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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Greetings, Club Members,

Spring. It seems like just yesterday when brightly colored migrants returned to breed either here or farther north and west. In fall they will stream back through — many wearing more subtle colors. For some species, like Philadelphia Vireo and Connecticut Warbler, migration extends farther east in the fall increasing our viewing opportunities. Shorebirds will line up along our shores and tidal marshes. And once their nestlings have fledged, adult sparrows become more visible. Birding never stops!

The BBC continues to increase our membership. Guided by our mission statement, we strive to become more inclusive and diverse, as we support everyone interested in these feathered creatures around us. Our urban trips in Boston, Cambridge, and surrounding areas reflect the interest and dedication of both new and veteran birders and trip leaders of all identities. Young birders are showing up on walks in greater numbers, too, and leading walks when their schedules permit. The club has recently reestablished a Student/Youth Membership category to recognize and honor young birders.

And, female birders, too. The BBC has always included female trip leaders to places like the Lynn and Nahant marshes, Cambridge's Fresh Pond and the Leverett and Jamaica ponds, Squantum, Gloucester, the Middlesex Fells, and the Arnold Arboretum — all before 1919, before women even had the vote! By the early 1920s, women were club officers, in the roles of corresponding

secretary, then treasurer. It would not be until 1930 that a woman would be vice-president, and finally, president in 1991 (thank you Barbara Howell!). Women continue to lead walks and take leadership roles in the BBC, actively promoting and committing ourselves to our mission statement, which follows.

The Brookline Bird Club conducts birding trips in New England, offers and supports educational programs about birds and nature, and works to conserve birds and their habitats. Birding belongs to everyone: we welcome all who enjoy and care about birds, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, birding experience, or skill level.

Good birding to all.

— *Leslie Kramer, President, Brookline Bird Club*

FOCUS ON FEMALE BIRDERS

Connecting to Birds

A Young Girl's Discovery

“When did you start bird watching?” It's a fun question, especially between birders. It typically leads to shared stories where a bird is no longer just a bird — it may now be a robin, an oriole, or a flicker. The conversation gets animated. The outdoor world now seems different, more intimate, and everywhere you look could reveal a bird with a new name.

My interest started quite early, at about 6 years old. I was very lucky to have a grandfather that enjoyed feeding birds. I remember masses of Evening Grosbeaks visiting his homemade tray feeder in Lynnfield. It was mounted to the dining room window and, if I sat still, I could almost press my nose against the glass for great looks at their massive bills.

Other early memories that I have are of standing still in the backyard of our cottage in Ipswich waiting for birds to come close enough for a look. I didn't even know binoculars were a thing so I would just sit still and wait.

Every once in a while a robin would come within arms' reach, giving me an amazing look. Another time a chickadee landed inches from my head while I was resting on my favorite climbing tree. It looked into my eyes and I looked back. It was pure magic and I was hooked. Along with the cottage, we had a small wooden boat which took us all around Ipswich Bay. Summer days on the beach meant laying on my belly waiting for small shorebirds to stroll by. Later, I learned they were Piping and Semipalmated plovers.



It was later, on my 16th birthday, that I got my own binoculars and a softcover Peterson field guide to eastern birds. The binoculars were not fancy, just an inexpensive pair of Bushnell 7 x 35s, but they opened up a new world. While my grandfather's pair were huge and difficult to focus, my pair fit my hands perfectly.

My first true identification with this gear was a male American Redstart in my neighborhood in Wakefield. I was shaking as I carefully remembered the details while paging through the guide. I'd studied every page so I had a good idea of where to look. I was hooked to the point that I'd never leave the house without my field guide and binoculars.

I saw my lifer Ruddy Turnstone while in my high school French class looking out at a sandy softball field, soaked from rain the night before. My enthusiasm must have been infectious as my classmates and teacher were happy for me. Later that year, my family visited my grandparents now living in Florida. My folks included a trip to the Keys in which I birded the whole car ride down. It was like a dream come true seeing these exotic species up close, from the Brown Pelicans, to a "Great White" heron (now a subspecies of Great Blue Heron), and the spectacular Roseate Spoonbills, to name a few.

While I had to figure out the mechanics of birdwatching on my own, my family supported me. Even my friends gave me room to grow. Having seen me obsess over my field guide, my mom, my biggest fan, challenged me to call its author Roger Tory Peterson on the phone. A call

to the operator proved successful and I was talking to Roger a few minutes later. I asked him for his advice on art school and he could not have been more cordial. To this day, I smile when I see a copy of his field guide.

All along, I just kept pursuing this interest and found magic around every corner, from studying with a “real” ornithologist at college, to interning at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History Division of Birds, and to even meeting my husband Tim on a BBC Monday night shorebird walk almost 35 years ago. I hit the big 6-0 a couple of months ago and my interest is still going strong.

The method of birding has definitely changed over the years. As a young person, I felt like I was the only one out there and for this reason I am a big advocate of anything that makes it easier for people to come onboard, be it eBird, Merlin, or sharing information in person or online. The biggest change I see out in the field are the cameras. At first I was a bit perplexed, thinking that in order to be a birder you needed a pair of binoculars around your neck. After getting to know many of these younger birders, I realize that digital photography has really added a new and exciting dimension to this sport.

I remember hearing back in the early 80s that birdwatching was dying out as it was all little old ladies in tennis shoes. While I’m proud to now be one of those old ladies, I can report that birding is alive and well and really thriving. It’s the people and the wonderful tools that have really made things easier, more fun, and more accessible.

Birds have been very good to me and judging by the crowds watching birds around me, others feel the same way.

— Nancy Walker, active Brookline Bird Club member

A Tribute to Betty Anderson

Dedicated Naturalist, Citizen Scientist, and Role Model

In this edition of the BBC Bulletin, we pay tribute to Kathleen (Betty) Anderson, a skilled female ornithologist and naturalist who devoted decades to conservation in Massachusetts — njp, editor



Kathleen (Betty) Anderson (June 15, 1923 – August 24, 2018) touched many lives. Betty, as she was known among her friends and colleagues, originally hailed from Montana. She spent most of her adult life living with her family in Massachusetts.

When she and her husband Paul purchased Wolf Trap Hill Farm, a 104-acre tract of fields and forest in Middleboro, Betty began keeping a detailed daily journal on the status and phenology¹ of all the animals and plants there. Her journals documenting and detailing indications of climate change from her continuous observations may be among her most valuable professional contributions.

Her love and stewardship of the natural world radiated outward from the farm to the rest of Massachusetts as she taught and advocated on behalf of the environment, inspiring other people in all of her endeavors.

Always curious and ever-intrepid, Betty began her professional ornithological career in 1957, working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Encephalitis Field Station in Lakeville, where she was employed trapping,

¹ the study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life

banding, and bleeding birds in cedar swamps in Raynham as part of early research on Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

When her two children were young, Betty became a Mass Audubon teacher where weekly she introduced hundreds of young children to birds and natural history in school systems in southeastern Massachusetts.

As Betty's reputation and expertise in conservation-related activities broadened, her influence and experience grew similarly. What Betty produced throughout her life is truly remarkable. Here listed are some of her many achievements.



- 1960s directed netting and blood sampling of birds on Duxbury Beach
- **1969–1983, founded and directed Manomet Bird Observatory**
- 1973, one of the founders of Plymouth County Wildlands Trust
- 1974, one of the first women elected to membership in the Nuttall Ornithological Club
- 1984, one of only two women to serve as president of the Nuttall Ornithological Club
- 1984, received Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Arthur A. Allen Award, first person without a Ph.D. to earn this prestigious award
- 1997, received George Haydock Award, Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies
- 1981–2018, advised and eventually chaired Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program's Advisory Committee
- 2005, elected Fellow of American Ornithologists' Union

- 2007, received prestigious Governor Francis W. Sargent Award from Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
- 2008, elected Honorary member, Nuttall Ornithological Club
- 2009, received Mass Audubon's prestigious Allen H. Morgan Award
- Served on boards of Mass Audubon, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, New England Wildflower Society, North American Loon Fund, and American Birding Association

Throughout her career Betty authored more than 50 professional papers and published numerous popular articles in journals and magazines.

Betty gave so much of her knowledge, her friendship, and herself to so many people for so many years that her greatest legacy will forever be her love of other people and her own incalculable ability to enthuse, enlighten, educate, and motivate others to become the best that they can be.

And I'm confident that there are legions of ornithologists and conservationists throughout the country who *learned from what she produced*, which will long withstand the test of time.

The beacon that was Betty's life for me was a brilliant beam that significantly shaped my life and career. May her rich legacy live on forever, and the lessons that she taught me always remain a beacon for others to follow.

— Wayne Petersen

Wayne Petersen is director of the Massachusetts Important Bird Area Program for Mass Audubon Society, New England Regional Editor for North American Birds, and founding member of the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee. Wayne is especially interested in seabirds and shorebirds, and he derives great satisfaction from sharing his knowledge of the natural world with others.

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Unknown Women Bird Writers

Birding Literature Produced by Women from the late 1800s through World War II

This selection of nature writings "is a gift to all enthusiastic amateurs in natural history. . . . [Strom's] introductions match the quality of the best of the writing. . . . A delightful collection."

— Erma J. Fisk,
author of *The Peacocks of Baboquivari*

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REPORTS

Brookline Bird Club 2023 Statistical and Year-end Report

The Brookline Bird Club (BBC) recorded 275 species for 2023, based upon 200 trips reported from Massachusetts and out of state. We recorded 267 species in Massachusetts, three more than 2022, with 8 additional species reported from New Hampshire and Maine.

Due to weather, only one of the two August overnight pelagic trips went out, leaving from Hyannis to visit Veatch, Nantucket, and Atlantis canyons. Highlights included White-faced Storm-Petrel, South Polar Skua, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Long-tailed Jaeger, and an impressive 78 Audubon's Shearwaters. For the second year in a row, the boat lights attracted a migrating Prothonotary Warbler during the night. The November pelagic trip was pushed back into December, but still attracted good participation, and recorded Pomarine Jaeger, Northern Fulmar, and good numbers of wintering ducks, alcids and Black-legged Kittiwakes.

The club added a new species to its list: Virginia's Warbler, when Glenn d'Entremont's trip to the Outer Cape visited Putnam Farm in Orleans on October 8. Other good birds recorded in Massachusetts on (or seen from) shore in 2023 included: Northern Lapwing (Maplecroft Farm, Ipswich, January 1), Red-headed Woodpecker (Appleton Farm, January 1), Dovekie (Cape Ann, January 1), Kentucky Warbler (Cranberry Pond, Hingham, April 29), King Rail (Eastern Point, Gloucester, May 21), Seaside Sparrow (Allen's Pond, May 21 and June 4), Sandhill Crane (Cumberland Farms, October

29), Baird's Sandpiper (Plum Island, September 12), Blue Grosbeak (Putnam Farm, Orleans, October 8), Common Gallinule (Plum Island, November 4), Ash-throated Flycatcher (Halibut Point, November 4 and December 23), Black Vulture (Fairhaven, November 25).

Outside of Massachusetts, additional species were seen on the trips to the Lake Umbagog region in New Hampshire, and on the Rangeley Lakes trip to Maine. Bicknell's Thrush, Canada Jay, Philadelphia Vireo, Ruffed Grouse and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher were reported from NH, and Boreal Chickadee, Loggerhead Shrike and Olive-sided Flycatcher were recorded from the Maine trip, which also found Ruffed Grouse, Canada Jay, and Yellow-bellied Flycatcher.

Birds we missed in Massachusetts included Louisiana Waterthrush, Common Redpoll, Rough-legged Hawk, Ruffed Grouse, Snow Goose, Little Blue Heron, Redhead, Evening Grosbeak, Northern Shrike, Canvasback (increasingly a nemesis for the club, last reported in 2014!), Glaucous Gull, Eurasian Wigeon, King Eider, and Yellow-breasted Chat.

There were 376 species reported in eBird in 2023 for Massachusetts, of which the club's total of 267 represented 71 percent. The club reported the most species in Essex County (213), followed by Middlesex (148), Plymouth (146), Bristol (141), Suffolk (141), Norfolk (123) and Worcester (121) counties. Trips to Mount Auburn Cemetery recorded 109 species this year, including 24 species of warblers.

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

Date	Location	Species	Leader
1/1	Newburyport & vicinity	58	Laura de la Flor/Mark Burns
2/5	Scituate to Plymouth	61	Glenn d'Entremont/SSBC
3/2	Newburyport & vicinity	55	Barbara Volkle
4/29	South Shore	92	Glenn d'Entremont
5/14	Eastern Pt, Gloucester	76	Susan Hedman
6/18	Housatonic River, Oct. Mt.	67	Glenn d'Entremont/SSBC
7/15	Fruitlands, Harvard	49	Sandy Oxley/Rita Grossman
8/13	Squantum, Quincy	42	Glenn d'Entremont/SSBC
9/9	Plum Island	53	Nick Paulson
10/7	Plum Island	84	Nick Paulson
11/4	Plum Island	67	Linda Ferraresso
12/14	Cape Ann	34	Matt Sabourin

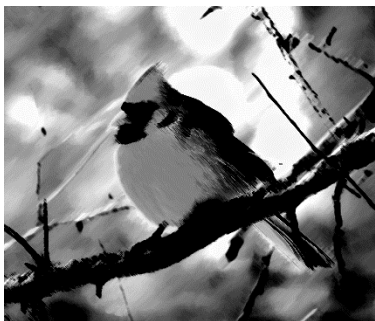
Thanks to all our trip leaders, especially those who led 10 or more trips in 2023: Cliff Cook, Peter Van Demark, Kathy Dia, Glenn d'Entremont, Linda Ferraresso, Thomas Michel, Nick Paulson, David Scott, and Dave Williams.

Thanks also to the organizations with whom the club cosponsors trips. These include the South Shore Bird Club, Cape Cod Bird Club, Menotomy Bird Club, the Charles River Esplanade Association, Boston Nature Center, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Minute Man National Historical Park, Waltham Land Trust, and the Franklin Park Coalition.

Excluding the pelagic trips, there were 286 eBird checklists associated with the 198 trips reported from Massachusetts. Over half the trips occurred in April and May. American Robin retained its position as the most frequently reported species, appearing on 204 checklists. Song Sparrow (193), Blue Jay (189) and Black-capped Chickadee (185) remained second, third

and fourth. Mourning Dove (166) and Northern Cardinal (161) switched places again. The big mover was Red-winged Blackbird (160), up from fourteenth last year to seventh, with American Goldfinch (155) and Common Grackle (155) tied for eighth and Downy Woodpecker (149) rounding out the top ten. The next five were American Crow, Mallard, Canada Goose, Tufted Titmouse and Northern Flicker.

— *David Scott, Club Statistician, Brookline Bird Club*



MEMBER MEETING

Resplendent Quetzal: Cloud Forest Icon

Hybrid Meeting with Alan Poole

October 25, 2024, 7:00-9:00 pm

A dazzling and legendary bird of highland forests of Mexico and Central America, Aztec and Mayan cultures revered the Resplendent Quetzal. How have conservation efforts failed it in many regions, but given it a boost in others? We will focus on the RQ's nesting and feeding ecology, on its central role in Mayan and Aztec religions, on how it fits into the increasingly threatened rainforests that sustain it, and on what lies ahead for this bird.



*Photo courtesy of
Christopher Ciccone*

Dr. Alan Poole will share the latest research on this spectacular bird. To register visit bit.ly/3Xat0cO

An ornithologist with training at Princeton, Yale, and Woods Hole, Alan Poole has had a long career in the worlds of research and publishing. He is an Associate of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, a Fellow of the American Ornithological Society, and the recently

retired editor of [*The Birds of North America*](#) — an 18-volume life history series now online at Cornell. Alan has spent over 40 years in studies of coastal birds, particularly Ospreys, and completed his second book on that species ([*Ospreys: The Revival of a Global Raptor*](#), Johns Hopkins University Press) in 2019. His new book [*Quetzal: Icons of the Cloud Forest*](#) (Zona Tropical Publications) was published in October 2023.

WEBINARS

Pelagic Birds Virtually

Webinar with Naeem Yusuff

Tuesday, August 13, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Join the Brookline Bird Club for a virtual pelagic trip! In this webinar we will cover all the best offshore locations in Massachusetts, including the opportunities for seeing pelagic birds on whale watches. There will be identification tips, and an overview of common birds that can be expected offshore, as well a couple of rarities. Open to all! Register at bit.ly/4e8nAop

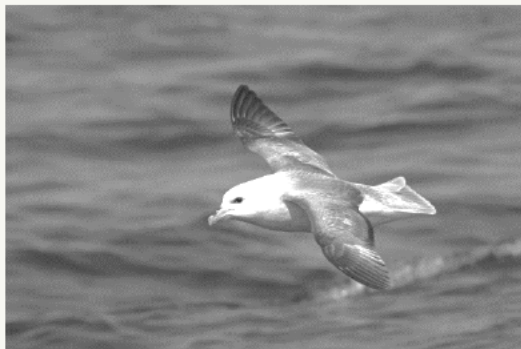


Photo: Northern Fulmar, credit Nick Bonomo

Naeem Yusuff has been pelagic birding with the BBC since moving to the state in 2004. He served as first mate on the BBC pelagic trips for many years, before taking over organizing the trips in 2019.

Sparrows: Those Little Brown Jobs

Webinar and Walk with Glenn d'Entremont

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 7:00-8:30 pm, webinar

Sunday, October 13, 2024, walk

It is time for the southbound migration of sparrows. Join this members-only webinar and walk to learn field marks, shapes, and sounds of these fascinating birds of our fields and forests. We will cover most of the sparrows with records in Massachusetts.

Zoom webinar and a follow-up field trip with a focus on sparrows. Location to be determined. Registration required. Members only. Details to be found at brooklinebirdclub.org

Glenn d'Entremont has been birding for a half century. He participates in breeding bird surveys, runs numerous BBC trips annually, and coordinates Christmas Bird Counts. Past president of the BBC, Glenn is currently a board member.



*Photo: Song Sparrow,
credit Marilyn Tillinghast*

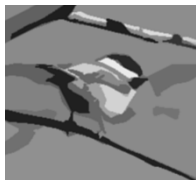
A Chickadee's Guide to Gardening

Webinar with Doug Tallamy

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 7–8:30 pm

In the past we have designed our landscapes strictly for our own pleasure, with no thought to how they might impact the natural world around us. Such landscapes do not contribute much to local ecosystem function and support little life. Using chickadees and other wildlife as guides, Tallamy will explain how plants that evolved in concert with local animals provide for their needs better than plants that evolved elsewhere. In the process he shows how creating living landscapes, by sharing our spaces with other living things, will not reduce our pleasurable garden experiences; it enhances them. Time and details to be found at brooklinebirdclub.org.

Entomologist Doug Tallamy is THE go-to authority on the importance of native plants for the survival of birds, insects, and life forms in general.



CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION

Bill Drummond Young Birder Scholarship Recipients



The Brookline Bird Club Conservation and Education Committee is pleased to announce our two annual Bill Drummond Young Birder Scholarship recipients, Evelyn Jones of Lunenburg and John Wysocki of Hamilton. Congratulations, Evelyn and John!

These scholarships cover the full cost (\$1690) of the Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens program at National Audubon's Hog Island camp on June 16-21, 2024.

This year's field of applicants was the strongest ever, and we thank all applicants for their interest. Evelyn, who started birding through a "penguin obsession," has been involved for years with the Mass Audubon camp at Wachusett Meadows, where she is now a Counselor in Training. She aspires to go into the field of bird conservation and ecology, and she hopes to learn things at Hog Island that will help her teach a new generation about the "magical world" of birds.

John, an active BBC member on field trips, has volunteered for the Lexington Conservation Commission by tracking, monitoring, and using his photos and recordings to document wildlife. He looks forward to learning from knowledgeable teachers and sharing his passion for birding with other teen birders at Hog Island.

The BBC continues to carry out the mission of our founders, who believed they had a “sacred obligation” to cultivate young birders and established a BBC Junior Department that offered bike-birding trips, lessons in drawing birds and conducting censuses, and visits to the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Maurice Broun, Chandler Robbins, Richard Veit, Peter Alden, and Chris Leahy, among others, were all once young BBC members, “full of wonderment” as one BBC president described them, who went on to become leaders of American ornithology and conservation. We are encouraged by the passion for birding and commitment to conservation we see in our scholarship recipients and other young birders we continue to welcome into the BBC.

Scholarships are supported through the generous donations of club members. To donate, you can designate an amount on the “BBC Young Birder Scholarship” line on the back page of the club bulletin when you renew membership, or donate online by clicking the Donate link on the BBC home page and entering an amount in the box for “Young Birder Scholarship.”

— *John Nelson, Chair, Conservation and Education
Committee, Brookline Bird Club*

Support National Wildlife Refuges

Purchase Duck Stamps

As birders, we treasure our visits to national wildlife refuges locally and nationally.

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. For every dollar you spend on a duck stamp, 98 percent goes toward protecting vital wetland habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System. Your stamp also provides free admission to refuges.



Chuck Black of Belgrade, Montana, won the 2023 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest with this oil painting of a Northern Pintail.

The Refuge System administers lands and waters across the US and territories, including 567 National Wildlife Refuges, 38 Wetland Districts, 5 Marine Monuments, and 63 Refuges with Wilderness Areas.

Of the 26 refuges in New England, 11 are in Massachusetts, including Parker River, Monomoy, Great Meadows, Oxbow, Assabet River, and Silvio O. Conte.

The 2024–2025 Federal Duck Stamp goes on sale this July. Buy your stamp at refuge offices and admission booths, the post office, on the BBC website [Duck Stamps - Brookline Bird Club](#), or at duckstamp.com

— *Barbara Volkle, Board Member, Brookline Bird Club*

TRIP SERIES

Birding on the Water



Half-Day Pelagic Trips

Join us on a half-day trip to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary this summer in search of seabirds. The BBC is partnering with these two whale-watching tour agencies to travel to Stellwagen — primary feeding grounds for the Humpback Whale, the endangered Right Whale, and other marine wildlife, including seabirds.

The BBC has reserved a limited block of discounted group tickets. Once these are sold, those interested may contact the boat service directly to purchase tickets at the regular price. These tours are open to all. Register online at brooklinebirdclub.org by July 12th. Confirmation and more information to be provided to registrants. **Trip leader:** Marilyn Tillinghast, (860) 729-0349, marilyntillinghast@gmail.com

Saturday, July 27

7 Seas Whale Watch Cruise, *Gloucester*

8:30 am–12:30 pm (meet at dock by 7:45 am)

63 Rodgers Street, Gloucester

Group ticket: \$38

<https://www.7seaswhalewatch.com/>

Thursday, August 15

Captain John's Whale Watch Cruise, *Plymouth*

2–6 pm (meet at dock by 1:15 pm)

10 Town Wharf, Plymouth

Group ticket: \$40

<https://www.captjohn.com/>

With the help of onboard naturalists, we will search for seabirds — storm petrels, shearwaters, gulls and terns, gannets, and other pelagic birds — as we enjoy the whales and other marine species we encounter.



Overnight Pelagic Trips

The Brookline Bird Club will host two overnight pelagic trips in August 2024 from Hyannis to Hydrographer Canyon area (**August 24-25th** and **August 26-27th**). We expect to reach warm Gulf Stream-influenced waters far offshore to see shearwaters, storm-petrels, jaegers and more! Possible targets include White-faced Storm-petrels, Band-rump Storm-petrel, and Audubon's Shearwater.

Trips leave at 6am from Hyannis on the first day, returning at 5pm on the second day. A fabulous chance to spend some time at sea looking for seabirds. Visit brooklinebirdclub.org/pelagics to register. Cost: BBC Members: \$340.00 non-members: \$380.00. Limit per trip: 50 participants. We maintain a waitlist if interest exceeds capacity.

See page 17 for details on the August 13th webinar entitled “Pelagic Birds Virtually” and page 12 for last year’s highlights.



Cruise Through Parker River Marshes
Sunday, August 31, 9:00 am - 11:30 am
Meet at dock by 8:40 am to board.

Explore Parker River National Wildlife Refuge from a new perspective on a cruise through the Parker River marshes! Join us on the Yankee Clipper docked in Newburyport Harbor for a leisurely cruise through the Refuge.

Enjoy close views of shorebirds, gulls, terns, and sparrows on this tour. A refuge naturalist will be on board to share the importance of this vast ecosystem.

Group discount tickets are available by registering on the BBC website no later than August 1; seating is limited. Confirmation and additional information will be provided to registrants.

Meeting location: Yankee Clipper, Waterfront Promenade Park, Merrimac Street, Newburyport
Special Rate: \$35 per person
harbortours.com

Trip leader: Marilyn Tillinghast, (860) 729-0349,
marilyntillinghast@gmail.com

Saturday Walks at Belle Isle Marsh

Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, East Boston

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207348>

The Brookline Bird Club is pleased to collaborate with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) of Massachusetts to offer walks at Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, a birding hotspot. Walks are led by DCR staff. We search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain. All Saturday walks start at 8:00 am.

July 6

Search for Osprey, large groups of egrets, migrating shorebirds, meadow and grassland breeders

August 3, August 17

Search for large groups of herons and egrets, common and rare shorebirds

September 7, September 21

Search for shorebirds during their peak in migration and passerines beginning their southerly migration

October 15, October 19

Search for raptors, native sparrows, finches, herons, and egrets

This is a traveling program by car or bike. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. **Meeting location:** Belle Isle Reservation main entrance parking lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston. **Trip leader:** Matthew Nash, (617) 721-4132, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Trips are also listed in sequence starting on page 31.

Sunday Walks at Halibut Point

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L374648>

A two-hour walk, about 1.5 miles, over easy-to-moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Chance of seeing nesting Green Herons on July trip. Cosponsored by DCR. Boots advisable.

Dates: July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20

Time: 8:00 –10 am

Meeting spot: Halibut Point State Park parking lot.

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

Directions: Follow the Route 128 North signs through two traffic circles to Route 127 intersection. Turn left onto Route 127 North (Eastern Avenue) toward Rockport, 3 miles. At 5-way intersection, turn left to stay on Route 127 North (toward Pigeon Cove, Annisquam) and follow for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Gott Avenue. Turn right into state park's parking lot

Parking at Halibut Point State Park: The parking lot is on Gott Avenue, just off Route 127. Trustees members park free year-round with membership card on dashboard. Lot is on CATA's Lanesville bus route from the Rockport Train Station.

<https://thetrustees.org/place/halibut-point-reservation/>

Trips are also listed in sequence starting on page 31.

Invitation to Pinnacle Rock Hawkwatch

Middlesex Fells Reservation

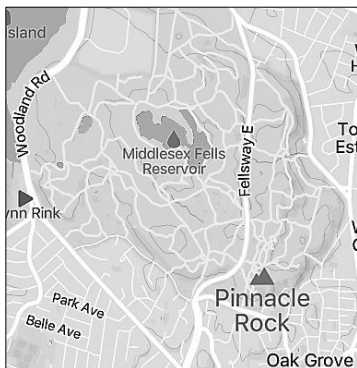
Craig Jackson, who has been running the Pinnacle Rock hawk watch site in the Middlesex Fells Reservation for many years, is extending an invitation to BBC members to join him there this fall. Since hawkwatching is so weather dependent, rather than pick specific dates we are including an informational notice here. Participants may call Craig the night before to check on his plans (781-322-0306). Alternatively, they may call during the day to see if he is on site (781-873-9358).

Counting takes place many days from mid-September to mid-November. Strong northwest winds provide the best conditions for hawk migration at this site. If the winds are strong dress warmly in layers. Although the elevation is not great, hiking there does involve a moderately difficult uphill climb.

The easiest route to the site is to follow the white-dot trail from the parking lot on Fellsway East.

One can walk from Oak Grove Station on the MBTA Orange Line.

Be sure to check directions and information about the site ahead of time on hawkcount.org (Click on Massachusetts and then click on Pinnacle Rock.)



IMPORTANT TRIP NOTICES

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. For additional information, please contact field trip coordinator John Edmondson at jedmondson@brooklinebirdclub.org

Notes to Trip Participants

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 brooklinebirdclub.org. Some BBC trips have entrance fees per vehicle, including many national wildlife refuges. Parker River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) charges a \$5 entrance fee at the gatehouse. Great Meadows NWR charges a small fee at the Concord Unit on Monson Road. In both cases a Duck Stamp and other interagency prepaid passes will cover the cost. duckstamp.com

eBird

Follow each trip's "Meeting location" instructions, not eBird directions. eBird links to current data on sightings (where the trip is birding) but not where the trip meets.

Key to Day Trip Icons

This key indicates icons used within the Day Trips section to indicate a feature of that specific trip.

Find one of these series-related trips in the Day Trips section which begins on the next page.

Birding 101

Suitable for beginning and young birders and those working on their ID skills



Birding Boston

Trips taking place in the City of Boston



Conservation

Search for Massachusetts Endangered breeding birds



Family Friendly

Suitable for families with pre-teen children



Limited Mobility

Visit areas where birds can be seen from the car or on short walks on easy terrain



Loaner Binoculars

Loaner binoculars are available on request. Please email trip leader to reserve a pair.



DAY TRIPS

Saturday, July 6

Early Morning at Lynnfield Marsh

6:30 am – 9:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207382>



Approximately 1.5 mile walk along an old railbed and through forest to the marsh edge in search of American and Least Bittern, and other wetland species such as Virginia Rail, Sora, Marsh Wren, raptors, herons, egrets, and blackbirds. If time permits we may also walk the Partridge Island trail nearby. All skill levels welcome. Terrain can be uneven and muddy with overgrowth on trail. Insect repellents a must for ticks and mosquitos. No restrooms. Rain cancels. **Meeting location:** Bethlehem School, 127 Summer Street, Lynnfield. **Trip leader:** Marilyn Tillinghast, (860) 729-0349, marilyntillinghast@gmail.com

Quabbin Reservoir, Pelham

7:00 am – tbd

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1218639>

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!) Cosponsored 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

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 26

Sunday, July 7

Southwick WMA, Connecticut

7:30 am – 10:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L820432>

We will hike the fields focusing on grassland breeders, particularly Eastern Meadowlark and Grasshopper Sparrow. **Meeting location:** Suffield WMA parking lot off Babb Road in Connecticut right by the state line. **Trip leader:** Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401, grendelpgill@yahoo.com



Monday, July 8

Crane WMA Evening Walk, Mashpee

6:00 pm– 8:30 pm

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L468673>

This unique grassland habitat is host to a rich variety of species, including Eastern Meadowlark, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink, American Kestrel, and possibly Blue Grosbeak. We will focus on observing the meadowlarks and Grasshopper Sparrows for signs of breeding, especially carrying food and recent fledglings. We will finish up with listening for Eastern Whip-poor-will calls in surrounding pine barrens after sunset. **Meeting location:** From Mashpee rotary, take 151 west (Nathan Ellis Highway) approximately 4.3 miles. Shortly after Sandwich Road intersection, entrance to Crane will be on right next to Allietta Softball Field. **Trip leader:** Jeff Bryant, five_loons@yahoo.com



Wednesday, July 10

Slow Birding Revere Beach

9:00 am – 10:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L453703>



Led by DCR Park Staff. Come observe the beautiful details of birds and their behaviors and share observations with others in the group. Pose questions and refresh memories that observations elicit. Birds we expect to see include Piping Plover, Manx Shearwater, Common Tern and resident gulls. **Meeting location:** Across from 21 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA. Park on boulevard near meeting spot. Display a homemade sign with the letters "BBC" on your dashboard throughout the program's scheduled times to avoid the 9:00 am to 10 am parking restriction. Be sure to follow all other parking regulations which are strictly enforced. **Trip leader:** Matthew Nash, (617) 721-4132, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Saturday, July 13

Birch Hill WMA, Royalston

7:00 am– 12:00 pm

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L20119135>

Includes three-to-five miles of walking relatively flat terrain. Might include some bushwacking and driving on hard-packed dirt roads. **Meeting location:** First parking area about one-half mile down access road (New Boston Road on maps) off of Winchendon Road in Royalston at Royalston/ Winchendon line. **Trip leader:** Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442, gdentremont1@comcast.net; Ernie LeBlanc

Saturday, July 13 (cont.)

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 am – 10:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

All the nesting birds will still be around, with good views of young out of nest being fed by parents: Veery, Indigo Bunting, Gray 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. For directions, see <http://www.fruitlands.org/visit> **Trip**

leaders: Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057, cassandra.oxley@gmail.com; Rita Grossman, (978) 264-4077, rgibesgrossman@gmail.com

Mass Audubon Rough Meadows, Rowley

7:00 am – 11:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5958278>



We walk through the sanctuary looking for shorebirds and other marsh specialties. Targets will be waders, breeding songbirds, Saltmarsh Sparrows, and maybe even, if lucky, Seaside Sparrow. Walking is moderate and trails are accessible. It may be warm and there will be bugs! **Meeting location:** Gravel lot off Patmos Road in Rowley. **Trip leader:** Davey Walters, (978) 818-2131, daveygwalters@gmail.com

Millennium Park, West Roxbury

7:30 am

Trip added after print date.

See <https://brooklinebirdclub.org/tripevent/millennium-park-7/> for details.

Thursday, July 18

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:00 am – 10:00 am

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L208284>



We will walk easy trails looking for shorebirds, ducks, wading birds, rails, and nesting songbirds. This is also a great time to look for butterflies and other interesting insects. Note that entrance fee or pass is required.

Meeting location: Visitor parking lot at 179 Monson Road, off Route 62 (Bedford Road) in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find "Great Meadows" as this may take you to a different location.) **Trip leaders:** Cris Van Dyke, cris_vandyke@yahoo.com; Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103, katbirder@gmail.com

Saturday, July 20

Birding Sketchcrawl — Summer Series

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Come and bird/sketch favorite patches around Essex and Middlesex counties. **Meeting location:** Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than July 18. **Trip leader:** Laura de la Flor, (978) 741-0897, anhinga3@comcast.net

Charles River Path, Waltham

8:00 am – 10:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L838161>

Stroll along an easy-to-walk paved path. Possible sightings include Wood Ducks, Yellow Warbler, Warbling Vireo, and Great Blue Heron. Cosponsored with Waltham Land Trust and Menotomy Bird Club. **Meeting location:** West of Shaw's Supermarket parking lot on River Street, Waltham, near footbridge over Charles River. **Trip leader:** Emily Szczypek, plover08@yahoo.com

Sunday, July 21

◀ Halibut Point trip described on page 27

Saturday, July 27

Millennium Park, West Roxbury

See <https://brooklinebirdclub.org/tripevent/millennium-park-7/> for details.

Sunday, July 28

Hatches Harbor Fire Road to Race Point Light,
Provincetown, 8:00 am –

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L516706>

We will follow fire road to dike separating Hatches Harbor from airport that leads out to both harbor and Race Point. Gulls, terns, shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors, and passerines are among many species we might see. There could be wet conditions on way out to lighthouse, so you may want to have a pair of boots. Low tide is at 9:51 am. Cosponsored with Cape Cod Bird Club. **Meeting location:** From Race Point Road head in the direction of Herring Cove Beach. Just past the Province Lands Visitor Center take a left onto Province Lands Road and head south about a mile. Meet at the dirt parking lot for the Hatches Harbor Trail on the west side of Province Lands Road. **Trip leader:** Ross Sormani, rsormani@yahoo.com

Saturday, August 3

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:00 am – 10:00 am

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L208284>

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

Meeting location: Visitor parking lot at 179 Monson Road, off Route 62 (Bedford 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

Saturday, August 3 (cont.)

Squantum, Quincy

7:00 am – 10:00 am

We'll check marshes and mudflats in Squantum for shorebirds, starting at Mosswetuset Hummock and visiting other spots nearby. At high tide around 10:00 am, we'll try checking high-tide roosts for shorebirds as well. Be prepared for possibility of biting insects.

Cosponsored with South Shore Bird Club. **Meeting**

location: Mosswetuset Hummock parking area off East Squantum Street, Quincy. **Trip leader:** Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442, gdentremont1@comcast.net

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 26

Wednesday, August 14

Slow Birding Revere Beach

9:00 am – 10:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L453703>



Led by DCR Park Staff. Come observe beautiful details of birds and their behaviors and share observations with others in group. Pose questions and memories that observations elicit. Birds we expect to see include resident gulls, Common Eider and perhaps arriving White-winged Scoters. **Meeting location:** Across from 21 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA. Park on Revere Beach Boulevard near the meeting spot, display a homemade sign with the letters "BBC" on your dashboard throughout the program's scheduled times to avoid the 9:00 am to 10 am parking restriction. Be sure to follow all other parking regulations which are strictly enforced. **Trip leader:** Matthew Nash, (617) 721-4132, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Wednesday, August 14 (cont.)

**Shorebirds, Herons, Swallows & More
at Plum Island PRNWR, Newburyport**

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L129047>



Shorebirds, herons, and swallows. Bring a chair, bug spray, and water. Trip runs until dark. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required. Restroom available.

Meeting location: Parking Lot 4 for Hellcat area at Parker River NWR. Restroom available. **Trip leader:** Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187, dave.williams6@gmail.com



Thursday, August 15

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

5:45 pm – 7:45 pm

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L208284>



We will walk slowly looking for rails, shorebirds, wading birds, and migrating Common Nighthawks. The first portion of the walk is .6 miles round trip. Those to wish to join us on an extended walk with permission to enter private property, to look for night-herons. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. **Meeting location:** Observation tower adjacent to visitor parking lot at 179 Monson Road, off Route 62 (Bedford Road) in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find "Great Meadows" as this may take you to a different location.) **Trip leaders:** Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103, katbirder@gmail.com; Cris Van Dyke, cris_vandyke@yahoo.com

Saturday, August 17

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 26

Sunday, August 18

Early Morning at Lynnfield Marsh

6:30 am – 9:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207382>



Approximately 1.5 mile walk along an old railbed and through forest to the marsh edge in search of American and Least bitterns, and other wetland species such as Virginia Rail, Sora, Marsh Wren, raptors, herons, egrets, and blackbirds. If time permits we may also walk the Partridge Island trail nearby. All skill levels welcome. Terrain can be uneven and muddy with overgrowth on trail. Insect repellents a must for ticks and mosquitos. No restrooms. Rain cancels. **Meeting location:** The Bethlehem School, 127 Summer Street, Lynnfield. **Trip leader:** Marilyn Tillinghast, (860) 729-0349, marilyntillinghast@gmail.com



Delaney WMA, Stow

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207363>

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. Be prepared for poison ivy. **Meeting location:** Boat launch parking lot off Harvard Road in Stow. **Trip leader:** Cliff Cook, (339) 222-4518, ccook13@gmail.com

◀ Halibut Point trip described on page 27

Wednesday, August 21

Plum Island PRNWR, Newburyport

3:30 pm – 6:30 pm

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L129046>



Enjoy late afternoon colors and birds at PRNWR at a slow and easy pace as we search refuge hotspots for shorebirds and waders, as well as Tree Swallows and other regular species. Short walks on flat trails. Insect repellents highly recommended. Entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms available. **Meeting location:** Parking Lot 1 at Parker River NWR. **Trip leader:** Marilyn Tillinghast, (860) 729-0349, marilyntillinghast@gmail.com

Saturday, August 24

Shore Birding Around Boston

7:30 am – 12:00 pm

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207348>



Stops may include Belle Isle Marsh, The Key, Revere Beach, and Winthrop. Please be prepared for mosquitoes at our first two stops. **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 pm – 7:45 pm

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L1039319>

Join us for a pleasant evening of watching nighthawk migration along the Nashua River valley. Bring a lawn chair or a camp stool. Rain date: Sunday August 25. **Meeting location:** Half-way down hill (near Oxbow refuge sign) on Still River Depot Road in Harvard. **Trip leader:** Don MacFarlane, (978) 897-7567, donjmacfarlane@gmail.com

Saturday, August 31

Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Marshfield

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Cosponsored 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 am – 10:30 am

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L1039319>

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, jbcen@verizon.net

Friday, September 6

Great Neck, Ipswich

7:00 am – 11:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2400961>

Sandwiched between Crane Beach and Plum Island, Great Neck in Ipswich offers a variety of birding habitats in a concentrated area. Early songbird migrants drop into the woods by Clark Pond. The mudflats of Plum Island Sound attract shorebirds and waders (tide-depending). Minimal driving with some moderate walking on even terrain. Majority of time will be spent at best vantage points. **Meeting location:** Pavilion Beach in Ipswich off Little Neck Road. Trip leader will be there a little earlier watching for birds leaving roost and migrants arriving. Rain or shine! **Trip leader:** Davey Walters, (978) 818-2131, daveygwalters@gmail.com

Saturday, September 7

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 26

Sunday, September 8

Plum Island PRNWR, Newburyport

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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 10

Plum Island PRNWR, Newburyport

7:00 am – 11:00 am

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. Restrooms available. **Meeting location:** Parking Lot 1 at Parker River NWR. **Trip leader:** Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187, dave.williams6@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 11

Charles River Esplanade, Boston

7:30 am – 9:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L515554>

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. Cosponsored with the Charles River Esplanade Association. Preregister on their website: <https://events.humanitix.com/bird> **Meeting location:** Meeting location and other details provided upon registration. **Trip leader:** To Be Determined



Wednesday, September 11 (cont.)

Slow Birding Revere Beach

9:00 am – 10:30 am



<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L453703>

Led by DCR Park Staff. Come observe the beautiful details of birds and their behaviors and share observations with others in the group. Pose questions and refresh memories that observations elicit. Birds we expect to see include resident gulls, Common Eider and perhaps arriving White-winged Scoters. **Meeting location:** Across from 21 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere, MA. Park on Revere Beach Boulevard near the meeting spot, display a homemade sign with the letters "BBC" on your dashboard throughout the program's scheduled times to avoid the 9:00 am to 10:00 am parking restriction. Be sure to follow all other parking regulations which are strictly enforced. **Trip leader:** Matthew Nash, (617) 721-4132, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

Saturday, September 14

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 am – 9:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

We will look for warblers, thrushes, sparrows, and raptors, among many other birds. Expect to walk about 2 miles on trails through meadow and woods, with some steep sections. **Meeting location:** Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard. For directions, see <http://www.fruitlands.org/visit> **Trip leaders:** Rita Grossman, (978) 264-4077, rgibesgrossman@gmail.com; Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057, cassandra.oxley@gmail.com

Saturday, September 14 (cont.)

Cold Spring Park, Newton

8:00 am – 9:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L633151>

This large multi-use city park offers an easy 1.4-mile loop through mixed forest, open green areas, and red maple swamplands, attracting a surprising array of resident and migratory birds. Portapotties available.

Meeting location: Use the Beacon Street entrance with parking and meet by the kiosk at the east end. **Trip**

leader: Becky Briesacher, (508) 981-6935, becky.briesacher@gmail.com

Sunday, September 15

Bolton Flats WMA, Lancaster

7:00 am – 10:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L452346>

This walk will focus on fall migrant land birds 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, jbcenter@verizon.net

Sunday, September 15 (cont.)

Plum Island PRNWR, Newburyport

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

We will drive and carpool down the Parker River Refuge in search of shorebirds and fall migrants. **Meeting location:** Parking Lot 1 at Parker River NWR. **Trip leader:** Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

◀ Halibut Point trip described on page 27

Tuesday, September 17

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

8:00 am – 11:00 am

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L208284>



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 at 179 Monson Road, off Route 62 (Bedford Road) in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find "Great Meadows" as this may take you to a different location.) **Trip leader:** Chris Hughes, (781) 929-3179, chris@worldwidehughes.com

Saturday, September 21

Autumnal Equinox Walk

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

Saturday, September 21 (cont.)

First Encounter Beach, Eastham

8:00 am –

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L464527>

We will walk along the marsh trail bordered by the Herring River to observe shorebirds, herons, egrets, gulls, and terns gathering in numbers to forage on the outgoing tide. We'll also encounter other species, including a variety of passerines and raptors. You may want to wear beach sandals or boots. Low tide is about 6:42 am. Cosponsored with Cape Cod Bird Club.

Meeting location: Follow Samoset Road to the farthest parking area. **Trip leader:** Mary Jo Foti, (914) 262-5878, maryjo1226@yahoo.com

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 26

Sunday, September 22

Delaney WMA, Stow

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207363>

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. Be prepared for poison ivy. **Meeting location:** Boat launch parking lot off Harvard Road in Stow. **Trip leader:** Cliff Cook, (339) 222-4518, ccook13@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 25

Charles River Esplanade, Boston

7:30 am – 9:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L515554>



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. Cosponsored with the Charles River Esplanade Association. Preregister on their website: <https://events.humanitix.com/bird>

Meeting location: Meeting location and other details provided upon registration. **Trip leader:** Cliff Cook, (339) 222-4518, ccook13@gmail.com

Thursday, September 26

Fall Migrants at Roslindale Wetlands

Urban Park

7:30 am – 8:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746>



A small but mighty urban wild that offers a variety of habitat. Expect to see a variety of woodpeckers, resident birds, warblers, and other migratory species, as well as a surprise or two. The path is flat with a mix of gravel and dirt surfaces with newly added boardwalks on the wetter sections. Boots are strongly advised. **Meeting location:** Coniston Road entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn Street entrances. **Trip leader:** Judith Robichaud, (617) 319-3807, juder811@gmail.com

Saturday, September 28

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 am – 9:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207370>

A two-mile walk on (mostly) paved paths around the pond. In addition to the “usual suspects,” we are likely to see some of the fall warblers, plus possibly a few of the Weird Ducks that have started to arrive. **Meeting**

location: Meet in the parking lot of the TD Bank at Fresh Pond Circle, Concord Avenue at Fresh Pond Parkway — but do not park here! The Trader Joe’s/TD Bank lots are now patrolled in early morning, and you should plan to park elsewhere. Parking is available at the Alewife T station; limited metered street parking is found on Wheeler and Fawcett Streets in Cambridge and on Concord Avenue in Belmont. **Trip leader:** Thomas Michel, 617-365-1102, Thomas_Michel@hms.harvard.edu

Rock Meadow, Belmont

7:00 am – 9:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L593404>

Come join us for a walk at scenic Rock Meadow and Beaver Brook North, home of open fields, wetlands, ample woods and edge habitat, and public gardens which attract a wide variety of migrating song birds. Hiking is relatively easy and should be a bit under two miles total at most, if we venture further into Beaver Brook North. Note that there are no public rest rooms, but a portapotty may be available. **Meeting location:** The lot at 248 Mill Street at 6:30 am. **Trip leader:** Matt Sabourin, (413) 575-9528, Accipiter22@gmail.com

Sunday, September 29

Arlington Reservoir, Arlington

7:30 am – 9:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L358557>



In the fall water levels are lowered creating good conditions for ducks and shorebirds. We will also visit the adjacent Lexington community farm. Birds are found feasting on the remains of the crops planted there. We will walk about a mile on wide paths and some uneven ground (possibly muddy). Note that the reservoir area is a public park and people walk dogs here frequently.

Cosponsored with Menotomy Bird Club. **Meeting**

location: Meet in the parking lot off Lowell Street in Arlington, directly across from Westmoreland Avenue.

Trip leader: John Edmondson, (781) 859-9450, johnhedmondson@gmail.com

Thursday, October 3

Fall Migrants at Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:30 am – 8:30 am

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Saturday, October 5

Outer Cape Cod

6:00 am – 5:00 pm

All Day. This trip should record close to 100 species covering Canada Goose through House Sparrow, both of which might be missed. Cosponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. **Meeting location:** Bourne commuter lot adjacent to the McDonald's at the intersection of Routes 3 and 6. Take the Scusset Beach Road exit. **Trip leader:** Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442, gdentremont1@comcast.net

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

8:00 am – 11:00 am

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L208284>



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 at 179 Monson Road, off Route 62 (Bedford 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

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 26

Sunday, October 6

King's Beach, Swampscott/Lynn

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L813701>



Let's take a look at gulls! Gulls take three to four years to reach adult plumage. And for each year there's a winter and a summer plumage. This 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. Smiles required. **Meeting location:** The corner of Eastern Avenue and Lynn Shore Drive, across the street from 3 Lynn Shore Drive. **Trip leader:** Shilo McDonald, (617) 513-6284, smcdonald@brooklinebirdclub.org

Tuesday, October 8

Plum Island PRNWR, Newburyport

7:30 am – 11:00 am

We will be walking the North Pool dike as well as visiting other spots. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms available. **Meeting location:** Parking Lot 1 at Parker River NWR. **Trip leader:** Dave Williams, (781) 439-7187, dave.williams6@gmail.com

Thursday, October 10

Fall Migrants at Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:30 am – 8:30 am

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Saturday, October 12

Cold Spring Park, Newton

8:00 am – 9:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L633151>

This large multi-use city park offers an easy 1.4-mile loop through mixed forest, open green areas, and red maple swamplands, attracting a surprising array of resident and migratory birds. Portapotties available.

Meeting location: Use the Beacon Street entrance with parking and meet by the kiosk at the east end. **Trip leader:** Becky Briesacher, (508) 981-6935, becky.briesacher@gmail.com

Saturday, October 12 (cont.)

Nahanton Park, Newton and Other Nearby Locations

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L458870>

We will search for sparrows and other fall migrants at Nahanton Park and a possible other location to be determined nearer the date of the trip. **Meeting**

location: Nahanton Park parking area off Winchester Street, Newton, one-quarter mile north of the junction with Nahanton Street. **Trip leader:** Linda Ferrarresso, (617) 755-1851, tattler1@comcast.net

Birding Sketchcrawl –

Fall Series

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

location: Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than October 10. **Trip leader:** Laura de la Flor, (978) 741-0897, anhinga3@comcast.net



Sketches by trip leader Laura de la Flor



Sunday, October 13

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 am – 9:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207370>

A two-mile walk on (mostly) paved paths around the pond. In addition to the “usual suspects,” we are likely to see some of the fall warblers, plus possibly a few of the Weird Ducks that have started to arrive. **Meeting location** Meet in the parking lot of the TD Bank at Fresh Pond Circle, Concord Avenue, at Fresh Pond Parkway — but do not park here! The Trader Joe’s/TD Bank lots are now patrolled in early morning, and you should plan to park elsewhere. Parking is available at the Alewife T station; limited metered street parking is found on Wheeler and Fawcett streets in Cambridge and on Concord Avenue in Belmont. **Trip leader:** Thomas Michel, 617-365-1102, Thomas_Michel@hms.harvard.edu

Arlington Reservoir, Arlington

7:30 am – 9:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L358557>



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Saturday, October 19

Hellcat at Plum Island PRNWR, Newburyport

7:00 am – 11:00 am

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L129046>

During the past few years the Refuge has opened the dike to hiking during National Wildlife Refuge Week. We will plan to do that hike if the dike is again open this year. Otherwise we hike the boardwalk and normal dike area. **Meeting location:** Parking Lot 4 for Hellcat area at Parker River NWR. **Trip leader:** Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401, grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:30 am – 9:30 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

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. For directions, see <http://www.fruitlands.org/visit> **Trip leaders:** Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057, cassandra.oxley@gmail.com; Rita Grossman, (978) 264-4077, rgibesgrossman@gmail.com

Cold Spring Park, Newton

8:00 am – 11:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L633151>



An easy walk on flat trails. We will look for fall migrants and resident birds. **Meeting location:** End of the left side of Beacon Street parking lot. **Trip leader:** Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

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Sunday, October 20

Westborough WMA in Two Parts, Northborough

7:30 am – 1:00 pm

<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L464598>

Part 1: 7:30 am -10:15 am

Part 2: 10:30 am -1:00 pm

We will hike at a slow pace through mild, moderate trails in search of sparrows and other migrants. Join for either or both parts of this trip.

- For **Part 1** we will hike the eastern trails between Lake Chauncy and Little Chauncy (about three miles).
- For **Part 2** we will meet at the same meeting location. From there we will go over to the Mass Wildlife Field Headquarters and hike the western trails (about 2 miles).

Meeting location: Bartlett Pond / Watson Park, Lyman Street, Northborough. **Trip leader:** Nick Paulson, (508) 330-4401, grendelpgill@yahoo.com

Sunday, October 20

◀ Halibut Point trip described on page 27

Saturday, October 26

Boston Nature Center, Mattapan

8:00 am – 11:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207424>

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. Cosponsored with the Boston Nature Center. **Meeting location:** Visitor's Center, 500 Walk Hill Street. **Trip leader:** Linda Ferrareso, (617) 755-1851, tattler1@comcast.net



Sunday, October 27

Cumberland Farms Fields, Halifax

7:00 am – 10:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L783779>

We will walk about 1.5 miles on gravel paths in search of late fall sparrows. This is usually a good spot for Lincoln's and Clay-colored sparrows. We never know what else might show up. The leader will arrive early to listen for Great Horned Owls. **Meeting location:** Small parking area on River Street in Halifax, about one-half mile from Route 105. **Trip leader:** Ray Bedard, (978) 394-3959, rayray5x@yahoo.com

Thursday, October 31

Barretts Mill Conservation Area, Concord

8:00 am – 10:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2415408>

This farmland is often a great place for fall sparrows including Savannah, Field, and White-crowned, as well as American Pipit and occasional Dickcissel. **Meeting location:** conservation area lot, just east of 363 Barrett's Mill Road, Concord. **Trip leader:** Kathy Dia, (617) 480-5103, katbirder@gmail.com

Sunday, November 3

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 am – 9:00 am

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207370>

two-mile walk on (mostly) paved paths around the pond. In addition to the "usual suspects", we are likely to see some of the fall warblers, plus possibly a few of the Weird Ducks that have started to arrive. **Meeting location:** Meet in the parking lot of the TD Bank at Fresh

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BBC Trip Leaders July 1 to November 3, 2024

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