



South Shore Bird Club

of Massachusetts

since 1946

President's Message

A Walk (in the Woods)

There is so much that can be ascertained by a walk in the woods. One could measure the passage of time based on the flora and fauna alone.

Audibly, today the “kips” and “checks” of blackbirds and grackles, tomorrow a chorus of wood frogs and peepers, a cacophony of warblers attracting mates and defending territories, the subtle begging notes of baby birds followed by silence--initially eerie, but quickly becomes the norm, only broken by the occasional song of a Carolina Wren or Song Sparrow on an unseasonably warm and sunny day. Visually, in winter a brown landscape is pockmarked in green from conifers, moss and the occasional clubmoss.

Spring arrives and life emerges: fiddleheads, skunk cabbage, jack-in-the-pulpit. The color palette quickly diversifies with flowers starting with serviceberries, goldthread and violets, transitioning to lady's slippers, milkweeds and laurels and finally in fall, goldenrods and asters blanket our open areas with carpets of yellow and purple, a 'grand finale' of beauty to close out the growing season.

Temperature and the gear us birders wear on a walk on the other hand, may not be so reliable. Some might recall the Wompatuck State Park Breeding Bird Survey in July a few years ago, in the 40s and raining and we were in warm jackets and rain gear. Two Duck Counts ago was warm enough to be done in shorts and a t-shirt; the recent Taunton-Middleboro and Martha's Vineyard Christmas Bird Counts followed suit with sunny, 60 degree weather.

This theme of mild weather has continued lately and hopefully persists. When we're finally at the gate between winter and spring there is no saying what might await us. One never knows what's coming in March until it gets here, be it nor'easters or warm sunny days. Maybe it will be a good time for a walk in the woods.

A few announcements:

- Our photo share is quickly approaching and will be held Sunday, March 5th at 4PM, over Zoom. Please email me photos if you'd like to participate! See details under Field Trips.
- We will hold a potluck with a presentation by Dana and Bob Fox on Hummingbirds on April 15th at 6 PM. Mark your calendars!

President's Message (continued)

- Our next Breeding Bird Survey will be at the Assawompset Ponds Important Bird Area on June 24th. There's lots of ground to cover, we hope you join us!
- We are planning a day and cookout at Myles Standish State Forest in late July. Reservations are closed for the pavilion, so an announcement will be forthcoming.

All the best to everyone, and looking forward to spending time with you all this spring and summer!

Nate

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**Young Barn Swallows, Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary, Norfolk
July 2022 Photo: Paul McPartland**

Field Trips

Below is the list of trips for our Spring/Summer 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!** Happy Birding!

South Shore Bird Club COVID Guidelines

The COVID situation is fluid and SSBC will continue to monitor COVID public health recommendations and will update this guidance as necessary. Thanks for helping to keep us healthy while birding together!

- 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.
- Vaccinated individuals should feel comfortable wearing a mask at any point during a trip if they choose to do so.
- Carpooling is left to the discretion of each member.
- While the chance of COVID transmission is low outdoors, we encourage practicing social distancing whenever possible.
- If a trip is cancelled an announcement will be made on the Google Group. The "Upcoming Trips" portion of the SSBC homepage will always contain the most up-to-date status of trips.

Member's Night Photo Share

Sunday, March 5, 2023, 4:00-6:00PM via ZOOM

Nate Marchessault: natemarchessault@gmail.com

Send your best, funniest, fondest encounters with birds to Nate and share those moments with us! Time is limited to 10 minutes per person and 20 photos maximum.

Registration for the event can be found on our Events page: <https://southshorebirdclub.wixsite.com/ssbc/events>



Osprey, Allerton Harbor, Hull, September 2022

Photo: Sally Chisholm

Duxbury

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 8:00AM

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

Meet: Bay Farm, 43 Loring St., Kingston, MA

We will search for waterfowl and early migrants at various spots in and around Duxbury. Locations include Bay Farm, Duxbury Bogs, Howlands Landing and Duxbury Beach.

Interior South Shore Localities

Sunday, March 19, 2023, 8:00AM

Wayne Petersen: (701) 206-5716,

reedpetersen44@gmail.com

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

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

Timberdoodles- Stoughton

Friday, March 24, 2023, 6:30 PM evening

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Bird St. entrance to Bird St. Conservation Area (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 but not necessary if little snow cover. *This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

Migration and Mammals - Provincetown

Saturday, March 25, 2023, 7:00 AM

Nate Marchessault: (508) 304-3346,

natemarchessault@gmail.com

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

Many species are on the move this time of year, 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 slowly migrate our way back, visiting other locations on the Outer Cape along the way. This trip involves several miles of walking over loose sand.

Wildlands Trust Walk: Woodcock Walk at Great River Preserve - Bridgewater

Saturday, March 25, 2023, 6:00PM evening

*Volunteers are needed for this collaborative walk with Wildlands Trust. To co-lead this trip with Pete Jacobson please contact Pete: (508) 208-4702, ejake4@aol.com
Watch American Woodcocks perform their amazing aerial courtship displays. We will walk less than two miles and hope to see other early spring birds. If you would like to participate but not as a trip co-leader please sign up on the Wildlands Trust website: <https://wildlandstrust.org/events>.

The Golden Hour -Early Spring Migration at Burrage Pond WMA- Hanson/Halifax

Saturday, April 1, 2022, 4:00PM evening

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

Meet: Parking lot off Hawks Ave, Hanson

Duck migration should be in full swing and American Woodcocks should be displaying. Enjoy this late afternoon into evening walk at Burrage Pond WMA. We will walk between 2-4 miles on level gravel paths. Come enjoy the golden hour.



**Pileated Woodpecker, Fowl Meadow, Canton
March 2022 Photo: Paul McPartland**

Mass Audubon's Birders Meeting

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Mass Audubon's 31st Annual Birders Meeting will be held at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, under the theme 'Our Commonwealth of Birds,' celebrating the rich and diverse bird species that call Massachusetts and greater New England home and highlighting Mass Audubon's work in conserving critical bird habitats.

<https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/activities/birding/birders-meeting>

Hull/Hingham/Cohasset

Saturday, April 8, 2023, 8:00AM

Helen Cross: (508) 631-2287, helenharriscross@gmail.com

Meet: Parking lot between the Bernie King Pavilion and the Mary Jeanette Murray Bath House, Nantasket Ave., Hull
A look for newly arrived spring migrants and late wintering ocean specialties.

Wildlands Trust Walk: Woodcock Watch at Willowbrook Preserve - Pembroke

Saturday, April 8, 2023, 6:00 PM evening

*Volunteers are needed for this collaborative walk with Wildlands Trust. To co-lead this trip with Pete Jacobson please contact Pete: (508) 208-4702, ejake4@aol.com

Watch American Woodcocks perform their amazing aerial courtship displays. We will walk less than 2 miles and hope to see other early spring birds. If you would like to participate but not as a trip co-leader please sign up on the Wildlands Trust website: <https://wildlandstrust.org/events>

Foothills Preserve - Plymouth

Monday, April 10, 2023, 8:00AM morning

Lisa Schibley: lisa@zoompuppy.com

Meet: 85 Beaver Dam Rd., parking lot across from Tidmarsh Farm Wildlife Sanctuary. If lot is full, please park at Tidmarsh and carefully cross the street to us.

Explore this new preserve at the base of the Pinehills with small pond, grassy areas, and woodland edges. After exploring the Foothill Preserve, we will have the option of either hiking up into Pinehills or exploring Tidmarsh across the street.

**Potluck and Hummingbirds Presentation with
Dana and Bob Fox**

Saturday, April 15, 2023, 6:00PM

Dana Duxbury-Fox: dana.fox1939@gmail.com

Location: First Parish Church,
50 School Street, Bridgewater

Bring your appetite and best dish to share with friends prior to enjoying a presentation with Dana and Bob on hummingbirds. The talk will begin by focusing on what is a hummingbird and their adventures with 10 different, remarkable species they have seen on their journeys in the Americas. Then they will share the results of the recent research which has given up deeper insights into the wonders of this family - how they evolved, pollination through nectar gathering, their diet and feeding techniques, use of torpor, how iridescence is produced and their courtship. Many spectacular pictures and videos will be included. Come and marvel at these little gems.

Wollomonopoag Conservation Area - Wrentham

Sunday, April 16, 2023, 8:00AM morning

Jonathan Glover, (508) 813-8668, jglover76@gmail.com

Meet: End of Elysium St., with off-street parking on unpaved lot on the right.

Wollomonopoag Conservation Area is an area of mixed hardwoods, pines, and swamps near Lake Pearl. We'll explore the area and spend time viewing a large Great Blue Heron rookery where herons nest in a flooded area with tall, scattered leafless trees. Typically, in the spring, the heron count is well into the double digits with the possibility of an Osprey and/or Great Horned Owl nest in the mix.

Squantum Marshes, Squantum Point Park - Quincy

Saturday, April 22, 2023, 6:30 AM

Dan O'Brien: (781) 351-9444, danielkobrien107@gmail.com

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock, E.Squantum Street, Quincy
We'll start at Moswetuset and explore the marshes, looking for returning migrants like egrets and Osprey, as well as scoping the bays for ducks and other lingering waterbirds. We'll make our way to Squantum Point Park, where oystercatchers are possible. Migrating songbirds are likely on good migration days, and time permitting we can check Nickerson Rock Park for an addition place to look for these migrants.

Wylde Reserve & Demarest Lloyd State Park - Dartmouth

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 6:30AM

Kim Wylie: (347) 449-2458, wyliekim@hotmail.com

Meet: Dead-end of Barney's Joy Rd., .2 miles south of the Demarest Lloyd entrance. Please park on east side of road. Welcome to Buzzard's Bay and two contiguous reserves that could offer a bevy of spring birds: one leads to a beckoning maze of dune habitat and a salt pond. Continuing through a scrubby pine forest we reach a 200-acre reserve with tidal river, salt marsh and beachfront for nesting Least Terns and Piping Plovers. On an incoming tide, we'll look for lingering ducks and new arrivals like oystercatchers, swallows, warblers and yellowlegs. We'll walk 3-4 miles across rocks, sand and maybe muddy, flooded trails.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, April 25, 2023, 6:00-7: 30 AM - before work

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

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, April 27, 2023, 6:30-9:30 AM

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

Meet: Large parking area opposite visitor's center, Union St. Join Sally for a pre-work romp through Wompatuck in search of migrants and summer residents.

Burrage Pond WMA- Hanson/Halifax

Saturday, April 29, 2023, 6:00AM

Nate Marchessault: (508) 304-3346,

natemarchessault@gmail.com

Meet: Parking lot off Hawks Ave, Hanson
Burrage has incredibly unique and diverse habitats which may host an equally diverse array of birds. We'll spend the day exploring every nook and cranny of this large wildlife management area to see how many species we can come up with. This trip involves several miles of walking and potentially (probably) flooded paths. Knee-high boots recommended.

Bare Cove Park- Hingham

Sunday, April 30, 2023, 7: 30 AM, morning

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

Meet: Parking lot across from West Hingham T station, 1/2 mile down at end of Bare Cove Park Dr., off Hill St. We will look for early migrants along with our year-round residents. This requires a long stretch of walking on easy walking paths.



Leucistic Robin, Stephen's Field, Plymouth

March 2022 Photo: Connie Melahoures

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 6:00-7: 30 AM - before work

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Nature Center parking area, 293 Moose Hill Pkwy
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.



American Avocet, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, July 2022 Photo: Bonnie Tate

Wompatuck State Park - Hingham

Thursday, May 11, 2023, 6:30-9:30 AM

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

Meet: Parking area opposite 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 12, 6:00 PM through

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 6:00 PM

40th annual Bird-a-thon. No trip scheduled so you can bird and help raise funds for the Mass Audubon sanctuary of your choice.

<https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/activities/birding/bird-a-thon>

Manomet - Plymouth

Monday, May 15, 2023, 7:00 AM, morning

Lisa Schibley: lisa@zoompuppy.com

Meet: Headquarters' parking lot, 125 Manomet Point Rd. at 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 an hour or so, we'll walk up together to meet the banders at Manomet Headquarters. We can watch a banding 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.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:00-7:30 AM - before work

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Nature Center parking area, 293 Moose Hill Pkwy

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 18, 2023, 6:30-9:30 AM

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

Meet: 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.

Wompatuck State Park- Hingham

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 6:30-9:30AM

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

Meet: Parking area opposite visitor's center, Union St.

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

Harrington 100 (North Shore Century Run)

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Mike Emmons: (978) 694-4080,

michael.emmons@comcast.net

Meet: Crooked Pond, Boxford (Middleton Rd.) 4:30 AM or Lynnfield Marsh (Audubon Road, Wakefield) Exit 60 off Rte. 128, beyond hotel, 7:30 AM.

Join Mike for all or part of this fast paced, bird-filled trip with tradition to see or hear 100 species. High water boots are recommended to start.

Swan Point Cemetery - Providence, Rhode Island

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 8:00 AM

Bonnie Tate: (860) 287-9925, bonnietate8@gmail.com

Meet: Inside main cemetery gate, 585 Blackstone Blvd. It may be easier to park on the street and walk in.

The location along the Seekonk River and the expanse of this green space, the largest in Providence, makes this location an ideal spot for migrating warblers and other birds. Some birders have even called Swan Point the "mini Mt. Auburn." The cemetery often opens the gates at 7:00 AM in May specifically for birders, so check the website for any updates.

* This trip is co-sponsored with the Ocean State Bird Club.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 6:00-7:30 AM - before work

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Nature Center parking area, 293 Moose Hill Pkwy

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.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 6:00-7:30 AM - before work

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

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Meet: Nature Center parking area, 293 Moose Hill Pkwy

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!

Wompatuck State Park - Hingham

Thursday, May 25, 2023, 6:30-9:30 AM

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

Meet: Parking area opposite 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 - Cohasset

Saturday, May 27, 2023, 7:30 AM morning

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

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

This 4-mile loop through three properties boasts large numbers of migrants and breeders. We may see a variety of warblers as well as orioles, vireos, swallows and tanagers.

Plymouth Airport

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Glenn d'Entremont: (781)267-0442,

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A series of trips beginning at 8:00AM. Contact leader for times and logistics. Due to expected COVID related restrictions, currently limited participation for individual trips which will last 1 to 1 1/2 hours. First trip at 8:00AM and last trip around noon. Preregistration required. We will have permission to walk inside the fence line along the SW corner. Grassland species targeted. *This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Myles Standish State Forest.

Vermont & New Hampshire - Breeders and Boreal Specialties

Friday, June 2 - Sunday, June 4, 2023

Brian Vigorito: (339) 235-8219, bmvig21@gmail.com and Pete Jacobson

Meet: TBD, contact leaders. We're planning to leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon.

A road trip to northeast Vermont and northern New Hampshire in search of boreal species and local breeders.

We will visit Moose Bog, Victory Basin, and Dixville Notch. We hope to see Spruce Grouse, Canada Jay, Bicknell's Thrush and many species of breeding warblers.

Space for this trip is limited. Please contact Brian as soon as possible to reserve a spot.

Medfield/Millis

Saturday, June 3, 2023, 7:00AM

Josh Bock: 773-750-9860, 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 lesser-known patches.

A mix of species can be expected this time of year, including Yellow-throated Vireo, along with the possibility of rails and other marsh inhabitants.

Allens Pond - South Dartmouth

Sunday, June 4, 2023, 9:30 AM (approximate start time as Breeding Bird Survey route being run prior) - 12:00 PM

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

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Meet: Mass Audubon Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary parking lot, Horseneck Rd.

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 - Plymouth

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 6:30PM evening

Glenn d'Entremont: (781)267-0442,

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Parking area at the headquarters/interpretive center, 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 and the Friends of Myles Standish State Forest.



Great-crested Flycatcher, Marion, June 2022

Photo: Bonnie Tate

Race Point - Provincetown

Sunday, June 11, 2023, 7:00AM morning

Dan Burton: (781) 492-6070,

danielburton783@yahoo.com & Rachel Baum:

rachel.e.baum@gmail.com

Meet: Race Point Beach Parking Lot, end of Race Point Rd. off of Rte. 6, Cape Cod National Seashore.

Starting from parking lot, we'll walk towards Race Point and spend time at the "Cove" looking over the terns and gulls. If the birding is productive, the group may continue to Race Point. Among the Common Terns, we hope to spot more uncommon ones like Roseate, Black, and possibly Arctic Terns. Bonaparte's Gulls should be around and with luck there could be a Little Gull in the mix. Shearwaters and Wilson's Storm Petrels could just be arriving by this date too. Be prepared to walk on soft sand for up to 4 miles.



Savannah Sparrow, Fairhaven, June 2022

Photo: Moe Molander

Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary - Plymouth

Monday, June 12, 2023, 7:00 AM - morning

Lisa Schibley: lisa@zoompuppy.com

Meet: Main entrance parking lot, 60 Beaver Dam Road

Explore Tidmarsh Farm Wildlife Sanctuary 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.

Mount Greylock - Lanesborough

Saturday, June 17, 2023, 6:00 AM

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Visitors parking lot off Route 7 in Lanesborough
Come see the breeding bird species that whizzed by us in the eastern portion of the state in May. Mourning Warbler sometimes nests on the mountain and there are other species with more northern tastes which hang around here. Combine this trip with tomorrow's trip to October Mountain. *This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

Housatonic WMA & October Mountain (Berkshires)

Sunday, June 18, 2023, 6:00 AM - morning (might spill over to early afternoon)

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Parking area to Housatonic WMA on New Lenox Rd., off Rte. 7, Lenox. Go east from Rte. 7, follow 1.5 miles to parking area on 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 in the area. We will then go up October Mountain from the east side. *This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

Assawompsett Ponds Important Bird Area

(IBA) Breeding Bird Survey

Saturday, June 24, 2023, 5:00AM

Nate Marchessault: (508) 304-3346,

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The Assawompsett Pond complex is home to two of the largest natural water bodies in Massachusetts. An area rich in evidence of glacial recession and anthropological significance, these changes made by earth and man had significant impacts to the habitats of this area, along with the breeding birds that inhabit them. All are welcome and encouraged to participate, regardless of skill level. An optional Zoom meeting will be hosted at 6:30 PM the Thursday before the survey (6/22) to discuss the survey areas and habitats at this location. Those who are less familiar with our local birds and their songs will be paired with more experienced birders. We will bird the morning and meet up around noon for a (BYO) picnic lunch at Tamarack Park.

Please contact Nate to sign up.



Eastern Bluebird, Fairhaven, March 2022

Photo: Carol Molander



Black Crowned Night Heron- Juvenile, Sarah Island, Hingham, June 2022 Photo: Sally Chisholm

Crane Wildlife Management Area - Falmouth

Sunday, July 2, 2023, 7:00 AM morning

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

Meet: Main parking off Route 151 (entrance between Hamilton Tree & Landscape and Allietta Softball Field)

This land has been expertly managed by the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for sandplain grassland species. Grasshopper sparrows are a feature here, and we hope to spot meadowlarks and kestrels. Blue Grosbeak have bred here in recent years too! Many plants are in full bloom at this time and there should be a variety of butterflies taking advantage of their showy flowers.

Quabbin, Gate 10- Pelham

Saturday, July 8, 2023, 7:00 AM - morning

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 267-0442,

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Gate 10, Rte. 202

Join Glenn on a 5+ mile walk through a very birdy area with diversity, from Broad-winged Hawk to Yellow-bellied Sapsucker to Blue-headed Vireo to Chestnut-sided Warbler to Scarlet Tanager to Baltimore Oriole and lots of stuff in between. Other natural things of note: Moose, Bobcat, Porcupine, Otter, butterflies, wildflowers, and dragonflies.

Coastal Plain Pond Exploration - Kingston

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Julianne Mehegan, mehegan@comcast.net

Meet: *Contact leader for details and to sign up.

This walk focuses on unique coastal plain pond shore in Kingston. The property supports a mix of common and globally rare plants. Birds, mammals, and aquatic species thrive in this habitat. The property is protected by Northeast Wilderness Trust. Participation is limited.

Squantum - Quincy

Sunday, July 30, 2023, 7:00 AM - morning

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

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock, East Squantum Street, Quincy

This trip will focus on migrant shorebirds which are starting to filter into this area after their short breeding season in the northern regions of the continent. A few noteworthy breeding birds also inhabit the area including Saltmarsh Sparrows and American Oystercatchers. Be prepared for the possibility of biting insects.

Newburyport & Vicinity

Saturday, August 12, 2023, 7:30 AM

Mike Emmons: (978) 694-4080, michael.emmons@comcast.net

Meet: Parking lot 1, Plum Island (Parker River NWR)

Shorebirds in migration will be the focus of this trip.

Squantum Marshes, Squantum Point Park - Quincy

Sunday, August 13, 2023, 6:30 AM

Dan O'Brien: (781) 351-9444, danielkobrien107@gmail.com

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock, East Squantum Street, Quincy

We'll check the marshes and the mudflats in Squantum for shorebirds, starting at Moswetuset Hummock and visiting other spots nearby. At high tide around 10:00 am, we'll try checking the high tide roosts for shorebirds as well. Be prepared for the possibility of biting insects.

Birds and Botany - Falmouth

Saturday, August 19, 2023, 8:00AM

Nate Marchessault: (508) 304-3346, natemarchessault@gmail.com

Meet: Crane Wildlife Management Area main parking lot off Route 151 (entrance between Hamilton Tree & Landscape and Allietta Softball Field)

We will focus on highlighting the unique ecosystems of our local area, such as sandplain grasslands and coastal plain ponds. We will start at Crane WMA before heading to a pond or two, enjoying the spectacular wildflowers of the coastal plain and some unique species of breeding birds that accompany them.

Cookout/Picnic/Potluck at Myles Standish State Forest (Myles Standish Day)

Late July, date to be determined

Nate Marchessault: (508) 304-3346

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We'll meet at Myles Standish State Forest for a day of birding and nature study. Initial meetup will be at 8:00AM at the park headquarters. At 2:00PM we'll head to the pavilion at Charge Pond for a potluck/cookout lunch and to enjoy the scenery and company. Afterward, those interested can linger as we listen for whip-poor-wills and possibly owls as the day turns to night.

Anyone is welcome to hop in for any portion of the day!



**Snowy Egret, Squantum Marshes, Quincy
May 2022 Photo: Paul McPartland**

Squantum - Quincy

Sunday, August 27, 2023, 7:30AM - morning

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

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock parking, East Squantum St., Quincy.

We will concentrate on shorebirds and early southbound migrants. We'll cover several spots, consisting of short walks. Be prepared for the possibility of biting insects.

Egypt Lane and Carolyn's Pond - Fairhaven

Saturday, September 2, 2023, 7:30AM morning only

Carol Molander: (508) 641-0991, cbmolander@gmail.com

Meet: Near 24 Egypt Lane (park on grass side of lane)

We will visit the thickets along the Phoenix Bike trail and walk the hurricane dike to view the marsh and Carolyn's Pond. The pond was recently named after Carolyn Longworth, Paskamansett Bird Club member and retired director of Millicent Library. 214 species have been documented at this eBird hotspot. *This trip is co-sponsored with the Paskamansett Bird Club.

Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary - Marshfield

Saturday, September 2, 2023, 7:00 AM morning only

Glenn d'Entremont: (781) 344-5857,

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Meet: Sanctuary parking area at end of Winslow Cemetery Road



**Great Blue Heron, Harvard
April, 2022 Photo: Sally Chisholm**

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

Checks payable to: South Shore Bird Club

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☐ For continuing members please check if this is a new email.

Please make sure your email address is correct as SSBC newsletters are sent electronically.

****Thanks for your membership with SSBC!****

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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