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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This bulletin will arrive in your mailbox as we embark on another summer. Young birds should be all around, and the first southbound shorebird migrants will appear at Plum Island and Monomoy before the first week of July ends.

After 35 years as a member, this is my first president's message. It is an honor to take over leadership of our club. As president I hope to focus on strengthening our services to members and on citizen science efforts.

Two long-time members of the board stepped down this past April. Kathy Dia guided our pandemic webinar program, keeping us in touch with birds, birders, and ornithology during a difficult period. Barbara Volkle served the club in many ways over 28 years, including a term as president. We will miss their counsel and know we will see them in the field. The board has two new members – Abigail Young and our new Communications Coordinator Lara Kazo. We hope you will have a chance to get acquainted with them in the coming months.

Did you know that the BBC is one of the oldest, largest, and most active bird clubs in America? Founded in 1913, we offer over 300 field trips, webinars, and other events annually. The club got its start at the Brookline Public Library – hence the name – but has long drawn membership from across the broader Boston area. We now count over 1,100 members, including over 350 lifetime members.

Keeping our club vibrant means meeting the evolving needs of members. Over the past couple years we expanded our trip program by

partnering with other organizations, continued the webinar program that grew out of the pandemic period, reinstituted daytime pelagic trips, added a periodic newsletter in response to overwhelming interest expressed through our member survey, and held our first cooperative Big Day event on May 10th.



*Cliff, birding in
northern NH*

So how do people learn about the BBC and what we have to offer?

Well, I learned about the BBC after a late 80s Mass Audubon walk to Rock Meadow when Lee Taylor told me about a group I might be interested in joining. How did you learn about the BBC? Was it through a friend or mentor? Or perhaps you saw us mentioned in a news article or ran into one of our field trips? We ask because part of keeping our club flourishing is recruiting new members. To that end we ran our first March Madness Membership Drive this year. Results are still coming in, but so far we have so many new members that we ran out of Blue Books to send them! We would appreciate

every member keeping us in mind when speaking to birding friends. Birding is for everyone and we hope to recruit from across the region.

To our new members the club extends a hearty welcome! If you have not already done so please be sure to visit the website at brooklinebirdclub.org to learn about upcoming activities. While there create a member account so that you can learn about member-only webinars and other events listed on the Member Resources page. Stay tuned — we are planning at least one new member walk this summer.

On a more somber note, we must report about the continuing damage to environmental conservation coming out of DC. This includes gutting protections provided by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and undermining the Endangered Species Act, in addition to funding freezes and staff reductions. Reach out to your legislators to let them know that the conservation of lands, waters and birds are a priority.

We are always looking for volunteers, whether it be to lead trips or organize events. If you're interested please get in touch. We want to hear from members about their ideas and their concerns too. You can reach me by email at president@brooklinebirdclub.org. See you in the field!

— *Cliff Cook, President, Brookline Bird Club*

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FOCUS ON CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION

Taking Action to Protect Our Natural World

This is a partial list of independent groups working to protect our natural world. Visit these sites to learn more about taking action.

[American Bird Conservancy](https://act.abcbirds.org/a/take-action-mbpa?ms=web_actioncenter)

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[American Ornithological Society](https://americanornithology.org/us-state-of-the-birds-2025-report/)

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[Cornell Lab of Ornithology](https://www.birds.cornell.edu/conservation-media/)

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/conservation-media/>

[Ducks Unlimited](https://www.ducks.org/conservation/public-policy)

<https://www.ducks.org/conservation/public-policy>

[Manomet Conservation Sciences](https://www.manomet.org/volunteer/)

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[Massachusetts Audubon Society](https://www.massaudubon.org/take-action/advocate/action-center)

<https://www.massaudubon.org/take-action/advocate/action-center>

[National Audubon Society](https://www.audubon.org/takeaction)

<https://www.audubon.org/takeaction>

[National Wildlife Federation](https://nwfactionfund.org/take-action/)

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[Nature Conservancy](https://preserve.nature.org/page/156561/action/1?chain)

<https://preserve.nature.org/page/156561/action/1?chain>

[Oceana](https://usa.oceana.org/)

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[The Natural Resources Defense Council](https://action.nrdc.org/letter/3970-public-lands-042525?initms=WBSNAPLWPETC30425&ms=WBSNAPWBSNAP30425)

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[Sierra Club](https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/National?actionId=AR0401343&id=70131000001Lp1FAAS)

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What Federal Agencies Protect Wildlife and Habitat?

Environmental protection is a legacy and core value of the United States. It is reflected in the creation and funding of the following federal agencies.

1. As the name implies the **EPA**, established in 1970, protects the environment through its research, environmental impact studies, environmental law enforcement, education, and any environmental protection matters.
2. The **Department of Interior**, created in 1849, includes four major branches: the Bureau of Land Management (BLM, 1946), the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&W, 1956), the National Park Service (NPS, 1916), and the US Geological Survey (USGS, 1879).
 - BLM administers federal lands and resources
 - USF&W oversees the management of fish, wildlife, and natural habitats
 - NPS manages all national parks; most national monuments; and other natural, historical, and recreational properties
 - USGS science assists in decision-making related to environmental and resource management
3. Aside from its well-known service forecasting weather, **NOAA** (the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1970), a part of the Department of Commerce, manages fishing and protection of marine mammals and endangered species in US waters.
4. Part of the **Department of Agriculture** (1862), the *Forest Service* (1905) administers 154 national forests and 20 national grasslands covering 193 million acres of land.

2026 Watchlist

On March 15th the 119th Congress passed PUBLIC LAW 119-4 (H.R.1968) to extend appropriations for FY2025. This law — again, passed — made *substantive cuts* to the EPA and the Departments of Interior and Agriculture.

Fast forward to May 2nd when the White House released its 2026 budget to Congress. As of this writing the bill is with the Senate. The following considerable cuts to federal spending are being proposed. *

AGENCY	CUT	ADMINISTRATOR
1. EPA	55%	Lee Zeldin
2. Dept of Interior	31%	Doug Burgum
3. NOAA	25%	Laura Grimm
4. Dept of Agriculture	18%	Brooke Rollins

Excerpts from H.R.1, One Big Beautiful Bill Act

- (Sec. 80101) This section establishes requirements about leasing onshore federal land for oil and natural gas development, including by directing the Department of the Interior to immediately resume onshore quarterly lease sales.
- (Sec. 80121) This section modifies provisions concerning the production of oil and gas from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) in Alaska, including by providing for the reissuance of certain leases for energy development.
- (Sec. 80152) This section rescinds certain funding for the Council on Environmental Quality, including funding for (1) collecting data related to environmental and climate issues, (2) tracking disproportionate burdens and cumulative impacts,

*Stein, J, Bogage, J. (May 2, 2025) White House budget calls for \$163 billion in federal cuts next year. Retrieved from [washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com).

(Sec. 80152 continued)

and (3) supporting efforts to ensure that any mapping or screening tool is accessible to community-based organizations and community members.

- (Sec. 80201) This section rescinds funding provided to **NOAA** that it uses to provide financial or technical assistance to coastal states and other eligible entities in order to enable coastal communities prepare for extreme storms and other changing climate conditions. The assistance may be used for the conservation, restoration, and protection of coastal habitat, marine habitats, and marine fisheries.
- (Sec. 80306) This section rescinds certain funding for the **National Forest System**, including funding for forest restoration, wildfire prevention, environmental reviews, the protection of old-growth forests, and related activities.
- (Sec. 80308) This section rescinds funding for certain conservation and ecosystem and habitat restoration projects on lands administered by the **NPS** and the **BLM**.
- (Sec. 80311) This section directs the Forest Service to annually enter into at least one 20-year or longer contract or agreement with private persons or other entities for timber harvesting in each of its regions for FY2025-FY2034.

Editor's note: The bill is posted online at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/1>. As this bulletin goes to press the bill is being considered by the Senate. For updates visit a nonpartisan resource such as <https://www.govtrack.us/>

The First 100 Days

These executive orders* and directives that pertain to CLIMATE were enacted in the first 100 days of the incoming administration, January 20th to April 28th.

April 28 Day 99

Dismissed all authors who worked on government's flagship climate report

April 17 Day 88

- Allowed commercial fishing in one of world's largest ocean reserves, Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument
- Directed Commerce Department to loosen regulations that 'overly burden America's commercial fishing, aquaculture, and fish processing industries'

April 16 Day 87

Redefined 'harm' for endangered species making it much easier to log, build or drill for oil. Both USFWS and National Marine Fisheries published rules with a unified definition of "harm" to mean "an act which actually kills or injures wildlife."

April 11 Day 82

Called for elimination of scientific research division at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

April 10 Day 81

Moved to end requirements at EPA that big polluters disclose how much carbon dioxide and other planet-warming gases they emit

* Yourish, K., Rabinowitz, E., Wu, A., Gamio, L., Kavi, A., & Kim, M. (2025, April 30). All of the Trump Administration's Major Moves in the First 100 Days. The New York Times. Retrieved from <http://www.nytimes.com>

April 9 Day 80

- Repealed Biden-era limit on water flow in shower heads
- Cut nearly \$4 million in funding for climate research at Princeton University

April 8 Day 79

- Threatened states' efforts to combat climate change
- Signed several executive orders aimed at reviving country's coal industry by expanding mining and burning of coal
- Cut funding and staff for a flagship climate report

March 24 Day 64

Announced EPA would take 31 deregulatory actions on environmental regulations

March 17 Day 57

- Aimed to eliminate EPA's scientific research arm
- Authorized production of coal-powered energy

March 12 Day 52

- Moved to repeal dozens of nation's most significant environmental regulations
- Canceled \$20 billion in climate grants

March 11 Day 51

Internal EPA memo noting all EPA environmental justice offices would be eliminated

March 10 Day 50

Pledged to reverse former administration's focus on undoing climate change

March 1 Day 41

Ordered an increase in U.S. lumber production

Feb. 20 Day 32

Reversed a freeze of some climate spending

Feb. 12 Day 24

Nominated an oil and gas advocate to run BLM

Feb. 11 Day 23

- Started to roll back regulations requiring

companies to make disclosures about their impact on climate

- Directed new EPA head to end climate standards on household appliances, as well as toilets and lightbulbs

Feb. 7 Day 19

- Ordered a review of EPA funding from 2022 climate law
- Announced he would stop plan to phase out plastic straws in favor of paper ones

Feb. 6 Day 18

Froze existing program to build a national network of EV charging stations

Feb. 5 Day 17

Blocked enforcement of environmental justice laws

Feb. 3 Day 15

Threatened to fire EPA employees

Jan. 28 Day 9

Sought to roll back fuel economy standards

Jan. 24 Day 5

Sought to assert more control over California's water

Jan. 20 Day 1

- Ordered 60-day pause on approvals for all 'renewable energy development' on public lands
- Rescinded these previous executive orders
 - January 20, 2021, Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis.
 - January 27, 2021, President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.
 - January 27, 2021, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad.
 - May 7, 2021, Establishment of the Climate Change Support Office.
 - May 20, 2021, Climate-Related Financial Risk.
 - December 8, 2021, Catalyzing Clean Energy

Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability.

- March 13, 2023, Withdrawal of Certain Areas off the United States Arctic Coast of the Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Gas Leasing.
- April 21, 2023, Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All.
- January 6, 2025, Withdrawal of Certain Areas of the United States Outer Continental Shelf from Oil or Natural Gas Leasing.
- Ordered withdrawal from world's main climate pact, the Paris Agreement
- Instructed federal agencies to end subsidies for electric vehicles
- Declared a 'national energy emergency'
- Halted federal approvals for new wind farms
- Initiated plans to open up fragile wilderness in Alaska for oil drilling and mining

I don't care if you're red, blue or purple, this is a critical moment for bird conservation. The birds need your voice and your involvement.

— Scott Weidensaul, Fellow of the American Ornithological Society.

**CALL TO ACTION - TELL YOUR PEOPLE. CALL
YOUR REPRESENTATIVES. RAISE YOUR VOICE.
TAKE ACTION.**

White House: whitehouse.gov/contact/
Congress: usa.gov/elected-officials/

REPORTS

Brookline Bird Club 2024 Statistical and Year-End Report

— *David Scott, Club Statistician*

The Brookline Bird Club (BBC) recorded 283 species for 2024, with 274 species in Massachusetts (four more than 2023), and nine additional species reported from New Hampshire and Maine. This total was based upon 262 trips for which checklists were reported, the highest number in the history of the club, as well as the out-of-state overnight trips.

The two August pelagic trips visited Hydrographer, Dogbody and Welker Canyons and found a remarkable variety of marine life. This included four species of whales, three species of dolphins, three species of sharks, ocean sunfish, and leatherback turtle. One trip even managed to collect a baby sailfish from the sargassum. Bird highlights included White-faced, Band-rumped and Leach's storm-petrels, South Polar Skua, Long-tailed and Pomarine jaegers, Black-capped Petrel and migrating Red and Red-necked phalaropes.

Other highlights in Massachusetts included: Dovekie and Common Murre (Race Point, January 1), Western Kingbird (Salt Pond, Eastham, January 1), Long-eared and Short-eared owls (Newburyport/Salisbury, January 1), Prothonotary Warbler (Mt. Auburn, May 1), Northern Goshawk (Westboro WMA, May 6), Chuck-will's Widow (Charles River Esplanade, May 15), Caspian Tern (Plumbush Marshes, September 11), Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (Ipswich River Audubon, November 16), and Spotted Towhee (Provincetown Airport, November 30). Outside of Massachusetts, Bicknell's Thrush, Canada Jay, Ruffed Grouse, and Boreal Chickadee were seen on

the trip to the Lake Umbagog region in New Hampshire. On the Rangeley Lakes and Downeast trips to Maine, the club recorded Spruce Grouse, Evening Grosbeak, Black Tern, Upland Sandpiper and Nelson’s Sparrow.

Birds we missed in Massachusetts included Redpoll, Snowy Owl, Red Knot, Evening Grosbeak, Dickcissel, Yellow-breasted Chat, Ruffed Grouse, King Eider, Redhead, and Canvasback (last reported on a club trip in 2014).

There were 385 species reported in eBird in 2024 for Massachusetts, of which the club’s total of 274 represented 71 percent. The club reported the most species in Essex County (226), followed by Plymouth (165), Middlesex (164), Suffolk (148), Worcester (141), Barnstable (130), Bristol (127), and Norfolk (126) counties. Trips to Mt. Auburn Cemetery recorded 113 species this year, including 29 species of warblers. We missed Blue-winged Warbler at the cemetery but recorded it on 15 other trips.

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

Date	Location	Species	Leader
1/1	Newburyport & vicinity	51	Laura de la Flor/Mark Burns
2/4	Scituate to Plymouth	62	Glenn d'Entremont/SSBC
3/16	Newburyport & vicinity	58	Laura de la Flor
4/29	Westboro WMA	57	Nick Paulson
5/4	South Shore	114	Glenn d'Entremont/SSBC
6/16	Housatonic R, Oct Mtn	71	Glenn d'Entremont/SSBC
7/20	Rough Meadows	61	Davey Walters
8/3	Squantum, Quincy	53	Glenn d'Entremont/SSBC
9/22	Delaney WMA	55	Cliff Cook
10/5	Outer Cape Cod	70	Glenn d'Entremont/SSBC
11/3	NH Seacoast	74	Steve Mirick
12/12	Cape Ann	38	Jim McCoy

Thanks to all our trip leaders, especially those who led 10 or more trips in 2024: Cliff Cook, Kathy Dia, Glenn

d'Entremont, Linda Ferraresso, Leslie Kramer, Michealle Larkins, Thomas Michel, Nick Paulson, David Scott, and Dave Williams.

Thanks also to the organizations with whom the club co-sponsors trips. These include the South Shore Bird Club, Cape Cod Bird Club, the Charles River Esplanade Association, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Minute Man National Historical Park, and the Franklin Park Coalition.

Excluding the pelagic and overnight out-of-state trips, there were 363 eBird checklists associated with 259 trips. American Robin retained its position as the most frequently reported species, appearing on 261 checklists. Song Sparrow (252) and Blue Jay (248) remained in second and third. Mourning Dove (227) and Northern Cardinal (226) overtook Black-capped Chickadee (222). American Goldfinch (219) was seventh, and Downy Woodpecker (208) moved up two places to eighth. Mallard (209) was ninth and Red-winged Blackbird (193) tenth. The next five were Common Grackle (185), Canada Goose (177), Herring Gull (177), American Crow (174) and Northern Flicker (170).

A comparison with the frequency of species that the club reported 40 years ago reveals some significant changes to the birdlife of Massachusetts.

	2024 363 trips		1984 215 trips	
Species	check- lists	% of times seen	check- lists	% of times seen
Top 20 in 2024				
American Robin	261	73%	137	64%
Song Sparrow	252	71%	145	67%
Blue Jay	248	69%	154	72%
Mourning Dove	227	64%	154	72%
Northern Cardinal	226	63%	113	53%
Black-capped Chickadee	222	62%	151	70%
American Goldfinch	219	61%	109	51%
Downy Woodpecker	208	58%	102	47%
Mallard	206	58%	160	74%
Red-winged Blackbird	193	54%	114	53%
Common Grackle	185	52%	119	55%
Canada Goose	177	50%	118	55%
Herring Gull	177	50%	185	86%
American Crow	174	49%	180	84%
Northern Flicker	170	48%	105	49%
Tufted Titmouse	169	47%	98	46%
White-breasted Nuthatch	165	46%	74	34%
Red-bellied Woodpecker	164	46%	1	0%
Carolina Wren	161	45%	4	2%
European Starling	160	45%	167	78%

	2024 363 trips		1984 215 trips	
Species	check- lists	% of times seen	check- lists	% of times seen
Top 7 in 1984				
Northern Mockingbird	87	24%	153	71%
Rock Pigeon	71	20%	148	69%
House Sparrow	143	40%	136	63%
Great Black-backed Gull	97	27%	134	62%
American Black Duck	66	18%	120	56%
House Finch	121	34%	119	55%
Ring-billed Gull	79	22%	116	54%
Significant Changes				
Wild Turkey	46	13%	2	1%
Turkey Vulture	42	12%	4	2%
Common Raven	33	9%	4	2%
Ring-necked Pheasant	2	1%	96	45%
American Kestrel	7	2%	86	40%
Eastern Meadowlark	8	2%	33	15%

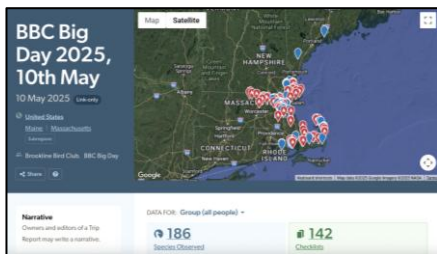


1934-35 Dept. of Agriculture migratory bird hunting stamp by Jay N. "Ding" Darling, chief of the U.S. Biological Survey

BBC's First Big Day

On May 10, 2025, the BBC initiated its first Big Day as part of Cornell University's Global Big Day. A Big Day is a 24-hour period in which the total number of species seen is recorded. Over 40 enthusiastic birders tallied a total of 186 species despite heavy rains throughout the region, establishing a new baseline for future events. See the details at ebird.org/tripreport/369262

Scientists consider it important to measure the number of species in a given period to assess the impact that climate change and loss of protective measures has on bird populations. Our club has significant records that illustrate changes in bird populations within our own cherished birding areas.



SAVE THE DATE — October 11, 2025

Make a difference while having fun with your fellow birders! Join us for our second Big Day on October 11!

- Join a group with a leader and location
- Bird with family and friends at your favorite hotspots
- Conduct a count in your own backyard
- Share your lists with us on eBird

Watch for more info on our web site as the date nears.

MEMBER WEBINARS

The Art and Craft of Shorebird Identification

August 13, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Join **Lisa Schibley** for a member webinar about shorebird ID. We will also be scheduling a limited participation field trip focused on shorebirds where you will practice the skills you learned during the webinar. Details will be available later in the summer.



An enthusiastic birder and shore-birder, Lisa joined Manomet's Shorebird Recovery Program in 2008 and is currently the North American coordinator for the International Shorebird Survey.

Birds at Rest: The Behavior and Ecology of Avian Sleep

September 16, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Join **Roger Pasquier** for a member webinar about birds and sleep. Everybody enjoys watching birds during the daytime, but what do they do at night, when they seem to disappear? Birds need sleep as much as we do, and they have evolved unique sleep habits to match their intensely energetic lifestyle.



Roger Pasquier is an associate in the Department of Ornithology at the American Museum of Natural History and the author of several books on birds. His favorite birding places are Central Park and the Peruvian rainforest, and he enjoys his occasional visits to Mount Auburn.

FALL MEMBERS MEETING

Exploring the Natural History of Gulls

Meeting with Amar Ayash

SAVE THE DATE!

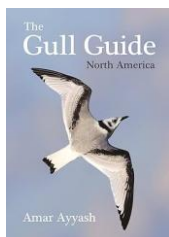
Friday, November 7, 2025

Harvard Geological Sciences Lecture Hall

24 Oxford Street, Cambridge

Open to All, Free Parking

Join us to hear a talk by Amar Ayash, author of [The Gull Guides](#). Amar joins us to talk about his favorite group of birds — GULLS. Gulls are sometimes perceived as second-class avian creatures. They present identification challenges and have a readiness to hybridize; this could explain why many birders have a love-hate relationship with gulls.



Yet some gull species are among the most coveted birds on any birder's list (think Ross's Gull and Ivory Gull). This makes for an interesting juxtaposition. Do we like some gulls and look past others?

Amar Ayyash will take us through an entertaining and intriguing exploration of the natural history of gulls, including their thorny taxonomy, and he'll share some of their lesser-known adaptations and quirky behaviors.

Be sure to check the [BBC web site](#) as November 7th approaches for more details.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR

Weather and Other Cancellations

Generally trips are cancelled for bad-enough weather but often do go in marginal conditions, such as intermittent drizzle. Trips could be canceled for several reasons including rain, high winds, extreme cold, or extreme heat. If unsure, check with the leader, check the website, or contact us at fieldtrips@brooklinebirdclub.org.

We do not usually send emails for last-minute cancelations. Periodically we may notify you about added trips or schedule changes. You can opt out of these emails by requesting that you be removed from these particular emails (I say how in every one of these schedule emails). If you actually want more frequent emails about schedule changes, give us that feedback please. We could create a special email list for this. You may contact us about these email policies at fieldtrips@brooklinebirdclub.org.

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.

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

BBC Member Discount

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

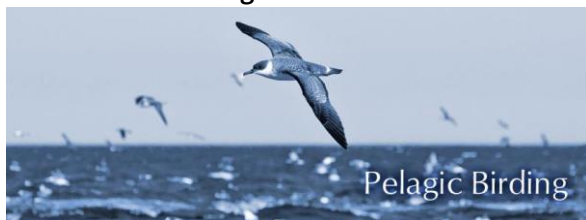
The club would like to thank Steve Grinley, of Bird Watcher's Supply and Gifts, who recently assisted the club with a purchase of 10 new pairs of binoculars for our loaner box.

See page 26 to learn more about borrowing binoculars on a BBC trip.



TRIP SERIES

Birding on the Water



Half-Day Pelagic Trips

Following last year's popular pelagic trips, we are planning more trips to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary this summer and fall. Stellwagen Bank is the 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. These tours are open to all.

Register online at brooklinebirdclub.org by July 8th.

Confirmation and more information to be provided to registrants.

Also watch your email for upcoming half-day and full-day pelagic trips this fall.

Friday, July 18

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: \$42

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

Thursday, August 14

Captain John's Whale Watch Cruise, *Plymouth*
Cosponsored with the South Shore Bird Club

2 – 6 pm (meet at dock by 1:15 pm)

10 Town Wharf, Plymouth

Group ticket: \$52

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

Overnight Pelagic Trips (SOLD OUT!)

August 23 – 24th and August 25 – 26th

The Brookline Bird Club will host two overnight pelagic trips in August 2025 from Hyannis to the Hydrographer Canyon area.

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.



South Polar Skua

Please note that all of these popular trips sell out quickly, and we keep waitlists in the event of cancellations. If you are unable to participate, please watch for announcements about our late fall half-day and full-day trips.

Also, brush up on your pelagic bird ID skills! Watch a replay of our virtual pelagic trip located posted under Member Resources/2024 recordings on the BBC website.

Cruise Through Parker River Marshes

Thursday, August 7

10:00 am - 12:30 am (meet by 9:30 am for boarding)

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 Saltmarsh Sparrows on this tour.

Group discount tickets are available by registering on the BBC website no later than July 19; seating is limited. Confirmation and additional information will be provided to registrants.

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

Trip leader: Marilyn Tillinghast, (860) 729-0349,
vicepresident@brooklinebirdclub.org



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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.



Public

Transportation

Arrive by bus or train



Each year, many participants enjoy birding with the BBC's loaner binoculars particularly at our urban walks. If you would like to borrow binoculars, look for the binocular icon in our field trip listings indicating walks for which loaners are available; contact the trip leader if you don't see the icon. If you have binoculars that you would like to donate to the BBC loaner box, please contact president@brooklinebirdclub.org.

DAY TRIPS

Saturday, July 5, 2025

Quabbin Reservoir

7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont,

gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442

Meet: Quabbin Gate 10 on 202 in Pelham.

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

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

The Quiet Beauty of Birding at Winthrop Beach

10:00 – 11:30 am

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

Meet: DCR's Winthrop Shore Reservation, Winthrop Beach. On the sidewalk across from 59 Winthrop Shore Drive, vicinity of Sturgis Street.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a leisurely walk across sandy stretches and areas of loose rocks at this Massachusetts State Reservation, a well-known hotspot for birdwatching. We'll be on the lookout for shorebirds, waterbirds, and gulls. Binoculars are recommended. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and Friends of Winthrop Beaches.

Public Transit: MBTA Bus 712 or 713 to Shirley Street at Washington stop (in front of D'Parma Restaurant). Cross street, walk about five minutes on Sturgis Street to Winthrop Shore Drive (the beach).

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L514035>

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Birch Hill WMA

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leaders: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442; Ernie LeBlanc

Meet: Meet at the first parking area about one-half mile on access road (New Boston Road on maps) off of Winchendon Road in Royalston at the Royalston/Winchendon line.

Description: Includes three to five miles of walking relatively flat terrain. Might include some bushwacking. Driving on hardpack dirt roads. Cosponsored with the Athol Bird & Nature Club.

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

Saturday, July 12, 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. For directions, see <https://thetrustees.org/place/fruitlands-museum/>

Description: All the nesting birds will still be around, with good views of young out of the 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. Heavy rain cancels the trip.

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

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Southwick WMA

7:30 – 10:30 am

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

Meet: Suffield WMA parking lot off Babb Road in Connecticut right by the state line.



Description: We will hike the fields focusing on grassland breeders, particularly Eastern Meadowlark and Grasshopper Sparrow.

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

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Pine Hill Road Grassland

6:00 – 9:00 pm

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

Meet: Parking area at the gated end of Pine Hill Road. Take Harvard Road off of Route 117 in Lancaster. Follow Harvard Road until you go over the train tracks and continue on dirt road until you reach the area of the gates. Entry to Wildlife Management Area is on left. Take care not to block any gates in the area.

Description: We will hike a sandy/gravelly field area for grassland-breeding sparrows and warblers including Grasshopper Sparrow, and then wait until sunset for whip-poor-wills. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L937177>

Thursday, July 17, 2025

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Cris Van Dyke, cris_vandyke@yahoo.com;

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

Meet: Refuge parking lot at 179 Monson Road in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find "Great Meadows" as this may take you to a different location.)



Description: 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. Loaner binoculars available; please email trip leader to reserve a pair!

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

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Birding Sketch Crawl – Summer Series

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than the Thursday before the event.

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

Saturday, July 19, 2025

An Oasis for Birds at Belle Isle Marsh

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leaders: Matthew Nash, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov, (617) 721-4132; Heather Famico, heather.e.famico@mass.gov, (978) 979-9298

Meet: DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston. Program will also go to nearby locations.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a relaxed, one-mile bird walk through flat, easy terrain at this Massachusetts State Reservation and birding



hotspot. In July we search for osprey, flocks of egrets, Piping Plover, migrating shorebirds, meadow- and grassland-nesting birds. Participants are responsible for their own transportation between locations (by car or bike). Binoculars are recommended, and don't forget to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitoes. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington Street, cross street (crossing signal available at crosswalk outside of station), and turn left. Walk about five minutes, Entrance to the reservation will be on your right.

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

Sunday, July 20, 2025

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 lot.

From Route 128 (Exit 9), take Route 127 north (Eastern Ave.) toward Rockport, three miles. At five-way intersection, turn left onto Railroad Avenue (remains Route 127) and follow for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Gott Avenue. Turn right into the state park's parking lot. Trustee members park free with Trustees membership card on dashboard.



Description: Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy-to-moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Chance of seeing nesting Green Herons. Boots advisable. Cosponsored by DCR.

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

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

The Quiet Beauty of Birding at Winthrop Beach

10:00 – 11:30 am

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

Meet: DCR's Winthrop Shore Reservation, Winthrop Beach. On the sidewalk across from 59 Winthrop Shore Drive, vicinity of Sturgis Street.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a leisurely walk across sandy stretches and areas of loose rocks at this Massachusetts State Reservation, a well-known hotspot for birdwatching. We'll be on the lookout for shorebirds, waterbirds, and gulls. Binoculars are recommended. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and Friends of Winthrop Beaches.

Public Transit: MBTA Bus 712 or 713 to Shirley Street at Washington stop (in front of D'Parma Restaurant). Cross street, walk about five minutes on Sturgis Street to Winthrop Shore Drive (the beach).

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L514035>

Sunday, July 27, 2025

Squantum - Quincy

6:30 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock parking area off East Squantum Street, Quincy.

Description: We'll check the marshes and the mudflats in Squantum for shorebirds, starting at Moswetuset Hummock and visiting other spots nearby. At high tide

(~6:15 am), we'll try checking the high-tide roosts for shorebirds as well. Be prepared for the possibility of biting insects. Cosponsored with South Shore Bird Club. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1135300>

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Shorebirds and More at Parker River NWR

7:30 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: Parker River NWR parking lot #1.

Description: We will be looking for shorebirds and other Refuge specialties. We will drive and walk to various places on the Refuge. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required. Restroom available. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L129046>



Saturday, August 2, 2025

Squantum - Quincy

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442; Dan O'Brien

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock parking area off East Squantum Street, Quincy.

Description: We'll check the marshes and the mudflats in Squantum for shorebirds, starting at Moswetuset Hummock and visiting other spots nearby. At high tide (~6:15 am), we'll try checking the high-tide roosts for shorebirds as well. Be prepared for the possibility of biting insects. Cosponsored with South Shore Bird Club. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1135300>

Saturday, August 2, 2025

An Oasis for Birds at Belle Isle Marsh

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leaders: Matthew Nash, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov, (617) 721-4132; Heather Famico, heather.e.famico@mass.gov, (978) 979-9298



Meet: DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston. Program will also go to nearby locations.

Description: Join DCR park staff for a relaxed, one-mile bird walk through flat, easy terrain at this Massachusetts State Reservation and birding hotspot. We'll search for large groups of herons and egrets, and shorebird rarities. Participants are responsible for their own transportation between locations (by car or bike). Binoculars are recommended, and don't forget to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitoes. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.



Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington Street, cross street (crossing signal available at crosswalk outside of station), and turn left. Walk about five minutes. Entrance to the reservation will be on your right.

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

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

The Quiet Beauty of Birding at Winthrop Beach **9:30 – 11:00 am**

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



Meet: DCR's Winthrop Shore Reservation, Winthrop Beach. On the sidewalk across from 59 Winthrop Shore Drive, vicinity of Sturgis Street.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a leisurely walk across sandy stretches and areas of loose rocks at this Massachusetts State Reservation, a well-known hotspot for birdwatching. We'll be on the lookout for shorebirds, waterbirds, and gulls. Binoculars are recommended. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and Friends of Winthrop Beaches.

Public Transit: MBTA Bus 712 or 713 to Shirley Street at Washington stop (in front of D'Parma Restaurant). Cross street, walk about five minutes on Sturgis Street to Winthrop Shore Drive (the beach).

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L514035>

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Forest Beach Conservation Area, Chatham **8:00 am**

Leader: Mary Jo Foti, maryjo1226@yahoo.com

Meet: Take Route 6 to exit 85 and head south towards Route 28. Turn right on Route 28 and a left turn at about one-half mile onto Forest Beach Road. This will take you directly to the beach — parking is limited but free of charge. Consider arriving early to beat the traffic and have a better chance for parking.

Description: Cosponsored with Cape Cod Bird Club. We'll walk the marsh trail to where it meets Mill Creek and return via the beach, less than a mile round trip. We'll then head towards the overlook where we'll likely view herons, egrets, shorebirds, passerines, gulls, Osprey, and Northern Harrier. This is another area with mixed habitat, a nice variety of bird species, and the occasional rarity. Low tide 9:59 am.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L779308>

Saturday, August 16, 2025

An Oasis for Birds at Belle Isle Marsh

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leaders: Matthew Nash, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov, (617) 721-4132; Heather Famico, heather.e.famico@mass.gov, (978) 979-9298

Meet: DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Washington stop go to nearby locations.

Description: Join DCR park staff for a relaxed, one-mile bird walk through flat, easy terrain at this Massachusetts State Reservation and birding hotspot. We'll search for large groups of herons and egrets, and shorebird rarities. Participants are responsible for their own transportation between locations (by car or bike). Binoculars are recommended, and don't forget to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitoes. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington Street, cross street (crossing signal available at crosswalk outside of station), and turn left. Walk about five minutes. Entrance to the reservation will be on your right.

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



Sunday, August 17, 2025

Squantum - Quincy

7:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock parking area off East

Squantum Street, Quincy.

Description: We'll check the marshes and the mudflats in Squantum for shorebirds, starting at Moswetuset Hummock and visiting other spots nearby. At high tide (~6:15 am), we'll try checking the high tide roosts for shorebirds as well. Be prepared for the possibility of biting insects. Cosponsored with South Shore Bird Club. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1135300>

Sunday, August 17, 2025

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 lot.

From Route 128 (Exit 9), take Route 127 north (Eastern Ave.) toward Rockport, three miles. At five-way intersection, turn left onto Railroad Avenue (remains Route 127) and follow for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Gott Avenue. Turn right into the state park's parking lot. Trustee members park free with Trustees membership card on dashboard.



Description: Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy-to-moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Cosponsored by DCR.

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

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

The Quiet Beauty of Birding at Winthrop Beach

9:30 – 11:00 am

Leader: Matthew Nash,

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

Meet: DCR's Winthrop Shore Reservation, Winthrop Beach. On the sidewalk across from 59 Winthrop Shore Drive, vicinity of Sturgis Street.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a leisurely walk across sandy stretches and areas of loose rocks at this Massachusetts State Reservation, a well-known hotspot for birdwatching. We'll be on the lookout for shorebirds, waterbirds, and gulls. Binoculars are recommended. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and Friends of Winthrop Beaches.

Public Transit: MBTA Bus 712 or 713 to Shirley Street at Washington stop (in front of D'Parma Restaurant). Cross street, walk about five minutes on Sturgis Street to Winthrop Shore Drive (the beach).

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L514035>

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Shorebirds, Herons, Swallows, and More at Parker River NWR

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Leader: Dave Williams,

dave.williams6@gmail.com, (781) 439-7187

Meet: Meet at the Hellcat parking lot (lot #4) on Parker River NWR. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required. Restroom available.

Description: 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.

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

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Plum Island PRNWR

3:30 – 6:30 pm



Leader: Marilyn Tillinghast,
mtillinghast@brooklinebirdclub.org, (860)
729-0349

Meet: Parking lot #1 at Parker River NWR on Plum Island.



Description: Enjoy the 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.

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

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Leaders: Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103; Cris Van Dyke, cris_vandyke@yahoo.com

Meet: Refuge parking lot at 179 Monson Road in Concord. (Do not use GPS to find "Great Meadows" as this may take you to a different location.)



Description: We will walk slowly along the dike looking for rails, shorebirds, and wading birds. Then we will continue to an adjacent site where we have permission to enter private property, to look for night-herons. On our return, we will look for migrating Common Nighthawks! Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Loaner binoculars available; please email trip leader to reserve a pair! <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L208284>

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Shore Birding around Boston

7:30 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Belle Isle Reservation main entrance parking lot: 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.



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



Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington Street, cross street (crossing signal available at crosswalk outside of station), and turn left. Walk about five minutes, Entrance to the reservation will be on your right.

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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

Nighthawk Watch at Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge 5:30 – 7:45 pm

Leader: Don MacFarlane, donjmacfarlane@gmail.com, (978) 505-1926

Meet: Halfway down the hill (near Oxbow refuge sign) on Still River Depot Road in Harvard.

Description: 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 24. <http://ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L1039319>

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Delaney WMA, Stow 7:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Boat launch parking lot off Harvard Road in Stow.

Description: We will spend the morning walking three-to-four miles through fields, forests, and wetlands

looking for postnesting 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.

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

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Marshfield

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont,

gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442

Meet: Sanctuary parking area at the end of Winslow Cemetery Road.

Description: Cosponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207361>

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Plum Island

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Leader: Nick Paulson,

grendelpgill@yahoo.com, (508) 330-4401

Meet: District Courthouse parking lot, Route 1 traffic circle.

Description: Beginners and those with limited mobility welcome. There is an entrance fee for Parker River NWR.



Saturday, September 6, 2025

An Oasis for Birds at Belle Isle Marsh

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leaders: Matthew Nash, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov,

(617) 721-4132; Heather Famico,

heather.e.famico@mass.gov, (978) 979-9298

Meet: DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston. Program will also go to nearby locations.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a relaxed, one-mile bird walk through flat, easy terrain at this Massachusetts State Reservation and birding hotspot. We'll search for shorebirds during their peak migration and passerines that are beginning their southerly migration. Participants are responsible for their own transportation between locations (by car or bike). Binoculars are recommended, and don't forget to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitoes. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington Street, cross street (crossing signal available at crosswalk outside of station), and turn left. Walk about five minutes. Entrance to the reservation will be on your right.

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

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

The Quiet Beauty of Birding at Winthrop Beach 1:00 – 2:30 pm

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

Meet: DCR's Winthrop Shore Reservation, Winthrop Beach. On the sidewalk across from 59 Winthrop Shore Drive, vicinity of Sturgis Street.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a leisurely walk across sandy stretches and areas of loose rocks at this Massachusetts State Reservation, a well-known hotspot for birdwatching. We'll be on the lookout for shorebirds, waterbirds, and gulls. Binoculars are recommended. Suitable for adults and



children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and Friends of Winthrop Beaches.

Public Transit: MBTA Bus 712 or 713 to Shirley Street at Washington stop (in front of D’Parma Restaurant). Cross street, walk about five minutes on Sturgis Street to Winthrop Shore Drive (the beach).

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L514035>

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:00 – 9:30 am

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

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

<https://thetrustees.org/place/fruitlands-museum/>

Description: We will look for warblers, thrushes, sparrows, and raptors, among many other birds. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadow and woods, with some steep sections. Heavy rain cancels the trip. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Cold Spring Park, Newton

8:00 – 9:30 am

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

Meet: Use the Beacon Street entrance with parking and meet by the kiosk at the east end.

Description: This large multiuse 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. Portable toilets available. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L633151>

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Plum Island

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leader: Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

Meet: Parker River NWR parking lot #1.

Description: We will drive and carpool down the Parker River Refuge in search of shorebirds and fall migrants. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required.

Restrooms available.

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

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Plum Island

7:00 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: Parker River NWR parking lot #1.

Description: 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.

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



Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:30 – 10:30 am

Leader: Chris Hughes, chris@worldwidehughes.com,
(781) 929-3179

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

Description: 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.

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

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Charles River Esplanade

7:00 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Meeting place and other details provided upon registration. Preregister on the Esplanade Association's website:

<https://events.humanitix.com/bird2025>

Description: 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 the Esplanade Association's website: <https://events.humanitix.com/bird2025>
<http://ebird.org/hotspot/L515554>



Saturday, September 20, 2025

Autumnal Equinox Walk

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

Meet: Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than the Thursday before the event.

Description: Celebrate the beginning of the fall season by birding favorite patches, locally and beyond.

Saturday, September 20, 2025

An Oasis for Birds at Belle Isle Marsh

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leaders: Matthew Nash, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov, (617) 721-4132; Heather Famico, heather.e.famico@mass.gov, (978) 979-9298



Meet: DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston. Program will also go to nearby locations.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a relaxed, one-mile bird walk through flat, easy terrain at this Massachusetts State Reservation and birding hotspot. We'll search for shorebirds during their peak migration and passerines that are beginning their southerly migration. Participants are responsible for their own transportation between locations (by car or bike). Binoculars are recommended, and don't forget to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitoes. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington Street, cross street (crossing signal available at crosswalk outside of station), and turn left. Walk about five minutes, Entrance to the reservation will be on your right.

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

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Delaney WMA, Stow

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Boat launch parking lot off Harvard Road in Stow.

Description: We will spend the morning walking three-to-four miles through fields, forests, and wetlands looking for postnesting 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.

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

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Arlington Reservoir

7:30 – 9:30 am

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

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



Description: In the fall, Reservoir 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.

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

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Caroline Haines,
carolinawrencarolinawren@hotmail.com, (978) 944-0906

Meet: Halibut Point State Park parking lot. From Route 128 (Exit 9), take Route 127 north (Eastern Ave.) toward Rockport, three miles. At five-way intersection, turn left onto Railroad Avenue (remains Route 127) and follow for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Gott Avenue. Turn right into the state park's



parking lot. Trustee members park free with Trustees membership card on dashboard.

Description: Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy-to-moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Cosponsored by DCR.

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

Monday, September 22, 2025

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Lake Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman Street take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Road), pass the fields, take a left, and follow to the yellow gate at the end.

Description: We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers.

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

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Charles River Esplanade

7:00 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Meeting place and other details provided upon registration. Preregister on the Esplanade Association's website:

<https://events.humanitix.com/bird>

Description: 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 the Esplanade Association's



website: <https://events.humanitix.com/bird2025>
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L515554>

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

The Quiet Beauty of Birding at Winthrop Beach

1:00 – 2:30 pm

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

Meet: DCR's Winthrop Shore Reservation,
Winthrop Beach. On the sidewalk across
from 59 Winthrop Shore Drive, vicinity of
Sturgis Street.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a leisurely
walk across sandy stretches and areas of loose
rocks at this Massachusetts State Reservation, a well-
known hotspot for birdwatching. We'll be on the lookout
for shorebirds, waterbirds, and gulls. Binoculars are
recommended. Suitable for adults and children ages
eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored
by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and
Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, Friends of Belle Isle
Marsh, and Friends of Winthrop Beaches.



Public Transit: MBTA Bus 712 or 713 to Shirley Street at
Washington stop (in front of D'Parma Restaurant).
Cross street, walk about five minutes on Sturgis Street
to Winthrop Shore Drive (the beach).

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L514035>

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Fall migrants at Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:30 – 8:30 am

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

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

Description: 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.



Public Transit: Take MBTA 51 bus to either Weld Street and Wedgewood Road or Weld Street and Walter Street stops



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

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Rock Meadow, Belmont

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Matt Sabourin, Accipiter22@gmail.com

Meet: Meet at the lot at 248 Mill Street at 6:30 am.

Description: 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 restrooms, but a portable toilet may be available.

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

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 – 9:00 am

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



Meet: We will meet in the parking lot of the TD Bank at Fresh Pond Circle, located at the intersection of Concord Avenue with Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge. If you are driving, please see the walk leader (Thomas Michel) when you arrive to get a parking permit to place on the dashboard of your car, and then park in the Trader Joe's lot. If you don't have a permit, your car may be towed. Parking is also available at the Alewife T station, and there is limited metered street parking on Wheeler and Fawcett streets in Cambridge and on Concord Avenue in Belmont. Fresh Pond Reservation is also accessible by T (Red Line Alewife Station) or via MBTA #74 bus.

Description: 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.

Public Transit: #74 or #78 bus to Fresh Pond (Concord Ave/Wheeler St) stop; or Red Line to the Alewife T station, a 15-minute walk to the rendezvous point.

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

Monday, September 29, 2025

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:30 – 8:30 am

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

Meet: Lake Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman Street take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Road) pass the fields, take a left, and follow to the yellow gate at the end.

Description: We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers.

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

Thursday, October 2, 2025

Fall migrants at Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:30 – 8:30 am

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

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

Description: 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.

Public Transit: Take MBTA 51 bus to either Weld Street
and Wedgewood Road or Weld Street and Walter Street
stops. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746>



Saturday, October 4, 2025

Outer Cape Cod

6:00 am – 5:00 pm

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

Meet: Bourne commuter lot adjacent to the McDonalds
at the intersection of Routes 3 and 6. Take the Scusset
Beach Road exit.

Description: 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.

Saturday, October 4, 2025

An Oasis for Birds at Belle Isle Marsh

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leaders: Matthew Nash, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov,

(617) 721-4132; Heather Famico,
heather.e.famico@mass.gov, (978) 979-9298

Meet: DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston. Program will also go to nearby locations.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a relaxed, one-mile bird walk through flat, easy terrain at this Massachusetts State Reservation and birding hotspot. We'll search for raptors, native sparrows, finches, herons, and egrets. Participants are responsible for their own transportation between locations (by car or bike). Binoculars are recommended, and don't forget to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitoes. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington Street, cross street (crossing signal available at crosswalk outside of station), and turn left. Walk about five minutes, Entrance to the reservation will be on your right.

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

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Fall migrants at Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park
7:30 – 8:30 am

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



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



Description: 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.

Public Transit: Take MBTA 51 bus to either Weld Street and Wedgewood Road or Weld Street and Walter Street stops <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746>

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Cold Spring Park, Newton

8:00 – 9:30 am

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

Meet: Use the Beacon Street entrance with parking and meet by the kiosk at the east end.

Description: This large multiuse 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. Portable toilets available. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L633151>

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Birding Sketch Crawl – Fall Series

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than the Thursday before the event.

Description: Come and bird/sketch favorite patches around Essex and Middlesex Counties.

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Thomas Michel,

Thomas_Michel@hms.harvard.edu, 617-365-1102

Meet: We will meet in the parking lot of the TD Bank at Fresh Pond Circle, located at the intersection of Concord Avenue with Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge. If you are driving, please see the walk leader (Thomas Michel) when you arrive to get a parking permit to place on the dashboard of your car, and then park in the Trader Joe's lot. If you don't have a permit, your car may be towed. Parking is also available at the Alewife T station, and there is limited metered street parking on Wheeler and Fawcett streets in Cambridge and on Concord Avenue in Belmont. Fresh Pond Reservation is also accessible by T (Red Line Alewife Station) or via MBTA #74 bus.



Description: 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.

Public Transit: #74 or #78 bus to Fresh Pond (Concord Ave/Wheeler St) stop; or Red Line to the Alewife T station, a 15-minute walk to the rendezvous point.

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Plum Island

7:30 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: Parker River NWR parking lot #1.

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



Friday, October 17, 2025

Scusset Beach State Reservation

8:00 am

Leader: Mary Jo Foti, maryjo1226@yahoo.com

Meet: Take Scusset Beach Road to the main entrance. Parking is .25 miles beyond the entrance kiosk at the fishing pier.

Description: Cosponsored with Cape Cod Bird Club. We'll spend the morning checking the thickets on the wooded trails for fall migrants, walking the bike path along the canal where wintering waterfowl should just be coming in and exploring the campground area. We'll finish up at the beach and scope the jetty at the mouth of the canal. Expect three miles of walking on mixed terrain – dirt trails, paved bike path, and beach.

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Hellcat at Parker River NWR

7:00 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: Parking lot #4 for Hellcat area at Parker River NWR

Description: 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.

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

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Arlington Reservoir

7:30 – 9:30 am

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

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



Description: In the fall water Reservoir 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.

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

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard

7:30 – 9:30 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. For directions, see <https://thetrustees.org/place/fruitlands-museum/>

Description: 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. Heavy rain cancels the trip.

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

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Cold Spring Park, Newton

8:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Leslie Kramer,
lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

Meet: End of the left side of Beacon Street parking lot.

Description: An easy walk on flat trails. We will look for fall migrants and resident birds.

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



Saturday, October 18, 2025

Nahanton Park, Newton, and possible other nearby locations

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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

Meet: Nahanton Park parking area off Winchester Street, Newton, one-half mile north of the junction with Nahanton Street. Going up Winchester Street from Nahanton Street, pass a turnout on the left with two very visible do-not-enter signs and look for a difficult-to-see park entrance on the left soon after that.

Description: We will search for sparrows and other fall migrants at Nahanton Park and possibly another location to be determined nearer the date of the trip.

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

Saturday, October 18, 2025

An Oasis for Birds at Belle Isle Marsh

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leaders: Matthew Nash, Matthew.Nash@mass.gov, (617) 721-4132; Heather Famico, heather.e.famico@mass.gov, (978) 979-9298



Meet: DCR's Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston. Program will also go to nearby locations.



Description: Join DCR park staff for a relaxed, one-mile bird walk through flat, easy terrain at this Massachusetts State Reservation and birding hotspot. We'll search for raptors, native sparrows, finches, herons, and egrets. Participants are responsible for their own transportation between locations (by car or bike). Binoculars are recommended, and don't forget to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitoes. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington Street, cross street (crossing signal available at crosswalk outside of station), and turn left. Walk about five minutes. Entrance to the reservation will be on your right.

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Fresh Pond, Cambridge

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Thomas Michel,

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

Meet: We will meet in the parking lot of the TD Bank at Fresh Pond Circle, located at the intersection of Concord Avenue with Fresh Pond Parkway in Cambridge. If you are driving, please see the walk leader (Thomas Michel) when you arrive to get a parking permit to place on the dashboard of your car, and then park in the Trader Joe's lot. If you don't have a permit, your car may be towed. Parking is also



available at the Alewife T station, and there is limited metered street parking on Wheeler and Fawcett streets in Cambridge and on Concord Avenue in Belmont. Fresh Pond Reservation is also accessible by T (Red Line Alewife Station) or via MBTA #74 bus.

Description: This is roughly a two-mile walk on a level, paved path around the pond.

Public Transit: #74 or #78 bus to Fresh Pond (Concord Ave/Wheeler St) stop; or Red Line to the Alewife T station, a 15-minute walk to the rendezvous point.

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Westborough WMA in Two Parts

7:30 am – 1:00 pm

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

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

Description: Part 1: 7:30 – 10:15 am / Part 2: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. We will hike at a slow pace through mild-to-moderate trails in search of sparrows and other migrants. For the first part we will hike the eastern trails between Lake Chauncy and Little Chauncy (about three miles). Then we will again meet at the meeting location. From there we will go over to the Wildlife HQs and hike the western trails (about two miles). Join for either or both parts. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3120200>

Sunday, October 19, 2025

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 lot. From Route 128 (Exit 9), take Route 127 north (Eastern Avenue)



toward Rockport, three miles. At five-way intersection, turn left onto Railroad Avenue (remains Route 127) and follow for 2.4 miles. Turn right onto Gott Avenue. Turn right into state park's parking lot. Trustee members park free with membership card on dashboard.

Description: Beginners encouraged. A two-hour walk over easy-to-moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Cosponsored by DCR.
ebird.org/ebird/hotspot/L374648

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

**The Quiet Beauty of Birding at
Winthrop Beach**
1:00 – 2:30 pm



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

Meet: DCR's Winthrop Shore Reservation, Winthrop Beach. On the sidewalk across from 59 Winthrop Shore Drive, vicinity of Sturgis Street.

Description: Join DCR park staff for a leisurely walk across sandy stretches and areas of loose rocks at this Massachusetts State Reservation, a well-known hotspot for birdwatching. We'll be on the lookout for shorebirds, waterbirds, and gulls. Binoculars are recommended. Suitable for adults and children ages eight and up (with an accompanying adult). Sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brookline Bird Club, Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, and Friends of Winthrop Beaches.

Public Transit: MBTA Bus 712 or 713 to Shirley Street at Washington stop (in front of D'Parma Restaurant). Cross street, walk about five minutes on Sturgis Street to Winthrop Shore Drive (the beach).

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L514035>

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Barretts Mill Farmland

8:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Conservation area lot, just east of 363
Barrett's Mill Road, Concord



Description: This is often a great place for fall sparrows including Savannah, Field, and White-crowned, as well as American Pipit and the occasional Dickcissel. Loaner binoculars available; please email trip leader to reserve a pair! <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2415408>

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Boston Nature Center, Mattapan

8:00 – 11:00 am

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

Meet: Visitor's Center, 500 Walk Hill Street

Description: 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.



Public Transit: Closest MBTA bus stops are Route 31, Morton Street at Courtland Road, and Route 32, Hyde Park Avenue and Florian Street. Both bus stops require a one-mile walk. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207424>

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Cumberland Farms Fields, River Street Entrance

7:00 – 10:00 am

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

Meet: Small parking area on River Street in Halifax, about 1/2 mile from Route 105, at solar farm

Description: 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. I will arrive early to listen for Great Horned Owls.

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

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The Peace of Wild Things

by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

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