

## SPRING/SUMMER/FALL 2020 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

- April 4, Rye Playland:** Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the Rye Playland parking lot at 8:30 AM for Osprey, egrets, loons, grebes, Long-tailed Ducks, Purple Sandpipers, Palm Warblers, and more.
- April 11, Oil City Road:** Meet Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:30 AM. There should still be ducks, especially Blue-winged Teal, plus Wilson's Snipe, swallows, some warblers, and, hopefully, Sandhill Cranes.
- April 18, 6 1/2 Station Road:** Meet Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) at the 6 1/2 Station Road Audubon Sanctuary parking lot (**not the usual meeting place by the Heritage Trail**) at 8:30 AM for early warblers, kinglets, swallows, ducks, and sparrows.
- April 25, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area:** Meet Scott Baldinger (888-2333) at the Stop Sign Trail at 8:00 AM for a rewarding day at this renowned birding hotspot as migration heats up.
- April 26, Sunday, Storm King Art Center:** Bird Orange County's world famous sculpture park. Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) in the north parking lot at 8:30 AM. Admission will be free.
- May 2, Glenmere Lake:** Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) in the parking lot of the park at 8:00 AM. Last year's trip to this interesting location was rewarding in terms of both variety and numbers.
- May 6, Wednesday, Kenridge Farm:** Meet Amy Greher (783-6363) in the Cornwall Dog Park parking lot off Angola Road at 7:30 AM for what should be a very birdy day.
- May 9, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area:** Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Stop Sign Trail at 7:30 AM for a stupendous day of birding, 70 species minimum and lots of warblers!
- May 13, Wednesday, Goosepond Mountain State Park:** Meet Bill Iannone (783-7467) at the Route 17M boardwalk trail parking lot at 7:30 AM. Goosepond has turned out to be a very productive birding location over the years.
- May 15 and 16, Break 100!** Create a new team or join an existing one and see how many birds your team can identify in Orange County from 4:00 PM on Friday to 4:00 PM on Saturday. Afterwards, there will be a countdown potluck at the Fitzpatricks (496-7718) at 5:00 PM on Saturday. Let them know how many are in your party and what you're bringing. Ask a club member if you want to know more about the Break 100.
- May 20, Wednesday, Stewart State Forest:** Meet Bill Fiero (728-5208) at the North Ridge Road parking lot at 8:00 AM. White-eyed Vireo or Mourning Warbler? Perhaps.
- May 23, Ironwood Drive:** Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the end of Ironwood Drive (Sterling Forest area) at 8:00 AM. We'll look for Golden-winged Warblers and other goodies.
- May 23, Oil City Road:** Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 4:00 PM (**afternoon**) to see what we can turn up late in the day.
- May 30, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge:** Meet Tom and Jane (255-0565) in the parking lot at 7:30 AM for grassland birds and, if we're lucky, a Henslow's Sparrow.
- June (date TBD), Mearns club picnic:** More information to follow. Check the Mearns Club Groups.io site.
- August 22, Oil City Road:** Joyce Depew (978-9952) will be at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 7:30 AM. Least Bittern maybe? There will be lots of egrets for sure.
- August 29, Black Dirt:** Meet Dave Baker (446-4030) in the parking lot of the Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 8:30 AM and scour the turf farms for Buff-breasted Sandpipers and American Golden Plovers.
- September 12, Black Dirt II:** Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of the Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island, New York at 8:30 AM for another chance at Buff-breasted Sandpipers and American Golden Plovers and open-land birds.
- September 19, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area:** Meet Scott Baldinger (888-2333) at the Deli Fields at 8:30 AM. We hope for Swainson's and Gray-cheeked thrushes and Philadelphia Vireos.
- September 26, Winding Waters Trail (Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge):** Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) in the parking lot for the Winding Waters Trail (Oil City Road) at 8:00 AM to see if we can find a Connecticut Warbler or Dickcissel.
- September 30, Wednesday, Stewart State Forest:** Meet Bill Fiero (728-5208) at the North Ridge Road parking lot at 8:00 AM. Little Blue Heron? Lincoln's Sparrow? Yellow-breasted Chat?