

# **Brookline Bird Club Bulletin**

April 1, 2019–June 30, 2019



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## **We want to hear from you!**

Addressing ideas and issues that are important to club members is our top priority. The board meets three times a year—winter, spring, and fall—to discuss club-related items. Members are encouraged to reach out to corporate and club officers and directors with thoughts and suggestions. You can also email us at [webmaster@brooklinebirdclub.org](mailto:webmaster@brooklinebirdclub.org).

## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear Members,

Spring—ephemeral, magic, and never too soon—is one of the many joys of living in New England. As the trees wake from their long winter slumber, unfurling a new year's canopy, we welcome back to those branches the much-missed sounds and colors of summer residents (phoebes, cuckoos, tanagers!) and cherish each fleeting glimpse of migrants (warblers!) en route to breeding grounds further north.

This is New England birding at its finest, and we hope you'll join us for one (or many!) of the 100+ guided walks listed in this book, including daily visits to Mount Auburn Cemetery from April 17–May 24.

We also have trips further afield, including June trips to the Berkshires and Western Massachusetts to look for state-protected breeding species (Pied-billed Grebe, and Mourning Warbler) and to Claybrook Mountain Lodge and the Rangeley Lakes region in Western Maine to look for boreal species (Spruce Grouse and Black-backed Woodpecker).

Not all the fun is outdoors. On April 11, at our annual meeting, we will welcome international birder, author, and photographer Noah Strycker, who will discuss his record-breaking global big year and his best-selling book, *Birding Without Borders*.

We hope you enjoy all that spring birding has to offer, and we look forward to seeing you (and the birds) in the field.

Neil Hayward  
President

## ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

### Noah Strycker

Thursday, April 11, 2019

Harvard University Geological Lecture Hall  
24 Oxford Street, Cambridge

7:30 p.m. (light refreshments at 6:30 p.m.)

In 2015, Noah became the first person to see over half of the planet's bird species in a single year. Anything could have happened, and a lot did. He was scourged by blood-sucking leeches, suffered fevers and "Delhi Belly," skirted war zones, and had the time of his life.

Birding on seven continents and carrying only a small backpack, Noah enlisted the enthusiastic support of local birders to tick more than 6,000 species, including Chinstrap Penguins in Antarctica, a Harpy Eagle in Brazil, and a long-lost owl in New Guinea. Rather than listing every last sighting, this entertaining presentation covers his funniest, weirdest, and most inspiring stories—as much about people as birds.

## WARBLER QUIZ

Here are a few questions designed to put your warbler knowledge to the test! Find the answers at [brooklinebirdclub.org/test](http://brooklinebirdclub.org/test).

1. These three warblers are all seen at Mount Auburn Cemetery in May. Which one travels the farthest? (Hint: warblers winter as far south as Peru and Bolivia.)
  - A) Blackburnian Warbler
  - B) Mourning Warbler
  - C) Wilson's Warbler
2. On average, during a typical migration, which warbler is the earliest to return to Massachusetts? the latest?
3. Which species on the Massachusetts official state list are named after U.S. states?

## **SEND US YOUR TOTAL FOR 2018**

Acting Statistician Sabrina Hepburn is compiling a statistical report and birders' year totals for our summer bulletin. If you would like to participate, please send Sabrina your total number of birds found in Massachusetts in 2018 at [shepburn@brooklinebirdclub.org](mailto:shepburn@brooklinebirdclub.org).

## **HAVE YOU RENEWED FOR 2019?**

We encourage you to renew and feel pride in being a part of an amazing network of dedicated birders. You can renew your membership (or join!) on our website, or by filling out the form on the back cover of this book.

## **MEMBER DISCOUNT**

Bird Watcher's Supply & Gift in Newburyport offers current BBC members a 10% discount on all books and ABA guides, as well as substantial discounts on binoculars, spotting scopes, and tripods. Bring a copy of this book to receive a discount.

## **ONLINE STORE**

We have new apparel offerings on our website! Visit [brooklinebirdclub.qbstores.com](http://brooklinebirdclub.qbstores.com) for hats, outerwear, shirts, and more.

## **TRIPS TO MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY**

April 17–May 24, 2019

All trips free of charge unless otherwise indicated. Trips begin at the main entrance at 580 Mount Auburn Street.

### **Wednesday, April 17**

6:30–8:00 a.m.

Trip leaders: Linda Ferrarresso, (978) 498-4352, tattler1@comcast.net and Larry O'Bryan, (781) 648-1663, lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

### **Thursday, April 18**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Pete Gilmore, (617) 610-2477, petegilmore79@gmail.com

### **Friday, April 19**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Bob Petersen, (617) 875-1050, robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu

### **Saturday, April 20**

7:00–9:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Brooke Stevens, (617) 491-7850, brookestev@aol.com

### **Sunday, April 21**

7:00–9:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Brooke Stevens, (617) 491-7850, brookestev@aol.com

### **Monday, April 22**

6:30–8:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Neil Hayward, (617) 717-9969, neil.hayward@gmail.com

**Tuesday, April 23**

6:30–8:00 a.m.

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

**Wednesday, April 24**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Pete Gilmore, (617) 610-2477,  
petegilmore79@gmail.com

**Thursday, April 25**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

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

**Friday, April 26**

7:00–9:00 a.m.

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

**Saturday, April 27**

7:00–9:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Brooke Stevens, (617) 491-7850,  
brookestev@aol.com

**Sunday, April 28**

6:30–10:00 a.m.

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

**Monday, April 29**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Bob Petersen, (617) 875-1050,  
robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu

**Tuesday, April 30**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Neil Hayward, (617) 717-9969,  
neil.hayward@gmail.com



**Wednesday, May 1**

6:00–8:30 a.m.

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davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

**Thursday, May 2**

6:00–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Pete Gilmore, (617) 610-2477,  
petegilmore79@gmail.com

**Friday, May 3**

6:00–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Larry O'Bryan, (781) 648-1663,  
lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

**Saturday, May 4**

6:00–9:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday, May 5**

6:00–8:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Neil Hayward, (617) 717-9969,  
neil.hayward@gmail.com

**Monday, May 6**

6:00–9:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Jared Keyes, (978) 505-0586,  
jaredskeyes@gmail.com

**Tuesday, May 7**

6:00–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Chris Floyd, (781) 862-2841,  
chrif@mitre.org

**Wednesday, May 8**

6:00–9:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Neil Hayward, (617) 717-9969,  
neil.hayward@gmail.com

**Thursday, May 9**

6:00–8:00 a.m.

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

**Friday, May 10**

6:00–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Larry O'Bryan, (781) 648-1663  
lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

**Saturday, May 11**

7:00–10:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Sabrina Hepburn, (781) 296-2493,  
s.k.hepburn@gmail.com

**Sunday, May 12**

6:00–9:00 a.m.

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

**Monday, May 13**

6:00–8:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Jared Keyes, (978) 505-0586,  
jaredskeyes@gmail.com

**Tuesday, May 14**

6:00–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Chris Floyd, (781) 862-2841,  
chrisf@mitre.org

**Wednesday, May 15**

6:00–8:00 a.m.

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

**Wednesday, May 15**

5:00–7:00 p.m.

Trip leader: Sylvia Martin, (857) 756-7981,  
warbler@neomailbox.ch

**Thursday, May 16**

6:00–8:30 a.m.

Trip leader: Larry O'Bryan, (781) 648-1663,  
lobryan@gilbertobryan.com

**Friday, May 17**

6:00–9:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352,  
tattler1@comcast.net

**Saturday, May 18**

Field Skills: Focus on Spring Bird Songs

6:00–9:00 a.m.

Trip leader: Sabrina Hepburn, (781) 296-2493,  
s.k.hepburn@gmail.com

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Trip leader: Brooke Stevens, (617) 491-7850,  
brookestev@aol.com

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jfmccoy@hotmail.com

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davidscott6@yahoo.co.uk

**RULES FOR BIRDING MOUNT AUBURN  
CEMETERY**

The BBC has long history of positive engagement with Mount Auburn Cemetery. You can help us remain in their favor by following these simple rules:

- Be mindful of cemetery hours.
- Keep a respectful distance from memorial and funeral services in order to give grieving visitors their privacy.
- Only park on roads without a green line. Park with all wheels on the pavement. Do not park on roads used for funeral processions (Central, Lawn, Spruce, and Fountain Avenues).
- Stick to designated paths to avoid trampling landscaped areas and native plants. Refrain from touching or leaning on monuments.
- Do not bring food or drinks other than water into the cemetery. Always use trash receptacles.
- Notify cemetery management if you see any disturbances or acts of vandalism.

## **PROGRAM OF TRIPS**

April 1, 2019–June 30, 2019

This list includes limited participation trips not available on our website. All trips free of charge unless otherwise indicated. Trips to Mount Auburn Cemetery are listed on the preceding pages.

### **Wednesday, April 3**

#### **Horn Pond, Woburn**

8:00–10:00 a.m.

We'll see which ducks are still around, such as Gadwall and Green-winged Teal, and look for early spring migrants, such as Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Field Sparrow, and Palm, Pine, and Yellow-rumped Warblers. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: Sturgis Street entrance.

Trip leader: Diana Fruguglietti, (781) 933-9063,  
diana.fru@gmail.com

### **Saturday, April 6**

#### **Woodcock Watch, Oxbow NWR, Harvard**

6:45–8:30 p.m.

We will join the Friends of Oxbow NWR in hopes of seeing, or at least hearing, the American Woodcock's mating display, a traditional New England rite of spring. Meeting location: Lake Avenue parking lot.

Rain date: Sunday, April 7.

Trip leader: Don MacFarlane, (978) 897-7567

#### **Great Meadows NWR, Concord**

8:00–11:00 a.m.

Join us for an easy walk in search of early spring migrants. Meeting location: Great Meadows NWR parking lot on Monsen Road (off Route 62).

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

## **Sunday, April 7**

### **North Shore Ramble**

7:30 a.m.–noon

We will explore various locations in Essex County in search of early migrants. Meeting location: Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Street, Topsfield.

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

## **Monday, April 8**

### **Horn Pond, Woburn**

8:00–10:00 a.m.

We'll see which ducks are still around, such as Gadwall and Green-winged Teal, and look for early spring migrants, such as Eastern Phoebe, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Field Sparrow, and Palm, Pine, and Yellow-rumped Warblers. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: Sturgis Street entrance.

Trip leader: Diana Fruguglietti, (781) 933-9063,  
diana.fru@gmail.com

## **Thursday, April 11**

### **Great Meadows NWR, Concord**

7:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Join us for an easy walk to look for residents and early spring migrants. Then, we'll visit Nine Acre Corner, and possibly Drumlin Farm. Meeting location: Great Meadows NWR parking lot on Monsen Road (off Route 62).

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



## Saturday, April 13

### Wayne F. McCallum WMA

7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

We will hike easy to moderate trails in search of early spring arrivals in a variety of marsh, field, and woodland habitats. We will also check the ponds and marsh for migrant ducks and swallows. Enjoy either or both sections. Meeting location: Westborough Town Beach parking lot, 60 Lyman Street.

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

## Sunday, April 14

### Hawk Watch, Newburyport

11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Join us for a field trip to the Parker River NWR, during which we will look for migrating raptors. This trip follows a same-day lecture about hawk watching and raptor identification, which requires separate registration at [massaudubon.org](http://massaudubon.org). The field trip alone is free and requires no registration. Co-sponsored by the Eastern Massachusetts Hawk Watch. Meeting location: Joppa Flats Education Center.

Trip leader: Brian Rusnica, [14hawks8owls@gmail.com](mailto:14hawks8owls@gmail.com)



## Wednesday, April 17

### Brooks Estate, Medford

8:00–10:00 a.m.

We'll look for early spring migrants. Co-sponsored by the Menotomy Bird Club. Meeting location: 255–277 Grove Street (Brooks Estate Path on Google Maps).

Trip leader: Diana Fruguglietti, (781) 933-9063,  
[diana.fru@gmail.com](mailto:diana.fru@gmail.com)

## Saturday, April 20

### **Fruitlands Museum, Harvard**

7:00–10:00 a.m.

We will be looking for residents and early migrants.

Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections.

Meeting location: museum parking lot, top section, 102 Prospect Hill Road. Co-sponsored by Boxborough Birders.

Trip leader: Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057,  
cassandra.oxley@gmail.com

### **Nahant**

7:00 a.m.–noon

Our main focus will be birds and their behaviors, but buds and bugs will also be noted! Meeting location: Short Beach parking lot, Ward Road (first, immediate left off Castle Road).

Trip leader: Linda Pivacek, (781) 864-2658,  
lpivacek@comcast.net



### **Spring Birding Sketchcrawl**

8:00 a.m.–noon

Come and bird and draw some of our favorite patches in Essex and Middlesex counties. Contact leader after April 18 for meeting location.

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

## Sunday, April 21

### **Halibut Point State Park, Rockport**

8:00–10:00 a.m.

A 2-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting location: parking lot across from park entrance on Gott Avenue.

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





## **Tuesday, April 23**

### **Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon**

6:00–7:30 a.m.

We'll look and listen for migrants along Billings Loop. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: parking lot on Moose Hill Parkway.

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

### **Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352, tattler1@comcast.net

## **Saturday, April 27**

### **Arnold Arboretum, Boston**

8:00–9:30 a.m.

A 90-minute walk suitable for both beginners and more experienced birders. Meeting location: main gate, Arborway (parking along Arborway).

Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 983-3330, rgmayer@comcast.net

### **North Shore Ramble**

7:30 a.m.–noon

We will explore various locations in Essex County for early migrants. Meeting location: Topsfield Fairgrounds, 207 Boston Street, Topsfield.

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



## **Sunday, April 28**

### **Wompatuck State Park, Hingham**

6:30 a.m.–noon

On this three-mile walk, we will look for Ruffed Grouse, Pileated Woodpecker, Winter Wren, and a variety of migrant warblers, including Worm-eating and Louisiana Waterthrush. Meeting location: parking lot across from visitor center on Lazelle Street, off Route 228.

Trip leaders: Eddie Giles, (508) 378-3370, emgiles62@comcast.net and Glenn d'Entremont, (781) 267-0442, gdentremont@comcast.net

### **Olmsted Park and Leverett Pond, Brookline**

8:00–9:30 a.m.

A 90-minute walk suitable for both beginners and more experienced birders. Meeting location: parking lot at 33 Pond Avenue, in front of Brook House condominium. Co-sponsored by the Brookline Green Space Alliance.

Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 983-3330, rgmayer@comcast.net

### **Oxbow NWR, Harvard**

8:00–11:00 a.m.

On this three-mile walk through woodland and riparian habitats, we will search for migrant and breeding songbirds. Rain cancels walk. Meeting location: parking lot near the refuge gate at the end of Still River Depot Road (off Route 110).

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

## **Newburyport and Vicinity**

9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We will do very little walking, but a lot of birding close to our cars in search of migrants. Meeting location: Newburyport District Courthouse, Route 1 traffic circle.



Trip leader: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772,  
ida8@verizon.net

## **Kettle Island Rookery, Manchester**

5:00–8:00 p.m.

Witness the flight of herons and egrets as they go to roost for the evening. Meeting location: lot at Manchester Essex Conservation Trust Property on School Street, just north of Exit 15 on Route 128.

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

## **Monday, April 29**

### **Wayne F. McCallum WMA**

6:00–8:00 a.m.

We will hike the north side of Chauncey Lake in search of migrant warblers. Meeting location: ball field entrance.

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

## **Tuesday, April 30**

### **Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon**

6:00–7:30 a.m.

We'll look and listen for migrants along the Billings Loop. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area on Moose Hill Parkway.

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

## **Marblehead Neck Wildlife Sanctuary**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

Meeting location: sanctuary parking lot at the end of Risely Road.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352,  
tattler1@comcast.net

### **Wednesday, May 1**

#### **McLaughlin Woods, Boston**

7:30–8:30 a.m.

We will search for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, thrushes, tanagers, and other colorful travelers at this urban migrant trap in Boston's Mission Hill neighborhood. Expected species include Bay-breasted, Cape May, and Chestnut-sided warblers, plus rarities such as Gray-cheeked Thrush. Meeting location: baseball bleachers at the southeast end of the park (short walk from the Jackson Square MBTA station on the Orange Line).

Trip leader: Sebastian Jones, (857) 256-0651,  
sebastianojones@gmail.com

### **Thursday, May 2**

#### **Boston Public Garden**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

During this 2-hour walk, we will explore the four corners of the Public Garden to look for visiting migrants. Meeting location: Charles Street entrance (across from the Public Garden Garage).

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352,  
tattler1@comcast.net

## Saturday, May 4

### **Arnold Arboretum, Boston**

8:00–9:30 a.m.

A 90-minute walk suitable for both beginners and more experienced birders. Meeting location: main gate, Arborway (parking along Arborway).

Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 983-3330,  
rgmayer@comcast.net



### **South Shore Century Run**

4:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

A medium-paced trip to key locations on the South Shore in search of 100+ species of residents and migrants. Call the trip leader for 4:00 a.m. meeting location. Wimps can meet us at 6:30 a.m. at the main parking lot at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham!

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

### **Parker River NWR by Bicycle, Newbury**

6:30 a.m.–noon

Turn off your engine and leave your car behind as we cycle along the main refuge road to look and listen for spring migrants. Meeting location: parking lot #1.

Trip leaders: Laura de la Flor, (978) 741-0897,  
anhinga3@comcast.net and Mark Burns, (978) 741-0897,  
mcburns16@comcast.net

### **Cold Spring Park, Newton**

7:30–10:00 a.m.

Join us for a quiet walk through wetland and woodland in search of early migrants.

Co-sponsored by the Newton Conservators.

Meeting location: circle at the end of parking lot off Beacon Street.

Trip leader: Pete Gilmore, (617) 610-2477,  
petegilmore79@gmail.com



**Sunday, May 5**

**Bussey Brook Meadow, Arnold  
Arboretum, Boston**

8:00–9:30 a.m.

A 90-minute walk suitable for both beginners and more experienced birders. Co-sponsored by the Arboretum Park Conservancy. Meeting location: South Street gate.

Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 983-3330,  
rgmayer@comcast.net



**Wompatuck State Park, Hingham**

6:00 a.m.–noon

On this 3-mile walk, our target birds will be Ruffed Grouse, Pileated Woodpecker, Winter Wren, and a variety of warblers, including Worm-eating and Louisiana Waterthrush. Meeting location: parking lot across from the visitor center on Lazelle Street, off Route 228.

Trip leaders: Eddie Giles, (508) 378-3370,  
emgiles62@comcast.net and Linda Ferrarresso,  
(978) 498-4352, tattler1@comcast.net

**What is Birding 101?**

Birding 101 trips are geared toward new and young birders. Trip leaders focus on birding basics, including identifying birds in the field. While these trips are open to all, they are ideal for beginners, or those with non-birding friends who want to see what all of the fuss is about! If you have a suggestion for a good spot for a 101 trip, please contact Field Trip Coordinator Pete Gilmore (petegilmore79@gmail.com).



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## **Wednesday, May 8**

### **McLaughlin Woods, Boston**

7:30–8:30 a.m.

We will search for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, thrushes, tanagers, and other colorful travelers at this urban migrant trap in Boston's Mission Hill neighborhood. Expected species include Bay-breasted, Cape May, and Chestnut-sided warblers, plus rarities such as Gray-cheeked Thrush. Meeting location: baseball bleachers at the southeast end of the park (short walk from the Jackson Square MBTA station on the Orange Line).

Trip leader: Sebastian Jones, (857) 256-0651,  
sebastianojones@gmail.com

## Thursday, May 9

### **Boston Public Garden**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

During this 2-hour walk, we will explore the four corners of the Public Garden to look for visiting migrants. Meeting location: Charles Street entrance (across from the Public Garden Garage).

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352, [tattler1@comcast.net](mailto:tattler1@comcast.net)

### **Concord River Greenway, Lowell**

7:00–9:00 a.m.

During this 2-hour walk along flat, paved paths, we will look for spring migrants who use the water of the Concord River and the trees of the Lowell Cemetery for food and shelter as they make their way north, as well as birds who breed along this restored riparian habitat. Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust. An RSVP to the Trust's Jane Calvin would be appreciated, but is not required: [jcalvin@lowelllandtrust.com](mailto:jcalvin@lowelllandtrust.com). Meeting location: just inside the Lawrence Street gate at the Lowell Cemetery.



Trip leader: Mike Baird, (978) 551-3504, [rkranden1994@gmail.com](mailto:rkranden1994@gmail.com)

## Saturday, May 11

### **Warblers, in the Field, and in the Hand, Newbury**

6:00–11:30 a.m.

Limited participation; BBC members only

We will look for migrating warblers at Parker River NWR, and visit their banding station. Contact trip leader to sign up. Meeting location: parking lot #1.

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



## **Cold Spring Park, Newton**

7:30–9:30 a.m.

An easy walk through mixed forest and open fields in search of resident and breeding birds. Meeting location: circle at the end of parking lot off Beacon Street.

Trip leader: Sylvia Martin, (857) 756-7981,  
warbler@neomailbox.ch



## **Sunday, May 12**

### **Eastern Point on Foot, Gloucester**

6:30–11:00 a.m.

An easy but long walk on the roads and grassy footpaths of this warbler hot spot. We'll traverse mainly level terrain, but there may be some muddy and uneven areas. Meeting location: Mass Audubon parking lot by the lighthouse at the end of Eastern Point Boulevard. Don't be deterred by the "Residents Only" sign; the parking lot is open to the public and free until Memorial Day.

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

## **Monday, May 13**

### **Parker River NWR, Newbury**

6:30–11:30 a.m.

If conditions are good, there's no better place to be during spring migration! We'll explore the island for migrants and returning breeding birds. Meeting location: parking lot #1.

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

## **Wayne F. McCallum WMA**

6:00–8:00 a.m.

We will hike the north side of Chauncy Lake in search of migrant warblers. Meeting location: ball field entrance.

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

## **Tuesday, May 14**

### **Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon**

6:00–7:30 a.m.

We'll look and listen for migrants along the Billings Loop. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area on Moose Hill Parkway.

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

## **Wednesday, May 15**

### **McLaughlin Woods, Boston**

7:30–8:30 a.m.

We will search for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, thrushes, tanagers, and other colorful travelers at this urban migrant trap in Boston's Mission Hill neighborhood. Expected species include Bay-breasted, Cape May, and Chestnut-sided warblers, plus rarities such as Gray-cheeked Thrush. Meeting location: baseball bleachers at the southeast end of the park (short walk from the Jackson Square MBTA station on the Orange Line).

Trip leader: Sebastian Jones, (857) 256-0651,  
sebastianojones@gmail.com

**Thursday, May 16**

**Boston Public Garden**

6:30–8:30 a.m.

During this 2-hour walk, we will explore the four corners of the Public Garden to look for visiting migrants. Meeting location: Charles Street entrance (across from the Public Garden Garage).

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352, tattler1@comcast.net

**Saturday, May 18**

**Arnold Arboretum, Boston**

8:00–9:30 a.m.

A 90-minute walk suitable for both beginners and more experienced birders. Meeting location: main gate, Arborway (parking along Arborway).

Trip leader: Bob Mayer, (617) 983-3330, rgmayer@comcast.net



**Pelagic Birding on the 7 Seas Whale Watch, Gloucester**

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45

Reserve your spot online at [7seaswhalewatch.com](http://7seaswhalewatch.com) or by phone at (978) 283-1776. Meeting location: 63 Rogers Street, next to the Gloucester House Restaurant.

Trip Leader: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772, ida8@verizon.net



## **Bolton Flats WMA by Canoe/Kayak, Lancaster**

7:00–10:30 a.m.

We will paddle along the Still River in search of rare marsh breeders, including Sora, Virginia and King Rails, both American and Least Bitterns, and Common Moorhen, as well as various duck species. We will hike the Pine Hill section afterwards if there is interest.

Meeting location: old boardwalk entrance (a hidden driveway with a sign on a large tree, on the left, 0.6 miles north on Route 110 from the intersection with Route 117).

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

## **Fruitlands Museum, Harvard**

7:00–10:00 a.m.

We will be looking for residents and early migrants. Expect to walk about two miles on trails through meadows and woods, with some steep sections.

Meeting location: museum parking lot, top section, 102 Prospect Hill Road. Co-sponsored by Boxborough Birders.

Trip leader: Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057,  
cassandra.oxley@gmail.com

## **Sunday, May 19**

### **Parker River NWR, Newbury**

6:30–11:00 a.m.

If conditions are good, there's no better place to be during spring migration! We'll explore the island for migrants and returning breeding birds. Beginners welcome. Meeting location: parking lot #1.

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



### **Wompatuck State Park, Hingham**

6:00 a.m.–noon

On this 3-mile walk, our target birds will be Ruffed Grouse, Pileated Woodpecker, Winter Wren, and a variety of warblers, including Worm-eating and Louisiana Waterthrush. Meeting location: parking lot across from the visitor center on Lazell Street, off Route 228.

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

### **Eastern Point on Foot, Gloucester**

6:30–10:00 a.m.

An easy but long walk on the roads and grassy footpaths of this warbler hot spot. We'll traverse mainly level terrain, but there may be some muddy and uneven areas. Meeting location: Mass Audubon parking lot by the lighthouse at the end of Eastern Point Boulevard. Don't be deterred by the "Residents Only" sign; the parking lot is open to the public and free until Memorial Day.

Trip leader: John Nelson, (978) 283-6128, jnelson@northshore.edu

### **Oxbow NWR, Harvard**

7:00–11:00 a.m.

On this 3-mile walk through woodland and riparian habitats, we will search for migrant and breeding songbirds. Rain cancels walk. Meeting location: parking lot near the refuge gate at the end of Still River Depot Road (off Route 110).

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

## **World's End, Hingham**

8:00 a.m.–noon

We will hike various trails at an easy pace, exploring the fields and forests in search of spring migrants. Meeting location: main entrance at the end of Martin's Lane.

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

## **Halibut Point State Park, Rockport**

8:00–10:00 a.m.

A 2-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting location: parking lot across from park entrance on Gott Avenue.

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



## **Hammond Pond Reservation, Newton**

7:30–10:30 a.m.

Meeting location: entrance on Hammond Pond Parkway.

Trip leader: Sylvia Martin, (857) 756-7981, warbler@neomailbox.ch

## **Tuesday, May 21**

### **Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon**

6:00–7:30 a.m.

We'll look and listen for migrants along the Billings Loop. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: parking area on Moose Hill Parkway.

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

## **Wednesday, May 22**

### **Minute Man National Historic Park, Lincoln**

7:00–9:30 a.m.

Join us for a 1-mile walk on both paved paths and wooded trails at this hidden gem, which hosts many nesting species and late migrants, including a variety of thrushes and flycatchers, Northern Waterthrush, and Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Trails may be muddy.

Meeting location: Hartwell Tavern lot on Route 2A, just west of Hanscom Drive.

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

### **McLaughlin Woods Migrants, Boston**

7:30–8:30 a.m.

We will search for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, thrushes, tanagers, and other colorful travelers at this urban migrant trap in Boston's Mission Hill neighborhood. Expected species include Bay-breasted, Cape May, and Chestnut-sided warblers, plus rarities such as Gray-cheeked Thrush. Meeting location: baseball bleachers at the southeast end of the park (short walk from the Jackson Square MBTA station on the Orange Line).

Trip leader: Sebastian Jones, (857) 256-0651,  
sebastianojones@gmail.com

## **Thursday, May 23**

### **Martin Burns WMA, Newbury**

7:00–11:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Orchard Street entrance.

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

## Saturday, May 25

### **Upton State Forest, Upton**

7:00–10:30 a.m.

We will hike moderate trails in search of late migrants and woodland breeders. Meeting location: parking lot at main entrance off of Southboro Road by the intersection of Westboro Road.

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

### **Falmouth and Mashpee**

9:00 a.m.–noon

We will walk in woods and fields and on the beach in search of our target threatened birds, Grasshopper Sparrow and Piping Plover.

Co-sponsored by the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. Meeting location: Nickelodeon Cinema (sign says “Hamilton Tree Company”) on Route 151, between Route 28 and Old Barnstable Road, Falmouth.

Trip leader: Bob Petersen, (617) 875-1050,  
robert.petersen@childrens.harvard.edu



## Sunday, May 26

### **Great Meadows NWR, Concord**

6:30–10:00 a.m.

Meeting location: Great Meadows NWR parking lot on Monsen Road (off Route 62).

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



## **Plymouth Beach and Vicinity**

6:30–11:00 a.m.

Target threatened breeding species: Piping Plover and Roseate Tern. Be prepared to walk five miles round trip on sand. Participants may wish to combine this trip with our afternoon trip to Plymouth Airport in search of grassland species. Meeting location: Plymouth Beach parking lot.

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



## **Grassland Species at Plymouth Airport**

Noon–2:00 p.m.

With permission from the airport manager, we will be able to go inside the second fence line onto the runway, in search of threatened nesting grassland birds, including Upland Sandpiper, Vesper Sparrow, and Grasshopper Sparrow. Participants may wish to combine this trip with our morning trip to Plymouth Beach. Note: This trip can be cancelled at any time, without notice, for homeland security reasons! Meeting location: airport parking area off South Meadow Road in Plymouth.

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



## **Wednesday, May 29**

### **McLaughlin Woods Migrants, Boston**

7:30–8:30 a.m.

We will search for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, thrushes, tanagers, and other colorful travelers at this urban migrant trap in Boston's Mission Hill neighborhood. Expected species include Bay-breasted, Cape May, and Chestnut-sided warblers, plus rarities such as Gray-cheeked Thrush. Meeting location: baseball bleachers at the southeast end of the park (short walk from the Jackson Square MBTA station on the Orange Line).

Trip leader: Sebastian Jones, (857) 256-0651, [sebastianojones@gmail.com](mailto:sebastianojones@gmail.com)

**Friday, May 31**

**Minute Man National Historic Park, Lincoln**

6:30–8:30 p.m.

In the evening, this area is often alive with the sounds of singing Indigo Buntings, flycatchers, grosbeaks, and several thrush species, including Veery. Common Nighthawks can also sometimes be found feeding over the boardwalk. Co-sponsored by Minute Man National Historic Park. Meeting location: Brooks Village lot on the west side of Route 2A, just east of Brooks Road.

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

**Saturday, June 1**

**Mount Holyoke to the Quabbin, Hadley**

7:30 a.m.–noon

Join us for a series of short hikes as we search for Cerulean Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, and Alder Flycatcher, while taking time to enjoy local flora and fauna along the way. Meeting location: entrance to Skinner State Park off Route 47.

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

**Newburyport and Vicinity**

9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

We will do very little walking, but a lot of birding close to our cars in search of migrants. Meeting location: Newburyport District Courthouse, Route 1 traffic circle.

Trip leader: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772,  
ida8@verizon.net



## Sunday, June 2

### **Breeding Birds in Millis and Medfield**

6:30–9:00 a.m.

Walking about a mile and a half, on mostly paved paths, we will look and listen for swamp breeders, including Green Heron, Brown Creeper, Northern Waterthrush, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. Trip may include a visit to the Medfield State Hospital fields for grassland and successional breeding birds. Boots are not required and ticks should not be an issue. Meeting location: Paddock Lane (near the corner of Causeway Street) in Millis.

Trip leader: John O'Connell, (774) 222-2560,  
Joconnell484@gmail.com

### **Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, South Dartmouth**

9:30 a.m.–noon

Allens Pond is the best spot in Massachusetts to observe both Saltmarsh and Seaside Sparrows up close and personal. We will also look for White-eyed Vireo. Note: Meeting time is approximate, as the trip leader is completing a breeding bird survey route prior to this trip. Meeting location: parking area on Horseneck Road.

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

### **Peregrine Falcon Search, Boston**

9:00–11:00 a.m.

Join us for an urban safari in search of the powerful Peregrine Falcons that make their home in the man-made “cliffs” of greater Boston. Contact leader one week prior to trip for meeting location.

Trip leader: Zack Weber,  
birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com



## Wednesday, June 5

### Crane Beach, Ipswich

6:15–9:00 p.m.

During this 2-mile walk in the sand, we will look for nesting Piping Plovers, Least Terns, Bank Swallows, and evening singers such as Whip-poor-wills. Prepare for mosquitoes. Co-sponsored by the Essex County Ornithological Club. Meeting location: outside the gate to the Crane Beach parking lot at the end of Argilla Road.



Trip leaders: Jim Berry, (978) 356-5505, jim.berry3@verizon.net and John Nelson, (978) 283-6128, jnelson@northshore.edu

## Thursday, June 6

### Great Meadows NWR, Concord

7:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

We will walk easy trails in search of resident and migrant birds and butterflies. Trip will also include a visit to Nine Acre Corner and possibly Drumlin Farm. Meeting location: Great Meadows NWR parking lot on Monsen Road (off Route 62).

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



## Sunday, June 9

### Crane Pond WMA, Newbury

7:00 a.m.–noon

We will search for breeding marsh birds such as American Bittern and Common Gallinule, while keeping an eye out for interesting forest birds along the way. Waders may be helpful depending on water levels. Meeting location: Forest Street gate.

Trip leader: Zack Weber, birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com



## **Martin Burns WMA, Newbury**

7:30 a.m.–noon

We will walk on fairly level gravel roads for two and a half miles in search of breeding birds, including Field Sparrow, Indigo Bunting, and Prairie Warbler. Meeting location: Orchard Street entrance.

Trip leader: Linda Ferraresso, (978) 498-4352,  
tattler1@comcast.net

## **Wednesday, June 12**

### **Myles Standish State Forest, Carver**

6:30–9:00 p.m.

A serene way to end the day, with Prairie Warblers and Hermit Thrushes reluctantly giving way to Whip-poor-wills and perhaps Northern Saw-whet Owls. Meeting location: parking area at the headquarters/interpretive center at the intersection of Lower College Pond and Fearing Pond Roads in the Carver (southwest) section of the forest.

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



## **Saturday, June 15**

### **Mt. Greylock, Lanesborough**

6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Enjoy many of the warblers and other neotropical migrants observed during spring migration. Target special concern breeding species include Blackpoll Warbler and Mourning Warbler. We will reconvene for dinner and an evening trip to Post Farm Marsh in Lenox. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: Mt. Greylock Visitors' Center at the base of the mountain.

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



## **Wachusett Reservoir**

8:00 a.m.–noon

Join us on a BBC breeding bird conservation trip as we search for nesting Common Loons and Bald Eagles. While the Common Loon is a familiar winter visitor to our state, the species is harder to find during the warmer months when it is in its finest plumage. There may also be time to look for interesting forest-dwelling species. Meeting location: parking lot at the corner of Route 110 and Chase Hill Road.

Trip leader: Zack Weber,  
birdingwithzackweber@gmail.com



**Sunday, June 16**

## **October Mountain, Lee**

6:00 a.m.–noon

We will begin at Housatonic River WMA in Lenox and will traverse multiple habitats as we make our way over October Mountain. Target species of special concern include American Bittern and Mourning Warbler. Co-sponsored by the South Shore Bird Club. Meeting location: Housatonic River WMA parking lot, west of the bridge over the Housatonic River in Sterling.

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



## **Halibut Point State Park, Rockport**

8:00–10:00 a.m.

A two-hour walk over easy to moderate trails in search of seasonal specialties. Boots advisable. Meeting location: parking lot across from park entrance on Gott Avenue.

Trip leader: Peter Van Demark, 978-546-2402,  
peter@caliper.com



## **Saturday, June 22**

### **Summer Solstice Saunter**

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Celebrate the beginning of the summer season with a day of birding. Contact trip leader for meeting location and more details.

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

### **Fruitlands Museum, Harvard**

7:00–10:00 a.m.

We will be looking 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. Meeting location: museum parking lot, top section, 102 Prospect Hill Road. Co-sponsored by Boxborough Birders.

Trip leader: Sandy Oxley, (978) 270-1057,  
cassandra.oxley@gmail.com

## **Sunday, June 23**

### **Pelagic Birding on the 7 Seas Whale Watch, Gloucester**

8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45

Reserve your spot online at [7seaswhalewatch.com](http://7seaswhalewatch.com) or by phone at (978) 283-1776. Meeting location: 63 Rogers Street, next to the Gloucester House Restaurant.

Trip Leader: Ida Giriunas, (781) 929-8772,  
ida8@verizon.net



## **Sunday, June 23–Wednesday, June 26**

### **Claybrook Mountain Lodge, Maine**

Sunday, June 23, noon–Wednesday, June 26, noon  
Limited Participation

Birding at Claybrook Mountain Lodge is unique because it is located at the northern edge of an eastern deciduous forest and the southern edge of a boreal forest. Add in the extensive grasslands and marshlands a few miles to the south and it's easy to understand why birders consider this area one of Maine's best inland birding hot spots.

We 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, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Bicknell's Thrush, while taking time to enjoy regional flora and fauna.

This trip can be combined with the Rangeley Lakes Region trip that follows it for a full week of birding in Maine. Please contact Eddie Giles for meeting location, and to reserve your space.

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



## **Wednesday, June 26–Sunday, June 30**

### **Rangeley Lakes Region, Maine**

Wednesday, June 26, noon–Sunday, June 30, noon

Limited participation

We 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, Lincoln's Sparrow, and Bicknell's Thrush, while taking time to enjoy regional flora and fauna. Participants can expect to do some moderate hiking and optional canoeing.

This trip can be combined with the Claybrook Mountain Lodge trip that precedes it for a full week of birding in Maine. Please contact Eddie Giles for meeting location, and to reserve your space.

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

## **Saturday, June 29**

### **Ashby and Townsend**

All day

We'll visit a few spots in search of nesting warblers and other more northern specialties, as well as butterflies and dragonflies. Sites will likely include the northern slope of Mt. Watatic and Willard Brook State Forest.

Email trip leader for meeting time and location.

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

## OVERNIGHT PELAGIC TRIPS

### **Hyannis to Hydrographer, Veach, and Atlantis Canyons**

Saturday, August 24, 6:00 a.m.–Sunday,  
August 25, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 21, 6:00 a.m.–Sunday,  
September 22, 6:00 p.m.

Limit: 50 participants

Cost: BBC members \$310; non-members \$335  
(prices subject to change)

Join master birders Jeremiah Trimble and Nicholas Bonomo and a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic captain and crew aboard the Helen H., a fast, comfortable, 100-foot fishing boat, as we search for White-faced, Band-rumped, and Leach's Storm-Petrels, as well as shearwater species (including Barolo's), jaeger species, and other rarities, such as tropicbirds, Bridled Terns, and skuas.

There are 36 bunks available on a first-come, first-served basis, and a full galley with excellent food at reasonable prices. Parking is free. For more information, and to receive a waiver form, please contact Ida Giriunas at (781) 929-8772 or ida8@verizon.net.

To reserve a space, send a check for the full amount made out to Brookline Bird Club Agent and a signed waiver form to Ida Giriunas, 83 Summer Ave, Reading, MA, 01867. Please include your email or postal address for confirmation, boarding instructions, and other details.

## NOTES TO TRIP PARTICIPANTS

There are over 1,000 members of the Brookline Bird Club (BBC). Membership is open to all who are interested in birds and nature. A membership form can be found at the end of this book, or you can join online at [brooklinebirdclub.org](http://brooklinebirdclub.org).

Whether you are a member or not, you are invited to participate in our trips and activities free of charge, though there may be costs for travel or admission for trips farther afield.

The BBC stresses the importance of good public relations. When attending trips, please park your vehicle off the road, away from driveways and posted areas, so as not to impede traffic. Respect guidelines at birding locations such as cemeteries and national wildlife refuges.

Most importantly, please do not enter private property unless you have permission. For a refresher on responsible birding, visit our Code of Ethics on the BBC website.

Should weather conditions appear severe and driving hazardous, please contact the trip leader, at whose discretion the trip may be postponed or canceled, and check Massbird for trip updates.

You may want to pack a lunch on all-day trips. Please inform the trip leader if you need to leave early. Try to carpool whenever possible. Carpooling saves costs and fuel and allows the leader to take groups to locations with limited access.

## NOTES TO TRIP LEADERS

If you are unable to lead a trip you are scheduled to lead, you are responsible for finding a substitute. We encourage you to use your personal network to find a substitute who is familiar with the area where the trip is taking place.

If you must cancel due to weather or an emergency, be sure to post to [massbird@theworld.com](mailto:massbird@theworld.com) and email Neil Hayward ([neil.hayward@gmail.com](mailto:neil.hayward@gmail.com)), who will update our website.

The minimum time for cancellations is 24 hours before the start time of the trip. If you know you must cancel a trip further in advance, email Massbird and Neil Hayward three to four days prior to the trip date.

Trip reports are an important part of promoting and documenting BBC trips. Leaders should complete a checklist (written or on eBird) and send it to club statistician Sabrina Hepburn ([s.k.hepburn@gmail.com](mailto:s.k.hepburn@gmail.com)).

If you record a rarity or a write-in on the Mass Checklist (e.g. Sedge Wren, Barn Owl, Western Kingbird), you should also post it to Massbird.

## **CONSERVATION ADVOCACY POLICY**

The BBC Board has adopted the following policy regarding advocacy on behalf of bird conservation.

1. The BBC is committed to conservation of birds and their habitats, and we encourage our members to engage in active, ongoing advocacy on behalf of bird conservation. The club's conservation mission includes advocacy in response to proposed legislation; changes in governmental regulations, enforcement, funding, and staffing; proposed public or private projects; and other issues, whether local, state, or national, that may significantly impact birds and their habitats. The Conservation and Education Committee is charged with the primary responsibility for taking action to carry out the club's conservation mission.

2. At least one member of the Conservation and Education Committee will serve as a Conservation Liaison Officer, who will be responsible for (a) keeping the committee and BBC Board apprised of issues that may require advocacy on behalf of bird conservation, and (b) implementing decisions made by the committee and Board to take public positions on particular conservation issues.

3. BBC Board members, other individuals, and other organizations, like the Association of Massachusetts Bird Clubs, may request that the BBC take a public position—e.g. sign a petition, write letters to legislators—on a specific conservation issue. All such requests should be directed to the Conservation and Education Committee, which will be authorized to evaluate the request and, by a majority vote, to decide whether or not the BBC will take a public position on the issue. Any decision to take a public position on an issue must be approved by the BBC president. In evaluating requests, the committee will determine and consider the relevant facts; the potential impact of the issue on birds and their

habitats, especially within the BBC service area; and the main arguments for and against the position that the BBC has been asked to adopt.

4. The Conservation and Education Committee will regularly report to the BBC Board on all conservation issues brought before the committee and all actions taken, or not taken, to advocate for bird conservation. Through the website, bulletins, and at meetings, the committee will also keep our members informed about our advocacy efforts and, when appropriate, will encourage members to support these efforts, as well as ongoing conservation advocacy, through individual action.

## INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

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Visit **ebird.org/subnational1/US-MA** to find birds and hotspots in Massachusetts, report sightings, submit checklists, and sign up for Massachusetts Rare Bird Alerts.

Visit **birding.aba.org** for up-to-the-minute news on bird sightings across New England.

To report bird sightings in Western Massachusetts, Nantucket, and Cape Cod, call **Voice of Audubon:** (781) 259-8805. To report sightings in Eastern Massachusetts, call the **Wildlife Information Line:** (781) 259-2150.



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