

7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club.
Meeting location: Sanctuary parking area at the end of Winslow Cemetery Road.

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

Oxbow NWR, Harvard

7:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

We will walk about three miles on easy, leveled 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 lot 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

Sunday, September 4

Pine Hill Grassland, Lancaster

7:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will spend the morning walking three to four miles through fields and forests, mostly on a gravel road, looking for post-nesting birds and early migrants. In case of rain prediction, contact leader the night before. No restrooms are available. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent. Meeting location: Parking area at WMA entrance at 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, September 10

Plum Island

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Beginners and those with limited mobility welcome. There is an entrance fee for Parker River NWR. Meeting location: District Courthouse parking lot, Route 1 traffic circle.

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



Tuesday, September 13

Parker River NWR, Newbury

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will be looking for shorebirds and fall migrants. We will drive and walk to various places on the Refuge. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required. Meeting location: Parker River NWR parking lot #1.

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

Sunday, September 18

Bolton Flats Wildlife Management Area, Lancaster

7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

This walk will focus on fall migrant landbirds such as warblers and sparrows and any other birds that we may discover. The leveled dirt trail is about two-miles

long and is usually dry, but there may be a few large puddles to negotiate necessitating waterproof boots. We may also explore the section on the opposite side of the road. Rain cancels walk. Meeting location: Parking area for the main entrance to Bolton Flats off Route 117 (west of intersection with Route 110 and on the right immediately after Bolton/Lancaster town line). Note: The entrance is dirt and the parking area is not visible from the road.

Trip leader: Jonathan Center, (978) 866-7391
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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. Co-sponsored by DCR. 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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Parker River NWR, Newbury

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will drive and carpool down the Parker River Refuge in search of shorebirds and fall migrants. Meeting location: Parker River NWR parking lot #1.

Trip leader: Neil Hayward, (617) 717-9969
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Wednesday, September 21

Charles River Esplanade, Boston

7:30 a.m.–9:00 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 fall migrants as well as year-round residents. Co-sponsored with the Charles River Esplanade Association. Preregister on the Esplanade Association's website, esplanade.org. Meeting location: Meeting place and other details provided upon registration.

Trip leader: Gino Ellison, (617) 548-4673
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Saturday, September 24

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 a.m.–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 lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard.

Trip leaders: Rita Grossman, (978) 264-4077
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Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057
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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. Meeting location:



Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than September 16.

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

Sunday, September 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 leader the night before in case of rain prediction. No restrooms are available. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent. Meeting location: Boat launch parking lot off Harvard Road in Stow.

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

Saturday, October 1

Outer Cape Cod

6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

All Day. This trip should record close to 100 species covering Canada Goose through House Sparrow, both of which might be missed. Co-sponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: Bourne commuter lot adjacent to the McDonalds at the intersection of Routes 3 & 6. Take the Scusset Beach Road exit.

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

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

A two-mile walk on paved paths around the pond. Meeting location: TD Bank parking lot at Fresh Pond Circle, Concord Avenue at Fresh Pond Parkway, Cambridge.

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

Sunday, October 2

Allens Pond, Dartmouth

8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will be birding the Beach Loop, Quansett Trail, and Allen's Neck Trails of Allen's Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in search of migrant passerines in the thickets, and ocean and marsh birds. Can be combined with Gooseberry Neck. Meeting location: Beach lot at the corner of East Beach Road and Horseneck Road.

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

Thursday, October 6

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will walk easy trails looking for birds. This is a good time for raptors. Beginners welcome. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Meeting location: Visitor parking lot off Monson Road in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find "Great Meadows" as this may take you to a different location.)

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



Saturday, October 8

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

8:00 a.m.–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. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Meeting location: Visitor parking lot off Monson Road in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find “Great Meadows” as this may take you to a different location.)



Trip leader: Jonathan Center, (978) 866-7391
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Ricci Field Conservation Land, Lincoln

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

This is often a great place for fall sparrows including Savannah, Field, White-crowned, and Lincoln's, as well as other migrants. This will be a two-mile walk. A scope may be helpful if you are comfortable carrying one, but there will be no sharing of optics with non-family participants. Meeting location: Minuteman NHP, Hartwell lot. This is on the north side of Route 2A between Old Bedford Road and Hanscom Road.

Trip leader: Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103
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Tuesday, October 11

Parker River NWR, Newbury

7:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

We will be walking the North Pool dike as well as visiting other spots. Note that an entrance fee or pass

is required. Meeting location: Parker River NWR parking lot #1.

Trip leader: Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187
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Saturday, October 15

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

A two-mile walk on paved paths around the pond. Meeting location: TD Bank parking lot at Fresh Pond Circle, Concord Avenue at Fresh Pond Parkway, Cambridge.

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

Birding Sketchcrawl — Fall 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 no later than October 13.

Trip leader: Laura de la Flor, (978) 741-0897
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Nahanton Park, Newton and other nearby locations

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

We will search for sparrows and other fall migrants at Nahanton Park and a possible other location to be determined closer to the date of the trip. Meeting location: Nahanton Park parking area off Winchester St., Newton, 1/4 mile north of the junction with Nahanton St.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (617) 755-1851
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Sunday, October 16

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. Co-sponsored by DCR. 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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Wednesday, October 19

Charles River Esplanade, Boston

7:30 a.m.–9:00 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 fall migrants as well as year-round residents. Co-sponsored with the Charles River Esplanade Association. Preregister on the Esplanade Association's website, esplanade.org. Meeting location: Meeting place and other details provided upon registration.

Trip leader: Cliff Cook, (339) 222-4518
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Saturday, October 22

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

We will look for fall migrants and resident birds. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadow and

woods, with some steep sections. 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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Boston Nature Center, Mattapan

8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Explore this urban oasis for sparrows and other possible fall migrants like Dickcissel and Blue Grosbeak. We will take an easy walk through varied habitats. Co-sponsored with the Boston Nature Center. Meeting location: Visitor's Center, 500 Walk Hill Street.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraroso, (617) 755-1851
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Cold Spring Park, Newton

9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

An easy walk on flat trails. We will look for fall migrants and resident birds. Co-sponsored with the Newton Conservators. Meeting location: End of the left side of Beacon Street parking lot.

Trip leader: Pete Gilmore, (617) 610-2477
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Sunday, October 23

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

This is roughly a two-mile walk on a level, paved path

around the pond. Meeting location: TD Bank parking lot at Fresh Pond Circle, Concord Avenue at Fresh Pond Parkway, Cambridge.

Trip leader: Gino Ellison, (617) 548-4673
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Saturday, October 29

Westborough WMA in two parts

7:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Part 1: 7:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m. / Part 2: 10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.. We will hike at a slow pace through mild to moderate trails in search of sparrows and other migrants. For the first part we will hike the Eastern trails between Lake Chauncy and Little Chauncy (about three miles). Then we will again meet at the meeting location. From there we will go over to the Wildlife HQs and hike the Western trails (about two miles). Join for either or both parts. Meeting location: Westborough Town Beach parking lot, Lyman Street, Westborough.

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