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Welcome New Members!

Thank you for your interest in the Brookline Bird Club! You are joining our 1,150 other members who have found a place to share their love of birds and birding. Get engaged! Attend a field trip (or several), watch a webinar, come to our spring meeting, volunteer for a project. However you choose to participate, you are sure to meet a great group of friendly, knowledgeable birders to help you get the most out of your membership experience.

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This season — from the start of April to the end of June — the Brookline Bird Club is offering ***more than 180 trips!*** Find out more in the pages that follow. All trips are led by volunteers, and almost all are free aside from any fees that a few locations may require. When you [join the club](#) are registering your support for these trips and all the club's initiatives.

SPRING 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I do not need to tell you that spring migration is a, perhaps THE, highlight of the year for many BBC members. For this reason, we run the majority of our many field trips during April, May, and June.

Come April stretching through most of May the BBC offers daily trips to Mt. Auburn Cemetery. That is not the only place to chase warblers. Other hotspot trips we visit include Eastern Point in Gloucester, Marblehead Neck, Newton's Cold Spring Park, Westborough WMA, and the Boston Public Garden.

Another annual event coming up is our Annual Meeting to be held on April 24th. An important part of the evening is the annual board elections. See the next page for details on this upcoming dynamic meeting. To be clear - this is your club and we need your help.

The BBC needs board members, people willing to devote a portion of their free time to the birding community. This year we also have several specific roles that must be filled. These include Membership Director and Board Secretary.

Looking beyond ongoing positions, we would like to add a writer/editor for our club newsletter. Many of you are familiar with the Bill Drummond Young Birder Scholarship. The board has voted to add an educator scholarship, but we need a lead person to build the program. This coming year will see changes on how the BBC approaches conservation issues. We need help there coordinating with other like-minded organizations to support species of concern.

Interested? Please reach out to us by email at president@brooklinebirdclub.org.

— Cliff Cook, President, Brookline Bird Club

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Meeting with Hyla Howe — Open to All **Status of Bobolinks in Massachusetts**

Friday, April 24, 2026

Harvard Geological Sciences Lecture Hall
24 Oxford St., Cambridge

Free Parking at Harvard's 52 Oxford St.
Garage starting at 5:30 pm

The BBC will hold its spring lecture and annual business meeting, including board elections on April 24 at the Geological Sciences Lecture Hall at the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard.

Hyla Howe from Mass Audubon will speak about the status of **Bobolinks** in Massachusetts, kicking off our new annual **Species of Concern** program. During the coming year we will focus on what we can do to support this grassland bird. You will find more about this program on page 5 of this edition.



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Upcoming Webinars

Check the BBC web site for additional webinar details.
<https://brooklinebirdclub.org/tripsevents/speakers-and-webinars/>

April 19, 2026

A team from Manomet will present a webinar on the research now being conducted on the Tawny-Throated Dotterel in Lachay National Reserve, Peru, an area that before now has lacked long-term studies.



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April 28, 2026

On April 28 Bill Gette will again offer his Spring Wood Warbler member's-only webinar. During his richly illustrated presentation, Bill will show 30 wood-warbler species and review their taxonomy and



Magnolia Warbler

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nomenclature, discuss key aids to field ID, explain their feeding ecology and migration strategies. Bill will include migration charts for many species and discuss areas where you can find warblers.

May 5, 2026

Heather Packard, community organizer for Mass Audubon, will talk about common rodent poisons, how they are harming birds of prey, coyotes, and other predators that help keep ecosystems in balance, and efforts to ban their use.

CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION

Species of Concern Program

The Brookline Bird Club is launching a new program to help raise awareness and support for species of concern. We start by highlighting one species — the Bobolink.

Birds are declining at an alarming rate, and grassland birds like the Bobolink are vanishing faster than any other birds in the U.S. More than half their population has disappeared in the last 50 years! And they face continuing threats from habitat loss, climate change, lack of federal support, and more.

Join us at our annual meeting on April 24th to learn more about this program (see page 3 for details).

We will also be announcing several specialized field trips across the state focusing on the Bobolink. On these trips we will observe this species and its behavior in its natural habitat during breeding season.

You can make a difference! We'll share ways that you can participate in protections for this special species. Watch our [website](#) for further announcements!

Other Initiatives

- The BBC submitted comments to the Mass Division of Marine Fisheries to support *horseshoe crab recovery*.
- The BBC submitted comments to support *access at Andrews Point* in Rockport.
- The BBC submitted comments to Mass Wildlife against the lifting of the prohibition against *Sunday hunting*.
- The BBC signed an amicus brief supporting Nahant's effort to take *conservation and access easements* at East Point.
- This is a follow-up to a notice in the last BBC "blue book" concerning the *Cliff Swallow colony* under threat of removal. The Rowe Park Commission has since agreed to allow [Swallow Conservation](#) (swallowconservation.org) to install ceramic nests under the eaves of a nearby barn.

IMPORTANT TRIP NOTICES

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 Federal Duck Stamps or prepaid interagency passes will allow free entry.

Weather

Walks may be cancelled for bad-enough weather but often go in marginal conditions, such as intermittent drizzle. If unsure, check with the leader and 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.

See the Field Trip FAQ for answers to general questions. Contact leaders for more details about specific trips.

TRIP SERIES

Belle Isle Marsh and Vicinity **1st and 3rd Saturdays of the Month**

All walks are 8 am - 9 am

April 4, April 18

May 2, May 16

June 6, June 20

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

Description: 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. Ages: Adults and kids 8 years+ with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended. [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]



ADA/Reasonable Accommodations

(617) 645-0358

Moneesha.dasgupta2@mass.gov

Meet: Main Entrance Parking Lot: 1399 Bennington St., East Boston.

Public Transit: MBTA Blue Line to Suffolk Downs. Exit station onto Bennington St., 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>

Trips are also listed chronologically, starting on page 10.

Mount Auburn Cemetery Spring Season Trips

The cemetery will be opening its gates at 6 am in April and May allowing pedestrians and cars to enter. Our trips start at 6:15 am or later to allow time to enter, park, and meet up. The start time varies —leader preference.

With our many Mt Auburn trips, sometimes a leader cannot make it at the last minute. If the leader does not show, please assume they meant well and continue to bird together. Likely one or more in the group knows Mt Auburn well and will guide the group to the usual places and identify almost anything you find.

April

Leader(s)	Date	Time
Linda Ferraresso, Larry O'Bryan	Wed, Apr 15	6:30 – 8:00 am
Thomas Michel*	Thu, Apr 16	6:30 – 8:30 am
Naeem Yusuff	Fri, Apr 17	6:30 – 9:00 am
Matt Sabourin	Sat, Apr 18	7:00 – 9:00 am
Jason Forbes	Sun, Apr 19	6:30 – 10:00 am
Cliff Cook	Mon, Apr 20	7:00 – 9:00 am
Thomas Michel*	Tue, Apr 21	6:30 – 8:00 am
David Scott	Wed, Apr 22	6:30 – 8:00 am
John Edmondson*	Thu, Apr 23	6:30 – 8:30 am
Larry O'Bryan, John Edmondson	Fri, Apr 24	6:30 – 8:30 am
Matt Sabourin	Sat, Apr 25	7:00 – 9:00 am
Ilija Dukovski	Sun, Apr 26	7:00 – 9:00 am
Modar Sukkarieh	Mon, Apr 27	7:00 – 9:00 am
Cliff Cook	Tue, Apr 28	7:00 – 9:00 am
Cliff Cook	Wed, Apr 29	7:00 – 9:00 am
Ilija Dukovski	Thu, Apr 30	6:15 – 8:15 am

* All our leaders are receptive to new beginning birders. These leaders asked us specifically to mention that they welcome beginning birders. No matter which walks you pick, a beginning birder can expect to enjoy the experience.

May

Leader(s)	Date	Time
Jared Keyes	Fri, May 01	6:15 – 8:45 am
Jared Keyes	Sat, May 02	6:15 – 8:45 am
Ibrahim Ware*	Sat, May 02	9:00 – 11:00 am
Jason Forbes	Sun, May 03	6:15 – 9:15 am
Jared Keyes	Mon, May 04	6:15 – 8:45 am
Kathy Dia	Tue, May 05	6:15 – 8:15 am
David Scott	Wed, May 06	6:15 – 8:15 am
Larry O'Bryan, Dave Williams	Thu, May 07	6:15 – 8:45 am
Thomas Michel*	Fri, May 08	6:15 – 8:15 am
Jared Keyes	Sat, May 09	6:15 – 8:45 am
Ibrahim Ware*	Sat, May 09	9:00 – 11:00 am
Jared Keyes	Sun, May 10	6:15 – 8:45 am
Naeem Yusuff	Mon, May 11	6:15 – 8:15 am
Jared Keyes	Tue, May 12	6:15 – 8:45 am
Rachel Cox	Wed, May 13	6:15 – 8:15 am
John Edmondson*	Thu, May 14	6:15 – 8:15 am
David Scott	Fri, May 15	6:15 – 8:15 am
Jared Keyes	Sat, May 16	6:15 – 8:45 am
Matt Sabourin	Sun, May 17	7:00 – 9:00 am
David Scott	Mon, May 18	6:15 – 8:15 am
Chris Floyd	Tue, May 19	6:15 – 8:15 am
Becky Briesacher, Chris Hughes	Wed, May 20	7:00 – 9:00 am
Leslie Kramer	Thu, May 21	6:15 – 8:15 am
John Edmondson*	Fri, May 22	6:15 – 8:15 am
Brooke Stevens*	Sat, May 23	7:00 – 9:00 am
Matt Sabourin	Sun, May 24	7:00 – 9:00 am
David Scott	Tue, May 26	6:15 – 8:15 am

On May 2nd and May 9th we offer two separate trips. One starts at 6:15 am; the other starts at 9 am.

DAY TRIPS

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord

7:00 – 9:30 am

Leaders: Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103; Cris Van Dyke, cris_vandyke@yahoo.com ◦ We will look for early migrants, waterfowl, and waders. Conditions may be wet; boots advised. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required. **Meet:** Refuge Concord Unit parking lot at 179 Monsen Rd., Concord. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L208284>

Saturday, April 4, 2026

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 ◦ Cosponsored with Boxborough Birders. We will look for local avian nonmigratory species and early migrant arrivals. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections. Prepare for ticks. We will bird at the meeting location for about 30 minutes so any latecomers can catch up. **Meet:** Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Rd., Harvard. For directions, <https://thetrustees.org/place/fruitlands-museum/> <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

Westboro Wildlife Management Area in Two Parts

7:00 am – 1:00 pm

Leader: Nick Paulson, grendelpgill@yahoo.com, (508) 330-4401 ◦ Part 1: 7 am -10 am / Part 2: 10:30 am -1:00 pm. We will hike at a slow pace through mildly 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 3 miles). Then we will again meet at the meeting location. From there we will go over to the wildlife headquarters and hike the western trails (about 2 miles). Join for either or both parts. **Meet:** Bartlett Pond / Watson Park, Lyman St., Northborough.

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

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Millennium Park, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Michael McCarthy ◦ A unique urban habitat with many bird species, including uncommon/rare flycatchers, swallows, and warblers. Birders of all levels welcome. Trails are generally flat and easy to walk, with some rough patches. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. Preregistration is required as walk sizes are limited. Please register by emailing neil.calabro1@mac.com. **Meet:** 300 Gardner St, Boston. Once you arrive at the park, turn left and then you will quickly see a small sign at the first left turn labelled Canoe Launch. Follow that road to the end. Meet in the parking lot nearest the canoe launch, at end of lot. **Pub. Transit:** Closest MBTA bus stop is for bus #36, VA Hospital. Approximately a 20-minute walk. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L350679> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Saturday, April 4, 2026

← See Belle Isle Marsh series on page 7.

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Woodcocks of Rock Meadow, Belmont

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Leader: Matt Sabourin, Accipiter22@gmail.com ◦

Come enjoy the warming evenings at scenic Rock Meadow, which each year plays host to courting American Woodcocks, with the males engaging in their spiraling sky-dance flights above the fields.

Meet: Meet at the parking lot at 248 Mill St. in Belmont. If the lot is full, there is usually parking at the Lone Tree Hill lot across the street.

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

Monday, April 6, 2026

Lynnfield Marsh — Partridge Island Trail

5:45 – 8:00 pm

Leader: Melissa Sovay, msovay71@gmail.com, (978) 257-2205 ◦ We will walk out Partridge Island Trail. The trail is about a quarter mile long. Possible early spring migrants seen and heard during this evening walk include Marsh Wren, Sora, Virginia Rail, and American Woodcock. We may witness Rusty Blackbirds staging to roost at one of the largest east coast flyways for this species. All skill levels welcome. It can be windy and cold, so dress appropriately. No restroom facilities available. Heavy rain and/or winds cancel this walk. Park on Heritage Ln. **Meet:** Approximately 331 Main St, Lynnfield, at the intersection of Main St. and Heritage Ln. Park on Heritage Ln.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L9525583>

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Fresh Pond Reservation, Cambridge

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: Thomas Michel,

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

An easy, approximately two-mile walk on paved paths around the pond. **Meet:** Meet in the parking lot of the TD Bank at Fresh Pond Circle, at intersection of Concord Ave. with Fresh Pond Pkwy. in Cambridge. The walk leader will have a parking permit for your car allowing parking in the Trader Joe's lot. Without a permit, your car may be towed. Parking is available at the Alewife T station, and there is metered or time-limited parking on Wheeler and Fawcett Streets in Cambridge and on Concord Ave. in Belmont. **Pub. Transit:** Bus #74 or #78 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> [Birding 101] [Limited Mobility] [Public Transport]

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Horn Pond, Woburn

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Diana Fruguglietti, diana.fru@gmail.com ◦ Let's look for early spring migrants such as Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet and early warblers such as Palm, Pine, and Yellow-rumped. Cosponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. **Meet:** Meet at the Sturgis Street parking lot.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L251003> [Birding 101]

Friday, April 10, 2026

Horn Pond Mountain, Woburn

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Diana Fruguglietti, diana.fru@gmail.com ◦ Let's look for early spring migrants such as Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Field Sparrow, and early warblers such as Palm, Pine, and Yellow-rumped. We will be hiking up the mountain so please wear appropriate footwear. Cosponsored with the

Menotomy Bird Club. **Meet:** Meet at the Lake Ave. parking lot. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L251003> [Birding 101]

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Birding Sketch Crawl — Spring Series

8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leader: Laura de la Flor, anhinga3@comcast.net, (978) 741-0897 ◦ Come and bird/sketch favorite patches around Essex and Middlesex counties. All artistic levels welcomed. Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than April 9th. **Meet:** Leader's choice. [Birding 101]

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Millennium Park, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Correne George, cgeorge@massaudubon.org; Michael McCarthy ◦ Joint walk with Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center. A unique urban habitat with many bird species, including uncommon/rare flycatchers, swallows, and warblers. Birders of all levels welcome. Trails are generally flat and easy to walk, with some rough patches. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. Preregistration is required as walk sizes are limited. Please register by emailing cgeorge@massaudubon.org and copying neil.calabro1@mac.com.

Meet: 300 Gardner St, Boston. Once you arrive at the park, turn left and then you will quickly see a small sign at the first left turn labelled Canoe Launch. Follow that road to the end. Meet in the parking lot nearest the canoe launch, at end of lot. **Pub. Transit:** Closest

MBTA bus stop is for bus #36, VA Hospital.

Approximately a 20-minute walk.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L350679> [Birding 101]

[Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Brooks Estate, Medford

8:30 – 10:30 am

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

Let's see what early spring migrants we can find.

Cosponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. **Meet:**

Meet at the Grove St. entrance (255-277 Grove St.)

which is called the Brooks Estate Path on Google

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

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Condon Shell Parking Lot, Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford

7:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: Leslie Kramer, lkramer@brooklinebirdclub.org

◦ Sponsored by the Medford Public Library. Join local

birder Leslie Kramer for a family-friendly bird watching

walk along the river! Our group will meet at the

Condon Shell parking lot and follow the path along the

river, which is ADA-accessible and stroller friendly.

Note: Attendance is free but registration is required

<https://medfordlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/family-bird-walk/>

Meet: Condon Shell parking lot,

2501 Mystic Valley Parkway. **Pub. Transit:** Bus #96

from Davis and a half-mile walk, or for less walking

bus #96 to Medford Square then bus #94.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4912205> [Birding 101]

[Family Friendly] [Loaner Binoculars] [Public

Transport]

Saturday, April 18, 2026

← See Belle Isle Marsh series on page 7.

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Crooked Pond, Boxford

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Zac Peterson, zacdcp@gmail.com ◦ An early spring walk at Crooked Pond — Bald Hill Reservation. Targets: Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, and Louisiana Waterthrush. The trail is generally flat, muddy, and possibly icy. Dress for the weather and wet trails due to beaver activity. **Meet:** Entrance on Middleton Rd., Boxford 1.7 miles from Exit 72 off Rte. 95. Park off road and leave room for others.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L889388>

Milton Landing and Neponset River Greenway

8:30 – 11:00 am

Leader: Michealle Larkins, mlarkins@brooklinebirdclub.org, 617-448-0796 ◦ Enjoy about a 2-mile walk along the Neponset River Greenway bike path from Milton to Dorchester. We will start at Milton's Landing and stay for at least 20 minutes to see waterfowl and gulls. Then we will walk along the Neponset River Greenway — let's see if we can find any Black-Crowned Night Herons, early migrants, and resident species. Beginners, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and experienced birders welcome. **Meet:** Parking lot next to the Mattapan High Speed Line (trolley) at 88 Wharf St. **Pub. Transit:** Three options: Red line to Ashmont Station, transfer to Mattapan trolley, then get off at Milton Station,; Mattapan trolley to Milton station; or buses #240 or #24 from Ashmont

station to Dorchester Ave. and Washington St. stop.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L460940> [Birding 101]
[Limited Mobility] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars]
[Public Transport]

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Arlington Reservoir

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: John Edmondson, johnhedmondson@gmail.com, (781) 859-9450 ◦ We will search for early spring migrants including waterfowl and shorebirds. Cosponsored with Menotomy Bird club. **Meet:** Meet in the parking lot off Lowell St., Arlington, directly across the street from Westmoreland Ave.

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

Weston College Land

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Mathias Bitter, mathias.bitter@gmail.com ◦ We'll search this local hotspot for overwintering birds like Red-breasted Nuthatches, sparrows, and ducks as well as early spring migrants including Palm Warblers, kinglets, and hopefully Louisiana Waterthrush! Mostly flat woodland trails and fields, possibly muddy in places. **Meet:** Burdhard Park parking lot, 269 Concord Rd., Weston

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2955419>

Brook Farm Historic Site, West Roxbury

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Michael McCarthy ◦ A unique urban habitat that is a favorite for many bird species, including uncommon/rare flycatchers, swallows, and warblers. Birders of all levels will enjoy this walk. Trails are

(generally) flat and easy to walk, though there are some rough patches. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. The walk is free but preregistration is required as the walk sizes are limited. Please preregister by emailing neil.calabro1@mac.com.

Meet: Coming from the Arnold Arboretum and Allandale Woods, follow the VFW Parkway towards Dedham and take a right onto Baker St.. Drive about one third of a mile, then take a left to Baker St. Proceed to the parking lot at the Baker St. entrance to Brook Farm, 670 Baker St., West Roxbury - opposite 'The Old Print Shop' building. Park in spaces around the historic Brook Farm buildings. If you enter The Gardens at Gethsemane Cemetery, you've gone too far. Note: If you run late, we will proceed from the Print Shop up the paved road toward the Cemetery to the second Mass. DCR trailhead gate on the right and then bird in the woods from there. **Pub. Transit:** MBTA Bus #36 to Spring St. @ Gardner St., then a 30-minute walk along Baker St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L358411> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Lost Pond, Brookline

8:00 am

Leader: Ben Peters, benapeters1999@gmail.com, (978) 473-3525 ◦ A short, two-mile loop over slightly hilly trails looking for resident woodland birds and early migrants, namely Hairy Woodpecker, Brown Creeper, kinglets, Yellow-rumped and Pine warblers, and possibly Great Horned Owl. We will also check the grassy slopes next to the pond and recycling center for sparrows and other grassland birds. There is a brief steeper uphill climb in one section of the trail,

so remember to wear proper footwear! **Meet:** Arlington Rd. entrance to Lost Pond Reservation in Brookline. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L551257>

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Peter Van Demark, phvand@icloud.com, (617) 386-3018 (txt ok) ◦ A two-hour walk, about one-a-half-miles, over easy-to-moderate gravel roads and trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable.

Restrooms are available. In case of inclement weather check with leader night before trip (text ok).

Cosponsored by DCR. For more Information see:

<https://www.mass.gov/locations/halibut-point-state-park> **Meet:** Parking lot for Halibut Pont State Park on

Gott Ave., just off Rte. 127. The Trustees members park free in season.

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

Monday, April 20, 2026

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 – 8:00 am

Leader: Nick Paulson, grendelpgill@yahoo.com, (508) 330-4401 ◦ We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. **Meet:** Lake

Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman St. take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Rd.), pass the fields, and take a left and follow to the yellow gate at the end. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L464598>

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: Linda Ferrarresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851 ◦ We will explore this small gem of a

sanctuary for migrants and residents alike. **Meet:** Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Rd. in Marblehead. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L594125>

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mary Cummings Park, Burlington

8:00 – 9:30 am

Leader: Diana Fruguglietti, diana.fru@gmail.com ◦ Join us as we explore Mary Cummings Park for spring migrants and local breeding birds. Cosponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. **Meet:** Meet at the soccer field parking lot on Blanchard Rd., Burlington, across from 10 Blanchard Rd. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L846155>

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Boston Public Garden

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: Linda Ferrarresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851 ◦ This is a two-hour walk exploring the four corners of the Public Garden, where a surprising number of interesting migrants have found their way in the springtime. **Meet:** Charles St. entrance to the Garden (across from the Boston Common Garage). <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L209928> [Birding Boston]

Friday, April 24, 2026

Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, Worcester

6:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Ed Bogle, e.bogle@icloud.com, 508-308-7463 ◦ We'll walk about 3 miles on mostly even terrain exploring this 400-acre urban wildlife sanctuary looking for woodpeckers, raptors, ducks, herons, and migrating song birds. There may be a \$4 trail fee for

non-Mass Audubon Members. Beginners welcome!

Meet: 414 Massasoit Rd., Worcester

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207425> [Birding 101]

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area, Hanson

7:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Ray Bedard, rayray5x@yahoo.com, (978) 394-3959 ◦ A 3- to 4-mile walk along level gravel paths along the woods edge, old cranberry bogs, and reservoir. We will search for the locally breeding Sandhill Cranes and early migrants. The American Bittern is more often heard than seen and waterfowl should be plentiful. **Meet:** WMA parking lot on Hawks Ave. in Hanson. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L911700>

Birding by Ear: Spring Migration, Ipswich

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Miles Brengle, brenlema@gmail.com, 978-500-4249 ◦ A leisurely three-quarter mile loop around Baker's Pond at Daniel Boone Park in Ipswich to look for newly arrived migrants. Recommended for those looking to learn more about birding by ear and migration. Open to beginners. Be prepared for areas of mud on the trail. Boots recommended. **Meet:** Daniel Boone Park at the top of Spring St. in Ipswich. Follow signs at top of hill for Daniel Boone Park parking. Pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/L7kujdWYvUiQXtLD6>
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1536364> [Birding 101]

Beaver Brook Farm, Dracut

7:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Mike Baird, rkramden1994@gmail.com, (978) 551-3504 ◦ Join us for a walk through various habitats such as mature woodland, freshwater marsh, and open fields as we look and listen for spring migrants

and resident breeding birds at this beautiful piece of property preserved by the town of Dracut. We should be able to find a good variety of species that need these islands of native vegetation to fuel up on their way to their breeding grounds or to stay and raise the next generation. The trail is less than a mile in length but is uneven in spots and portions could be muddy so sturdy footwear is a must. Cosponsored by the Dracut Open Space Committee **Meet:** We will meet in the parking area at 761 Mammoth Rd., Dracut [Birding 101]

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Reading Town Forest

7:30 – 10:00 am

Leader: Dave Williams, dave.williams6@gmail.com, (781) 439-7187 ◦ We will walk along fire roads and well maintained trails focusing on the Ipswich River and its adjacent wetlands and uplands. No restroom facilities. **Meet:** The parking lot next to 357 Grove St., Reading. If that lot is full, park on Family Circle (nearby road). <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1815001>

Spring Migrants at Magazine Beach, Cambridge

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Peter Modest, p.o.modest@gmail.com, (508) 446-1094 ◦ Spring migrants and residents: warblers, vireos, sparrows, orioles, flycatchers, swallows, thrushes, raptors, waterfowl, and more. Plan for walking approximately one-a-half-miles on gravel paths and grassy fields. Boots recommended as some areas can be muddy. Cosponsored by Mass Audubon Society. Limited parking available in parking circle here <https://tinyurl.com/sc5tf3h8> with additional parking <https://tinyurl.com/2s4k2skt> and <https://tinyurl.com/5944yx79>

Meet: Mass Audubon building (center of park).

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nzDhkCnDLQQEecqg6>

Pub. Transit: Bus #47 Granite St. @ Brookline St. stop.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5062615> [Public Transport]

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Weston Station Pond and Nearby Mass Central Rail Trail

9:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Joey Negreann, joey.negreann@gmail.com ◦

Discover a quiet hotspot with miles of trails and a lot of birds! The diversity of habitats in and around Weston Station Pond make it a great spot to look for migrants in late April ranging from warblers to waterfowl to shorebirds and others. In addition, a Great Blue Heron rookery ensures that even if it's a quiet day for migration there will be something awe-inspiring to look at. Expect to walk about three miles in total on a combination of dirt and paved trails. Dirt trails could be muddy depending on conditions. There are no restrooms available at this location. **Meet:** Back of office park parking lot, 133 Boston Post Rd., Weston. First traffic light west of Rte. 20/Rte. 128 intersection. Around the building, left at the stop, park at trailhead. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Arnold Arboretum, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807 ◦ A two-hour walk suitable for beginners as well as more experienced birders. See the Arboretum website <https://arboretum.harvard.edu> for directions.

Meet: Arborway entrance, outside the Hunnewell Building. **Pub. Transit:** Bus #39 from Forest Hills

Orange Line Station bus stops a half mile away.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L298629> [Birding 101]
[Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Wompatuck State Park, Hingham

5:30 – 11:00 am

Leaders: Eddie Giles, emgiles62@comcast.net, (508) 807-2338; Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ° Be prepared for a three-mile walk. Our target birds will be Pileated Woodpecker, Winter Wren, and a variety of warblers including Louisiana Waterthrush. This trip will be canceled in the event of rain. Please contact the leader the night before if the forecast is for inclement weather. We will walk into the Holly Pond loop before the main gate opens. We will then drive around to the main gate and bird the other sections of the park. **Meet:** Meeting place is TBD because we don't know if the main entrance gate will be open at 5 am. Contact the leader or check the website a few days before the trip.

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

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

7:30 – 11:00 am

Leader: Susan Hedman, 2winterwren@gmail.com, (978) 325-6226 ° Cosponsored by the ECOC. We will likely walk 3 or 4 miles on mostly flat trails through sanctuary woodlands and wetlands. Be prepared for some trails being wet, muddy, or rutted. Also take precautions against ticks. We will be looking for early migrants such as Pine and Palm warblers, swallows, and vocal residents such as Barred Owl, Pileated Woodpecker, and Eastern Bluebird. There is a small fee required if you are not a member of Mass

Audubon. **Meet:** 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. Meet at the information board near the main parking lot.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207439> [Birding 101]

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Millennium Park, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Correne George, cgeorge@massaudubon.org; Michael McCarthy ◦ Joint walk with Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center. A unique urban habitat with many bird species, including uncommon/rare flycatchers, swallows, and warblers. Birders of all levels welcome. Trails are generally flat and easy to walk, with some rough patches. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. Preregistration is required as walk sizes are limited. Please register by emailing cgeorge@massaudubon.org and copying neil.calabro1@mac.com.

Meet: 300 Gardner St., Boston. Once you arrive at the park, turn left and then you will quickly see a small sign at the first left turn labelled Canoe Launch. Follow that road to the end. Meet in the parking lot nearest the canoe launch, at end of lot. **Pub. Transit:** Closest MBTA bus stop is for bus #36, VA Hospital.

Approximately a 20-minute walk.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L350679> [Birding 101]
[Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Franklin Park — Scarboro Pond, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Michealle Larkins, mlarkins@brooklinebirdclub.org, 617-448-0796; Kat

Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com; Elias Mendoza Vivas, eemvivas@gmail.com ◦ We will look for warblers, orioles, and other migratory birds in the Scarboro Pond section of Franklin Park. Beginners and BIPOC welcomed and encouraged. Expect to walk up to two miles on paved paths. Cosponsored with the Franklin Park Coalition, Franklin Park Tennis Association, and the Emerald Necklace Bird Club. Loaner binoculars available. **Meet:** Meet by the tennis courts next to the Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive. Street parking available and accessible via bus and subway (Forest Hills stop on Orange Line). **Pub.** **Transit:** MBTA Orange Line Forest Hills stop with 20-minute walk. Also bus #16, #21, and #31 stop nearby. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L797546> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars] [Public Transport]

Monday, April 27, 2026

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 – 8:00 am

Leader: Nick Paulson, grendelpgill@yahoo.com, (508) 330-4401 ◦ We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. **Meet:** Lake Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman St. take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Rd.), pass the fields, and take a left and follow to the yellow gate at the end. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L464598>

Weston Station Pond Rookery

9:30 – 11:30 am

Leader: Michael Pappone, mjpappone@gmail.com, (617) 922-4554 ◦ Discover a Weston hotspot featuring a Great Blue Heron rookery accessible by public transportation. The walk offers excellent chances for spring migrants, raptors, nesting Eastern Bluebirds and various waterfowl. Beginners welcome. Leader

will prewalk the route to scout for arriving species each session. **Meet:** 27 Crescent St., Weston (off Rte. 20 west of 128/95 interchange, and up a long single-lane driveway) on Weston Conservation land. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 – 7:30 am

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Cosponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. **Meet:** Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207446>

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: Linda Ferraresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851 ◦ We will explore this small gem of a sanctuary for migrants and residents alike. **Meet:** Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Rd. in Marblehead. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L594125>

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Boston Public Garden

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: Linda Ferraresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851 ◦ This is a two-hour walk exploring the four corners of the Public Garden, where a surprising number of interesting migrants have found their way in the

springtime. **Meet:** Charles St. entrance to the Garden (across from the Boston Common Garage.)

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

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807 ◦ Expect to 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. **Meet:** Coniston Rd. entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn St. entrances. **Pub. Transit:** Bus #51 to either Weld St. @ Wedgewood or Weld St. @ Walter St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Friday, May 1, 2026

Wright-Locke Farm, Winchester

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Diana Fruguglietti, diana.fru@gmail.com; Lisa Craig, lisa.t.craig@comcast.net ◦ Join us as we explore parts of this 20-acre community farm that includes historic farm buildings, growing fields, and pasture lands to the north of the farmstead and wooded areas to the west abutting the Whipple Hill and Locke Conservation Areas. Let's see what gems are hidden away in this new area. Cosponsored with Menotomy Bird Club. **Meet:** Park and meet at Mullen field located across the street from 43 Lockeland Rd., Winchester. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1017124>

Saturday, May 2, 2026

South Shore Century Run

6:00 am – 6:00 pm

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ Meet at 6:00 am at the main parking area of Wompatuck State Park, Hingham. A medium-paced trip to key places on the South Shore to try to observe 100 species of migrants and residents while having fun. Note: This trip will likely go to The Trustees of Reservation Property at World's End. Contact leader for details as prior reservations might be needed to bird the site and there is a fee for entrance unless you are a member of the TTOR. **Meet:** Main parking area of Wompatuck State Park across from visitors building on left. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207418>

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Bike

6:30 am – 12:00 pm

Leader: Laura de la Flor, anhinga3@comcast.net, (978) 741-0897 ◦ Leave your car behind as we cycle the main refuge road looking and listening for spring migrants. Be ready to peddle by 6:30 a.m. Note that an entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms available. **Meet:** Parking lot #1 on the left as you enter the refuge. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L129046>

Saturday, May 2, 2026

← See Belle Isle Marsh series on page 7.

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Dunback Meadow, Lexington

6:30 – 9:00 am

Leader: Gavin Johnson, johnson.gsj@gmail.com ◦ Join us for an early May walk at Dunback Meadow. We will walk a few miles on mostly flat paths but they could be

muddy. All sorts of possibilities at this fine birding location. **Meet:** Tennis court parking near the Clark Middle School on Stedman Rd. in Lexington.

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

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Gaining Ground and Massport Trails, Concord/Bedford

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103; Adrien Currier ◦ Join us for a warbler-filled walk at Gaining Ground and Massport Trails in Concord/Bedford! The habitat surrounding Hanscom Airport is unique and supports a variety of spring migrants and nesting species. Expect to see flycatchers, sparrows, raptors, and colorful warblers in the varied habitats of this amazing spring hotspot. Roughly two-mile round-trip walk includes uphill portions and trails which may be muddy. **Meet:** Gaining Ground, 341 Virginia Rd., Concord. Go slow to find the entrances. Thoreau Farm is same location. Two entrances for parking — look around for the leaders. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1605086>

Brook Farm Historic Site, West Roxbury

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Michael McCarthy ◦ A unique urban habitat that is a favorite for many bird species, including uncommon/rare flycatchers, swallows, and warblers. Birders of all levels will enjoy this walk. Trails are (generally) flat and easy to walk, though there are some rough patches. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. The walk is free but preregistration is required as the walk sizes are limited. Please preregister by emailing neil.calabro1@mac.com.

Meet: Same directions as for the same location on April 19, page 17. **Pub. Transit:** MBTA Bus #36 to Spring St. @ Gardner St, then a 30-minute walk along Baker St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L358411> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Monday, May 4, 2026

Chandler Pond, Brighton

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Rachel Cox, rrwwcox@gmail.com, (603) 860-8127 ◦ Easy birding around the pond. Possible extension to another location if the pond is not too birdy. Cosponsored by Friends of Chandler Pond.

Meet: Path west of pond on Lake Shore Rd.

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

Hammond Pond/Webster Woods, Newton

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: David Scott, davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk, (617) 671-8335 ◦ Hammond Pond and Houghton Gardens for early migrants. Trails can be muddy. **Meet:** Parking area for the reservation off Hammond Pond Parkway, behind “The street.”

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

Weston Station Pond Rookery

9:30 – 11:30 am

Leader: Michael Pappone, mjpappone@gmail.com, (617) 922-4554 ◦ Discover a Weston hotspot featuring a Great Blue Heron rookery accessible by public transportation. The walk offers excellent chances for spring migrants, raptors, nesting Eastern Bluebirds, and various waterfowl. Beginners welcome. Leader will prewalk the route to scout for arriving species each session. **Meet:** 27 Crescent St., Weston (off Rte.

20 west of 128/95 interchange, and up a long single-lane driveway) on Weston Conservation land.

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 – 7:30 am

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Cosponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. **Meet:** Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207446>

Marblehead Neck Sanctuary

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: Linda Ferraresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851 ◦ We will explore this small gem of a sanctuary for migrants and residents alike. **Meet:** Sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Rd. in Marblehead. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L594125>

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Spring Migrants at Magazine Beach, Cambridge

6:00 – 7:30 am

Leader: Peter Modest, p.o.modest@gmail.com, (508) 446-1094 ◦ Spring migrants and residents: warblers, vireos, sparrows, orioles, flycatchers, swallows, thrushes, raptors, waterfowl, and more. Plan for walking approximately one-a-half-miles on gravel paths and grassy fields. Boots recommended as some areas can be muddy. Cosponsored by Mass Audubon Society. Limited parking available in parking circle here <https://tinyurl.com/sc5tf3h8> with additional

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

Meet: Audubon building (center of park).

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/nzDhkCnDLOQQEecqg6>

Pub. Transit: Bus #47 Granite St. @ Brookline St. stop.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5062615> [Public Transport]

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Boston Public Garden

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: Linda Ferraresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851 ◦ This is a two-hour walk exploring the four corners of the Public Garden, where a surprising number of interesting migrants have found their way in the springtime. **Meet:** Charles St. entrance to the Garden (across from the Boston Common Garage.)
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L209928> [Birding Boston]

Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807 ◦ Expect to 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. **Meet:** Coniston Rd. entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn St. entrances. **Pub. Transit:** Bus #51 to either Weld St. @ Wedgewood or Weld St. @ Walter St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Friday, May 8, 2026

Millennium Park, West Roxbury

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: David Scott, davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk, (617) 671-8335 ◦ One- to two-mile walk on good trails along the wetland and woods. **Meet:** Parking lot up hill on the right, overlooking sports fields. **Pub. Transit:** Closest MBTA bus stop is for bus #36, VA Hospital. Approximately a 20-minute walk.

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

Bird with the BBC to Honor Dana Jewell and Ingeborg Burgaff

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Marilyn Tillinghast, mtillinghast@brooklinebirdclub.org, (860) 729-0349; Linda Ferrarresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851 ◦ Space is limited - Registration required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bird-with-the-brookline-bird-club-to-honor-dana-jewell-and-ingeborg-burgaff-tickets-1982192622493?aff=oddtcreator>

Join the Brookline Bird Club and Friends of the Fells to spot migrating bird species as they travel back north amidst the warming spring weather. With the right conditions, we expect to see 10 species of warblers or more! This walk is in honor of Dana Jewell and Ingeborg Burgaff, long-time supporters of the Brookline Bird Club and Friends of the Fells, who spent a lot of time watching the many bird species at this particular location in the Fells. **Meet:** Greenwood Park parking lot, 176 Pond St., across from the Stone Zoo in Stoneham. **Pub. Transit:** Bus #132 from Oak

Grove Orange Line Stop to Stone Zoo stop.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2930206> [Loaner
Binoculars] [Public Transport]

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, Lowell

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Mike Baird, rkranden1994@gmail.com, (978) 551-3504 ◦ Join expert birder Mike Baird for a morning of birdwatching at the beautiful Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary! Located near the Merrimack River, this serene 22-acre sanctuary features diverse habitats such as forest, meadow, and wetland. You'll have the opportunity to spot a variety of bird species, from vibrant songbirds to majestic raptors, while learning tips and tricks for identifying them in the field. Registration required by May 8th: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/lowellparksandconservationtrust/event/pwfsbirdwalk/>

This walk is perfect for birders of all levels, whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or just starting out. Bring your binoculars, dress for the weather, and enjoy the beauty of the Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary. **Meet:** Pawtucket Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, 1413 Varnum Ave., Lowell.

Pub. Transit: Lowell Regional Transit Authority bus #7
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L18716722> [Birding 101]
[Public Transport]

Rock Meadow and Beaver Brook North, Belmont

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Matt Sabourin, Accipiter22@gmail.com ◦ 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 warblers, vireos, and buntings. Hiking is relatively easy, and should be a bit under two miles total at most. If we

venture further into Beaver Brook North note that there are no public rest rooms, but a portable toilet may be available. **Meet:** Meet at the lot at 248 Mill St., Belmont, at 6:30AM.

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

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Pine Banks Park, Malden

7:30 am

Leader: Craig Jackson, crleja1949@gmail.com, (781) 322-0306 ◦ Join Craig for a walk in Pine Banks which is often a good local spot for migration. Beginning birders are welcome. The walk will not be too strenuous, although the leader may optionally extend the walk to climb up a hill in the back of the park.

Meet: In the parking lot about 100 yards in from Main St. on Pine Bank Rd, Malden (at the Melrose line). **Pub.**

Transit: About 15-minute walk from Oak Grove Orange Line stop. Also, bus #137 from Oak Grove stops very near the park entrance.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L719021> [Birding 101]

[Public Transport]

Weston Station Pond and Nearby Mass Central Rail Trail

9:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Joey Negreann, joey.negreann@gmail.com ◦ Discover a quiet hotspot with miles of trails and a lot of birds! The diversity of habitats in and around Weston Station Pond make it a great spot to look for migrants in May ranging from warblers to waterfowl to shorebirds to others. In addition, a Great Blue Heron rookery ensures that even if it's a quiet day for migration there will be something awe-inspiring to look at. Expect to walk about three miles in total on a combination of dirt and paved trails. Dirt trails could be muddy depending on conditions. There are no

restrooms available at this location. **Meet:** Back of office park parking lot, 133 Boston Post Rd., Weston. First traffic light west of Rte. 20/Rte. 128 intersection. Around the building, left at the stop, park at trailhead. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Gore Place, Waltham

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Emily Szczypek, plover08@yahoo.com ◦ We will walk around the farm fields and gardens at the Gore Place, then venture across Waltham St. to adjacent conservation land. Free for BBC and Gore Place members. Preregistration is required at <https://goreplace.app.neoncrm.com/nx/portal/neonevents/events?path=%2Fportal%2Fevents%2F35514>

Meet: Carriage House (52 Gore St., Waltham). **Pub.**

Transit: Take bus #70 to the stop nearest to Warren St. if outbound and Gore St. if inbound.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L8035213> [Birding 101]

[Public Transport]

Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary

4:00 pm

Leader: Ben Peters, benapeters1999@gmail.com, (978) 473-3525 ◦ We will walk three to four miles on slightly hilly trails to check out resident species in the Sanctuary's woodlands, wetlands, and fields. We will look for resident warblers, Eastern Bluebirds, up to five species of woodpeckers, vireos, Baltimore Orioles, and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. We will also spend time listening and scanning the marsh for Wood Duck, Glossy Ibis, Marsh Wren, Virginia Rail, and Sora, with owls and woodcock possible late in the day.

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Meet: 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. Meet at the information board near the main parking lot.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207439>

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Eastern Point, Gloucester

6:45 – 11:00 am

Leader: Susan Hedman, 2winterwren@gmail.com, (978) 325-6226 ◦ Cosponsored by the ECOC. An easy but long (four-hour) walk on the roads and grassy footpaths of this traditional warbler hotspot. Mainly level terrain, but will likely have some muddy areas and uneven terrain. Heavy rain cancels. **Meet:** Mass Audubon Eastern Point parking lot. Follow East Main St. in Gloucester to Niles Beach, and take the first right at the end of the beach parking area. Don't be deterred by the "Residents Only" sign at the entrance and stay right until you see the lighthouse.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207365>

Millennium Park, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Correne George, cgeorge@massaudubon.org; Michael McCarthy ◦ Joint walk with Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center. A unique urban habitat with many bird species, including uncommon/rare flycatchers, swallows, and warblers. Birders of all levels welcome. Trails are generally flat and easy to walk, with some rough patches. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. Preregistration is required as walk sizes are limited. Please register by emailing cgeorge@massaudubon.org and copying neil.calabro1@mac.com.

Meet: 300 Gardner St., Boston. Once you arrive at the

park, turn left and then you will quickly see a small sign at the first left turn labelled Canoe Launch. Follow that road to the end. Meet in the parking lot nearest the canoe launch, at end of lot. **Pub. Transit:** Closest MBTA bus stop is for bus #36, VA Hospital.

Approximately a 20-minute walk.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L350679> [Birding 101]

[Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Monday, May 11, 2026

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 – 8:00 am

Leader: Nick Paulson, grendelpgill@yahoo.com, (508) 330-4401 ◦ We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. **Meet:** Lake Chauncy Trail Head. From Lyman St. take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Rd.), pass the fields, and take a left and follow to the yellow gate at the end. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L464598>

Chandler Pond, Brighton

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Rachel Cox, rwwcox@gmail.com, (603) 860-8127 ◦ Easy birding around the pond. Possible extension to another location if the pond is not too birdy. Cosponsored by Friends of Chandler Pond.

Meet: Path west of pond on Lake Shore Rd.

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

[Birding Boston]

Chestnut Hill Reservoir

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: David Scott, davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk, (617) 671-8335 ◦ We will walk one mile on good, mostly level trails. **Meet:** Beacon St. parking lot near ice

rink/pool at Cleveland Circle. **Pub. Transit:** Cleveland Circle and Reservoir Green Line stops.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L457287> [Public Transport]

Monday, May 11, 2026

Weston Station Pond Rookery

9:30 – 11:30 am

Leader: Michael Pappone, mjpappone@gmail.com, (617) 922-4554 ◦ Discover a Weston hotspot featuring a Great Blue Heron rookery accessible by public transportation. The walk offers excellent chances for spring migrants, raptors, nesting Eastern Bluebirds, and various waterfowl. Beginners welcome. Leader will prewalk the route to scout for arriving species each session. **Meet:** 27 Crescent St., Weston (off Rte. 20 west of 128/95 interchange, and up a long single-lane driveway) on Weston Conservation land.

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 – 7:30 am

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Cosponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. **Meet:** Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207446>

Plum Island

6:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Dave Williams, dave.williams6@gmail.com, (781) 439-7187 ◦ We will explore various parts of the Parker River NWR in search of warblers. Note than

entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms available.

Meet: Parking lot #1.

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

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

McLaughlin Woods, Boston

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: David Bates, david.bates@gmail.com, (617) 967-8349 ◦ We will walk around McLaughlin Woods, looking mainly for warblers and other migrants. **Meet:** Meet at the baseball field stands, at far eastern end of park. This is above Fisher Ave. **Pub. Transit:** Take the E branch of the Green Line to Parker Hill Ave. (Mission Park stop) or take bus #14 to Heath @ Wensley or Heath @ Parker and walk up Parker St. to Parker Hill St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L897808> [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Blue Hills, Milton

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: David Scott, davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk, (617) 671-8335 ◦ We'll look for breeding Worm-eating Warblers, Prairie Warblers and Indigo Buntings. One to two miles of walking — most trails are good, but we may want to take some steeper and rockier paths. **Meet:** Skyline Trail parking on Hillside St., opposite police post and the Blue Hills Reservation headquarters. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207351>

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807 ◦ Expect to 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. **Meet:** Coniston Rd. entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn St. entrances. **Pub. Transit:** Bus #51 to either Weld St. @ Wedgewood or Weld St. @ Walter St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Friday, May 15, 2026

Arlington Reservoir

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: John Edmondson, johnhedmondson@gmail.com, (781) 859-9450 ◦ We will search for spring migrants, waterfowl, shorebirds. Cosponsored with Menotomy Bird Club. **Meet:** Meet in the parking lot off Lowell St., Arlington, directly across the street from Westmoreland Ave. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L358557>

Saturday, May 16, 2026

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 ◦ Cosponsored with Boxborough Birders. We will look for resident species including Indigo Bunting, Savannah Sparrow, Hermit Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, Veery, Blue-headed Vireo, Wild Turkey, American Kestrel, and a variety of warblers. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections. Prepare for ticks. We will bird at the meeting location for about 30 minutes so any

latecomers can catch up. **Meet:** Top parking lot at Fruitlands Museum, 102 Prospect Hill Rd., Harvard. For directions, <https://thetrustees.org/place/fruitlands-museum/> <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Caratunk Wildlife Sanctuary, Seekonk

7:30 am

Leader: Carol Molander,

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

Just two miles from the Rhode Island border, Caratunk Wildlife Refuge in Seekonk offers six miles of nature hiking trails through nearly 200 acres of fields, forests, streams, and ponds. A Purple Martin colony can be observed nesting in the gourds in the main field. Trails are easy to moderate in difficulty. Expect two and a half to three miles of walking at Caratunk. (This is a joint walk with the Paskamansett Bird Club.) An optional walk after the Caratunk Wildlife Sanctuary walk will be at Gammino Pond Conservation Area, 463 Newman Ave., Seekonk (one-a-half-miles from Caratunk). Gammino Pond features an easy walk on a wide one-mile dirt trail that meanders around the pond. A recommendation is to pack your lunch. **Meet:** We will meet at the parking lot at 301 Brown Ave. in Seekonk. Optional second walk follows at Gammino Pond Conservation Area, 463 Newman Ave., Seekonk <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L734825>

Saturday, May 16, 2026

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Saturday, May 16, 2026

Arnold Arboretum Peter's Hill, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807 ◦ Spring birding in a beautiful location with lots of flowering trees that attract Baltimore Orioles, Orchard Orioles, Tree Swallows, and other spring migrants. **Meet:** Peters Hill Gate aka Flora Way Gate off Walter St. (Flora Way was formerly Bussey St.) **Pub.** **Transit:** Bus #38 from Forest Hills Station, Walter St. stop on Centre St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2885087> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Forest River Conservation Area, Marblehead

8:30 – 10:30 am

Leader: Renee White, Reneewhite321@gmail.com, (781) 844-2581 ◦ Easy-to-moderate one-a-half-mile hike on 26-acre property which includes marsh, tidal pools, upland fields, and woods. Expect to see various warblers, sparrows, and vireos. Wear hiking boots for modest uphill and downhill paths with some mud. **Meet:** Meet at the Forest River Conservation Area sign on Old Salem Rd., Marblehead. Lafayette St. to Maple St. to Old Salem Rd., Marblehead. Park along Old Salem Rd. on the cemetery side. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L7976904>

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Spring Migrants at Magazine Beach, Cambridge

7:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Peter Modest, p.o.modest@gmail.com, (508) 446-1094 ◦ Spring migrants and residents: warblers, vireos, sparrows, orioles, flycatchers, swallows, thrushes, raptors, waterfowl, and more. Plan for walking approximately one-a-half-miles on gravel paths and grassy fields. Boots recommended as some

areas can be muddy. Cosponsored by Mass Audubon Society. Limited parking available in parking circle here <https://tinyurl.com/sc5tf3h8> with additional parking <https://tinyurl.com/2s4k2skt> and <https://tinyurl.com/5944yx79> **Meet:** Audubon building (center of park). <https://maps.app.goo.gl/nzDhkCnDLQQEecqg6>
Pub. Transit: Bus #47 Granite St. @ Brookline St. stop. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5062615> [Public Transport]

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Millennium Park, Boston

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Michael McCarthy ◦ A unique urban habitat with many bird species, including uncommon/rare flycatchers, swallows, and warblers. Birders of all levels welcome. Trails are generally flat and easy to walk, with some rough patches. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. Preregistration is required as walk sizes are limited. Please register by emailing neil.calabro1@mac.com. **Meet:** 300 Gardner St, Boston. Once you arrive at the park, turn left and then you will quickly see a small sign at the first left turn labelled Canoe Launch. Follow that road to the end. Meet in the parking lot nearest the canoe launch, at end of lot. **Pub. Transit:** Closest MBTA bus stop is for bus #36, VA Hospital. Approximately a 20-minute walk. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L350679> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Allens Pond Mass Audubon Sanctuary, Dartmouth

8:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Nick Paulson, grendelpgill@yahoo.com, (508) 330-4401 ◦ We will hike the Beach Loop and Quansett Trail. Mostly flat trails, but a mix of sandy, rocky, and muddy areas. We will look for migrants and breeders in a variety of habitats. If there is further interest we will continue to other nearby areas for any specialty species of interest. **Meet:** Allen's Pond Wildlife Sanctuary parking lot near the south end of Horseneck Rd.. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2324116>

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Peter Van Demark, phvand@icloud.com, (617) 386-3018 (txt ok) ◦ A two-hour walk, about one-a-half miles, over easy-to-moderate gravel roads and trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Restrooms are available. In case of inclement weather check with leader night before trip (text ok). Cosponsored by DCR. For more Information see: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/halibut-point-state-park> **Meet:** Parking lot for Halibut Pont State Park on Gott Ave., just off Rte. 127. The Trustees members park free in season. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L374648> [Birding 101]

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.

Monday, May 18, 2026

Westboro Wildlife Management Area

6:00 – 8:00 am

Leader: Nick Paulson, grendelpgill@yahoo.com, (508) 330-4401 ◦ We will hike the north side of Big Chauncy Pond in search of migrant warblers. **Meet:** Lake Chauncy Trail Head, from Lyman St. take Dr. Solomon Carter Fuller Way (formerly Hospital Rd.), pass the fields, and take a left and follow to the yellow gate at the end. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L464598>

Weston Station Pond Rookery

9:30 – 11:30 am

Leader: Michael Pappone, mjpappone@gmail.com, (617) 922-4554 ◦ Discover a Weston hotspot featuring a Great Blue Heron rookery accessible by public transportation. The walk offers excellent chances for spring migrants, raptors, nesting Eastern Bluebirds, and various waterfowl. Beginners welcome. Leader will prewalk the route to scout for arriving species each session. **Meet:** 27 Crescent St., Weston (off Rte. 20 west of 128/95 interchange, and up a long single-lane driveway) on Weston Conservation land. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon

6:00 – 7:30 am

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ We'll be looking and listening for migrants along the Billings Loop. Let's find what Glenn can hear! Cosponsored with the South Shore Bird Club. **Meet:** Parking area on Moose Hill Parkway, Sharon. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207446>

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

McLaughlin Woods, Boston

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: David Bates, david.bates@gmail.com, (617) 967-8349 ◦ We will walk around McLaughlin Woods, looking mainly for warblers and other migrants. **Meet:** Meet at the baseball field stands, at far eastern end of park. This is above Fisher Ave. Opposite 260 Parker Hill Ave. **Pub. Transit:** Take the E branch of the Green Line to Parker Hill Ave. (Mission Park stop) or take bus #14 to Heath @ Wensley or Heath @ Parker and walk up Parker St. to Parker Hill St.

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

Federated Woman's State Forest, Petersham

8:00 – 11:30 am

Leader: John Edmondson, johnhedmondson@gmail.com, (781) 859-9450 ◦ Quabbin region spot for several species of warblers, thrushes, and other woodland surprises in central Mass. We'll drive to multiple stops along the paved road followed by a hike of more than two miles on a hilly trail to the top of Soapstone Hill for different species. Registration in advance requested for organizing purposes. Email the leader please. Cosponsored with Menotomy Bird Club. **Meet:** State forest road off Petersham Rd. (State Rte. 122), Athol. Pull to the right at about 100 feet down this road. There is no specific parking at this point.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4513917>

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Late Spring Migrants at Minute Man NHP, Lincoln

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103 ◦ Join me at this wonderful birding spot which hosts many nesting species and migrants. Blue-winged Warbler, American Redstart, and Indigo Buntings are regular nesters. Each year brings a few surprises in late May. In past years, around this date, these have included Alder Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Kentucky Warbler, and both cuckoos. This is a one-mile walk on both paved paths and wooded trails which may be muddy. **Meet:** Minute Man National Historic Park, Hartwell Tavern lot, Lincoln. On Rte. 2A just west of Hanscom Rd.. Meeting location could change. Please check the website a few days before to be sure. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L941919>

Roslindale Wetlands Urban Park

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Judith Robichaud, juder811@gmail.com, (617) 319-3807 ◦ Expect to 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. **Meet:** Coniston Rd. entrance in Roslindale. Parking on street. Bike racks available at Coniston and Selwyn St. entrances. **Pub. Transit:** Bus #51 to either Weld St. @ Wedgewood or Weld St. @ Walter St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1171746> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Friday, May 22, 2026

Charles River Esplanade

7:00 – 8:30 am

Leader: Cliff Cook, ccook13@gmail.com, (339) 222-4518 ◦ We will walk along the Charles River Esplanade from the Longfellow Bridge upriver looking for birds on both land and water. We hope to see a range of spring migrants as well as year-round residents and birds setting up their breeding territories. Cosponsored with the Charles River Esplanade Association. Loaner binoculars available. Preregister on the Esplanade Association's website:

<https://events.humanitix.com/bird2026>

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

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

Pub. Transit: Red line to Charles/MGH

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L515554> [Birding 101]
[Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Erwin S. Wilder Wildlife Management Area, Norton

7:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Ray Bedard, rayray5x@yahoo.com, (978) 394-3959 ◦ We will walk a two-mile loop through fallow fields and some wooded areas. Trails are gravel, fairly level, and usually dry. This is a great spring migration spot for warblers. **Meet:** Parking lot at the end of Toad Island Rd.. 16 Toad Island Rd., Norton.

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

Saturday, May 23, 2026

Plymouth Airport for Grassland Sparrows

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ With permission from the airport manager, we will be allowed to go inside the second fence line onto the airport, closed to the general public, in search of the grassland birds which nest at the airport. Note: This trip can be cancelled at any time, without notice, for homeland security reasons! Target endangered breeding species: Upland Sandpiper, Vesper Sparrow, Grasshopper Sparrow, American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlark. **Meet:** Meet at the parking lot at the terminal building on South Meadow Rd., Plymouth, at 8:00 am. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L549260>

Weston Station Pond and Nearby Mass Central Rail Trail

9:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Joey Negreann, joey.negreann@gmail.com ◦ Discover a quiet hotspot with miles of trails and a lot of birds! The diversity of habitats in and around Weston Station Pond makes it a great spot to look for migrants in May ranging from warblers to waterfowl to shorebirds and others. In addition, a Great Blue Heron rookery ensures that even if it's a quiet day for migration there will be something awe-inspiring to look at. Expect to walk about three miles in total on a combination of dirt and paved trails. Dirt trails could be muddy depending on conditions. There are no restrooms available at this location. **Meet:** Back of office park parking lot, 133 Boston Post Rd., Weston. First traffic light west of Rte. 20/Rte. 128 intersection. Around the building, left at the stop, park at trailhead. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Concord

6:30 – 10:00 am

Leader: Jason Forbes, jason@brewsterslinnet.com, (781) 354-6158 ◦ Rails and Least Bittern are our main targets. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Duck stamps and entrance passes are accepted.

Meet: Refuge parking lot off Monsen Rd., off Rte. 62 in Concord. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L208284>

[Conservation Series]

Franklin Park - Scarborough Pond - Black Birders Week Walk

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Mike Bryant, naturemanmike@gmail.com, (617) 433-6208 ◦ Cosponsored with the Franklin Park Coalition. Join us for a walk in celebration of Black Birders Week. We will look for warblers, orioles, and other migratory birds in the Scarborough Pond section of Franklin Park. Beginners welcome and encouraged. Expect to walk up to two miles on paved paths. **Meet:** Meet by the tennis courts next to the Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive in Franklin Park. Street parking available and accessible via bus and subway (Forest Hills stop on Orange Line). **Pub. Transit:** MBTA Orange Line Forest Hills stop with 20-minute walk. Also bus #16, #21, and #31 stop nearby.

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

[Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Magazine Beach Park Walk Celebrating Black Birders Week, Cambridge

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Ibrahim Ware, ibrahimware27@gmail.com ◦ Celebrate Black Birders Week with Mass Audubon and the BBC! Opportunity to see late migrant bird species and witness the start of nesting season. You never

know what surprises will turn up in this urban park! Cosponsored with Mass Audubon. **Meet:** Audubon building (center of park). **Pub. Transit:** Bus #47 Granite St. @ Brookline St. stop.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5062615> [Public Transport]

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Belle Isle Marsh Reservation — Winthrop Side

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Correne George, cgeorge@massaudubon.org; Michael McCarthy ◦ Joint walk with Mass Audubon Boston Nature Center. A unique urban habitat with many bird species, including uncommon and rare birds. Birders of all levels will enjoy this walk. The trails are generally flat and easy to walk. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. Preregistration is required as walk sizes are limited. Please register by emailing cgeorge@massaudubon.org and copying neil.calabro1@mac.com. Mention when registering if you need loaner binoculars.

Meet: Meeting place is RPM Fitness parking lot. There is a chain-link fence with (worn-out, not-easy-to-see) signs authorizing public parking alongside the fence. Park in front of that fence. You'll see a sign in the far back of the lot that says Belle Isle Marsh Marine Ecology Park. Meet in front of the sign. Please don't park in a spot that says for gym only. **Pub. Transit:** Nearest MBTA stop is Blue Line Orient Heights. It's a 32-minute walk. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L599123> [Birding 101] [Loaner Binoculars] [Public Transport]

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

**Old Town Hill and William Forward Wildlife
Management Area/Kent Island**

7:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Dave Williams, dave.williams6@gmail.com, (781) 439-7187 ◦ We will visit both of these areas. The walking is fairly easy along fire roads, gravel trails, and woodland trails. No restroom facilities. **Meet:** The Old Town Hill Trustees parking area on Newman Rd., Newbury. Second stop will be nearby on Hay St. at the intersection with the closed Kents Island Rd.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L8450486>

Evening Walk at Minute Man NHP, Lincoln

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Leader: Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103 ◦ This area is great for late migrants and nesting species. Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and Cedar Waxwings are regulars. Alder Flycatchers and Common Nighthawks are possible. This is a one-mile walk on paved paths and boardwalk. Insect repellent suggested. **Meet:** Minute Man National Historic Park, Brooks Village lot, Lincoln. This is on Rte. 2A just east of the intersection with Lexington Rd. Meeting location could change. Please check the website a few days before to be sure.

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

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Dunback Meadow, Lexington

6:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Cliff Cook, ccook13@gmail.com, (339) 222-4518 ◦ Our target birds will be late migrants including Mourning Warbler and flycatchers. Be prepared to walk three to five miles. Cosponsored with Menotomy

Bird Club. **Meet:** Tennis court parking near the Clark Middle School on Stedman Rd. in Lexington.

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

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Weston Station Pond and Nearby Mass Central Rail Trail

9:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Joey Negreann, joey.negreann@gmail.com ◦

Discover a quiet hotspot with miles of trails and a lot of birds! The diversity of habitats in and around Weston Station Pond makes it a great spot to look for migrants in May ranging from warblers to waterfowl to shorebirds and others. In addition, a Great Blue Heron rookery ensures that even if it's a quiet day for migration there will be something awe-inspiring to look at. Expect to walk about three miles in total on a combination of dirt and paved trails. Dirt trails could be muddy depending on conditions. There are no restrooms available at this location. **Meet:** Back of office-park parking lot, 133 Boston Post Rd., Weston. First traffic light west of Rte. 20/Rte. 128 intersection. Around the building, left at the stop, park at trailhead. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L3674978>

Black Birders Week Field Trip! Scarboro Pond/Franklin Park, Boston

8:30 – 11:00 am

Leaders: Michealle Larkins, mlarkins@brooklinebirdclub.org, 617-448-0796; Kat Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com; Elias Mendoza Vivas, eemvivas@gmail.com ◦ Everyone is welcome! Come celebrate Black Birders Week with us on a two-mile trip on paved paths looking for late migrants, ducks, and resident birds in the Scarboro Pond section of Franklin Park. Beginners, BIPOC, and LGBTQ+ as well as experienced birders encouraged

and welcomed. Cosponsored with the Franklin Park Coalition, Franklin Park Tennis Association, and the Emerald Necklace Bird Club. Loaner binoculars available during the trip. **Meet:** Meet by the tennis courts next to the Shattuck Picnic Grove on Circuit Drive. Street parking available and accessible via bus and subway (Forest Hills stop on Orange Line). **Pub. Transit:** MBTA Orange Line Forest Hills stop with 20-minute walk. Also bus #16, #21, and #31 stop nearby. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L797546> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Loaner Binoculars] [Public Transport]

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Pine Hill Road Grasslands, Lancaster in Evening

6:00 – 9:00 pm

Leader: Nick Paulson, grendelpgill@yahoo.com, (508) 330-4401 ◦ We will hike a sandy/gravelly field area for grassland breeding sparrows and warblers including Grasshopper Sparrow, and wait until sunset for whip-poor-wills. **Meet:** Parking area at gated end of Pine Hill Rd. Take Harvard Rd. off Rte. 117 in Lancaster. Follow Harvard Rd. until you go over train tracks and continue on dirt road until you reach area of gates. Entry to WMA is on left. Take care not to block any gates in the area. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L937177>

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Allens Pond Mass Audubon Sanctuary, Dartmouth

7:00 – 10:00 am

[Conservation Series]

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442, gdentremont1@comcast.net, ◦ This trip is for the marsh sparrows and White-eyed Vireo. This is the best spot in Mass to observe both nesting marsh sparrows (Saltmarsh and Seaside) up close and personal. **Meet:** Parking area for Allens Pond on Horseneck Rd. in S. Dartmouth. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2324116>

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Brook Farm Historic Site, West Roxbury

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leaders: Neil Calabro, neil.calabro1@mac.com, (617) 947-9347; Michael McCarthy ◦ A unique urban habitat that is a favorite for many bird species, including uncommon/rare flycatchers, swallows, and warblers. Birders of all levels will enjoy this walk. Trails are (generally) flat and easy to walk, though there are some rough patches. A water bottle, sunblock, insect repellent, waterproof clothing, and a hat are recommended. The walk is free but preregistration is required as the walk sizes are limited. Please preregister by emailing neil.calabro1@mac.com.

Meet: Same directions as for the same location on April 19, page 17. **Pub. Transit:** MBTA Bus #36 to Spring St. @ Gardner St., then a 30-minute walk along Baker St. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L358411> [Birding 101] [Birding Boston] [Public Transport]

Eagles at Mystic Lake, Medford

7:00 – 9:00 am

Leaders: Marilyn Tillinghast, (860) 729-0349 mtillinghast@brooklinebirdclub.org; Paul Roberts ◦ Learn about the ecology and wildlife at the Mystic Lakes, with special focus on the Bald Eagles here. Herring that swim up the Mystic River to spawn draw many other birds and wildlife as well. A scope is very helpful here if you have one. **Meet:** Mystic Lakes Dam, Medford. Plenty of free parking. [Birding 101] [Family Friendly] <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L753777>



Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Horn Pond, Woburn

7:30 – 10:00 am

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

We'll look and listen for breeders that have settled into the Horn Pond area like Great Crested Flycatchers, Scarlet Tanagers, Wood Thrushes, Ovenbirds, Eastern Towhees, and others. Horn Pond has a great mix of deciduous, pine, marsh, and lake habitats that attract a variety of birds including song birds, water birds, birds of prey, and more. Join us to see what we encounter. Cosponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. **Meet:** Meet at the Sturgis St. parking lot.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L251003> [Birding 101]

Crane Wildlife Management Area, East Falmouth

8:00 – 11:00 am

Leaders: Jeff Bryant, five_loons@yahoo.com; John Edmondson, johnhedmondson@gmail.com, (781) 859-9450 ◦ With CCBC leading. This unique grassland habitat is host to a rich variety of species, including Eastern Meadowlark, Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink, American Kestrel and possibly Blue Grosbeak. When we're done at Crane, we can cross the road and scan Coonamessett Field for raptor activity. Those wishing to can continue on to Mass Audubon's Ashumet Holly Wildlife Sanctuary located just minutes from Crane.

Meet: From Mashpee rotary, take 151 west (Nathan Ellis Highway) approx. 4.3 miles. Shortly after Sandwich Rd. intersection, the entrance to Crane will be on the right next to Allieta Softball Field. Parking is just beyond by Otis Model Aero Club.

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

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Crane Beach, Ipswich — Evening

6:15 – 9:00 pm

Leader: Susan Hedman, 2winterwren@gmail.com, (978) 325-6226 ◦ Cosponsored by the ECOC. This two-mile walk in the sand is aimed at nesting Piping Plovers, Least Terns, and Bank Swallows, as well as evening singers such as Eastern Whip-poor-wills. Be prepared for mosquitoes at sunset. **Meet:** Outside the gate to the Crane Beach parking lot at the end of Argilla Rd.. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L211434> [Birding 101]

Myles Standish State Forest, Carver — Evening

6:30 – 9:00 pm

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ A serene way to end the day with Prairie Warblers and Hermit Thrushes reluctantly giving way to Eastern Whip-poor-wills and, perhaps, Northern Saw-whet Owls. Target is endangered breeding species: Eastern Whip-poor-will. **Meet:** Headquarters parking lot at Cranberry Rd., Carver. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207394>

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge,

White Pond Road Entrance

6:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Ed Bogle, e.bogle@icloud.com, 508-308-7463 ◦ Assabet River NWR contains a diverse mixture of pine and hardwood forest, old fields, and wetlands. We will walk two to three miles on even, well-maintained trails in search of warblers, raptors, flycatchers and a variety of other migrants and residents. Can be buggy — insect repellent

recommended. We will plan on making a short drive to a second parking area for a look at Assabet's Great Blue Heron Rookery. Restrooms and/or portable toilets are available at both parking areas. First meeting spot is here:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/PzXXcGJhnUpVtppE6>

Meet: Meet near the north entrance to the refuge located at the end of White Pond Rd., off Rte. 117, in Stow. Enter the refuge after crossing the bridge and find the parking lot on the right further down the access road near a gate.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207344>

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Mount Holyoke to the Quabbin

7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Leader: Mark Burns, mcburns16@comcast.net, (978) 741-0897 ◦ Join us for a series of short hikes as we search for Cerulean Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, and Alder Flycatcher. Time will also be taken to enjoy the flora and fauna along the way. **Meet:** Entrance to Skinner State Park on Rte. 47 in Hadley.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L365343>

Birding Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, Wareham

7:30 – 10:00 am

Leader: Carol Molander, cmolander@brooklinebirdclub.org, (508) 641-0991 ◦ We will 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. This walk will be cosponsored with Nasketucket Bird Club. **Meet:** Parking lot at Mass Audubon's Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, 226 Great Neck Rd., Wareham.

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

Saturday, June 6, 2026

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Sunday, June 7, 2026

Millis and Medfield Breeding Birds

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: John O'Connell, joconnell484@gmail.com, (774) 222-2560 ◦ Trying for 50 species again this year, we'll be walking about a mile and a half, mostly staying on pavement. Boots are not required. Ticks should not be a problem. We'll be looking and listening for swamp breeders, including Green Heron, Brown Creeper, Northern Waterthrush, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. We may then stop at the Medfield State Hospital fields for grassland and successional breeding birds. We could also make additional stops in Medfield as time allows. **Meet:** Paddock Lane (near the corner of Causeway St.) in Millis.

Martin Burns WMA, Newbury

7:30 am

Leader: Linda Ferrarresso, tattler1@comcast.net, (617) 755-1851 ◦ We will walk on fairly level gravel roads for three miles looking for breeding birds including Field Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, and Prairie Warbler. Cosponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club. No restroom facilities. **Meet:** Orchard St. entrance in Newbury. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L613730>

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Mt Greylock, Lanesborough

6:00 am – 3:00 pm

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ Greylock and October Mountain trips may be swapped for best weather on the Greylock day. If wet weather

predicted for the Berkshires, contact the leader in advance for potential change. This will be an exciting trip with the occasional surprise. Mourning Warbler has always been a specialty of this trip. Enjoy the warblers and other neotropical migrants we observed during spring migration. Cosponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. This trip will end around 3 pm then reconvene for dinner and an evening trip to Post Farm Marsh, Lenox. Target endangered breeding species: Pied-billed Grebe, Common Gallinule, Blackpoll Warbler, Mourning Warbler. **Meet:** Mt. Greylock Visitor Center at the base of the mountain in Lanesborough. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L207392> [Conservation Series]

Friday, June 12, 2026

October Mountain, Lenox

6:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont,

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

Greylock and October Mountain trips may be swapped for best weather on the Greylock day. Contact the leader in advance. Multiple habitats make this trip more diversified than the prior day's Mt Greylock trip, as we begin along the Housatonic River WMA and make our way over October Mountain. Cosponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Target endangered breeding species: American Bittern, Mourning Warbler. **Meet:** Parking lot on New Lenox Rd., Lenox, just west of the bridge over the Housatonic River (boat ramp). <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L729848>

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Breeding Bird Survey, Plymouth Airport

5:00 – 8:00 am

Leader: Glenn d'Entremont, gdentremont1@comcast.net, (781) 267-0442 ◦ Limited participation. We will be allowed to survey the entire airport grounds before the airport opens to flights to confirm as many breeding species as we can. This special habitat has Upland Sandpiper, American Kestrels, Eastern Meadowlarks, and Grasshopper Sparrows, all species of special concern. Also includes pine barrens specialists like Prairie Warbler, Field Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, and Brown Thrasher. Pre-registration is required. Being coordinated by another group. BBC coordinator is Glenn. If inclement weather, postponed to June 20, 2026 ; same time. **Meet:** Will be given to those who register.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L549260>

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

<https://thetrustees.org/place/fruitlands-museum/>
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L4634696>

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Summer Solstice Saunter

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Leader: Laura de la Flor, anhinga3@comcast.net, (978) 741-0897 ◦ Celebrate the beginning of summer by birding favorite patches, locally and beyond. Yes, this is a week before the solstice. Contact leader for details. Call or email no later than June 11th. **Meet:** Leader's choice.

Pine Hill Road Grasslands, Lancaster

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Leader: Cliff Cook, ccook13@gmail.com, (339) 222-4518 ◦ This trip will focus on finding some of the unusual birds that nest at Pine Hill — Grasshopper Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, and Eastern Whip-poor-will. Easy walk over flat sandy roads. Rain cancels walk. **Meet:** Parking area at the gated end of Pine Hill Rd. Take Harvard Rd. off Rte. 117 in Lancaster. Follow Harvard Rd. 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.
<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L937177> [Conservation Series]

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Bobolinks at Chestnut Hill Farm, Southborough

6:30 – 9:30 am

Leader: Ed Bogle, e.bogle@icloud.com, 508-308-7463
◦ We'll walk about two miles around the protected grasslands of this wonderful Trustees property in search of Bobolinks, Indigo Bunting, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and more. Parking is in the lot after the main entrance here:
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/87yAzpeBs6WPnx6K6>

Meet: About one-fifth of a mile off Main St. (Rte. 30) on Chestnut Hill Rd., Southborough. Opposite 10 Chestnut Hill Rd. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L2601875>

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Rocky Narrows in Sherborn

6:30 – 8:30 am

Leader: John O'Connell, joconnell484@gmail.com, (774) 222-2560 ◦ Mixed habitat — fields, woods, river, and swamp. A good variety of birds here. We'll be mostly concentrating on the swamp and the Charles River. If we have a wet spring folks should check in with the leader as to whether rubber boots would be advised. There are spots that do flood. Of course we won't cross anything that is too deep. **Meet:** Parking area where Forest St. meets East Goulding St. in Sherborn. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L5226275>

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Plum Island, Newburyport

7:00 – 11:00 am

Leader: Dave Williams, dave.williams6@gmail.com, (781) 439-7187 ◦ We will explore various locations on the Refuge in search of breeding birds. Note that entrance fee or pass is required. Restrooms available.

Meet: Parking lot #1.

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

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Ashby and Townsend

7:30 am – 12:00 pm

Leader: Jason Forbes, jason@brewsterslinnet.com, (781) 354-6158 ◦ We will search for nesting warblers, juncos, sapsuckers, and probably butterflies and dragonflies, possibly continuing into the afternoon.

We will start in Willard Brook State Forest and

probably continue to Townsend State Forest, Mt. Watatic, or the Squannacook River WMA. Some trails are steep and moderately uneven. **Meet:** Damon Pond parking lot, Willard Brook State Forest, Hosmer Rd., Ashby. This is only accessible from Rte. 119; using Google Maps may take you from Rte. 31 to a closed gate.

Saturday, June 20, 2026

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Sunday, June 21, 2026

Pine Hill Road Grasslands, Lancaster

6:00 – 9:00 am

Leader: Kathy Dia, katbirder@gmail.com, (617) 480-5103 ◦ In June, this wonderfully-preserved grassland is alive with the songs of breeding Grasshopper and Vesper sparrow, which are state listed as endangered species. Prairie Warbler, Indigo Bunting, and American Kestrel nest regularly here as well. A mile walk on level grade; can be dry so bring water. **Meet:** Parking area near the end of Pine Hill Rd. on the left. For GPS use Pine Hill Rd., Lancaster. Take Harvard Rd. off Rte. 117 in Lancaster. Follow Harvard Rd. to the end, turn right onto Pine Hill Rd., continue until you go over the train tracks and on dirt road until you reach the area of the gates on left (not gates straight ahead). Entry to Wildlife Management Area is on left. Take care not to block any gates in the area.

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

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Bobolinks at Farm Meadow, Lincoln

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Mathias Bitter, mathias.bitter@gmail.com ◦ An opportunity to see Bobolinks, a declining and unique species, displaying and singing in their breeding habitat, possibly with fledglings! In addition to Bobolinks, possible species include Indigo Bunting, Wood Thrush, Pileated Woodpecker, and maybe an Alder Flycatcher if we're lucky! This is about a one-a-half-mile walk circling the hayfield where the Bobolinks breed, and up to Codman Farm. **Meet:** We will meet at the back of Donelan's Supermarket parking lot, 145 Lincoln Rd., Lincoln. Please park towards the back of the grocery lot, but not in the Park and Ride lot (back lot).

Halibut Point State Park, Rockport

8:00 – 10:00 am

Leader: Peter Van Demark, phvand@icloud.com, (617) 386-3018 (txt ok) ◦ A two-hour walk, about one-a-half-miles, over easy-to-moderate gravel roads and trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Restrooms are available. In case of inclement weather check with leader night before trip (text ok). Cosponsored by DCR. For more Information see: <https://www.mass.gov/locations/halibut-point-state-park> **Meet:** Parking lot for Halibut Pont State Park on Gott Ave., just off Rte. 127. The Trustees members park free in season. <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L374648> [Birding 101]

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Neponset River Greenway, Mattapan — An Urban Oasis

8:30 – 11:00 am

Leaders: Michealle Larkins,

mlarkins@brooklinebirdclub.org, 617-448-0796; Kat Hepburn, khepburn16@gmail.com; Elias Mendoza Vivas, eemvivas@gmail.com ° Enjoy an approximately two-mile

trip along the Neponset River Greenway on a metal and asphalt boardwalk and bike path. Let's see what we can find: Yellow-rumped Warblers, Gray Catbirds, and other migrant and resident species. Beginners, BIPOC, and LGBTQ+ encouraged as well as more experienced

birders. **Meet:** 1674 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Small building with a mural on Blue Hill Ave. near River St. and Mattapan Station, facing Kuizinn La Kay restaurant.

Parking: Available on Blue Hill Ave., River St. (lot diagonally across from Daily Table), and nearby streets in Milton. **Pub. Transit:** Three options: Mattapan Station stop on Mattapan Trolley; Bus #30 or #31 to Mattapan Station; or take Readville/FairMt commuter rail to Blue Hill Ave. station then walk to Mattapan Station.

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



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OVERNIGHT TRIPS IN JUNE

28th Annual Trip to Rangeley Lakes, Maine
Sunday, June 21 – Sunday, June 28, 2026



Join us for a seven-day exploration of the mountains and lakes of western Maine! As always, this trip will concentrate on Maine's boreal specialties including 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. We also observe and enjoy flora and fauna along the way. Participants can expect to do some moderate hiking and optional canoeing.

Leaders: Eddie Giles, (508) 807-2338, emgiles62@comcast.net; Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442, gdentremont1@comcast.net

Limited Participation. *Please contact leader for more information and reservations at least one month in advance.

Downeast Maine Puffin and Warblers Trip

Saturday, June 27 – Tuesday, June 30, 2026

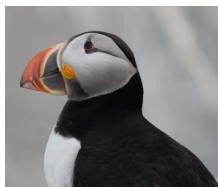
Join us on our annual trip to the Machias area in Downeast Maine. The highlight of the trip is a boat trip to Machias Seal Island for Atlantic Puffins and other alcids, weather permitting. We will also bird beautiful coastlands and inland boreal forests in search of nesting warblers and other species. We will explore blueberry barrens and coastal wetlands for other species such as Sandhill Crane, Black Tern, Nelson's Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper, and potential rarities.

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

Note On Limited Mobility: We don't have any technical or rugged hiking; however, we are on our feet a lot looking for forest species, which can add up to several miles of walking per day. The boat landing on Machias Seal Island can be slippery and treacherous, but participants can safely stay on the boat and still encounter all the breeding birds at close range if they are concerned about the landing.

Limited Participation. This trip is limited to 12 participants. The trip fee will be \$450 for BBC members. Details sent in response to inquiries. Please contact Henry via email to inquire about availability or being added to the waitlist.

Meet: The Bluebird Motel,
231 Dublin St., Machias,
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