

FALL 2020/WINTER 2021 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, please check the Mearns Groups.io site to confirm that the trips are on as scheduled. Please note that masks and social distancing are required for all trips.

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 region: 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 region: Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 8:30 AM for a chance at Buff-breasted Sandpipers, 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?

October 3, Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center (formerly Kenridge Farm): Meet Amy Greher (783-6363) at the Cornwall Dog Park at 8:00 AM. Palm Warblers and Lincoln's Sparrow are expected.

October 10, Big Sit! Kathy Ashman (294-6140) is the coordinator of this event, which has been held at Glenmere Lake in previous years. Come and go as you please, and enjoy the fun of this national event. Details to come.

October 11, Sunday, Storm King Art Center: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at 8:30 AM to bird this world-famous sculpture park. Admission will be free.

October 17, Croton Point: Meet Jodi Brodsky (282-1058) at the Croton-Harmon train station boat launch at 8:30 AM to bird this fall migrant trap.

October 24, Oil City Road: Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:30 AM. Maybe we'll find another LeConte's Sparrow this year!

November 7, Black Dirt region: Meet Karen Miller (381-3203) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, to look for Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, and maybe a Lapland Longspur.

November 14, Eastern Orange lakes: Meet Bruce Nott (542-0583) and Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) at the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot (Route 300) at 8:30 AM and plan on seeing a good mix of ducks.

November 21, Southern Orange lakes: Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) in the parking lot of the strip mall next to the Chester, New York, McDonald's at 8:30 AM and plan for a "ducky day"!

November 28, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Tom and Jane (255-0565) at the Grasslands at 5:00 PM for Northern Harriers and Short-eared Owls.

December 5 and 6, Cape Ann, Massachusetts: Contact Jodi Brodsky (282-1058) for details about this fabulous trip to see alcids, grebes, loons, winter ducks, and so on.

December 19, Eastern Orange Christmas Bird Count: Contact Bob Slechta (541-8210) for more information.

January 16, New York State Winter Duck Count: Contact Bob Slechta (541-8210) for more information.

January 30, Eagle Trip I: Meet Gerhard Patsch (255-5840) in the parking lot of the Iona Island overlook on Route 202/6 ("the Goat Trail") at 8:30 AM. We'll see if we can find 100+ Bald Eagles.

February 13, Black Dirt region: Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 8:30 AM to look for larks, buntings, Rough-legged Hawks, and so on.

February 20, Eagle Trip II: Meet Gerhard Patsch (255-5840) in the parking lot of the Iona Island overlook on Route 202/6 ("the Goat Trail") at 8:30 AM. We'll see what's new on the river since the January trip.

March 6, Rye/Greenwich: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) in the Rye Playland parking lot at 9:00 AM to look for winter ducks, loons, grebes, and more.

March 13, Back Dirt region: Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 8:30 AM to see what winter birds are still around as blackbirds start showing up in numbers.

March 20, Oil City Road: Meet Kathy Ashman (294-6140) at the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:30 AM for ducks galore! Bring a lunch if you want to join Kathy for an afternoon of checking some of the lakes in that area of Orange County.

March 27, Eastern Orange lakes: Meet Bruce Nott (542-0583) and Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) at the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot (Route 300) at 8:30 AM and plan on seeing lots of waterfowl.