

## FALL 2019/WINTER 2020 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

**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:** Meet Dave Baker (446-4030) in the parking lot of the former Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island at 8:30 AM for 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 25, Chadwick Lake:** Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at 8:30 at the Dunkin' Donuts at the corner of Routes 32 and 300, in Cronomer Valley.

**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!

**October 1–3, Cape May, New Jersey:** If you're interested in this trip, contact Warren Cairo at wrcairo@gmail.com or 845-800-0506 at least a month ahead so that he knows who's coming and can provide you with details. Cape May is a fabulous migrant trap for southbound birds!

**October 2, Wednesday, Kenridge Farm (Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center):** Meet Amy Greher (783-6363) in the parking lot of the Cornwall Dog Park at 8:30 AM for Palm Warblers and, with luck, a Lincoln's Sparrow.

**October 5, 6 1/2 Station Road:** Meet Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) at 8:30 AM to look for migrating warblers and the resident Brown Thrasher.

**October 6, Sunday, Storm King Art Center:** Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the art center in Cornwall at 8:30 AM to see whether we can find some birds among the giant outdoor sculptures. Free admission.

**October 12, Big Sit:** With Kathy Ashman (294-6140). Our first event last year went well, so we're doing it again. Bring a chair and some food and enjoy the company of your fellow Mearnsers; come and go as you please. More information will be provided as the event nears, so keep your eyes peeled.

**October 14, Monday, Goosepond Mountain State Park:** Meet Bill Iannone (783-7467) at the 17M boardwalk trail at 8:30 AM. There will be sparrows, warblers, and thrushes to be found.

**October 19, Croton Point:** Meet Jodi Brodsky (282-1058) at the Croton-Harmon train station boat launch area at 8:30 AM. This is always a rewarding trip!

**October 26, Oil City Road:** Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:30 AM. There should be good ducks and sparrows, along with other fall migrants.

**November 2, Kenridge Farm (Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center):** Meet Amy Greher (783-6363) at the main parking lot at 8:30 AM. We'll see whether we can find a Hermit Thrush, both kinglets, and a late warbler or two.

**November 9, Black Dirt:** Meet Dave Baker (446-4030) in the parking lot of the former Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island at 8:30 AM to scour the area for Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, raptors and maybe a longspur.

**November 16, Southern Orange lakes:** Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at the Chester McDonald's at 8:30 AM, and she will find us a good variety of ducks and other waterfowl.

**November 23, Friday, Eastern Orange lakes:** Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) and Bruce Nott at the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot (by the automotive department) at 8:30 AM for a productive and rewarding day.

**November 30, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge:** Meet Tom and Jane (255-0565) at the refuge at 5:00 PM as the Short-eared Owls and Northern Harriers start to hunt for dinner.

**December 7 and 8, Cape Ann, Massachusetts:** Contact Jodi Brodsky at 282-1058 or jsbbirder@gmail.com for this fabulous trip to see alcids, grebes, loons, winter ducks, and other northern birds.

**December 21, Eastern Orange Christmas Bird Count:** If you've never participated in a Christmas count and want to join the fun, contact Bob Slechta (541-8210) for more information.

**January 18, New York State Winter Duck Count:** If you would like to participate in the count, contact Bob Slechta (541-8210).

**January 25, Eagle Trip I:** Meet Gerhard Patsch (255-5840) at the Route 202/6 "Goat Trail" Iona Island overlook at 8:30 AM for this very popular trip. We had 140 Bald Eagles last year!

**February 1–3, Cape May, New Jersey:** Contact Warren Cairo (wrcairo@gmail.com or 845-800-0506) for a great weekend of winter specialties along the New Jersey coast. Contact Warren at least a month ahead of the trip, and he will get in touch with you a week prior with the details—this trip is weather-dependent. Keep the subsequent weekend (February 8–10) open as well, in case the first weekend is a no-go.

**February 15, Eagle Trip II:** Meet Gerhard Patsch (255-5840) at 8:30 AM at the "Goat Trail" Iona Island overlook for another eagle hunt and whatever else pops up.

**February 22, Black Dirt:** Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of the former Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island at 8:30 AM to look for larks, buntings, falcons, and so on.

**March 7, Rye Playland and Greenwich:** Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the Playland parking lot at 9:00 AM and scour Long Island Sound for wintering ducks, loons, grebes, and so on.

**March 14, Black Dirt II:** Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of the former Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island at 8:30 AM for another try at larks, buntings, and longspurs, as well as the arrival of large flocks of blackbirds and maybe our first Killdeer.

**March 21, Oil City Road:** Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:30 AM for large numbers of ducks—hundreds of Northern Pintails and Green-winged Teal.

**March 25, Southern Orange lakes:** Meet Kathy Ashman at the Chester McDonald's at 8:30 AM for a mix of waterfowl to be found on area lakes and ponds.

**March 28, Eastern Orange lakes:** Meet Bruce Nott and Karen Miller (381-3283) at the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot (near the automotive department) at 8:30 AM for another look at waterfowl in northeastern Orange County.

**March 28, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge:** Meet Tom and Jane (255-0565) at the refuge at 7:00 PM for woodcock and hold-over Short-eared Owls and Northern Harriers. This trip in March should be better than past April trips.