



# South Shore Bird Club

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### President's Message

#### South Shore Bird Club Turns 75!!!

Ok, I have to admit something to you all. I was keeping this a bit of a secret with the hope of throwing a huge anniversary bash... but 2021 is South Shore Bird Club's 75th anniversary! SSBC was founded in 1946 by Don West, a teacher from Quincy. Since its inception the club has grown in membership and scope, thanks to the help of past officers, trip leaders, and members.

Fast forward to today- what does that mean for us now? It means we need to celebrate! We're shifting the annual meeting to October 14 at 6:30 PM as part of the celebration. The way things are looking now, we'll hold it over Zoom, but we'll remain optimistic that the situation might improve and allow for a physical meeting. In the spirit of SSBC being primarily a trip-based bird club, we're also holding a 75th anniversary "75-a-thon" the following Saturday, which will be similar to a big day and with the target of spotting 75 species in some of the South Shore's quintessential hotspots. We hope you join us for both (or even one!) of these events. I'm also happy to announce that we're starting to offer trips again this fall and winter. It's been a long time coming, and it will be wonderful to see you all again in the field. We hope you enjoyed some of the innovations we offered while we couldn't meet up, and will carry some of the things we've learned into the future.

Speaking of the future, we're constantly looking for ways to improve our club and for our members to enjoy themselves as much as possible; as a result, you'll be receiving a survey in the next few weeks that should only take a few minutes. I'd encourage everyone to participate. We can try to think of what we can do better, but the only way we can really know is to hear from you!

Finally, continuing with the theme of time, a quick glance at the recent past: I would like to highlight the great accomplishment of our club taking on and doing an excellent job with three (3!!) breeding bird surveys conducted over the summer. We had great coverage and found some pretty neat stuff along the way! Summaries of the totals for each survey are listed in this newsletter and more in-depth write ups can be found on our blog: <http://southshorebirdclubma.blogspot.com/> .

All the best and hope to see you all soon,

Nate

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## Field Trips

Below is the list of trips for our Fall/Winter season. Many trips go all day, so bring lunch and water. If you'd like to participate for part of the day you're more than welcome, just please let the trip leader know your schedule so we don't feel we've lost anyone mid-way through the day! While carpooling has been standard practice, during the pandemic we've adopted different procedures, noted below, which we encourage all to follow. Happy Birding!

### South Shore Bird Club COVID Guidelines

Pandemic conditions have improved and as a result we're able to run trips again. Although the risk of infection and hospitalization has dramatically lessened for vaccinated individuals, there is still risk regardless of vaccination status. Please follow this guidance during any trip for the safety of our members and their loved ones and please also follow all local and federal COVID guidance.

\*Please do not participate in trips if you do not feel well or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID or COVID-like symptoms

\*Unvaccinated individuals are requested to wear a mask at all times during a trip and to not carpool with other SSBC members, unless they are within the same family or social pod

\*Vaccinated individuals should feel comfortable wearing a mask at any point during a trip

\*It is up to each vaccinated participant to decide if they feel comfortable or not carpooling. Though the trip leader may offer doing so at the beginning of the trip it is not an obligation and is a personal choice.

South Shore Bird Club will continue to monitor public health recommendations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If these guidelines require revision, we will notify members via email and update the guidance on our website. Thanks for your help in keeping us all healthy while birding together!

### Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Marshfield, co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club

Saturday, September 4, 2021, 7:00AM, morning  
Glenn d'Entremont, 781-344-5857,

[gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Meet: Sanctuary parking area, end of Winslow Cemetery Road

### Squantum, Quincy

Sunday, September 5, 2021, 7:30AM, morning  
Vin Zollo: 508-641-2523, [vzollo1@yahoo.com](mailto:vzollo1@yahoo.com)

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock parking lot on East Squantum St. in the Squantum section of Quincy  
We will concentrate on shorebirds and early southbound migrants, scanning salt pannes, ocean bays, sand spits and poking around thickets. There will be several stops with short walks on mostly level terrain.

### Crosby Ln, Brewster, with Cape Cod Bird Club

Sunday, September 12, 2021, 8:00AM  
Nate Marchessault, 508-304-3346,

[natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com) and Mary Jo Foti, [maryjo1226@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjo1226@yahoo.com)

Meet: Crosby Landing Beach, end of Crosby Ln, Brewster

Join us for a co-lead walk along Brewster flats with members of Cape Cod Bird Club. Located off 6A at the end of Crosby Lane, we'll head to the flats on the outgoing tide to scope for shorebirds and gulls, then walk the marsh trail behind the dunes for Marsh Wren, Meadowlark, and other passerines.



**Cape May Warbler, Hull, September 2020**

**Photo: Sally Chisholm**

### Fall Roundup

Saturday, September 18, 2021  
Nate Marchessault, 508-304-3346,  
[natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)

Join the Club for its long-term survey of the South Shore. You can make a difference, even if you can bird for only a few hours, but we know you'll want to bird all day! Please contact Nate for areas to cover and to join a team.

**Manomet, Plymouth**

Monday, September 27, 2021, 7:30AM

Lisa Schibley: [lschibley@manomet.org](mailto:lschibley@manomet.org)

Meet: 125 Manomet Point Road at the Holmes Farm parking area (near kiosk before first gate)

We will walk the farm road and the mowed paths along the wood edge looking for migrants. After birding for an hour or so, we'll walk up together to meet Evan and the banders at Manomet Headquarters. The banders will guide us on a net run, and then we can watch the banding and release, learning about Manomet and the work they do for bird conservation. After the demonstration, participants will have a chance to bird the bluff and garden.

**Squantum & Passanageset Park, Quincy**

Sunday, September 26, 2021, 8:00AM

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

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock on E. Squantum St.

Explore the pockets of land and adjacent saltwater marshes and bays for fall migrants and lingering shorebirds in Squantum. Next, explore the open, weedy/grassland habitat of Passanageset Park during the peak of sparrow migration.



**Lincoln's Sparrow, Squantum Point Park, Quincy, October 2020 Photo: Dan O'Brien**

**Outer Cape Cod, co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club**

Saturday, October 2, 2021, 6:00AM

Glenn d'Entremont: 781-344-5857,

[gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

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

From this meeting place, some may carpool to the Outer Cape. This trip usually tallies around 100 species from Canada Goose to House Sparrow, many times missing both!

**Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Plymouth**

Monday, October 4, 2021, 7:30 AM, morning

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

Meet: Main entrance parking lot at 60 Beaver Dam Road Explore Tidmarsh, planning to walk at least 3 miles and exploring part of the 479 acres of wetlands, woods, and grasslands of this Mass Audubon sanctuary.

**Bare Cove Park, Hingham**

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 8:00AM, morning

Kathy Rawdon: 617-605-3773, [rawdonk@comcast.net](mailto:rawdonk@comcast.net)

Meet: Entrance to Bare Cove Park across from the West Hingham T station on Fort Hill St., then drive about .5 miles to parking lot

Several mile walk on mostly flat surfaces. Looking for later season migrants. This park is close to the ocean and could have some surprises.

**Marsh Stomp**

Sunday, October 10, 2021, 6:30AM, all day

Nate Marchessault, 508-304-3346,

[natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)

Meet: Target parking lot in Wareham Target Plaza, 44 Tobey Rd., Wareham

Let's spend the day working our way down Buzzards Bay in search of any marsh birds that may be using the area as a stopover site. Bitterns, rails, and Saltmarsh, Nelson's, and Seaside Sparrows are possible. Waterproof/knee-high boots recommended.



**Field Sparrow, Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Plymouth, November 2020 Photo: Dan O'Brien**

**\*\*\*\*\*75th Anniversary Celebration  
and Annual Zoom Meeting\*\*\*\*\***

Thursday, October 14th, 6:30PM

This year we're moving the annual meeting a bit earlier to celebrate our 75th Anniversary! Bob and Dana Fox will be our speakers and will discuss the history of the club over the years. All are welcome to bring their best birding stories! This meeting will be conducted over Zoom unless conditions change.

**\*\*\*\*\*75th Anniversary 75-a-thon, Hanson\*\*\*\*\***

Saturday, October 16th, 7:00AM-5:00PM

Nate Marchessault, 508-304-3346,

[natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)

Meet: Burrage Pond Wildlife Management Area  
(11 Hawks Ave., Hanson)

What better way to celebrate in the spirit of South Shore Bird Club than a big day? Instead of a century run, we'll be shooting for 75 species to celebrate our 75th anniversary. In what should be a relatively easily achievable goal, we'll head to some of the larger, quintessential South Shore hotspots to accomplish our goal.

**Turkey Hill, Hingham**

Saturday, October 30, 2021, 8:00AM, morning

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

Meet: Rte. 3A entrance to Trustees of Reservations Turkey Hill

A morning walk through diverse habitat in search of migrants.

**Lesser Known Birding Sites of the Outer Cape**

Saturday, November 6, 2021, 7:30AM, all day

Jim Sweeney: 401-465-6668, [assawompsett@yahoo.com](mailto:assawompsett@yahoo.com)

Meet: Northwest corner of Cape Cod National Seashore's Salt Pond Visitor Center parking lot (400 Nauset Rd., Eastham)

The Outer Cape in early November can be great for lingering migrants and early arriving wintering birds. It's also an exciting time of the year for rarities and uncommon species. We will explore a number of productive birding sites that are not well known in the towns of Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown. Be sure to bring your water boots!

**Sandy Neck, co-sponsored with the Cape Cod Bird Club**

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 7:00 AM

Nate Marchessault, 508-304-3346,

[natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)

Meet: Sandy Neck Beach Parking lot, end of Sandy Neck Rd, Barnstable

Sandy Neck is a fantastic spot for watching migrant seabirds within Cape Cod Bay. With the right winds, we could really hit it big! Either way scoters and other sea ducks will be on the move in some capacity. We'll spend the early portion of the trip scoping the ocean and, for the intrepid, we'll walk out on the beach and head back by the marsh trail. How far we go depends on a variety of factors including weather conditions.

**Newburyport and Vicinity**

Saturday, November 13, 2021, 8:00AM

Mike Emmons: 978-694-4080,

[michael.emmons@comcast.net](mailto:michael.emmons@comcast.net)

Meet: Lot 1 parking area, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Newburyport.

Expect to find late migrants, wintering ducks, and raptors.

**Tubbs Meadow and Pembroke Ponds**

Sunday, November 14, 2021, 8:00AM

Brian Vigorito, 339-235-8291, [bmvig21@gmail.com](mailto:bmvig21@gmail.com)

Meet: Tubbs Meadow (Dirt parking lot at 139 Monroe St., Pembroke)

In the morning, we'll explore Tubbs Meadow Conservation Area, a small property made up of former cranberry bogs. We should have a good mix of sparrows, waterfowl and perhaps a lingering shorebird or two. This portion will be about a 2-mile walk on flat, easy trails. Afterwards, we will visit the various ponds in and around Pembroke. All of the regularly occurring freshwater ducks are possible here and we can scout the area for any interesting species for the duck count next week. This portion will be mostly short stops with very little walking.



**White-winged Crossbill, Salisbury, January 2021**

**Photo: Brian Vigorito**

**Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary, Marshfield, co-sponsored with the Nasketucket Bird Club (pre-registration required)**

Sunday, October 17, 2021, 7:30AM, morning

To register please email or call Justin Barrett at [jmbarrett426@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarrett426@gmail.com) or 774-207-8515. Justin will lead the group along long trails that are mostly flat with grassy, stone, and wood plank surfaces.

**Annual Plymouth County Duck Count**

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Brian Vigorito, 339-235-8291, [bmvig21@gmail.com](mailto:bmvig21@gmail.com) and  
Pete Jacobson: 508-208-4702, [ejake4@aol.com](mailto:ejake4@aol.com)

Let's fan out and count all the ducks in Plymouth County  
freshwater lakes and ponds. This count is planned when  
waterfowl are at their peak numbers and diversity. Contact  
Brian by email no later than November 13th so you can be  
assigned to a team and given a place to meet on Saturday.

**Leader's Choice - South of Boston, co-sponsored with  
the Brookline Bird Club**

Saturday, November 27, 2021

Glenn d'Entremont: 781-344-5857,

[gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Glenn will look at recent bird sightings and choose a venue.

Contact leader for time and place after November 17th.

**Quincy Christmas Bird Count**

Saturday, December 18, 2021

Glenn d'Entremont: 781-344-5857,

[gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

**Marshfield Christmas Bird Count**

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Sue MacCallum: 781-837-9400, [suemac1051@gmail.com](mailto:suemac1051@gmail.com)

**Taunton/Middleboro Christmas Bird Count**

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Jim Sweeney: 401-465-6668, [assawompsett@yahoo.com](mailto:assawompsett@yahoo.com)

**Plymouth Christmas Bird Count**

Trevor Lloyd-Evans: 508-224-6521,

[tlloyd-evans@manomet.org](mailto:tlloyd-evans@manomet.org); Call for an exact date.

Please consider helping out with these annual counts. More  
people are always needed.

**Death March and Death Stroll**

Saturday, January 8, 2022, 8:00 AM

Wayne Petersen: 781-293-5262, [wpetersen@massaudubon.org](mailto:wpetersen@massaudubon.org)  
and Nate Marchessault, 508-304-3346,  
[natemarchessault@gmail.com](mailto:natemarchessault@gmail.com)

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

Mid-winter is an ideal season to see a plethora of seafowl,  
unusual gulls, alcids, as well as traditional visitors such as Snow  
Bunting and possibly even a Northern Shrike or Snowy Owl.  
This year we're switching things up a bit and forming two  
groups. Nate's group will walk the traditional Death March hike  
to the rip at Race Point Beach. For those wanting to get their  
seawatch fix but skip the hike, Wayne's group will focus on  
seawatching and otherwise that can be done not far from the car.  
Both groups will meet up around lunchtime and bird down the  
Outer Cape on the way back in the afternoon.

**Plum Island & Vicinity**

Saturday, January 15, 2022, 8:30AM

Mike Emmons: 978-694-4080,

[michael.emmons@comcast.net](mailto:michael.emmons@comcast.net)

Meet: Lot 1 parking area, Parker River National Wildlife  
Refuge, Newburyport

Expect to find wintering ducks and raptors.



**Red Crossbill, Squantum, April 2021**

**Photo: Josh Bock**



**Ring-necked Duck, Duxbury Bogs, January 2021**

**Photo: Carol Molander**

### **West Island and Sconticut Neck, Fairhaven**

Sunday, January 16, 2022, 8:00AM, all day

Jim Sweeney: 401-465-6668, [assawompsett@yahoo.com](mailto:assawompsett@yahoo.com)

Meet: Northwest corner of Stop and Shop parking lot at junction of Rt. 6 and Sconticut Neck Rd, Fairhaven

We will spend the day looking for waterfowl, raptors, and wintering shorebirds as well as thicket birds. The abundant thickets on Sconticut Neck and West Island typically host a number of semi-hardy lingering species at this time of year. This area has also been reliable for Snow Buntings, "Ipswich" Savannah Sparrows, and Snowy Owls (during flight years).

### **Interior Plymouth County**

Saturday, January 22, 2022, 8:00AM

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

Meet: Honey Dew Donuts, 1485 Pleasant St., Bridgewater (near junction of Rtes. 24 & 104 in front of Home Depot)

We will explore the area around Middleboro and Bridgewater and search for any rarities sighted during the recent Christmas Bird Count.

### **North Quabbin**

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Ernie LeBlanc: 978-249-4064, [lebroyal@aol.com](mailto:lebroyal@aol.com)

Ernie will scout and the trip will go to places in the North Quabbin area with the most potential. We'll look for wintering birds, hopefully including winter finches. Call for meeting place and time.

### **Scituate to Plymouth, co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club**

Sunday, February 6, 2022, 7:30AM

Glenn d'Entremont: 781-344-5857,

[gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Meet: Stop & Shop parking lot, Rte. 139 at Rte. 3, Pembroke

A full day of exploring, starting with the thickets of Marshfield, then the coast from Scituate south to Plymouth to check out the ponds for wintering ducks, perhaps ending the day looking for owls. 70 species are possible.

### **Cumberland Farm Fields, Halifax/Middleborough**

Saturday, February 19, 2022, 8:00AM, morning only

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

Meet: Large Sycamore tree on Rte. 105 (near 104 Thompson St.) Middleborough

Late winter search for open country wintering birds. Raptors usually show well here. In addition, we may have the first wave of early spring migrant waterfowl and blackbirds. We'll mostly poke around the perimeter of the field and do some short walks on dirt roads. Rubber boots are recommended.



**Northern Cardinal, Hull, August 2021**

**Photo: Sally Chisholm**

### **Cape Ann**

Saturday, February 26, 2022, 8:00AM morning

Amy O'Neill & Liam Waters: 781-793-9145,

[amyeau@gmail.com](mailto:amyeau@gmail.com), [youngeaglewaters@gmail.com](mailto:youngeaglewaters@gmail.com)

Meet: Jodrey State Fish Pier, Parker St. Gloucester

Join us as we search for the wintering birds of Cape Ann, including gulls, alcids, and sea ducks. If there are any rarities around effort can be put towards finding them. We will explore Cape Ann, stopping at both well-known and poorly known birding locations.

### **Fairhaven**

Sunday, February 27, 2022, 8:00AM

Glenn d'Entremont: 781-344-5857,

[gdentremont1@comcast.net](mailto:gdentremont1@comcast.net)

Meet: McDonald's at the intersection of Rte. 6 (aka Huttleston Ave.) and Alden Rd. in Fairhaven, 14 Plaza Way (near Staples)

Explore the thickets and bays of Fairhaven. At this date we could see the beginnings of spring migration, as blackbirds should be back on the south coast of Massachusetts.



**Eastern Screech Owl, Marion, January 2021**

**Photo: Moe Molander**

## Hockomock Swamp Breeding Bird Survey

SSBC's Hockomock Swamp Breeding Bird Survey was held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The Hockomock Swamp holds many secrets (like pukwudgies) and our survey showed just that. During the survey several species that are unexpected in Southeastern Massachusetts were observed and some in good numbers, like Alder Flycatcher, Winter Wren, Black-throated Green Warbler, and Canada Warbler. Per eBird, during the 2021 breeding season, this swamp was the only location in all of southeastern Massachusetts where Canada Warblers were found and was one of only three locations where Winter Wrens and Black-throated Green Warblers were documented during the breeding season. Perhaps the birds of the day were an adult and juvenile Sandhill Crane, observed at the Little Cedar Swamp (part of Hockomock Swamp) in Easton!

### Species (totals in parens)

Wood Duck (10)  
 Rock Pigeon {Feral Pigeon} (3)  
 Mourning Dove (21)  
 Black-billed Cuckoo (3)  
 Chimney Swift (8)  
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird (7)  
**Sandhill Crane (2)**  
 Killdeer (1)  
 American Woodcock (1)  
 Spotted Sandpiper (1)  
 Laughing Gull (1)  
 Herring Gull (31)  
 Double-crested Cormorant (2)  
 Great Blue Heron (8)  
 Green Heron (2)  
 Turkey Vulture (1)  
 Red-shouldered Hawk (1)  
 Red-tailed Hawk (7)  
 Belted Kingfisher (1)  
 Red-bellied Woodpecker (8)  
 Downy Woodpecker (21)  
 Hairy Woodpecker (11)  
 Northern Flicker (18)  
 Eastern Wood-Pewee (18)  
**Alder Flycatcher (3)**  
 Willow Flycatcher (1)  
 Eastern Phoebe (4)  
 Great Crested Flycatcher (22)  
 Eastern Kingbird (16)  
**Yellow-throated Vireo (4)**  
 Warbling Vireo (10)  
 Red-eyed Vireo (10)  
 Blue Jay (21)  
 American Crow (9)  
 Fish Crow (3)  
 Black-capped Chickadee (31)

Tufted Titmouse (27)  
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow (3)  
 Purple Martin (3)  
 Tree Swallow (11)  
 Barn Swallow (15)  
 Red-breasted Nuthatch (3)  
 White-breasted Nuthatch (15)  
 Brown Creeper (9)  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (19)  
**Winter Wren (5)**  
 Carolina Wren (15)  
 European Starling (14)  
 Gray Catbird (201)  
 Veery (74)  
 Wood Thrush (8)  
 American Robin (98)  
 Cedar Waxwing (18)  
 House Sparrow (6)  
 Purple Finch (1)  
 American Goldfinch (26)  
 Chipping Sparrow (18)  
 Field Sparrow (1)  
 Song Sparrow (38)

Swamp Sparrow (57)  
 Eastern Towhee (31)  
 Orchard Oriole (1)  
 Baltimore Oriole (14)  
 Red-winged Blackbird (123)  
 Brown-headed Cowbird (15)  
 Common Grackle (102)  
 Ovenbird (69)  
 Northern Waterthrush (31)  
 Blue-winged Warbler (8)  
 Black-and-white Warbler (24)  
 Common Yellowthroat (110)  
 American Redstart (10)  
 Yellow Warbler (167)  
 Pine Warbler (29)  
**Black-throated Green Warbler (3)**  
**Canada Warbler (2)**  
 Scarlet Tanager (8)  
 Northern Cardinal (21)  
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak (1)  
 Indigo Bunting (2)  
**Total # of Individuals (1777)**



**Northern Waterthrush, Hockomock Swamp, June 2021**  
**Photo: Kim Wylie**

## Myles Standish State Forest Breeding Bird Survey

The Myles Standish Breeding Bird Survey was a collaborative survey with Manomet, held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June, 2021. Of particular interest to Manomet were Prairie Warblers and Eastern Towhee numbers, of which there were 247 Prairie Warblers and a whopping 549 Eastern Towhees tallied over the two-day survey. A few notable surprises were an American Kestrel, a large number of Purple Finches (22), 9 Brown Thrashers, and two Northern Bobwhites observed near the quail fields (which stirred some confusion about whether or not to include them in the count since they were likely released birds).

### **Species** (totals in parens)

Mallard (9)  
duck sp. (1)  
**Northern Bobwhite (2)**  
Wild Turkey (7)  
Mourning Dove (64)  
Black-billed Cuckoo (8)  
Chimney Swift (9)  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (3)  
Herring Gull (1)  
Great Blue Heron (5)  
Great Egret (2)  
Cooper's Hawk (1)  
Broad-winged Hawk (4)  
Downy Woodpecker (7)  
Hairy Woodpecker (7)  
Northern Flicker (11)  
**American Kestrel (1)**  
Eastern Wood-Pewee (25)  
Eastern Phoebe (4)  
Great Crested Flycatcher (4)  
Eastern Kingbird (23)  
Blue Jay (41)  
American Crow (19)  
Fish Crow (8)  
Black-capped Chickadee (96)  
Tufted Titmouse (12)  
Purple Martin (1)  
Tree Swallow (21)  
Barn Swallow (5)  
Red-breasted Nuthatch (28)  
White-breasted Nuthatch (8)

Brown Creeper (7)  
House Wren (37)  
Gray Catbird (67)  
**Brown Thrasher (9)**  
Northern Mockingbird (1)  
Eastern Bluebird (23)  
Hermit Thrush (67)  
American Robin (102)  
Cedar Waxwing (56)  
House Finch (4)  
**Purple Finch (22)**  
American Goldfinch (53)  
Chipping Sparrow (308)  
Field Sparrow (47)  
Song Sparrow (12)

### **Eastern Towhee (549)**

Baltimore Oriole (5)  
Red-winged Blackbird (7)  
Brown-headed Cowbird (51)  
Common Grackle (22)  
Ovenbird (254)  
Black-and-white Warbler (10)  
Common Yellowthroat (201)  
Yellow Warbler (9)  
Pine Warbler (342)  
**Prairie Warbler (247)**  
Scarlet Tanager (1)  
Northern Cardinal (9)  
Indigo Bunting (5)  
**Total # of Individuals (2964)**



**Northern Bobwhite, Myles Standish State Forest, June 2021,  
Photo: Brian Vigorito**

## Wompatuck State Park Breeding Bird Survey

The Wompatuck State Park Breeding Bird Survey was the last of the three, held over 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, 2021. The day was cool, with mild precipitation and as a result many birds were not singing. Nonetheless we did our due diligence and generated some good data, again finding a few notable breeders for the area. Veeries were abundant, with 133 individuals counted. Pileated Woodpeckers did not disappoint, in one of the only locations in Plymouth County where they can be found reliably. Winter Wrens and Worm-eating Warblers seemed somewhat underrepresented, probably due to the weather and their secretive nature. As with the Hockomock Swamp BBS, Black-throated Green Warblers were found in numbers and per eBird, during the 2021 breeding season Wompatuck and Hockomock Swamp were the only places in southeastern Massachusetts (with the exception of one of each found by a SSBC member during an impromptu survey of Haskell Swamp Wildlife Management Area) where Winter Wrens and Black-throated Green Warblers were documented during the breeding season.

### Species (totals in parens)

Canada Goose (2)  
Wood Duck (4)  
Mourning Dove (14)  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo (1)  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (1)  
Herring Gull (5)  
Great Black-backed Gull (6)  
Double-crested Cormorant (1)  
Great Blue Heron (1)  
Turkey Vulture (1)  
Osprey (1)  
Barred Owl (2)  
Red-bellied Woodpecker (14)  
Downy Woodpecker (6)  
Hairy Woodpecker (2)  
**Pileated Woodpecker (4)**  
Northern Flicker (7)  
Eastern Wood-Pewee (26)  
Eastern Phoebe (7)  
Great Crested Flycatcher (26)  
Eastern Kingbird (10)  
Warbling Vireo (1)  
Red-eyed Vireo (46)  
Blue Jay (52)  
American Crow (4)  
Fish Crow (1)  
crow sp. (2)  
Common Raven (2)  
Black-capped Chickadee (90)  
Tufted Titmouse (91)  
White-breasted Nuthatch (29)  
Brown Creeper (8)

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (5)  
House Wren (3)  
**Winter Wren (1)**  
Carolina Wren (8)  
Gray Catbird (73)  
**Veery (133)**  
Hermit Thrush (23)  
Wood Thrush (7)  
American Robin (34)  
Cedar Waxwing (19)  
House Finch (2)  
American Goldfinch (36)  
Chipping Sparrow (73)  
Song Sparrow (10)  
Eastern Towhee (25)  
Baltimore Oriole (2)  
Red-winged Blackbird (21)  
Brown-headed Cowbird (15)  
Common Grackle (14)  
Ovenbird (160)  
**Worm-eating Warbler (1)**

Northern Waterthrush (1)  
Blue-winged Warbler (1)  
Black-and-white Warbler (10)  
Common Yellowthroat (20)  
American Redstart (3)  
Yellow Warbler (10)  
Pine Warbler (58)  
**Black-throated Green Warbler (11)**  
Scarlet Tanager (21)  
Northern Cardinal (34)  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak (2)  
Indigo Bunting (4)  
**Total # of Individuals (1307)**



Wompatuck State Park, July 2021 Photo: Nate Marchessault

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## SOUTH SHORE BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Everyone interested in birds and wildlife is welcome to join the South Shore Bird Club by completing the form below with your name and email. Membership dues are **\$10 per household** but if you aren't able to contribute at this time, that's OK. Additional contributions are welcome but please note that contributions are not tax-deductible. If you're not sure about the status of your dues payment, contact Mike Nolan at [menolan1700@gmail.com](mailto:menolan1700@gmail.com)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Check Enclosed | <input type="checkbox"/> Added Contribution \$ _____ |

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*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. Contact Nate to join.

*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. The leader may cancel a trip due to unsafe weather conditions. Call the leader the night before if the forecast is for bad weather.

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