



# South Shore Bird Club

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### President's Message

#### Beginnings

The new year has begun and mother nature has been kind to us thus far. Amid the mild weather, sunny mornings have procured the occasional singing Song Sparrow or Chickadee, a nostalgic preamble to the coming spring. As the days get longer, we begin to daydream more and more of warmer weather, an influx of migrants and the return of many of our breeding birds.

We plot trips and adventures near and far. We fantasize about venturing to new areas that we haven't explored before. We scour the spring and summer SSBC newsletter, putting us in a reverie about all the fun times to be had. Our calendars are marked, we are more than ready, but it just is not time yet. So we wait. Day by day the trips get closer but it feels like a crawl. Then, finally, the time comes and somehow feels like time has flown by.

First crocuses come up, sometimes emerging through the snow. Flocks of blackbirds have started to show up, which are followed by migrating ducks. By about this time tulips and daffodil flowers begin opening, a tell-tale prelude to the soon-to be influx of spring migrants. Spring emerges, and with it warmer weather, longer days, and a plethora of outdoor endeavors.

A few administrative announcements:

Dick and Sally Avery have officially stepped down as secretary and treasurer and I on behalf of myself and the club would like to extend my thanks to them for all of their efforts. We hope they'll continue leading walks to Wompatuck, Turkey Hill, and beyond for many more years!

Our new secretary and treasurer couple is Kim Wylie and Mike Nolan. Kim secretly is really into moths and Mike just built a boat, but will it float?!... They've worked and travelled near and far and the South Shore Bird Club is grateful for them stepping up. Kim and Mike thank the SSBC for keeping them on their toes (DEATH MARCH!!) and upping their game (Nelson's v. Saltmarsh Sparrow?!?) and with helping to feed their curiosity about the natural world.

That's all for now!

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## Field Trips

### Mass Audubon Birders Meeting

Sunday, March 8, 2020, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester

Meet: Hogan Campus Center, 1 College St., Worcester

The 2020 theme is "Epic Journeys: Following Bird Migration." Bird migration is one of the most amazing phenomena on the planet. Millions of birds annually fly countless miles between their breeding and wintering areas in search of longer day, warmer climates, and abundant food. We will explore some of the reasons why birds migrate, the technology behind the study of migration, and how to plan the best birding days to appreciate and observe migration in Massachusetts. Join us for engaging speakers from around the country, top notch vendors, and enthusiastic participants for full-day events.

Full details and registration information may be found at: <https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/birds-birding/birders-meeting>

### Hockomock Swamp

Sunday, March 15, 2020, 8:00 AM

Peter Jacobson: 508-208-4702, [ejake4@aol.com](mailto:ejake4@aol.com)

Meet: West Bridgewater Park and ride on Rte. 106 immediately west of Rte. 24 (9 Pleasant St.)

Explore various places in the Hockomock Swamp, taking time to talk about the history, legends, and natural history of the area.



**Yellow-breasted Chat, Cuttyhunk, November, 2019**

**Photo: Josh Bock**

### Interior South Shore Localities

Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8:00 AM

Wayne Petersen: 781-534-2046

[wpetersen@massaudubon.org](mailto:wpetersen@massaudubon.org)

Meet: Shaw's Plaza, Rte. 58, near the intersection of Rte. 14, Hanson (to the left of Shaw's, in front of the Dollar Store)

A search for early spring migrants, including waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, and early passerines.

### Migration and Mammals, Provincetown

Sunday, March 22, 2020, 7:00 AM

Nate Marchessault:

508-304-3346, [natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)

Meet: Commuter lot behind McDonald's at the intersection of Rte. 3 & 6, Scusset Road exit

Many species are on the move, whether coming, going, or just passing through - not only birds but mammals like N. Right Whales. We'll head up to Race Point in Provincetown and see what's out there. Afterward, we'll grab some lunch and slowly migrate our way back, visiting other locations on the Outer Cape along the way. \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Cape Cod Bird Club.

### Member's Night Photo Share

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 4:00-6:00 PM

Meet: Museum of American Bird Art, 963 Washington Street, Canton

Shawn Carey: [scarey@avfx.com](mailto:scarey@avfx.com) & Nate Marchessault: [natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)

Load your best, funniest, fondest encounters with birds on a USB stick and share those moments with us! Time is limited to 10 minutes per person. Contact Nate or Shawn to get instruction on how to show pictures.

### Timberdoodles

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 6:30 PM

Glenn d'Entremont:

781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Meet: Bird St. entrance to Bird Street Conservation Area, Stoughton (off Morton St., off Plain St., off Rte. 138 at Town Spa)

Come watch American Woodcock display behavior at Bird Street. Water resistant shoes or boots recommended.

\*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### Revere Beach

Sunday, April 5, 2020, 8:00 AM, morning

Dan Burton:

781-492-6070, [danielburton783@yahoo.com](mailto:danielburton783@yahoo.com)

Meet: Pavilion area near pink apartment building, Revere Beach Blvd

Early April sees the arrival of a few interesting species along the coast. The focal point will be on Manx Shearwaters, but we will also search for recently arriving Piping Plovers, which nest here. Most of the wintering waterfowl will still be around and we will carefully scan the flocks of gulls for "goodies."

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

Saturday, April 11, 2020, 8:00 AM, morning  
Helen Harris-Cross: 781-242-9075, [hhcross@comcast.net](mailto:hhcross@comcast.net)  
Meet: Entrance to World's End, the end of Martin's Lane  
Spring is in the air with early migrants and permanent residents singing and displaying. Note: This is a Trustees of Reservations property, with a fee for nonmembers.

### **Squantum, Quincy**

Sunday, April 12, 2020, 8:00 AM, morning  
Josh Bock: 773-750-9860, [jbock18@gmail.com](mailto:jbock18@gmail.com)  
Meet: Moswetuset Hummock, East Squantum Street, Quincy  
We will look for the first of the season egrets and shorebirds including American Oystercatcher. Early land bird migrants like swallows, raptors, and blackbirds will make the morning interesting. The whole suite of wintering waterfowl will still be in attendance. This is also the time of year when N. Gannets come into the bays from the open ocean, a curious sight for this area.

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

Thursday, April 23, 2020, 6:30-7: 30 AM, before work  
Glenn d'Entremont:  
781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)  
Meet: Nature Center parking area at 293 Moose Hill Parkway  
Looking for migrants along the Billings Farm Loop. Nice place to work on your "birding by ear" skills. Let's find what Glenn can hear! \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### **Early Spring Migration in Upstate New York**

Saturday, April 25 until Monday, April 27, 2020  
Peter Jacobson: 508-208-4702, [cjake4@aol.com](mailto:cjake4@aol.com)  
We will use the weather as our guide and explore areas in upstate NY. Should the wind be right, we will hawk watch at Derby Hill and/or Braddock Bay. We will also visit Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and potentially other spots. Limit 12. Please contact leader to discuss specifics.

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 6:00-7: 30 AM, before work  
Glenn d'Entremont:  
781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)  
Meet: Nature Center parking area, 293 Moose Hill Parkway  
Looking for migrants along the Billings Farm Loop. Nice place to work on your "birding by ear" skills. Let's find what Glenn can hear! \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

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

Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 6:00 AM, morning, finish time flexible  
Wayne Petersen:  
781-534-2046, [wpetersen@massaudubon.org](mailto:wpetersen@massaudubon.org)  
Meet: Large parking area opposite the visitor's center, Union St  
A search for the first wave of migrants and summer breeding birds.

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

Thursday, April 30, 2020, 6:30-9:30 AM  
Sally Avery: 781-383-6043, [dandsavery@comcast.net](mailto:dandsavery@comcast.net)  
Meet: Large parking area opposite the visitor's center, Union St  
Join Sally for a pre-work romp through Wompatuck in search of migrants and summer residents.



**Ovenbird, Wompatuck State Park, May, 2019**

**Photo: Brian Vigorito**

### **Harrington 100 (North Shore Century Run)**

Saturday, May 2, 2020  
Mike Emmons:  
978-694-4080, [michael.emmons@comcast.net](mailto:michael.emmons@comcast.net)  
Meet: Crooked Pond, Boxford (Middleton Rd.) 4:30 AM or Lynnfield Marsh, exit 32 off Rte. 128, beyond hotel, 7:30 AM  
Join Mike for all or part of this fast paced, bird-filled trip with tradition. \*High water boots are recommended to start.

### **Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area, Hanson/Halifax**

Sunday, May 3, 2020, 6:00 AM  
Peter Jacobson: 508-208-4702, [cjake4@aol.com](mailto:cjake4@aol.com) & Nate Marchessault:  
508-304-3346, [natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)  
Meet: Parking lot off Hawks Ave, Hanson  
Burrage has incredibly unique and diverse habitats that may host an equally diverse array of birds. We'll spend the day exploring every nook and cranny of this large WMA to see how many species we can come up with.





**Orchard Oriole, Millennium Park, May, 2019**

**Photo: Mary Ellen McMahon**

**Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon**

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 6:00-7:30 AM, before work  
Glenn d'Entremont:

781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Meet: Nature Center parking area, 293 Moose Hill Parkway

Looking for migrants along the Billings Farm Loop. Nice place to work on your "birding by ear" skills. Let's find what Glenn can hear! \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

**Wompatuck State Park, Hingham**

Wednesday, May 6, 2020, 6:00 AM, morning, finish time flexible

Wayne Petersen:

781-534-2046, [wpetersen@massaudubon.org](mailto:wpetersen@massaudubon.org)

Meet: Large parking area opposite the visitor's center, Union St.

A search for the first wave of migrants and summer breeding birds.

**Wompatuck State Park, Hingham**

Thursday, May 7, 2020, 6:30-9:30 AM

Sally Avery: 781-383-6043, [dandsavery@comcast.net](mailto:dandsavery@comcast.net)

Meet: Large parking area opposite the visitor's center, Union St.

Join Sally for a pre-work romp through Wompatuck in search of migrants and summer residents.

**Turkey Hill, Weir River Farm and Whitney-Thayer Woods**

Saturday, May 9, 2020, 7:30 AM, morning

Sally Avery: 781-738-0452, [dandsavery@comcast.net](mailto:dandsavery@comcast.net)

Meet: Rte. 3A entrance of Turkey Hill near the Hingham/Cohasset border

This 4-mile loop through three contiguous properties boasts large numbers of migrants and breeders. Conditions permitting, expect to see a variety of warblers, as well as orioles, vireos, swallows, and tanagers.

**Mt. Auburn Cemetery - The Mother's Day Walk**

Sunday, May 10, 2020, 7:00 AM, morning

Helen Harris-Cross: 781-242-9075, [hcross@comcast.net](mailto:hcross@comcast.net)

Meet: Inside the main gate and if car gates are open, please park on roads without a green line and keep all tires on pavement.

Search for migrants at one of the premiere "migrant traps" in the state.

**Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Plymouth**

Monday, May 11, 2020, 6:30 AM - morning

Lisa Schibley: [lisa@zoompuppy.com](mailto:lisa@zoompuppy.com)

Meet: Main entrance parking lot at 60 Beaver Dam Road.

Explore Tidmarsh through the morning. Plan to walk at least 3 miles exploring part of the 479 acres of wetlands, woods, and grasslands of this Mass Audubon sanctuary in Plymouth. Note: this is a joint walk for SSBC and the Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary

**Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Sharon**

Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 6:00-7:30 AM, before work

Glenn d'Entremont:

781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Meet: Nature Center parking area, 293 Moose Hill Parkway

Looking for migrants along the Billings Farm Loop. Nice place to work on your "birding by ear" skills. Let's find what Glenn can hear! \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

**Wompatuck State Park, Hingham**

Thursday, May 14, 2020, 6:30-9:30 AM

Sally Avery: 781-383-6043, [dandsavery@comcast.net](mailto:dandsavery@comcast.net)

Meet: Large parking area opposite the visitor's center, Union St.

Join Sally for a pre-work romp through Wompatuck in search of migrants and summer residents.

**Mass Audubon's Bird-a-thon**

Friday, May 15, 6:00 PM through Saturday, May 16, 2020, 6:00 PM

No trip scheduled so you can bird and help raise funds for the Mass Audubon sanctuary of your choice. Don't forget the Important Bird Areas (IBA) program, which also has a Bird-a-thon team, if you desire.



### **Bird Banding Demo - Manomet, Plymouth**

Monday, May, 18, 2020, 7:00 AM, morning

Lisa Schibley: [lisa@zoompuppy.com](mailto:lisa@zoompuppy.com)

Meet: Headquarter's parking lot, 125 Manomet Point Rd. (pass through one gate to the main lot at the top of the hill) We will spend about two hours exploring the area between Manomet and Holmes Farm looking for spring migrants. After, we will travel up to Manomet headquarters for a presentation on the work done by Manomet scientists, including a net run and a banding demonstration.

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 6:00-7:30 AM, before work

Glenn d'Entremont:

781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Meet: Nature Center parking area, 293 Moose Hill Parkway

Looking for migrants along the Billings Farm Loop. Nice place to work on your "birding by ear" skills. Let's find what Glenn can hear! \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### **Fowl Meadow (Blue Hills Reservation), Milton**

The Patty O'Neill Remembrance Walk

Wednesday, May 20th, 2020, 6:30 AM, morning

Christine & Steven Whitebread:

781-600-4918, [standch@hotmail.com](mailto:standch@hotmail.com)

Meet: Small parking area on Brush Hill Road, close to the intersection with Neponset Valley Parkway

We will walk on flat trails, which can be very muddy; rubber boots are a good idea! Bring bug spray as mosquitoes can be pesky in this forested floodplain with remnant marsh. Migrants should still be around, breeders include Blue-winged Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Rose-breasted Grosbeak among others.

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

Thursday, May 21, 2020, 6:30-9:30 AM

Kathy Rawdon: 781-749-8892, [rawdonk@comcast.net](mailto:rawdonk@comcast.net)

Meet: Large parking area opposite the visitor's center, Union St.

Join Kathy for a pre-work romp through Wompatuck in search of migrants and summer residents.



**Blue-winged Warbler, Burrage Pond, May, 2018**

**Photo: Brian Vigorito**

### **Medfield/Millis**

Saturday, May 23, 2020, 7:00 AM

Josh Bock: 773-750-9860, [jbock18@gmail.com](mailto:jbock18@gmail.com)

Meet: McDonald's restaurant, 808 Main St., Millis

Spend the morning exploring local patches in Medfield and Millis, looking for passerines and marsh birds in a variety of habitat. Locations include Causeway Street in Millis, the Medfield State Hospital grounds and other lesser-known patches. A mix of species can be expected, including Yellow-throated Vireo and the possibility of rails and other marsh inhabitants.

### **Plymouth Day**

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Glenn d'Entremont:

781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

First, Plymouth Beach, 6:30-11:30 AM

Meet: Plymouth Beach parking area, Rte. 3A

We will look for shorebirds. Nesting terns should be setting up nest sites with accompanying courtship flights.

Then...

Plymouth Airport, 12:00 PM, 2 hours

Meet: Plymouth Airport parking area off of South Meadow Rd.

With permission of the airport manager, we will get onto the airport grasslands inside the fences to look and listen for Grasshopper, Vesper, Field, and Savannah Sparrows as well as Upland Sandpiper. Note: This trip may be canceled due to homeland security issues. \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### **Holly Hill Farm/Wheelwright Park, Cohasset**

Monday, May 25, 2020, 6:00 AM, morning

Vin Zollo: 508- 641-2523, [vzollo1@yahoo.com](mailto:vzollo1@yahoo.com)

Meet: Entrance to Wheelwright Park, near 200 N. Main Street This is a mostly forested habitat interspersed with small farm fields. This park is very close to the coast and has been a productive place for spring migration. We'll be on the lookout for the later arriving passerines, concentrating on warblers and flycatchers.

### **Willow Brook Farm Preserve, Pembroke**

Saturday, May 30, 2020, 7:00 AM, morning only

Brian Vigorito: 339-235-8219, [bmvig21@gmail.com](mailto:bmvig21@gmail.com)

Meet: Willow Brook parking lot, 99 Baker St. (Rte. 14), Pembroke (about 0.5 mi. from the intersection of Rtes. 14 & 53)

This former farm, owned by Wildlands Trust, is now a mix of open fields, thickets, and woodlands. This property has a well-maintained trail system and an observation tower overlooking a large wetland area. We will search for warblers and other spring migrants.

### **Foxborough**

Saturday, June 6, 2020, 7:30 AM, morning only  
Jonathan Glover: 508-813-8668, [jglover76@gmail.com](mailto:jglover76@gmail.com)  
Meet: Lane Property, 89 South St.

We will visit Lane Property/Neponset Reservoir. The Neponset Reservoir is the headwaters of the Neponset River, which empties into Dorchester Bay. This area offers a nice mix of forest, fields, and water. In the past there have been Tree, Barn, and Bank Swallows in the area. Following Lane we will visit F. Gilbert Hills State Forest. We will do a brief tour of this 1000-acre forest taking us through deep mixed woods and swamp areas. Breeding birds include Northern Waterthrush and Hooded Merganser. This day will involve several miles of walking.



**Tree Swallow, Dartmouth, June, 2019**

**Photo: Moe Molander**

### **Mass Audubon Allen's Pond, South Dartmouth**

Sunday, June 7, 2020, 9:30 AM (approximate start time as Breeding Bird Survey being run), 12:00 PM

Glenn d'Entremont:  
781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)  
Meet: 1280 Horseneck Road, Westport

This is probably the best place in the state to observe the marsh sparrows up close. White-eyed Vireos nest on the property. Nesting Willets will be very vocal and Willow Flycatchers are common. \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### **Myles Standish State Forest**

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 6:30 PM  
Glenn d'Entremont:

781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)  
Meet: Parking area at the headquarters/interpretive center at the intersection of Lower College Pond & Fearing Pond Roads in the Carver (southwest) part of the forest  
A serene way to end the day with Prairie Warblers and Hermit Thrushes reluctantly giving way to Whip-poor-wills. Northern Saw-whet Owl is possible and probably breeds within the forest during some years. \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### **Breeders and Boreal Specialties, Vermont**

Friday, June 12, 2020 – Monday, June 15th, 2020  
Brian Vigorito: 339-235-8219, [bmvig21@gmail.com](mailto:bmvig21@gmail.com)  
Meet: TBD, contact leader. Planning to leave late afternoon on Friday and return Monday afternoon.

A road trip to northern Vermont to look for boreal species and local breeders. Locations include: Mt. Mansfield (Bicknell's Thrush, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Nashville and Magnolia Warblers), Northeast Kingdom (Spruce Grouse, Canada Jay, Black-backed Woodpecker, Boreal Chickadee, multiple breeding warblers) and Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge (Black Tern, Common Gallinule, Chestnut-sided Warbler). Exact itinerary and hotel arrangements TBD. Participants limited to 12. Please contact Brian ASAP to reserve a spot.

### **Mount Greylock, Berkshires**

Saturday, June 20, 2020, 6:00 AM  
Glenn d'Entremont:  
781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Come see the bird species seen in migration in May that remain here to breed. Mourning Warbler nests on the mountain and there are other species with more northern tastes that hang around here. Note: Glenn may not be home the night of June 20. Combine this trip with tomorrow's trip to October Mountain. \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club. Contact leader for details.

### **Housatonic Wildlife Management Area & October Mountain, Berkshires**

Sunday, June 21, 2020, 6:00 AM, morning (might spill over to early afternoon)  
Glenn d'Entremont:  
781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)  
Meet: Parking area to Housatonic WMA on New Lenox Rd., off Rte. 7, Lenox. Go east from Rte. 7 and follow 1.5 miles to the parking area on the right, the Housatonic Bridge is just beyond  
Mourning Warblers are a specialty on this trip as well as other warblers and vireos. Olive-sided Flycatcher remains a possibility. We will then go up October Mountain from the east side. \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### **Rangely, Maine**

Thursday, June 25 through Sunday, June 28, 2020

Glenn d'Entremont:

781-267-0442, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net) & Eddie

Giles

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 warblers. Time will also be taken to observe and enjoy the flora and fauna along the way. Participants can expect to do some moderate hiking and optional canoeing. Limited participation. Contact leader for details. \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### **Cookout/Picnic/Potluck**

Saturday, June 27, 2020

More information to be announced via Google Group or contact Nate Marchessault:

508-304-3346, [natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com) or Pete Jacobson: 508-208-4702, [ejake4@aol.com](mailto:ejake4@aol.com). We'll meet at Myles Standish State Forest for a day of birding and nature study. At 2PM we'll head to the pavilion at Charge Pond for a potluck picnic/cookout lunch and to enjoy the scenery and company. Anyone interested can linger as we listen for whip-poor-wills and possibly owls as the day turns to night.

### **Westover Air Reserve Base, Skinner State Park and Quabbin Reservoir**

Sunday, June 28, 2020, 7:30 AM

Amy O'Neill: [amyeau@gmail.com](mailto:amyeau@gmail.com)

Meet: Dunkin' Donuts, 470 Burnett Rd, Chicopee, MA. If there is interest in carpooling, let us know and we will arrange something

We will start at the Westover ARB (looking from the gate, we don't have access to walk in) where Grasshopper Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper, American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlark, and Bobolink should all be seen. From there, we will continue to Skinner SP for breeding Cerulean and Worm-eating Warblers and Yellow-throated Vireos. We will end the day at Quabbin, catching up with some of the other breeding birds. \*Note: Route has potential to vary depending on recent sightings and participant interests.

### **Claybrook Mountain Lodge, Highland Plantation, Maine**

Thursday, July 9 through Sunday, July 12, 2020

Glenn d'Entremont:

781-344-5857, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net) and Eddie

Giles

Birding at Claybrook Mountain Lodge is unique because it's located at the northern edge of the eastern deciduous forest and the southern edge of the boreal forest. Add to this the habitat mix, 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 hotspots. This trip will concentrate on Maine's boreal specialties including Spruce Grouse, Black-backed Woodpecker, Olive-sided and Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, Gray Jay, and Boreal Chickadee. Limited participation, contact leader for details. \*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

### **Whale and Seabird Watch**

Saturday, July 11, 2020, 8:15 AM

Mike Emmons:

978-694-4080, [michael.emmons@comcast.net](mailto:michael.emmons@comcast.net)

Meet: Plymouth Harbor, 10 Town Wharf, Plymouth

Preorder your tickets for the 9:00 AM boat at: <https://www.captjohn.com/whale-watch-plymouth/>

Look for shearwaters & storm-petrels feeding among the whales.

### **Plymouth Beach**

Saturday, July 18, 2020, 6:00 AM

Glenn d'Entremont:

781-344-5857, [gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Meet: Plymouth Beach parking area, Rte. 3A.

We will walk the beach for shorebirds and nesting terns. Shorebird migration should be in full motion. Terns should be feeding almost fledged young.

### **Dragonflies at Myles Standish State Forest, Plymouth**

Sunday, July 26, 2020, 9:00 AM

Vin Zollo: 508-641-2523, [yzollo1@yahoo.com](mailto:yzollo1@yahoo.com)

Meet: Parking area at the headquarters/interpretive center at the intersection of Lower College Pond & Fearing Pond Roads in the Carver (southwest) section of the forest

We will search some of the coastal plain ponds, which harbor a unique set of these winged wonders. We will, of course, keep an ear and eye out for those other flying creatures that normally dominate our attention.

\*Waterproof boots/footwear recommended.



**Squantum, Quincy**

Sunday, August 2, 2020, 8:00 AM, morning

Josh Bock: 773-750-9860, [jbock18@gmail.com](mailto:jbock18@gmail.com)

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock, East Squantum Street, Quincy

This trip will focus on shorebirds that are starting to filter into this area after their short breeding season in the northern regions of the continent. A few noteworthy breeding birds inhabit the area including Saltmarsh Sparrows and American Oystercatchers.

**Inland Shorebirding, Plymouth County**

Sunday, August 9, 2020, 8:00 AM

Peter Jacobson: 508-208-4702, [ejake4@aol.com](mailto:ejake4@aol.com)

Meet: \*Contact leader for details

Late summer in the area is often dry, so if water levels are low we'll bounce around to various inland locations in search of shorebirds. Targets include Solitary and Pectoral Sandpipers among others. If water levels happen to be high, we'll change it up and head to Ellisville State Park and Shifting Lots Preserve in Plymouth.



**Yellow Warbler, Burrage Pond, May, 2018**

**Photo: Brian Vigorito**

**Newburyport & Vicinity**

Saturday, August 15, 2020, 7:30 AM

Mike Emmons:

978-694-4080, [michael.emmons@comcast.net](mailto:michael.emmons@comcast.net)

Meet: Parking lot 1, Plum Island (Parker River National Wildlife Reserve)

Shorebird migration is underway as well as land birds in the thickets.

**Great Island, Wellfleet**

Sunday, August 16, 2020, 7:00AM

Nate Marchessault:

508-304-3346, [natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)

Meet: Commuter lot behind McDonald's at intersection of Rte. 3 & 6, Scusset Rd. exit

Let's see how far we can make it down the National Seashore's longest hiking trail. This is an important stopover area for shorebirds, is probably the best spot for seabirds along Cape Cod Bay, and is an amazingly scenic hike from start to finish. This trip will be several if not many miles through soft sand and potentially marshy areas. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear and bring ample water, snacks and sunscreen.

**Mass Audubon Allen's Pond**

Sunday, August 23, 2020, 7:30 AM, morning

Carol Molander:

508-641-0991, [cbmolander@gmail.com](mailto:cbmolander@gmail.com)

Meet: 1280 Horseneck Road, Westport

More than 300 species of birds have been recorded here, including Piping Plovers, which nest on the 1.5 mile stretch of coastal beach.

**Squantum, Quincy**

Sunday, August 30, 2020, 7:30AM, morning

Vin Zollo: 508-641-2523, [vzollo1@yahoo.com](mailto:vzollo1@yahoo.com)

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock, East Squantum Street, Quincy

We will concentrate on shorebirds and early southbound migrants.

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## South Shore Bird Club Membership Form

Annual Membership for Jan-Dec 2020 is \$10 per household. If you're unsure if you have paid your 2020 dues, contact Mike Nolan at [menolan1700@gmail.com](mailto:menolan1700@gmail.com). 2020 dues appreciated Jan-Feb.

Payable to: South Shore Bird Club  
Mail to: South Shore Bird Club Membership  
30 Rockland Street  
Dartmouth, MA 02748

\_\_\_\_\_ New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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*South Shore Bird Club Membership:* Everyone interested in birds and wildlife is welcome to join the club. Annual dues are \$10.00 per address, payable to the secretary/treasurer in January/February. Please include address, zip code and email. Membership will terminate if dues are not paid by July 1.

*SSBC Google Group:* Members are encouraged to join this web-based site, where impromptu birding trips are listed and bird-related updates and discussions are posted.

*Field Trips:* Our outings try to acquaint birders with local birding areas and share the pleasures of finding and identifying birds throughout the year. The club takes pride in introducing new birders to the wonders of nature. Car pools will be arranged at the meeting site. The leader may cancel a trip due to unsafe weather conditions. Call the leader the night before if the forecast is for bad weather.

*To Participate in a Field Trip:* Check the trip schedule for where and when to meet. Trips are all day unless noted, so bring a lunch. Please notify the leader if you plan to leave early. Guests may accompany members or to come on their own to both trips and meetings.



Please check the SSBC website for updates or weather cancellations before trips.  
<http://southshorebirdclub.wixsite.com/ssbc>

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