

EDGAR A. MEARNS BIRD CLUB

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FALL 2018/WINTER 2019 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

August 25, Oil City Road: Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:00 AM for early migrants and shorebirds.

September 1, Black Dirt Region: Meet David Baker (446-4030) at 8:30 AM in the parking lot of the former Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island. Buff-breasted Sandpipers will be our target.

September 8, Stewart State Forest: Meet Bill Fiero (728-5208) at the North Ridge Road parking area at 8 AM for warblers, thrushes, vireos, sparrows, and so on.

September 22, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area: Meet Scott Baldinger (888-2333) at the Deli Fields at 8:30 AM to look for thrushes, sparrows, warblers, and Philadelphia Vireos.

September 29, Winding Waters Trail (Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge): Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at the trail parking lot at 8:00 AM. Connecticut Warbler and Lincoln's Sparrow are possible.

October 3 (Wednesday), Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center (Kenridge Farm): Meet Amy Greher (783-6363) at the farm at 8:30 AM for Palm Warbler, Lincoln's Sparrow, and much more.

October 6, 6½ Station Road, Orange County Audubon Society sanctuary: Meet Liza Anthony (914-213-2869) at 8:30 AM for a rewarding morning of birding at this Orange County treasure.

October 8 (Monday), Goosepond Mountain State Park: Meet Bill Iannone (783-7467) at the boardwalk trail on Route 17M in Chester at 8:00 AM. If it's anything like last year, you don't want to miss out.

October 13, "Big Sit": Watch for postings as the date approaches.

October 20, Croton Point: Meet Jodi Brodsky (282-1058) at the Croton-Harmon railroad station boat launch area at 8:30 AM to see what this migrant trap turns up.

October 28 (Sunday), Chadwick Lake: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the Newburgh Mall McDonald's (Route 300) at 8:00 AM for an interesting day of birding.

November 10, Black Dirt Region: Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of the former Jolly Onion restaurant (Pine Island) at 8:30 AM to look for Snow Buntings, Horned Larks, and Lapland Longspurs.

November 17, south-central Orange County lakes: Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at the Chester McDonald's at 8:30 AM to explore the lakes of south-central Orange County.

November 23 (Friday), northeastern Orange County lakes: Meet Bruce Nott (542-0583) and Bob at the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot (Route 300) at 8:30 AM to explore the lakes and marshes of northeast Orange County.

November 24, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Tom and Jane (255-0324) at the refuge at 4:00 PM for Short-eared Owls.

November 30–December 2, Cape Ann, Massachusetts: If you're interested in this fantastic trip, contact Jodi Brodsky at 282-1058 or jsbbirder@gmail.com without delay. Look for loons, scoters, eiders, and so on.

December 15, eastern Orange County Christmas Bird Count: Have a fun day counting birds for this historic event. Contact Bob Slechta (541-8210) for more information.

January 12, New York State winter duck count: Scour Orange County for waterfowl for this statewide census. Contact Bob Slechta (541-8210) if you're interested in participating.

January 26, Eagle Trip I: Join Gerhard Patsch (255-5840) at the Route 202/6 ("Goat Trail") Iona Island overlook at 8:30 AM to see if we can top 100 eagles.

February 2, Jones Beach: Join Jodi Brodsky (282-1058) for a mini Cape Ann trip, but closer to home. If you're interested in this trip, please contact Jodi for details.

February 16, Eagle Trip II: Meet Gerhard Patsch (255-5840) at the North Plank Road McDonald's (Route 32) in Newburgh at 8:30 AM to search for eagles, falcons, ducks, and so on.

March 2, Rye: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the Rye Playland parking lot at 8:30 AM for wintering loons, grebes, and ducks.

March 9, Black Dirt Region: Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of the former Jolly Onion restaurant (Pine Island) at 8:30 AM for the first big wave of blackbirds, not to mention sparrows, larks, buntings, and longspurs.

March 16, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area: Meet Scott Baldinger (888-2333) at the Department of Environmental Conservation parking lot on the north side of Haven Road, west of the causeway. Be there at 8:30 AM for ducks, Fox Sparrows, and Rusty Blackbirds.

March 23, Oil City Road, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at the refuge observation platform at 8:30 AM for 100+ Green-winged Teal and Northern Pintail, plus other ducks and early migrants.

March 30, eastern Orange County lakes: Meet Bruce Nott (542-0583) and Bob Slechta for this always rewarding trip. Be at the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot (Route 300) at 8:30 AM.