

FALL 2021–SPRING 2022 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

August 21, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Owen's 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 in Pine Island at 8:00 AM. We'll hope to find some Buffed-breasted Sandpipers.

September 11, Stewart State Forest: Meet Bill Fiero (728-5208) at the North Ridge Road parking area 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 trailhead parking lot 8:00 AM, and maybe we will be lucky with a Connecticut Warbler.

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

October 2, Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center (formerly Kenridge Farm): Meet Amy Greher (774-9399) in the main (lower) parking lot at 8:30 AM. Lincoln's Sparrow and Palm Warbler are likely!

October 6, Wednesday, Stonykill Farm, Fishkill (Dutchess County): Meet Bruce Nott (542-0583) and Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) at the [visitor center parking area](#) at the farm at 8:30 AM for a good mix of sparrows and warblers.

October 9, Goosepond Mountain State Park: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) in the parking lot of the strip mall next to the Chester McDonald's at 8:00 AM, and we'll head to the park to hunt for thrushes, sparrows, and warblers.

October 16, Croton Point County Park (Westchester County): Meet Jodi Brodsky (282-1058) at the Croton-Harmon train station boat launch at 8:30 AM, and we'll see whether we can top last year's 35 Palm Warblers.

October 23, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Joyce Depew (978-9952) at the Oil City Road platform at 8:30 AM. Let's hope the Sandhill Cranes and their offspring are still there.

November 6, Black Dirt region: Meet Dave Baker (440-4030) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion in Pine Island at 8:30 AM, and we'll search for Horned Larks, American Pipits, and maybe Vesper Sparrows.

November 20, Eastern Orange County lakes: Meet Bruce Nott (542-0583) and Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) in the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot (on Route 300) at 8:30 AM for ducks, ducks, and more ducks.

November 26, Friday, Southern Orange County lakes (plus): Meet Kathleen Ashman (294-6140) in the parking lot of the strip mall next to the Chester McDonald's at 8:30 AM for more ducks on different lakes.

November 27, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge (Ulster County): Meet Jane Vecchione and Tom Crepet (443-5440) at the refuge at 4:00 PM for Short-eared Owls.

December 10–12 (note date change from December 3–5), Friday–Sunday, Cape Ann, Massachusetts: Call Jodi Brodsky at 282-1058 or email her at jsbbirder@gmail.com for details about this always rewarding trip, with many birds that we don't get in Orange County during the winter.

December 18, Northeast Orange County Christmas Bird Count: If you've never participated and want to join in, give Karen Miller a call (381-3203), and be part of this nationwide event.

January 15, New York State Winter Waterfowl Count: If you want to join in, contact Bob Slechta (541-8210).

January 29, Eagle Trip I: Meet Gerhard Patsch (258-0620) at the Iona Island overlook on Route 202/6 ("the Goat Trail") at 9:00 AM for 100+ Bald Eagles and other goodies.

February 12, Black Dirt Trip I: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion in Pine Island at 9:00 AM for larks, buntings, and Rough-legged Hawks.

February 19, Eagle Trip II: Meet Gerhard Patsch (258-0620) at the Iona Island overlook on Route 202/6 ("the Goat Trail") at 9:00 AM, and we'll see if we can top the previous eagle trip.

March 5, Rye, New York, and Greenwich, Connecticut: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at the Playland parking lot at 9:00 AM for wintering Brant, loons, grebes, and ducks.

March 12, Black Dirt Trip II: Meet Bob Slechta (541-8210) at The Jolly Onion in Pine Island at 8:30 AM for longspurs, larks, and thousands of blackbirds.

March 26, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Kathleen Ashman (421-5478) at the platform on Oil City Road at 8:30 AM for large numbers of waterfowl—especially Northern Pintails and Green-winged Teal.

March 30, Wednesday, Eastern Orange County lakes: Meet Bruce Nott (542-0583) and Carlotta Shearson (234-8314) in the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot (on Route 300) at 8:30 AM for a good mix of waterfowl and maybe some swallows.