



South Shore Bird Club

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President's Message

A Rare Visitor to Close out SSBC's 75th

Not to make this about us, but it is our newsletter so I'm going to do so anyway... We had a rare visitor to our area to close out SSBC's 75th anniversary. Not just rare but, like, really rare. As many if not all of you know, a Steller's Sea Eagle was present in December right here in Southeastern Massachusetts. The bird was seen by locals for a few weeks before the fact but it was rediscovered on the 20th of December along the Taunton River to birders *en masse*. I thought it might not be appropriate for me to describe the bird as I haven't seen the bird (yes, I can see some of you making an "L" with your forefingers and thumbs!) and so I'd like to feature a writeup from one of our newer members, Bonnie Tate, who both got early word of the bird and more recently was able to see it up in Maine:

A Steller's Sea Eagle in Southern Massachusetts, by Bonnie Tate

I first learned about a Steller's Sea Eagle when it was briefly mentioned in a book I was reading, "Owls of the Eastern Ice" by Jonathan Slaght which a fellow SSBC member told me was a great read. The author of the book is researching the Blakiston's Fish Owl which is the largest owl in the world and which shares the same habitat as the Steller's Sea Eagle, the largest eagle in the world. Both birds are found in the wilds of far Eastern Russia and northern Japan, and they breed near the Kamchatka Peninsula. Imagine my surprise when the next day a colleague told me that a Steller's Sea Eagle had been spotted near her home in Somerset on the Taunton River. It was December 18th.



Flyby towards the mouth of the Pemaquid River and the sea, Maine,
January, 2022 Photo: B. Tate

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This particular sea eagle is quite the wanderer as it is presumed to be the same bird that was first spotted on Alaska's Denali Highway in August of 2020. Since then the sea eagle has made an appearance in southern Texas (March 2021), the Gaspé Peninsula, Quebec/New Brunswick (June- August 2021), Falmouth, Nova Scotia (November 2021) and finally Dighton Rock State Park here in MA (last seen on December 20th). A Steller's Sea Eagle had never been recorded before anywhere in the US except occasionally in coastal Alaska. Even in their native range, there are only 4000-5000 birds in existence. Photographs have shown that it is the same bird as it has an unusual white spot on the upper left wing primaries. After a quick visit to our neck of the woods, this Steller's Sea Eagle headed north to its current location, as of the writing of this article, near the Boothbay area of Maine.

On a sunny, cold morning (January 22nd) of one degree Fahrenheit, myself and other birders, both local and from as far away as Minnesota, spotted the eagle in the top of a distant pine at the mouth of the Pemaquid River. After watching the eagle preen and stare at a few Buffleheads and Common Loons below for two and a half hours, I was finally able to grab a few photos as this beautiful bird flew overhead towards the ocean. The wingspan was spectacular, and I later learned it is approximately one third larger than a Bald Eagle and has a wingspan greater than seven feet.

From the eagle's last few locations, there seems to be a preference for river mouths and islands, and there has even been speculation that it is looking for a territory to call home. In Russia, Steller's Sea Eagles are monogamous and typically look for a mate between February and March, although it is not known if this bird is male or female. There was one documented case in Alaska in 2004 where one eaglet in a nest was thought to be a hybrid between a Bald Eagle and a Steller's (Clark, W., *Birding* Vol. 40 No. 4) although nothing has been reported since. So, where will this wandering vagrant end up next? This unprecedented and amazing eagle is more than 7000 miles away from home so hopefully it will soon find a friend.

Thanks so much to Bonnie for the excellent writeup and might I encourage anyone who enjoys writing or other creative works to share with our Google Group, many of us would be excited to read original pieces from fellow members!



Steller's Sea Eagle at the mouth of the Pemaquid River, Maine, January, 2022 Photo: B. Tate

President's Message (continued)

On the administrative front, we've been off to a bit of a rocky start. With the Omicron variant of COVID surging in January we thought it best to hold off on field trips until the peak had passed and new case numbers decreased. Fortunately, the prediction was correct that it would pass through quite quickly and we were able to begin offering trips again in February (with updated guidelines, included in this newsletter). It is somewhat clear that this will persist with us, but let's hope that this was the "last hurrah" of the severity of this virus and that we may soon be able to treat this like a virus akin to the seasonal flu, that does not have such a direct impact on our daily lives.

To end on a high note, I think you will find we have a fantastic list of field trip offerings in our newsletter. Thank you to all of our wonderful trip leaders for taking the time to brainstorm, organize and host these trips. I feel very lucky to be part of a club that has such a diverse number of incredibly knowledgeable, but more importantly kind, trip leaders. As a primarily trip-based club, you are the backbone to making SSBC what it is!

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

Nate

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Sanderling, Gooseberry Neck, December, 2021

Photo: Peter Baer Galvin

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! 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.

- 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.
- Please do not carpool with those outside of your social pod or family group.
- While the chance of COVID transmission is low outdoors, we encourage practicing social distancing whenever possible.
- We respect that some trip leaders may not feel comfortable leading trips at this time. 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.

As we all know well by now this situation is fluid. 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!



Piping Plovers, Plymouth Long Beach, June 2020

Photo: Connie Melahoures

Wildlands Trust Walk: Birds and Ducks of Halfway Pond - Plymouth

Saturday, February 26, 2022, 9:00AM-noon

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.

We will walk along the pond, stopping to learn about (and hopefully view!) wintering ducks, Bald Eagles and other Halfway Pond resident birds. Expect a 3-4 mile walk on variable and wet terrain. 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>.

Mass Audubon's Birders Meeting

March 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th, 2022
(7:00-8:30 PM each night)

The Birders Meeting is virtual again this year with the theme 'Raptor Rapture: Research & Recovery.' More information and how to sign up: <https://www.massaudubon.org/program-catalog/conservation-science/82480-birders-meeting-2022-virtual-series>

Interior South Shore Localities

Saturday, March 19, 2022, 8:00AM Wayne Petersen:

(781)293-5262, wpetersen@massaudubon.org

Meet: Shaw's Plaza, Rte. 58, near intersection of Rte. 14 in 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.

Member's Night Photo Share

Sunday, March 20, 2022, 4:00-6:00 PM -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.

Registration for the event can be found on our Events page:

(<https://southshorebirdclub.wixsite.com/ssbc/events>).

Timberdoodles- Stoughton

Friday, March 25, 2022, 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.

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

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

Saturday, March 26, 2022, 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 Woodcocks perform their amazing aerial courtship displays. We will walk less than two miles and hope to see other early spring birds. Bring waterproof hiking boots. 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>.

Migration and Mammals - Provincetown

Sunday, March 27, 2022, 8:00 AM

Nate Marchessault: (508)304-3346,

natemarchessault@gmail.com

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

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 Watch at Willowbrook Preserve - Pembroke

Saturday, April 2, 2022, 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.

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

Sunday, April 3, 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 Woodcock should be displaying. Enjoy this late afternoon into evening walk at Burrage Pond WMA. We will walk between 2-4 miles on gravel paths. Come enjoy the golden hour.

Hull/Hingham/Cohasset

Saturday, April 9, 2022, 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 Avenue, Hull
A look for newly arrived spring migrants and late wintering ocean specialties.

Wollomonopoag Conservation Area - Wrentham

Sunday, April 10, 2022, 8:00AM morning

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

Meet: End of Elysium St. where there is off-street parking on an 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 some 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 can be well into the double digits with the possibility of an osprey nest in the mix.



Wild Turkey poult, Hull, June 2020

Photo: Sally Chisholm

Foothills Preserve - Plymouth

Monday, April 11, 2022, 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 preserve, we will have the option of either hiking up into Pinehills or exploring Tidmarsh across the street.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Thursday, April 21, 2022, 6:30-7:30 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.



Least Tern, Plymouth Long Beach, May 2018

Photo: Connie Melahoures

Burrage Pond WMA - Hanson/Halifax

Saturday, April 23, 2022, 6:00AM

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

and 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.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 6:00-7:30 AM - before work

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

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Nature Center parking, 293 Moose Hill Parkway

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Wompatuck State Park - Hingham

Thursday, April 28, 2022, 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.

Early Spring Migration in Upstate New York

Friday, April 29 - Monday, May 2, 2022

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

Upstate NY is an ideal area to experience early spring migration. Broad-winged Hawk migration is peak around this weekend, and waterfowl and other early migrants will be on the move. We will use the weather as our guide and explore areas in upstate NY. We will visit Derby Hill and Braddock Bay, known for tremendous spring migrations which can include hawks, waterfowl, gulls, and terns. If the wind is right, we will hawk watch. We will also visit Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge (well known for wetland species) and other spots. Please contact the leader to discuss the specifics and reserve your spot. This trip has a limit of twelve.

Bare Cove Park - Hingham

Saturday, April 30, 2022, 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.

We will look for early migrants along with our year-round residents. Maybe there will be some surprises! This requires a long stretch of walking.

F. Gilbert Hills State Forest - Foxborough

Sunday, May 1, 2022, 7:00AM morning

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

Meet: Parking area, corner of Granite St. and Lakeview Rd.

F. Gilbert Hills state Forest is a 1,000+ acre conservation area maintained by the Massachusetts DCR. The forest consists largely of pine and oak woods with some swift moving streams and wet areas. We will be on the lookout for migrants moving through the area. In the past there have been Louisiana Waterthrush by the streams, which could be a highlight of a walk here. This forest is also home to some interesting stone structures that we'll see.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 6:00-7:30 AM - before work

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

Meet: Nature Center parking area at 293 Moose Hill Parkway
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Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, World's End, June, 2018

Photo: Sally Chisholm



Brown Thrasher, Nemasket Trail, Carver, May 2021

Photo: Carol Molander

Wompatuck State Park- Hingham

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6:30-9:30AM

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

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

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

Harrington 100 (North Shore Century Run)

Saturday, May 7, 2022

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

Meet: Crooked Pond, Boxford (Middleton Rd.) 4:30 AM or
Lynnfield Marsh (Audubon Rd, 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.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, May 10, 2022, 6:00-7:30 AM - before work

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

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Wompatuck State Park - Hingham

Thursday, May 12, 2022, 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.

Mass Audubon Bird-a-thon

May 13-14, 2022

6PM Friday to 6PM Saturday

No trip scheduled so you can bird and help raise funds for the Mass Audubon sanctuary or program of your choice.

Details for this year's event can be found here:

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

Manomet - Plymouth

Monday, May 16, 2022, 7:00 AM, morning

Lisa Schibley: lisa@zoompuppy.com

Meet: Headquarters parking, 125 Manomet Point Rd. at Holmes Farm parking (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 17, 2022, 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, May 19, 2022, 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.

Medfield/Millis

Saturday, May 21, 2022, 7:00 AM

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

Meet: Rocky's Ace Hardware parking lot-813 Main St., Millis

Spend the morning exploring local patches in Medfield and Millis, looking for passerines and marsh birds in a variety of habitats. Locations include Causeway Street in Millis, the Medfield State Hospital grounds and other 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.

Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary - Sharon

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:00-7:30 AM - before work

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



**Wilson's Snipe, Shaws Cove Road, Fairhaven
March 2021 Photo: Moe Molander**

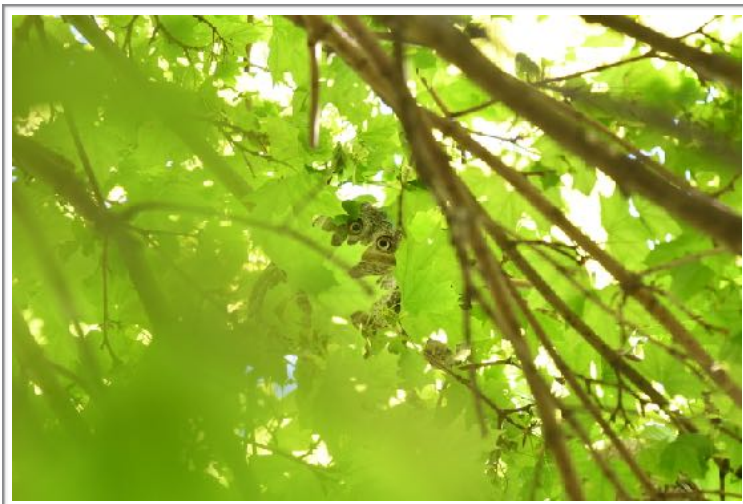
Plymouth Airport

Sunday, May 29, 2022

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

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 (MSSF).



**Eastern Screech Owl that just fledged with its two
siblings, Arlington, MA, May 2021 Photo: B. Tate**

Holly Hill Farm/Wheelright Park - Cohasset

Monday, May 30, 2022, 6:00AM morning

Vin Zollo, (508)641-2523, yzollo1@yahoo.com

Meet: Entrance to Wheelright Park near #200 N. Main St.

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 later arriving passerines, concentrating on warblers and flycatchers.

Lake Umbagog, New Hampshire

Friday evening, June 3-Sunday, June 5, 2022 OR Sunday evening, June 5-Tuesday June 7, 2022

Two different back-to-back trips organized by Dana and Bob Fox. Contact Nate Marchessault if interested: (508)304-3346, natemarchessault@gmail.com

The trips will begin with a presentation on flora and fauna of the area as well as the itinerary, followed by a day and a half dedicated to field trips. Individuals will be responsible for paying their own lodging. An additional fee will be collected for food, which will be provided by a local church group. Space is limited and spots on the trip are first come first served. Contact Nate if interested. As of publishing this newsletter, the first trip is full but a waitlist is available.

Allen's Pond - South Dartmouth

Sunday, June 5, 2022, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (*approx. start time as Breeding Bird Survey route being run prior)

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

gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Mass Audubon Allen's 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.



Dunlin, Winsegansett Marsh, Fairhaven, May 2021

Photo: Moe Molander

Myles Standish State Forest - Plymouth

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 6:30 PM evening

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

Meet: Parking at headquarters/interpretive center, intersection of Lower College Pond & Fearing Pond Rds, Carver (southwest) area. 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 in the forest some years.

*This trip is co-sponsored with the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of MSSF.

Race Point - Provincetown

Sunday, June 12, 2022 7:00AM morning

Dan Burton: (781)492-6070, danielburton783@yahoo.com

& Rachel Baum: rachel.e.baum@gmail.com

Meet: Race Point Beach Parking, end of Race Point Rd. off 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

Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary - Plymouth

Monday, June 13, 2022, 7:00 AM - morning

Lisa Schibley: lisa@zoompuppy.com

Meet: Main entrance parking lot at 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.

Mount Greylock - Lanesborough

Saturday, June 18, 2022, 6:00 AM

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

Meet: Visitors parking lot off Route 7

Come see the bird species seen in migration in May which remain here to breed. Mourning Warbler 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 19, 2022, 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, 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 in the area. We will then go up October Mountain from the east side.

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

**Mill Brook Bog WMA, Breeding Bird Survey -
Freetown
Saturday, July 2, 2022 5:00AM-12:00PM**

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

Mill Brook Bog was acquired relatively recently by the state and has grown significantly with the purchase of several adjacent parcels. The state is currently restoring the old cranberry bogs to a more natural landscape. A Zoom meeting will be hosted at 6:30PM the Thursday before the survey (June 30th) to discuss the specifics of what a breeding bird survey entails, why that information is useful, and the habitats at Mill Brook Bog WMA. All are welcome and encouraged to participate, regardless of skill level. Those who are less familiar with our local birds and their songs will be paired with more experienced birders. Please contact Nate to sign up.

Quabbin, Gate 10

Sunday, July 3, 2022, 7:00 AM - morning
Glenn d'Entremont: (781)344-5857,
gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Gate 10, Rte. 202, Pelham

Join Glenn on a 4 to 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.

Whale and Seabird Watch

Saturday, July 9, 2022, 8:15 AM

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

Meet: Plymouth Harbor, 10 Town Wharf, Plymouth

Pre-order your tickets for the 9AM boat at:

<https://www.captjohn.com>

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

Squantum - Quincy

Wednesday, July 27, 2022, 8:00 AM - morning

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

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock on East Squantum St.

This trip will focus on 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 associated with the salt marshes.

Coastal Plain Pond Exploration - Kingston

Saturday, July 30, 2022

Julianne Mehegan, mehegan@comcast.net

This walk focuses on a unique coastal plain pondshore 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, contact Julianne if interested.

Squantum - Quincy

Sunday, August 7, 2022, 8:00 AM - morning

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

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock, East Squantum St.

This trip will focus on 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 associated with the salt marshes.

Birds and Botany: Eel River Preserve - Plymouth

Saturday, August 13, 2022 8:00AM - morning

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

Meet: Eel River Preserve lot, just after turn onto Boot Pond Rd. from Long Pond Rd.

Eel River Preserve has an interestingly northern feel to it with many interesting botanical features. We'll slowly walk our way around Eel River, stopping to appreciate some neat and unique plants like sundews, ferns, clubmosses and potentially orchids, and of course keep an eye and ear out for birds too! Most of the walking here is flat but can sometimes be wet. Boots or sandals recommended!

Newburyport & Vicinity

Saturday, August 20, 2022, 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 - Quincy

Sunday, August 28, 2022, 7:30AM - morning

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

Meet: Moswetuset Hummock parking, East Squantum St.

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 associated with the salt marshes.

Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary - Marshfield

Saturday, September 3, 2022, 7:00 AM morning only

Glenn d'Entremont: (781)344-5857, gdentremont1@comcast.net

Meet: Sanctuary parking area, end of Winslow Cemetery Road

SOUTH SHORE BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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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