

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.

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.

April 3, Rye/Greenwich: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) in the Rye Playland parking lot at 9:00 AM for grebes, loons, egrets, oystercatchers, and more.

April 10, Oil City Road: Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Wallkill National Wildlife Refuge platform at 8:30 AM for shore birds and waterfowl, our target being Blue-winged Teal.

April 21, Wednesday, 6 1/2 Station Road: Meet Amy Greher (783-6363) where the Heritage Trail (rail trail) crosses the road at 8:30 AM and get your first Yellow Warbler of the season.

April 24, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area: Meet Scott Baldinger (888-2333) at the at the Stop Sign Trail at 8:30 AM. Spring migration will be heating up!

April 28, Wednesday, Chadwick Lake: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the lake at 8 AM.

May 1, Stewart State Forest: Meet Bill Fiero (728-5208) at the North Ridge Road parking lot at 8:00 AM for early arrivals and maybe a White-eyed Vireo.

May 5, Wednesday, Glenmere Lake: Meet Kathy Ashman (421-5478) at the town park at 8:00 AM. Watch for possible change in venue due to COVID-19.

May 8, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area: Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) at the Stop Sign Trail at 8:00 AM. This is the place to be in early May!

May 14-15, Friday-Saturday, Break 100: See how many birds you can identify from 4:00 PM Friday to 4:00 PM Saturday in Orange County. Keep your eyes open for details; the event may be in flux due to COVID-19.

May 16, Sunday, Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center (formerly Kenridge Farm): Meet Amy Greher (783-6363) at the Cornwall Dog Park at 8:00 AM and see if we can get more than 60 species!

May 19, Wednesday, Ironwood Road: Meet Dave Baker (446-4030) in the cul-de-sac at the end of the road at 8:00 AM to check out one of the last locations for Golden-winged Warbler.

May 22, Goosepond Mountain State Park: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) in the parking lot of the mini mall next to the Chester McDonalds at 7:30 AM. Mourning Warbler is possible.

May 29, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Tom Crepet and Jane Vecchione (255-0565) at 8:00 AM for grassland species at their best!

August 21, Wallkill National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Owens Station Road parking area at 8:00 AM for egrets, ibis, Least Bittern, and who knows what else.

August 28, Black Dirt region: Meet Karen Miller (381-3283) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 8:00 AM; we hope to find some Buffed-breasted Sandpipers.

September 11, Stewart State Forest: Meet Bill Fiero (728-5208) at the North Ridge Road parking area of Stewart State Forest at 8:00 AM. Perhaps a Yellow-breasted Chat?

September 18, Winding Waters Trail (Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge): Meet Kathy Ashman (421-5478) in the trail parking lot at 8:00 AM. Maybe we'll be lucky with a Connecticut Warbler.

September 25, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area: Meet Scott Baldinger (888-2333) at the deli fields at 8:30 AM. Philadelphia Vireo and Gray-cheeked Thrush are likely!