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for details on events and trips which
are added as the season progresses.

* NB: Trips that are part of a series appear first, starting with the Mount Auburn Cemetery trips. The index on pages 66, 67 lists all trips in sequence.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, BBC Members,

Spring is a highlight for many birders, and the Brookline Bird Club knows how to do migration right. We continue to offer many trips: in cities, suburbs, and rural areas; along shorelines, ponds, and rivers; and even in the mountains.

Beyond that, the club represents a bipartisan community of like-minded individuals who know the value and importance of wildlife and wild places. These days how we conserve these resources is under threat as we all know.

Most recently, federal funds devoted to conserving land, waters, and wildlife have been cut. Natural history experts — biologists, researchers, visitor services and refuge staff — have been let go. These actions have real world implications for the health and well-being of wild birds. Programs and conservation projects affecting migratory birds are in jeopardy. More cuts are likely to follow. Sale, leasing, and privatization of public lands are likely ahead.

I find it hard to put my passion and pain into a call for action but we must speak up for our wildlife and wild places before more irrevocable damage is done. If we don't, who will?

It's difficult to predict what will take place, but the BBC will certainly be tracking the situation and developing strategies for effective actions.

Look to the Brookline Bird Club and other like-minded organizations for news and guidance. We must stay informed and do more.

— *Leslie Kramer, President, Brookline Bird Club*

HOW DO PEOPLE BECOME BIRD WATCHERS?

Eliot Taylor, Sherborn

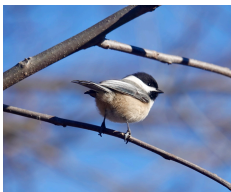
When I was in the 6th grade, my teacher was interested in birds, and every other week we had someone from the Massachusetts Audubon Society lecture and show slides on conservation and the various balances of nature. After the leaves were off of the trees, I littered the classroom with about 60 birds' nests that I collected as a nature project. Although I found the nests fascinating, I was really more interested in climbing trees. So I lived through the next few years not knowing a wood thrush from a yellow warbler, and caring less.

Then one spring day it happened. I was walking through the woods when I heard a clear two-note, two-pitched "fee-bee" from the top of a big pine tree. I knew that there was a bird called a phoebe, and I figured that I was hearing one. As the bird continued, I started wondering what would happen if I tried to imitate it. Every sporting goods store sold duck and crow calls, and I had heard of people luring birds by whistling. I looked all around and made absolutely sure that I was alone — even at 14 I knew that people shouldn't be seen whistling at birds.

I tried my imitation. As I watched the top of the tree, I saw the bird drop down about 10 feet, look my way and continue to give his call. After three minutes, two birds flew down and landed on a dead branch within five feet of me. Now I could see that they were chickadees, that is unless phoebes looked like chickadees and occasionally say "chickadee." The next day I visited the library and found out that phoebes do not look like chickadees and that chickadees say "fee—bee" and that phoebes do not say "chickadee."

A few days later I was in the woods whistling "chickadee" when I heard "towhee" and "drink your tea" calls. Again, I tried imitations and in a few minutes I had a male and a female towhee within 15 feet. I now had two species on my "Attracted-by-Imitating" list. After one more trip to the library to look up towhees, I went to a store and bought my first bird book.

My third species was the whip-poor-will. One night after a Boy Scout meeting, we heard one calling from the cliff in the woods behind a cemetery. We formed a circle around the cliff and closed in, and two of the boys caught a glimpse of the bird as it flew away.



I knew that I could attract black-capped chickadees and rufous-sided towhees, so I started whistling whip-poor-will calls. In a few moments this bird returned and landed in a nearby bush where we could all see it. After I called a few more times, it disappeared. As we walked the half-mile back to my house we kept laughing and giving calls. It was a big joke to us but not for the bird — during the next four nights I was awakened at two a.m. by a whip-poor-will in the forsythia bushes under my bedroom window!

A year or two later I was sitting on the same cliff behind the cemetery at twilight whistling at hermit thrushes, when the first whip-poor-will of the evening called. I returned the favor and the bird flew down the path and landed on the cliff about 20 feet away. It was still fairly light, and we looked at each other. I called again and the whip-poor-will flew over and landed on my left thigh. I sat motionless and watched as it jumped down between my feet and then up onto my right thigh. Then another whip-poor-will flew over the cliff, giving some "chuck" calls, and my bird flew into the trees behind

me. When I called again it flew back and landed on my left shoulder for about 15 seconds before leaving for good.

Whenever I hear a new bird I try my best to imitate it. If I can get either the pitch or the rhythm, the bird may come. Of course, if I can get both the pitch and rhythm my odds are greatly increased. The next time that you are in the woods, all alone, try whistling the chickadee's "fee-bee" call or something else. You too may be pleasantly surprised.

Here is a list of 55 birds that I have lured by imitating their calls: screech, great horned, barred and saw-whet owls; whip-poor-will; great-crested and Traill's flycatcher; wood pewee; blue jay; black-capped chickadee; tufted titmouse; Carolina wren; mockingbird; catbird; brown thrasher; wood and hermit thrush; veery; bluebird; golden-crowned and ruby-crowned kinglets; yellow-throated, solitary, red-eyed and warbling vireo; black-and-white, blue-winged, Parula, yellow, black-throated-blue, myrtle, black-throated green, chestnut-sided, Canada, and prairie warblers; yellowthroat; redstart; eastern meadowlark; Baltimore oriole; rusty blackbird; scarlet and summer tanagers; cardinal; rose-breasted and pine grosbeaks; indigo bunting; purple finch; goldfinch; rufous-sided towhee; vesper, field, white-throated, fox, Lincoln's and song sparrows.

Eliot Taylor (1934 – 2021) led many bird walks for the BBC. He served on its board for many years and served two years as its president. He also led walks for Mass Audubon.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR

Trip Descriptions

We regret we had to shorten trip information in this edition to keep to a maximum page count. The USPS gave us a pass last Spring when we mailed that hefty 88-page edition. To qualify for a bulk-mail letter rate the bulletin must not exceed ¼-inch thickness.

To make the trips fit, for example, we shortened many references to partner organizations: BC means Bird Club, FP Franklin Park, WCT Walking City Trail, and BBF Boston Birding Festival. All trips are in Massachusetts unless otherwise noted.

The information on the website *is* the original, unedited version however. We encourage you to check the website for the latest and most complete information before heading out on one of our trips. Also, if trips are cancelled or rescheduled for any reason, we try very hard to update the website as soon as possible.

Trip Participant Tips

We stress the importance of good public relations. When attending trips, please be considerate of residents and locations. Park away from driveways and well off the road. Never block a road or gate (ticketing and towing may result). Respect guidelines at locations such as those at cemeteries and wildlife refuges. Don't enter private property without permission.

Please be a constructive participant. Pay attention to the leader. Help the group locate and identify birds. Be considerate of others in the group. Don't go ahead of the group (you may spook birds before others see them). If you want to chat, drop back out of hearing range. We encourage you to read our code of ethics on the BBC site

for a refresher on responsible birding.

Some locations have entrance fees, and we note this in the trip description. At National Wildlife Refuges, we remind you that duck stamps or prepaid interagency passes will allow free entry.

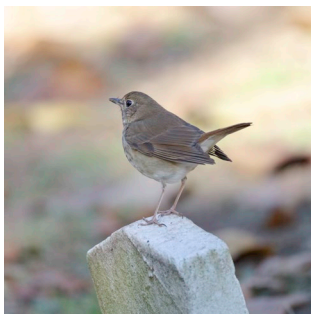
Weather

Generally walks are cancelled for bad-enough weather but often do go in marginal conditions, such as intermittent drizzle. If unsure, check with the leader and also check the website.

Public Transportation

If you are planning to use public transportation and our directions are not helpful, feel free to contact us ahead of time at fieldtrips@brooklinebirdclub.org. We'd like to help.

— *John Edmondson, Field Trip Coordinator*



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TRIP SERIES

Mount Auburn Cemetery Trip Dates, Times, and Leaders

Wed, Apr 16

6:30 am – 8:00 am

Linda Ferraresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851; Larry O'Bryan, lcobryan323@gmail.com, (617) 852-1531

Thu, Apr 17

6:30 am – 8:30 am

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

Fri, Apr 18

6:30 am – 9:00 am

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

Sat, Apr 19

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Matt Sabourin, Accipiter22@gmail.com, (413) 575-9528

Sun, Apr 20

6:30 am – 10:00 am

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

Mon, Apr 21

6:30 am – 8:30 am

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

Tue, Apr 22

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Wed, Apr 23

6:30 am – 8:00 am

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Thu, Apr 24

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Fri, May 23

6:00 am – 8:00 am

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Sat, May 24

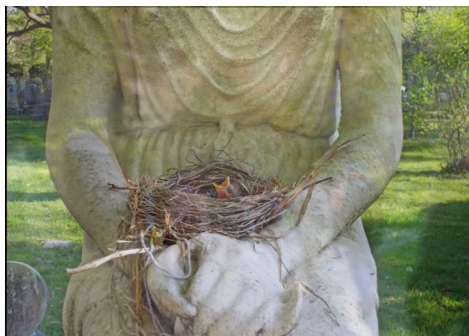
7:00 am – 9:00 am

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Sun, May 25

7:00 am – 9:00 am

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Slow Birding at Revere Beach

Wednesday Walks

<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 memories that observations elicit. Birds we may see include Piping Plover, Manx Shearwater, resident gulls, with Common Tern arriving by May. Suitable for adults and children 8 years+. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Time: 9:00 – 10:30 am

Leader

Matthew Nash, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov,
(617) 721-4132

Dates *(all trips occur on a Wednesday)*

April 2	May 14
April 9	May 28
April 16	June 4
April 23	June 11
April 30	June 18
	June 25

Meet

Across from 21 Revere Beach Boulevard, Revere. Park on Revere Beach Boulevard near the meeting spot, display a homemade sign with "Brookline Bird Club" 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.

Public Transit

A short walk from the Revere Beach stop on the MBTA Blue line.

Trips also referenced in sequence starting on page 15 as well as on index 66, 67.

Saturday Walks

Led by DCR staff. We will search on foot up to one mile on flat, easy terrain, for migrating or resident songbirds, raptors, shorebirds, and marsh birds at this birding hotspot and state park. This is a traveling program by car or bike. Prepare for ticks and mosquitoes. Suitable for adults and children 8 years+. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Binoculars recommended. [Birding Boston]

Leaders

(617) 721-4132

(978) 979-9298

April 5

May 17

April 19

June 7

May 3

Jun 21

Meet

Main Entrance Parking Lot

1399 Bennington Street, East Boston

Public Transit

MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. 10 minute walk, crossing one possibly busy road.



ADA/Reasonable Accommodations

(617) 645-0358

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Trips also referenced in sequence starting on page 15 as well as on index pages 66, 67.

DAY TRIPS

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Horn Pond, Woburn

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Diana Fruguglietti, diana.fru@gmail.com

Meet: Sturgis Street parking lot.

Description: Early Spring migrants and warblers. With Menotomy BC. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L251003>
[Birding 101]

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

◀ Revere Beach trip described on page 13.

Friday, April 4, 2025

Horn Pond, Woburn

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Diana Fruguglietti, diana.fru@gmail.com

Meet: Lake Avenuenue parking lot.

Description: Early Spring migrants and warblers. Since hiking up the mountain, wear appropriate footwear. With Menotomy BC. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L251003>
[Birding 101]

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Crooked Pond

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

Meet: Main entrance on Middleton Road, Boxford. Park well off road; leave room for other cars.

Description: Early spring walk looking for Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, Louisiana Waterthrush, and other migrants. Trail can be wet, muddy, and possibly icy. Dress warmly. Sticks helpful. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L889388>

Saturday, April 5, 2025 (cont.)

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard.

Description: With Boxborough Birders. We will look for resident species and early arrivals. About two miles on trails through meadows and woods with some steep sections. Prepare for ticks. Will bird at meeting location for about 30 minutes so any latecomers can catch up.

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

◀ **Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 14.**

Woodcocks of Rock Meadow

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Leader: Matt Sabourin, Accipiter22@gmail.com, (413) 575-9528

Meet: Parking lot at 248 Mill Street in Belmont.

Description: With warming spring evenings, Rock Meadow hosts courting American Woodcocks; males engage in spiraling sky-dance flights above the fields.

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

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Westboro WMA in Two Parts

7:00 am – 1:00 pm

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

Meet: Bartlett Pond / Watson Park, Lyman Street, Northborough.

Description: Part 1: 7 – 10 am / Part 2: 10:30 am – 1 pm. We'll hike moderate trails in search of sparrows and other migrants.

(cont.)

Part 1: Hike eastern trails between Lake Chauncy and Little Chauncy (about 3 miles).

Part 2: From meeting location we go to WMA HQ and hike western trails (about two miles). Join for either or both.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3120200>

Monday, April 7, 2025

Evening Walk at Lynnfield Marsh

5:45 – 8:00 pm

Leader: Melissa Sovay, msovay71@gmail.com, (978) 257-2205

Meet: 127 Summer Street, Lynnfield MA (Bethlehem School)

Description: About a mile and a half along old railbed and through forest on uneven and muddy terrain to nearby marsh. Seeking newly arrived uncommon marsh birds. Possibly Rusty Blackbirds on one of the largest flyways of the East Coast. No restrooms. Dress warmly. Heavy rain or wind cancels. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207382>

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Fresh Pond Reservation, Cambridge

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Parking lot for TD Bank, 235 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge. Leader will have parking permit and instructions to prevent participants from being towed. Limited on-street parking in the area.

Description: Easy, two-mile walk on paved paths around the pond. **Pub. Transit:** #74 or #78 bus or Red Line, Alewife T station and a 15-minute walk.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207370> [Birding 101] [Limited Mobility]

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Brooks Estate, Medford

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Diana Fruguglietti, diana.fru@gmail.com

Meet: Grove Street entrance (255-277 Grove Street).

Description: Seeking spring migrants. With Menotomy BC.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L572067> [Birding 101]

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Birding Sketchcrawl, Spring Series

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Leader's choice.

Description: Bird/sketch favorite patches in Essex and Middlesex counties. All artistic levels welcome. Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than April 10.

[Birding 101]

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Willard Brook State Forest

7:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

Meet: Meet at the parking lot along Route 119, and park to accommodate others.

Description: Brisk walk along scenic brook and connecting trails in search of early migrants and residents. Trails can be difficult, steep, rocky, muddy, snowy, wet, or icy. Recommend boots, sticks, warm clothing.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3663845>

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Friday, April 18, 2025

Early Bird Birding with Athol Bird and Nature Club

7:00 – 11:00 am

Leaders: Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org;
Jeff Johnstone, (978) 249-9052

Meet: Millers River Environmental Cntr, 100 Main Street
in Athol.

Description: Explore North Quabbin. Great event for all to
learn from one of the best field naturalists in region. Come
for as long as your schedule allows. Severe weather
cancels. [Birding 101]

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Milton Landing and Neponset River Greenway

8:30 – 11:00 am

Leader: Michealle Larkins, 617-448-0796

Meet: Through parking lot next to Mattapan at 88 Wharf
Street to the smaller parking lot with electric vehicle
chargers. **Description:** Two-mile walk along bike path from
Milton to Dorchester. Start at Milton's Landing for
waterfowl and gulls. Then along Neponset River
Greenway. Beginners, BIPOC, and experienced birders all
welcome. **Pub. Transit:** Mattapan trolley (can connect
from Red Line at Ashmont), to Milton Station. Or buses
240 or 24 from Ashmont Station to Dorchester Avenue
and Washington Street <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L460940>
[Birding 101] [Limited Mobility] [Birding Boston] [Loaner
Binoculars]

◀ **Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 14.**

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Arlington Reservoir

7:00 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot off Lowell Street, Arlington (cont.)

Sunday, April 20, 2025 (cont.)

Description: Early migrants, waterfowl, and shorebirds. With Menotomy BC. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L358557>

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Peter Van Demark, phvand@icloud.com, (617) 386-3018

Meet: Halibut Point State Park parking, Gott Avenue, at Route 127. Trustees members park for free. **Description:** Two-hour walk, about a mile and a half, easy, moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Restrooms. Bad weather cancels; check with leader on night before trip (ok to text). With DCR. [Birding 101] <https://www.mass.gov/locations/halibut-point-state-park> <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L374648>

Lost Pond, Brookline

8:00 am

Leader: Ben Peters, benapeters1999@gmail.com, (978) 473-3525

Meet: Arlington Road entrance to Lost Pond Reservation in Brookline.

Description: Two-mile loop on slightly hilly trails looking for resident woodland birds and early migrants including warblers. We'll check grassy slopes near pond and recycling center for sparrows and grassland birds. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L551257>

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Sanctuary parking, end of Risely Road, Marblehead.
(cont.)

Description: Explore this small gem of a sanctuary for migrants and residents alike.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L594125>

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Boston Public Garden

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Charles Street entrance (across from public parking).

Description: Two-hour walk exploring the Public Garden. A surprising number of interesting migrants may be found here in springtime.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L209928> [Birding Boston]

Friday, April 25, 2025

Chestnut Hill Reservoir

7:00 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Beacon Street parking lot near Ice rink/pool at Cleveland Circle.

Description: One mile on good, mostly level trails, looking for early migrants, and checking for late ducks. **Pub.**

Transit: Cleveland Circle and Reservoir Green Line stops.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L457287>

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area

7:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Ray Bedard, rayray5x@yahoo.com, (978) 394-3959

Meet: WMA parking lot, Hawks Avenue, Hanson.

Description: A three- to four-mile walk along (cont.)

Saturday, April 26, 2025 (cont.)

level gravel paths at edge of woods, old cranberry bogs, and reservoir. Looking for Sandhill Cranes and early migrants. American Bittern sometimes heard. Waterfowl often plentiful. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L911700>

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

7:30 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. Meet in main parking lot.

Description: Walk three to four miles on mostly flat trails through woodlands and wetlands. Trails can be very muddy. Fee required if you are not a MAS member. Searching and listening for early migrants and residents. Ticks! <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207439> [Birding 101]

Yapp Farm, Dracut

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Mike Baird, rkramden1994@gmail.com, (978) 551-3504

Meet: Parking at the trailhead located at 650 Marsh Hill Road in Dracut.

Description: Walk in various habitats: mature woodland, freshwater marsh, open fields, native vegetation. Look and listen for spring migrants and residents. Trail less than a mile but can be uneven and muddy. Sturdy footwear is a must. With Dracut Open Space Committee. [Birding 101]

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham

5:30 – 11:00 am

Leaders: Eddie Giles, emgiles62@comcast.net, (508) 378-3370; Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442

Meet: At "back door" to Wompatuck, gate at north end of Mount Blue Street, Norwell. If reached via Mount Hope Street, take right at end of Mount Hope onto Mount Blue, drive to the gate. Second stop Visitor center, Union Street,

Hingham entrance to park. Don't block any gates.

Description: Three-mile walk. Targeting Pileated Woodpecker, Winter Wren, and various warblers. Rain cancels. Contact leader night before if inclement weather. Walk on Holly Pond loop before main gate opens. Then drive to main gate and bird other sections of park.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L207418>

Stony Brook with Boston Birding Festival and Walking City Trail

8:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Small parking lot next to ball field at 1 E Boundary Road, Boston.

Description: Bird along WCT in Stony Brook Reservation in the heart of Boston, also with BBF. About two miles on trails that are rocky, with exposed roots, and somewhat steep; can be muddy. New birders welcome. Some loaner binoculars. Registration required.

<https://www.bostonbirdingfestival.org/posts/spring-walk-at-stony-brook-stony-brook-reservation/>. BBF requires a waiver: please print, sign and bring with you. We'll also have waiver forms available. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 33

Reservation Road opposite Brainard Street

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L515861> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Franklin Park at Scarboro Pond

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Michealle Larkins, 617-448-0796; Kat Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com; Elias Mendoza Vivas, eemvivas@gmail.com (cont.)

Sunday, April 27, 2025 (cont.)

Meet: By tennis courts next to Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive. Street parking available. **Description:** Look for warblers, orioles, and other migrants in Scarboro Pond part of Franklin Park. Beginners and BIPOC encouraged. Up to two miles on paved paths. With FP Coalition, FP Tennis Assoc, and Emerald Necklace BC. **Pub. Transit:** Orange Line to Forest Hills and 20-minute walk. Or buses 16, 21, and 31 run nearby.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L797546> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Olmsted Park and Leverett Pond, Brookline

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leader: Bob Mayer, rgmayer38@gmail.com, (617) 515-7304

Meet: Parking lot for Daisy Field, Olmsted Park on Willow Pond Road, between Pond Avenue and Jamaica Way.

Description: 90-minute walk suitable for beginning and experienced birders. With Brookline GreenSpace Alliance and Emerald Necklace BC. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 39 to Bynner Street and cross Jamaica Way to Willow Pond Road

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L248222> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Monday, April 28, 2025

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 – 8:00 am

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

Meet: Lake Chauncy Trail Head; from Lyman Street take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way, pass fields and take a left and drive to yellow gate at end.

Description: Hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers.

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

Chandler Pond, Brighton

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Rachel Cox, rrwwcox@gmail.com, (603) 860-8127

Meet: Path west of pond on Lake Shore Road.

Description: Easy birding around the pond. Possible extension to another location if the pond is not too birdy.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L463179> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Weston Station Pond Rookery

9:30 – 11:30 am

Leader: Michael Pappone, mjpappone@gmail.com, (617) 922-4554

Meet: Kendall Geen MBCR parking lot off Route 117.

Description: Hotspot featuring a Great Blue Heron rookery accessible by public transportation. Excellent chances for spring migrants, raptors, nesting Eastern Bluebirds and various waterfowl. Beginners welcome. **Pub. Transit:**

Fitchburg commuter rail to Kendall Green station.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 – 7:30 am

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

Meet: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

Description: Look and listen for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! With South Shore BC. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L207446>

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 (cont.)

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead.

Description: Explore this small gem of a sanctuary for migrants and residents alike.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L594125>

Hammond Pond/Webster Woods, Newton

7:00 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Parking area for the reservation off Hammond Pond Parkway, behind “The Street.”

Description: Walk Hammond Pond and Houghton Gardens in search of early migrants. Trails can be muddy.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L469271> [Birding 101]

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Boston Public Garden

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Charles Street entrance (across from public parking).

Description: Two-hour walk exploring the Public Garden. A surprising number of interesting migrants may be found here in springtime.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L209928> [Birding Boston]

Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807

Meet: Coniston Road entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn Street entrances.

Description: See a variety of woodpeckers, resident birds, warblers, and other migratory-surprise species in this small but mighty urban wild. Flat path mixes gravel and dirt surfaces with newly added boardwalks on wetter sections. Boots strongly advised. Visit to nearby Peter's Hill in Arboretum an option afterwards. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 51 to either Weld Street @ Wedgewood or Weld Street @ Walter Street <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746>
[Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Friday, May 2, 2025

Chestnut Hill Reservoir

6:30 – 8:00 am

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

Meet: Beacon Street parking lot near ice rink/pool at Cleveland Circle.

Description: Walk one mile on good, mostly level trails.

Pub. Transit: Cleveland Circle and Reservoir Green Line stops. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L457287>

Friday, May 2, 2025

Friday Morning Emerald Necklace Birding at Olmsted Park

7:00 – 9:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot on Pond Avenue, Brookline, opposite 375 Pond Avenue. Backup, street parking on Chestnut Street. (cont.)

Friday, May 2, 2025 (cont.)

Description: Look for warblers and other spring migrants at Jamaica, Ward, Willow, and Leverett Ponds. Beginners welcome and encouraged. About a mile and a half on paved and unpaved paths and grassy fields. No restrooms.

Pub. Transit: Bus 60, High Street @ Cyprus Street and walk to parking lot opposite 375 Pond Avenue, Brookline.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3609670> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Saturday, May 3, 2025

South Shore Century Run

6:00 am – 6:00 pm

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

Meet: Main parking area of Wompatuck SP, Hingham, across from visitors building on left.

Description: A medium-paced trip on South Shore to try for 100 migrant and resident species while having fun.

Note: This trip will likely go to the Trustees World's End property. Contact leader for details as prior reservations might be needed to enter.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L207418>

Parker River NWR on Bike

6:30 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Parking lot #1 on left as you enter refuge.

Description: Leave your car behind and cycle the main refuge road looking and listening for spring migrants. Be ready to peddle by 6:30 am. Entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms.

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

Upton State Forest

7:00 – 10:30 am

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

Meet: Main entrance is off of Southboro Road by the intersection of Westboro Road. Dirt road into the parking area.

Description: Hike the trails in search of migrants and woodland breeders.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L2120241>

Concord River Greenway and Lowell Cemetery

7:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Mike Baird, rkramden1994@gmail.com, (978) 551-3504

Meet: Just inside Lawrence Street gate of Lowell Cemetery.

Description: Two-hour walk for spring migrants and residents in semirestored riparian habitat. Suitable for beginners and limited mobility; trail is flat and paved. With Lowell Parks and Cons Trust. 20 participants. Preregister at:

https://lowelllandtrust.org/about-us-2-2-2/event_rsvp
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L252460> [Birding 101] [Limited Mobility]

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 14.

Bussey Brook Meadow, Arnold Arboretum, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Bob Mayer, rgmayer38@gmail.com, (617) 515-7304

Meet: South Street gate to the Arboretum, on South Street, where there is limited parking.

Description: Arboretum Park Conservancy, Arnold Arboretum, and the BBC offer this two-hour walk in the Bussey Brook area of the Arboretum. Suitable for beginning and experienced birders. (cont.)

Saturday, May 3, 2025 (cont.)

Pub. Transit: Orange Line Forest Hills T station, cross Washington Street to Blackwell Path and take path to South Street Gate.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L298629> [Birding 101]
[Birding Boston]

Gore Place, Waltham

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

Meet: Carriage House (52 Gore Street, Waltham)

Description: Farm fields, gardens, and adjacent conservation land. Preregistration required at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=228497>

Free for BBC and Gore Place members. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 70 runs nearby <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L8035213>
[Birding 101]

Spring Migrants at Magazine Beach

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leader: Peter Modest, p.o.modest@gmail.com, (508) 446-1094

Meet: Mass Audubon building (center of park).

Description: We'll search for spring migrants and residents. We walk about a mile and a half on gravel paths and grassy fields. Boots recommended; can be muddy. With MAS. Limited parking available here

<https://tinyurl.com/sc5tf3h8> and
<https://tinyurl.com/2s4k2skt> and
<https://tinyurl.com/5944yx79>

Pub. Transit: Bus 47 Granite Street @ Brookline Street
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5062615>

Neponset River Greenway, an Urban Oasis

8:30 – 11:00 am

Leaders: Michealle Larkins, 617-448-0796; Kat Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com; Elias Mendoza Vivas, eemvivas@gmail.com

Meet: 1674 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan. Small building with a mural on Blue Hill Avenue near River Street and Mattapan Station, facing Kuizinn La Kay restaurant.

Description: Enjoy about two-mile walk along the Greenway on an accessible boardwalk and bike path. Beginners, BIPOC, and experienced birders all welcome.

Pub. Transit: Mattapan Station stop, Mattapan Trolley. Or buses 30 or 31 to Mattapan Station. Or Fairmount commuter rail, Blue Hill Avenue and walk to Mattapan Station. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L460940> [Birding 101] [Limited Mobility] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Cris Van Dyke, cris_vandyke@yahoo.com

Meet: Refuge parking lot off Monsen Road, off Route 62 in Concord.

Description: Cover most of the refuge on flat and easy trails looking for residents and early migrants. A large variety of species can be seen here. An entrance fee or pass is required.

Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge, Harvard

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Sandy Oxley, cassandra.oxley@gmail.com, (978) 270-1057; Liz Markiewicz, lizmarkiewicz78@gmail.com, 978-760-0414

Meet: Parking lot near refuge gate at end of Still River Depot Road (off Route 110), Harvard.

Description: Walk around three miles on easy paths

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Sunday, May 4, 2025 (cont.)

through woodland and riparian habitat in search of migrants and residents. Possible spring flooding in area. Check BBC website for late cancellation. Steady rain cancels walk. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L1039319>

Franklin Park at Scarboro Pond

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Michealle Larkins, 617-448-0796; Kat Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com

Meet: By tennis courts next to Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive. Street parking available.

Description: Look for warblers and other migratory birds in Scarboro Pond section of Franklin Park. Beginners and BIPOC encouraged. Walk up to two miles on paved paths. With FP Coalition, FP Tennis Assoc, Emerald Necklace BC.

Pub. Transit: Orange Line to Forest Hills and 20-minute walk. Or 16, 21, and 31 buses run nearby.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L797546> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Monday, May 5, 2025

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 – 8:00 am

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

Meet: Lake Chauncy Trail Head; from Lyman Street take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way, pass fields and take a left and drive to yellow gate at end. **Description:** Hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L464598>

Chandler Pond, Brighton

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Rachel Cox, rrwwcox@gmail.com, (603) 860-8127

Meet: Path west of pond on Lake Shore Road

Description: Easy birding around the pond. Possible extension to another location if the pond is not too birdy.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L463179> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Weston Station Pond Rookery

9:30 – 11:30 am

Leader: Michael Pappone, mjpappone@gmail.com, (617) 922-4554

Meet: Kendall Geen MBCR parking lot off Route 117.

Description: Hotspot featuring a Great Blue Heron rookery accessible by public transportation. Excellent chances for spring migrants, raptors, nesting Eastern Bluebirds and various waterfowl. Beginners welcome. **Pub. Transit:**

Fitchburg commuter rail to Kendall Green station.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 – 7:30 am

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

Meet: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

Description: Look and listen for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! With South Shore BC. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L207446>

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 (cont.)

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road in Marblehead.

Description: Explore this small gem of a sanctuary for migrants and residents alike.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L594125>

McLaughlin Woods, Boston

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: David Bates, david.bates@gmail.com, (617) 967-8349

Meet: At baseball field stands, at far eastern end of park. This is above Fisher Avenue. Opposite 260 Parker Hill Avenue.

Description: Walk around McLaughlin Woods, looking mainly for warblers and other migrants. **Pub.**

Transit: [MBTA Trip Planner](#) for 260 Parker Hill Avenue.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L897808> [Birding Boston]

Cold Spring Park, Newton

7:00 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Parking area off Beacon St, follow road down to the end.

Description: Easy one- to two-mile walk through mixed forest and open areas in search of resident and breeding birds. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L633151>

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Charles River Esplanade, Cambridge

7:00 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Meeting place and details upon registration at <https://events.humanitix.com/bird2025>.

Description: Walk from Longfellow Bridge upriver looking for birds on both land and water. We hope to see a range of spring migrants as well as birds setting up their breeding territories. With Charles River Esplanade Assn. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L515554> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Boston Public Garden

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Charles Street entrance (across from public parking).

Description: Two-hour walk exploring the Public Garden. A surprising number of interesting migrants may be found here in springtime.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L209928> [Birding Boston]

Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807

Meet: Coniston Road entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn Street entrances.

Description: See a variety of woodpeckers, resident birds, warblers, and other migratory-surprise species in this small but mighty urban wild. Flat path mixes gravel and dirt surfaces with newly added boardwalks (cont.)

Thursday, May 8, 2025 (cont.)

on wetter sections. Boots strongly advised. Visit to nearby Peter's Hill in Arboretum an option afterwards. **Pub.**

Transit: Bus 51 to either Weld Street @ Wedgewood or Weld Street @ Walter Street

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Friday, May 9, 2025

Millennium Park, West Roxbury

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Parking lot up hill on the right, overlooking sports fields.

Description: One- to two-mile walk on good trails along the wetland and woods. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 36 to VA Hospital and 10-minute walk.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L350679> [Birding Boston]

Friday Morning Emerald Necklace Birding at Olmsted Park

7:00 – 9:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot on Pond Avenue, Brookline, opposite 375 Pond Avenue. Backup, street parking on Chestnut Street.

Description: Look for warblers and other spring migrants at Jamaica, Ward, Willow, and Leverett Ponds. Beginners welcome and encouraged. About a mile and a half on paved and unpaved paths and grassy fields. No restrooms. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 60, High Street @ Cyprus Street and walk to parking lot opposite 375 Pond Avenue, Brookline.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3609670> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Rock Meadow and Beaver Brook North

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Matt Sabourin, Accipiter22@gmail.com, (413) 575-9528

Meet: Parking lot at 248 Mill Street in Belmont.

Description: Walk scenic open fields, wetlands, ample woods and edge habitat, and public gardens having wide variety of migrating warblers, vireos, and buntings. Hiking is relatively easy; under two miles at most. No restrooms; portapotty may be available.

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

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

4:00 pm

Leader: Ben Peters, benapeters1999@gmail.com, (978) 473-3525

Meet: 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. Meet in main parking lot.

Description: Walk three to four miles on slightly hilly trails to check out resident species in woodlands, wetlands, and fields. We will also spend time listening and scanning the marsh, with owls and woodcock possible late in the day. Fee or membership at this spot.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207439>

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Eastern Point, Gloucester

6:45 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: MAS Eastern Point parking lot. East Main St., Gloucester, to and past Niles Beach. First right after beach. Ignore "Residents Only" sign. Stay right until you see the lighthouse and parking on right. **Description:** An easy but long (4-hour) walk on the roads and grassy footpaths of this warbler hotspot. Mainly level terrain, but may have some muddy areas and uneven terrain. Heavy rain cancels. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207365>

Sunday, May 11, 2025 (cont.)

Spring Migrants at Magazine Beach

7:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Peter Modest, p.o.modest@gmail.com, (508) 446-1094

Meet: Mass Audubon building (center of park).

Description: We'll search for spring migrants and residents. Walking a mile and a half on gravel paths and grassy fields. Boots recommended; can be muddy. With MAS. Limited parking here <https://tinyurl.com/sc5tf3h8> and <https://tinyurl.com/2s4k2skt> and <https://tinyurl.com/5944yx79>

Pub. Transit: Bus 47 Granite Street @ Brookline Street
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5062615>

Monday, May 12, 2025

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 – 8:00 am

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

Meet: Lake Chauncy Trail Head; from Lyman Street take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way, pass fields and take a left and drive to yellow gate at end.

Description: Hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers.

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

Chandler Pond, Brighton

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Rachel Cox, rwwcox@gmail.com, (603) 860-8127
[Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Meet: Path west of pond on Lake Shore Road.

Description: Easy birding around the pond. Possible extension to another location if the pond is not too birdy.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L463179>

Weston Station Pond Rookery

9:30 – 11:30 am

Leader: Michael Pappone, mjpappone@gmail.com, (617) 922-4554

Meet: Kendall Geen MBCR parking lot off Route 117.

Description: Hotspot featuring a Great Blue Heron rookery accessible by public transportation. Excellent chances for spring migrants, raptors, nesting Eastern Bluebirds and various waterfowl. Beginners welcome. **Pub. Transit:**

Fitchburg commuter rail to Kendall Green station.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 – 7:30 am

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

Meet: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

Description: Look and listen for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! With South Shore BC. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L207446>

Plum Island

6:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot #1.

Description: Explore various parts of the Parker River NWR in search of warblers. Entrance fee or pass required. Restrooms. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L129046>

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 (cont.)

McLaughlin Woods, Boston

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: David Bates, david.bates@gmail.com, (617) 967-8349

Meet: At baseball field stands, at far eastern end of park. This is above Fisher Avenue. Opposite 260 Parker Hill Avenue.

Description: Walk around McLaughlin Woods, looking mainly for warblers and other migrants. **Pub. Transit:**

[MBTA Trip planner](#) for 260 Parker Hill Avenue.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L897808> [Birding Boston]

Cold Spring Park, Newton

7:00 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Parking area off Beacon St, follow road down to the end.

Description: Easy one- to two-mile walk through mixed forest and open areas in search of resident and breeding birds. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L633151>

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Charles River Esplanade, Cambridge

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

Meet: Meeting place and details upon registration at <https://events.humanitix.com/bird2025>.

Description: Walk from Longfellow Bridge upriver looking for birds on both land and water. We hope to see a range of spring migrants as well as birds setting up their breeding territories. With Charles River Esplanade Assn. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L515554> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Martin Burns WMA, West Newbury

6:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Melissa Sovay, msovay71@gmail.com, (978) 257-2205

Meet: Meeting location: Orchard Street entrance in Newbury.

Description: Walk the three-mile loop. Target birds: Indigo Bunting, Blue-winged Warbler, Yellow-throated Vireo, and Olive-sided Flycatcher. No restrooms.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L613730>

Blue Hills, Milton

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Skyline Trail parking on Hillside St, opposite police post and Reservation HQ. **Description:** Look for breeding Worm-eating Warblers, Prairie Warblers, and Indigo Buntings. One to two miles of hiking; most trails are good, but we may take some steeper and rockier paths.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207351>

Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807

Meet: Coniston Road entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn Street entrances.

Description: See a variety of woodpeckers, resident birds, warblers, and other migratory-surprise species in this small but mighty urban wild. Flat path mixes gravel and dirt surfaces with newly added boardwalks (cont.)

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on wetter sections. Boots strongly advised. Visit to nearby Peter's Hill in Arboretum an option afterwards.

Pub. Transit: Bus 51 to either Weld Street @ Wedgewood or Weld Street @ Walter Street

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Spring Migrants at Minute Man NHP

7:00 – 9:00 am

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

Meet: Minute Man NHP, Hartwell Tavern lot, Lincoln. Route 2A just west of Hanscom Road. Location could change. Check website a day before.

Description: Join me at this wonderful birding spot which hosts many nesting species and migrants. Blue-winged Warbler, American Redstart, and Indigo Buntings are regulars. Possible rare or unusual birds. One-mile walk on both paved paths and wooded trails which may be muddy. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L941919>

Evening Walk at Magazine Beach

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Leader: Peter Modest, p.o.modest@gmail.com, (508) 446-1094

Meet: Mass Audubon building (center of park).

Description: Evening walk for spring migrants and residents. Walking 1–a mile and a half on gravel paths and grassy fields. Boots recommended; can be muddy. With MAS. Limited parking available here

<https://tinyurl.com/sc5tf3h8> and

<https://tinyurl.com/2s4k2skt> and

<https://tinyurl.com/5944yx79> **Pub. Transit:** Bus 47 Granite Street @ Brookline Street

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5062615>

Friday, May 16, 2025

Friday Morning Emerald Necklace Birding at Olmsted Park

7:00 – 9:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot on Pond Avenue, Brookline, opposite 375 Pond Avenue. Backup-street parking on Chestnut Street.

Description: Look for warblers and other spring migrants at Jamaica, Ward, Willow, and Leverett Ponds. Beginners welcome and encouraged. About a mile and a half on paved and unpaved paths and grassy fields. No restrooms.

Pub. Transit: Bus 60, High Street at Cyprus Street and walk to parking lot opposite 375 Pond Avenue, Brookline.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3609670> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard.

Description: With Boxborough Birders. We will look for resident species and a variety of warblers. Walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections. Prepare for ticks. We will bird at meeting location for about 30 minutes so any latecomers can catch up. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

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Caratunk Wildlife Sanctuary

7:30 am

Leader: Carol Molander,

cmolander@brooklinebirdclub.org, (508) 641-0991

Meet: Parking lot at 301 Brown Avenue. in Seekonk.

Optional second walk: Gammino Pond, 463 Newman Avenue., Seekonk

Description: The refuge offers six miles of nature hiking trails in nearly 200 acres of fields, forests, streams, and ponds.

Purple Martins. Walk two-and-a-half to three miles on easy-to-moderate trails. With Paskamansett BC. An easy, optional walk follows at Gammino Pond around the pond on a wide, one-mile dirt trail. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L734825>

Franklin Park at Scarboro Pond

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Michealle Larkins, 617-448-0796; Kat Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com

Meet: By tennis courts next to Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive. Street parking available.

Description: Look for warblers and other migratory birds in Scarboro Pond section of Franklin Park. Beginners and BIPOC encouraged. Walk up to two miles on paved paths. With FP Coalition, FP Tennis Assoc, Emerald Necklace BC.

Pub. Transit: Orange Line to Forest Hills and 20-minute walk. Or 16, 21, and 31 buses run nearby.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L797546> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 14.

Forest River Conservation Area

8:30 – 10:30 am

Leaders: Renee White, Reneewhite321@gmail.com, (781) 844-2581; Maryellen Dolan, maryellen.dol@comcast.net

Meet: Forest River Conservation Area sign on Old Salem Road, Marblehead. Lafayette Street to Maple Street to Old Salem Road. Park along Old Salem Road on cemetery side.

Description: Easy-to-moderate mile-and-a-half hike on 26-acre property which includes marsh, tidal pools, upland fields, and woods. Various warblers, sparrows, and vireos. Wear hiking boots for modest uphill and downhill paths with some mud.

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Arnold Arboretum Peter's Hill, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807

Meet: Peters Hill Gate aka Flora Way Gate off Walter Street

Description: Spring birding in a beautiful location with lots of flowering trees that attract Baltimore Orioles, Orchard Orioles, Tree Swallows, and other migrants. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 38 from Forest Hills Station, Walter Street stop on Centre Street <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2885087> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Sunday, May 18, 2025 (cont.)

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Peter Van Demark, phvand@icloud.com, (617) 386-3018

Meet: Halibut Point State Park parking, Gott Avenue, at Route 127. Trustees members park for free.

Description: Two-hour walk, about a mile and a half, easy, moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Restrooms. Bad weather cancels; check with leader on night before trip (ok to text). With DCR.

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/halibut-point-state-park>

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L374648> [Birding 101]

Monday, May 19, 2025

Chestnut Hill Reservoir

6:30 – 8:00 am

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

Meet: Beacon Street parking lot near ice rink/pool at Cleveland Circle.

Description: Walk one mile on good, mostly level trails.

Pub. Transit: Cleveland Circle and Reservoir Green Line stops. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L457287>

Weston Station Pond Rookery

9:30 – 11:30 am

Leader: Michael Pappone, mjpappone@gmail.com, (617) 922-4554

Meet: Kendall Geen MBCR parking lot off Route 117.

Description: Hotspot featuring a Great Blue Heron rookery accessible by public transportation. Excellent chances for spring migrants, raptors, nesting Eastern Bluebirds and various waterfowl. Beginners welcome. **Pub. Transit:** Fitchburg commuter rail to Kendall Green station.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 – 7:30 am

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

Meet: Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

Description: Look and listen for migrants along Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! With South Shore BC. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L207446>

Charles River Esplanade

7:00 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Meeting place and details upon registration at <https://events.humanitix.com/bird2025>.

Description: Walk from Longfellow Bridge upriver looking for birds on both land and water. We hope to see a range of spring migrants as well as birds setting up their breeding territories. With Charles River Esplanade Assn. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L515554> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Evening Trip along Neponset River Greenway

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Leaders: Michealle Larkins, 617-448-0796; Kat Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com; Elias Mendoza Vivas, eemvivas@gmail.com

Meet: 1674 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Small building with mural on Blue Hill Ave. near River St. and Mattapan Station, facing Kuizinn La Kay restaurant. **Description:** Enjoy about two-mile walk along Greenway on accessible boardwalk and bike path. Beginners, BIPOC, and experienced birders all welcome. **Pub. Transit:** Mattapan Station stop, Mattapan Trolley. Or buses 30 or 31 (cont.)

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to Mattapan Station. Or Fairmount commuter rail, Blue Hill Avenue and walk to Mattapan Station.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L460940> [Birding 101] [Limited Mobility] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Fresh Pond Reservation, Cambridge

6:00 – 8:00 am

Leader: Thomas Michel,

Thomas.Michel@hms.harvard.edu, 617-365-1102

Meet: Parking lot for TD Bank, 235 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge. Leader will have parking permit and instructions to prevent participants from being towed. Limited on-street parking in area.

Description: Easy, approximately two-mile walk on paved paths around pond. **Pub. Transit:** #74 or #78 bus to Fresh Pond (Concord Avenue/Wheeler St) stop; or Red Line to Alewife T station, and a 15-minute walk.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207370> [Birding 101] [Limited Mobility]

Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park 7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807

Meet: Coniston Road entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn Street entrances.

Description: See a variety of woodpeckers, resident birds, warblers, and other migratory-surprise species in this small but mighty urban wild. Flat path mixes gravel and dirt surfaces with newly added boardwalks on wetter sections. Boots strongly advised. Visit to nearby Peter's Hill in Arboretum an option afterwards. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 51 to either Weld Street @ Wedgewood or Weld Street @ Walter Street. [Birding Boston]

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746> [Birding 101]

Evening Walk at Minute Man NHP

6:00 – 8:00 pm

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

Meet: Minute Man NHP, Brooks Village lot, Lincoln. On Route 2A east of intersection with Lexington Road. Location could change. Check website a day before.

Description: Great for late migrants and nesting species. Baltimore Oriole, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Cedar waxwing are regulars. Alder Flycatcher and Common Nighthawks possible. One-mile walk on paved paths and boardwalk. Insect repellent suggested.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L941919>

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Dunback Meadow, Lexington

6:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot of Clark Middle School, Stedman Road in Lexington.

Description: Target birds will be late migrants including Mourning Warbler and flycatchers. Three to five miles of walking. With Menotomy BC.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L357227>

Erwin S. Wilder WMA

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Ray Bedard, rayray5x@yahoo.com, (978) 394-3959

Meet: Parking lot at end of Toad Island Road, Norton; 16 Toad Island Road.

Description: A two-mile loop through fallow fields and wooded areas. Trails are gravel, fairly level, and usually dry. Great spring migration spot for warblers.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L911692>

Saturday, May 24, 2025 (cont.)

Fenway Victory Gardens

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

Meet: The flagpole inside the garden (across the street from 11 Park Drive, Boston). Limited parking on Boylston Street or Fenway.

Description: Beautiful and historic Fenway Victory Gardens in search of late migratory and resident birds. The grass walkways are generally even, and can be muddy in spots. With Allston-Brighton Birders.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L710606> [Birding Boston]

Plymouth Airport for Grassland Sparrows

8:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot at terminal building on South Meadow Road, Plymouth.

Description: With airport permission, search for grassland birds nesting in area closed to general public. This trip can be cancelled at any time, without notice, for homeland security reasons! Target state-listed breeding species: Upland Sandpiper, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlark. [Conservation Series] <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L549260>

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord

6:30 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Refuge parking lot off Monsen Road, off Route 62 in Concord. **Description:** Rails and Least Bittern are our main targets. Entrance fee or pass required. [Conservation Series] <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L208284>

Millis and Medfield Breeding Birds

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Paddock Lane (near the corner of Causeway Street) in Millis. **Description:** Trying for 50 species again this year, we walk about a mile and a half, mostly on pavement. We'll look and listen for swamp breeders. We may then stop at Medfield State Hospital fields for grassland and successional breeding birds. Additional stops in Medfield as time allows.

North Wachusett Reservoir

6:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Zack Weber, birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com

Meet: Gate 36 on W Boylston Street in Sterling.

Description: Explore a new location to search for state-listed threatened breeding species, Grasshopper Sparrow. We'll cover a few miles on foot, enjoying other species along the way. Possible extension to second site in Sterling. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L884778> [Conservation Series]

Franklin Park at Scarboro Pond — Black Birders Week

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Mike Bryant, naturemanmike@gmail.com, (617) 433-6208 [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Meet: By tennis courts next to the Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive. Street parking available.

Description: Join us for a walk in celebration of Black Birders Week. We will look for warblers and other migratory birds. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Walk up to two miles on paved paths. With FP Coalition.

Pub. Transit: Orange Line to Forest Hills and 20-minute walk. Or 16, 21, and 31 buses run nearby.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L797546>

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Martin Burns WMA, West Newbury

7:00 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: Orchard Street entrance in Newbury.

Description: Walk the three-mile loop. No restrooms.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L613730>

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Weston Station Pond and Nearby Mass Central Rail Trail

6:30 – 9:00 am

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

Meet: Back of Biogen parking lot, 133 Boston Post Road, Weston. First traffic light west of Route 20/Route 128 intersection. Around the building, left at the stop, park at trailhead.

Description: Three miles on easy trails and paved bike path. Great Blue Heron colony, chance of Indigo Bunting, and a variety of others. Trails can be muddy. No restrooms. With Menotomy BC.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Magazine Beach Park Walk Celebrating Black Birders Week

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Mike Bryant, naturemanmike@gmail.com, (617) 433-6208; Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103

Meet: Mass Audubon building (center of park).

Description: Celebrate Black Birders Week with us! In early June we see late migrant bird species starting to

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nest. Learn about the birds found in the city with Nature Man Mike, popular local birder and photographer. With MAS. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 47 Granite Street at Brookline Street <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5062615> [Loaner Binoculars]

Black Birders Week Field Trip! Neponset River Greenway 8:30 – 11:00 am

Leaders: Michealle Larkins, 617-448-0796; Kat Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com; Elias Mendoza Vivas, eemvivas@gmail.com

Meet: 1674 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan. Small building with a mural on Blue Hill Avenue near River Street and Mattapan Station, facing Kuizinn La Kay restaurant.

Description: Celebrate Black Birders Week with us! about two-mile walk along the Greenway, an accessible boardwalk and bike path (slightly hilly at the beginning of the walk). Beginners, BIPOC, and experienced birders all welcome. **Pub. Transit:** Mattapan Station stop, Mattapan Trolley. Or buses 30 or 31 to Mattapan Station. Or Fairmount commuter rail, Blue Hill Avenue and walk to Mattapan Station. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L460940> [Birding 101] [Limited Mobility] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Shaw Farm

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Zack Weber, birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com

Meet: End of Shaw Lane in Sutton.

Description: Explore a new location to search for state-listed threatened breeding species, Grasshopper Sparrow, walking about a mile. After that, optional general birding in the adjacent forest. [Conservation Series]

Sunday, June 1, 2025 (cont.)

Allens Pond Mass Audubon Sanctuary, Dartmouth

7:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Parking area for Allens Pond MAS on Horseneck Road in South Dartmouth.

Description: Targeting marsh sparrows and White-eyed Vireo. Best spot in Massachusetts to observe nesting marsh sparrows (Saltmarsh and Seaside) up close.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2324116> [Conservation Series]

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Crane WMA, East Falmouth (with additional stops)

8:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Jeff Bryant, five_loons@yahoo.com

Meet: From Mashpee rotary, take 151 west approx. 4.3 miles. After Sandwich Road intersection, the entrance to Crane will be on the right (next to Allietta Softball Field). Park just beyond by Otis Model Aero Club.

Description: With Cape Cod BC. This unique grassland habitat at Crane hosts a rich variety of species: Eastern Meadowlark, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink, American Kestrel, and Blue Grosbeak. We may cross road to scan Coonamessett Field for raptors. Option to continue to Ashumet Holly Wildlife Sanctuary located minutes away.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L468673> [Conservation Series]

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Crane Beach, Ipswich

6:15 – 9:00 pm

Leaders: Jim Berry, jim.berry.ips@gmail.com, (978) 356-5505; Susan Hedman, 2winterwren@gmail.com, (978) 325-6226

Meet: Outside gate to Crane Beach parking lot at end of Argilla Road.

Description: Two-mile evening walk on sand. Targets are nesting Piping Plovers, Least Terns, and Bank Swallows. Then, evening singers such as Eastern Whip-poor-wills. Expect mosquitoes at sunset. With Essex County Ornithological Club.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L211434> [Birding 101]
[Conservation Series]

Evening in Myles Standish State Forest, Carver

6:30 – 9:00 pm

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

Meet: Headquarters parking lot at Cranberry Road, Carver.

Description: End the day with Prairie Warblers and Hermit Thrushes giving way to Eastern Whip-poor-wills and, perhaps, Northern Saw-whet Owls. Target state-listed breeding species: Eastern Whip-poor-will.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L207394> [Conservation Series]

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Mount Holyoke to the Quabbin

7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Leader: Mark Burns, mcburns16@comcast.net, (978) 741-0897

Meet: Entrance to Skinner State Park on Route 47 in Hadley

Description: A series of short, medium hikes for Cerulean Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, and Alder Flycatcher. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L365343>

Saturday, June 7, 2025 (cont.)

◀ Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 14.

Gore Place, Waltham

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Emily Szczypek, plover08@yahoo.com

Meet: Carriage House (52 Gore Street, Waltham).

Description: Farm fields, gardens, and adjacent conservation land. Preregistration required at <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=228497>

Free for BBC and Gore Place members. **Pub. Transit:** Bus 70 runs nearby <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L8035213>

[Birding 101]

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pegan Hill in Natick

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Park at end of Sassamon Road off Glen Street in Natick. There is a sign for entrance and plenty of room to park.

Description: Target birds: orchard oriole and bobolink. Hike along a wet and possibly rocky path for a bit, then it's all dirt and grass paths. We'll see woodland, edge, and grassland species. Total walk is less than a mile.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L11787157>

Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Mike Baird, rkramden1994@gmail.com, (978) 551-3504

Meet: Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, 1413 Varnum Avenue., Lowell.

Description: Walk this former Christmas tree farm. Listen and look for migratory and breeding birds. Expect some mildly hilly sections on accessible gravel trails.

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With Lowell Parks and Cons Trust. Limited to 20 participants. Pre-register at:

https://lowelllandtrust.org/about-us-2-2-2/event_rsvp/

Pub. Transit: Lowell Regional Transit Auth bus #7

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L18716722> [Birding 101]

Martin Burns WMA, West Newbury

7:30 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Martin Burns WMA, Orchard Street, West Newbury.

Description: Walk on fairly level gravel roads for three miles looking for breeding birds. With Menotomy BC. No restrooms. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L613730>

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Assabet River NWR, White Pond Road Entrance

6:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Ed Bogle, e..bogle@icloud.com, 508-308-7463

Meet: North side to the refuge, at end of White Pond Road, off Route 117, Stow. Can connect via Hastings Street near Erikson Ice Cream.

Description: Walk two to three miles on even, well-maintained trails in a diverse mixture of pine and hardwood forest, old fields, and wetlands in search of various migrants and residents. Insect repellent advised. Then short drive to a Great Blue Heron rookery. Restrooms. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207344>

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 (cont.)

Plum Island

7:00 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot #1, first left on entering.

Description: Explore various locations on the Parker River NWR in search of breeding birds. Entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms.

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

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Saturday, June 14, 2025

Mount Greylock

6:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

Meet: Mount Greylock Visitor Center at the base of the mountain in Lanesborough.

Description: Enjoy the warblers and other neotropical migrants of spring migration. This trip will end around 3 pm then reconvene for dinner and an evening trip to Post Farm Marsh, Lenox. Target state-listed breeding species: Pied-billed Grebe, Common Gallinule, Blackpoll Warbler, Mourning Warbler. With South Shore BC.

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L207392> [Conservation Series]

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard. (cont.)

Description: With Boxborough Birders. We will look for resident species and a variety of warblers. Walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections. Prepare for ticks. We will bird at the meeting location for about 30 minutes so any latecomers can catch up. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

Evening Walk at Pine Hill Road Grasslands

7:30 – 9:00 pm

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

Meet: Parking area at gated end of Pine Hill Road. Take Harvard Road off Route 117 in Lancaster. Follow Harvard Road to sharp right onto Pine Hill Road; soon you cross train tracks; then continue 0.15 miles on dirt road until you reach turn-off and gate on left. Do not block any gates when parked.

Description: Evening walk focuses on the unusual birds that nest at Pine Hill: Grasshopper Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, and Eastern Whip-poor-will. Easy walk over flat sandy roads. Rain cancels walk.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L937177> [Conservation Series]

Birding Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary

7:30 – 10:00 am

Leader: Carol Molander,

cmolander@brooklinebirdclub.org, (508) 641-0991

Meet: Parking lot at Mass Audubon's Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham.

Description: Walk about two and a half miles on several of the trails through forests and fields with scenic views of Buzzards Bay and salt marshes. With Nasketucket BC.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1123991>

Saturday, June 14, 2025 (cont.)

Sherrin Woods with Boston Birding Festival and Walking City Trail

8:00 – 9:30 am

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

Meet: Sherrin Woods entrance on the corner of Austin Street and Marston Street, Boston.

Description: With BBF. Walk about a mile through forests and wetlands. Trails are rugged dirt paths and groomed gravel paths, all mostly level. Mostly on WCT route.

Registration required at

<https://www.bostonbirdingfestival.org/posts/survey-walk-at-sherrin-woods-urban-wild-in-hyde-park>. BBF requires a

waiver; print, sign and bring with you. We'll also have

waiver forms available. **Pub. Transit:** Closest stop is MBTA 50 bus on West Street. [Birding 101] [Birding Boston]

Sunday, June 15, 2025

October Mountain

6:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: New Lenox Road, Lenox; parking lot just west of bridge over Housatonic River (boat ramp).

Description: Multiple habitats make this trip more diversified than prior day's Mount Greylock trip, as we begin along Housatonic River WMA and make our way over October Mount With South Shore BC. Targets: state-listed breeding species: American Bittern, Mourning Warbler. [Conservation Series]

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L729848>

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Peter Van Demark, phvand@icloud.com, (617) 386-3018

Meet: Halibut Point State Park parking, Gott Avenue, at Route 127. Trustees members park for free.

Description: Two-hour walk, about a mile and a half, easy, moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Restrooms. Bad weather cancels; check with leader on night before trip (ok to text). With DCR.

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/halibut-point-state-park>

<http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L374648> [Birding 101]

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Ashby and Townsend

7:30 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Damon Pond parking, Willard Brook State Forest, Hosmer Road, Ashby. Must take Route 119 to Hosmer Road to avoid closed gate.

Description: Search for nesting warblers, juncos, sapsuckers, and probably butterflies and dragonflies. Possibly continue into afternoon. Start in Willard Brook SF and probably continue to Townsend SF, Mount Watatic, or Squannacook River WMA. Some trails are steep or uneven.

◀ **Belle Isle Marsh trip described on page 14.**

Saturday, June 21, 2025 (cont.)

Summer Solstice Walk 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

Meet: Leaders's choice.

Description: Celebrate the beginning of summer by birding favorite patches, locally and beyond. Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than June 19.

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Bobolinks at Farm Meadow, Lincoln

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Mathias Bitter, hans.cathie@gmail.com; Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103

Meet: 145 Lincoln Road, Lincoln. Park towards back of Donelan's Supermarket parking lot, but not in Park and Ride lot (back lot). **Description:** An opportunity to see Bobolinks displaying and singing in their breeding habitat, possibly with fledglings! Other possibilities include Indigo Bunting, Wood Thrush, Alder Flycatcher, and Pileated Woodpecker. A mile-and-a-half walk circling hayfield where Bobolinks breed, and up to Codman Farm.

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

◀ **Revere Beach trip described on page 13.**

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Pine Hill Road Grassland 6:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103
[Conservation Series]

Meet: From Route 117 in Lancaster, Harvard Road to sharp right onto Pine Hill Road, soon you cross train tracks - then 0.15 miles until you reach turn off and gate on left (meeting spot). Do not block any gates when parked.

Description: Visit this preserved grassland to see and hear breeding Grasshopper and Vesper sparrows, state-listed endangered species. Prairie Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Kestrels possible. A mile walk on level grade; can be dry so bring water.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L937177>



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OVERNIGHT TRIPS IN JUNE

Rangeley Lakes Region, Maine

Sunday, June 22 to Saturday, June 28



Leaders: Eddie Giles, emgiles62@comcast.net; Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net.

Description: A seven-day exploration of mountains and lakes in western Maine!

We concentrate on Maine's boreal species: Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied flycatchers, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray Jay, Boreal Chickadee, Bicknell's Thrush and 20+ species of warbler.

Participants can expect some moderate hiking and optional canoeing.

Limited participation. Please contact Eddie for more info and reservations at least one month in advance.

Downeast Maine Puffin and Warblers Trip

Friday, June 27 to Monday, June 30

Leaders: Henry Mauer, Henryd.mauer@gmail.com, (508) 308-8050; Deborah Mauer, (203) 249-3015

Meet: Machias, Maine at 5:00 pm on Friday

Description: Our annual trip to Machias area in Downeast Maine. The highlight of trip is a boat trip to Machias Seal Island for Atlantic Puffins and other alcids, with weather permitting. We tour beautiful coastlands and boreal forests for nesting warblers and other species, and visit nearby areas for species such as Sandhill Crane, Black Terns, Nelson's Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper, and potential rarities.

Although there's no technical or rugged hiking, we walk up to several miles a day. The boat landing on Machias can be treacherous; participants can safely stay on the boat and see all the same birds at close range if concerned about the boat landing.

Limited to 13 participants. Trip fee is \$350 for BBC members; \$370 otherwise. Details sent in response to inquiries. Contact Henry to inquire about availability and the waitlist.



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