

EDGAR A. MEARNS BIRD CLUB

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SPRING 2019/FALL 2019 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

- March 2, Rye Playland:** 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.
- April 3, Wednesday, Southern Orange lakes:** Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at the Chester McDonald's at 8:30 AM to scour the lakes of southern Orange County for ducks and passerines.
- April 6, Rye Playland:** Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the Playland parking lot at 8:30 AM for Osprey, egrets, Purple Sandpipers, and more.
- April 13, Oil City Road:** Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:30 AM. Our target bird will be Blue-winged Teal, along with other early migrants.
- April 13, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge:** Meet Tom and Jane (255-0565) at the refuge at 7:00 PM. In addition to American Woodcock, there should still be some Short-eared Owls around.
- April 20, 6 1/2 Station Road:** Meet Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) at 8:30 AM for early migrants: Yellow-rumped and Palm Warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and Blue-headed Vireo.
- April 27, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area:** Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Stop Sign Trail at 8:00 AM for the first big spring movement.
- May 1, Wednesday, Glenmere Lake:** Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at 8:00 AM to explore the great habitats and trail system as the birds start pouring in.
- May 4, Doodletown:** Be at the 9W pull off at 8:00 AM to meet Bob Slechta (541-8210). We'll look for Hooded and Cerulean Warblers by the dozens, and much more.
- May 5, Sunday, Storm King Art Center:** Meet Bob Slechta at 8:30 AM. More details will be posted on the Mearns website as the date gets closer.
- May 8, Wednesday, Kenridge Farm (Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center):** Meet Amy Greher (783-6363) in the Cornwall Dog Park parking lot at 7:30 AM for a great day of birding at this gem of a spot.
- May 11, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area:** Meet Gerhard Patsch (255-5840) at 7:30 AM at the Stop Sign Trail. We'll see if we can get at least 75 species!
- May 13, Monday, Goosepond Mountain State Park:** Meet Bill Iannone (783-7467) at the Route 17M boardwalk trail in Chester at 7:30 AM for warblers, vireos, thrushes, and so on.
- May 17 and 18, Break 100 and countdown potluck:** Create a team or join one and see how many birds you can identify in Orange County from 4:00 PM Friday to 4:00 PM Saturday. For the potluck, meet at the Fitzpatrick's (496-7718) at 5:00 PM on Saturday. Let them know whether you are coming and what you are bringing.
- May 22, Stewart State Forest:** Meet Bill Fiero (728-5208) at the North Ridge Road parking lot at 8:00 AM to seek out local breeders and late migrants.
- May 25, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge:** Meet Tom and Jane at the refuge (255-0565) at 7:30 AM for grassland species. Maybe last year's Henslow's Sparrow will be back.
- June 1, Edgar A. Mearns Bird Club 60th anniversary dinner:** More information to come.

SUMMER BREAK

- August 24, Oil City Road:** Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:00 AM. Let's see what turns up this year—like the Least Bittern did last year.
- August 31, Black Dirt Region:** Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) at the former Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island at 8:00 AM to see if we can find some Buff-breasted Sandpipers and Golden Plovers.
- September 7, Doodletown:** Meet Alan and Della Wells (942-5751) at the 9W pull off south of Bear Mountain State Park at 8:00 AM for a rewarding trip to seek out fall migrants at this premier birding spot.
- September 14, Black Dirt Region:** Meet Dave Baker (446-4030) at the former Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island at 8:30 AM for another shot at Golden Plovers, Buff-breasted Sandpipers, and so on.
- September 18, Wednesday, Hamptonburgh Preserve:** Meet Bill Fiero (728-5208) at 8:00 AM to see what we can find on our first fall trip here.
- September 21, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area:** Meet Scott Baldinger (888-2333) at the Deli Fields at 8:30 AM. Philadelphia Vireos, Gray-cheeked Thrush, and early Lincoln's Sparrows are all possible.
- September 28, Winding Waters Nature Trail, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge:** Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at the trail parking lot at 8:00 AM. Will we find a Connecticut Warbler or a Dickcissel? Perhaps!