

FALL 2022/SPRING 2023 MEARNS CLUB FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

August 20, 2022, Saturday, [Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge](#): Meet Joyce Depew (845-978-9952) at the refuge platform on Oil City Road in Pine Island, New York, at 8 AM for coots, gallinules, rails, egrets, and shorebirds.

September 3, Saturday, Black Dirt Region: Meet Bob Slechta (845-541-8210) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 8:30 AM for shorebirds, especially Buff-breasted Sandpiper (if we are lucky).

September 10, Saturday, [Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center \(formerly Kenridge Farm\)](#): Meet Amy Greher (845-774-9399) at the Cornwall Dog Park parking lot off Angola Road at 8:30 AM, and we'll see what we can find at this fabulous birding location as fall migration heats up.

September 17, Saturday, Winding Waters Trail, [Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge](#): Meet Kathleen Ashman (845-421-5478) in the trail parking lot on Oil City Road in Pine Island, New York, at 8 AM for our usual fall trip here as birds push south. With luck, we'll find a Connecticut Warbler.

September 24, Saturday, 6 1/2 Station Road Audubon Sanctuary: Meet Dave Baker (845-446-4030) in Goshen, New York, where the Heritage Trail crosses 6 1/2 Station Road at 8:30 AM for our first fall trip here.

September 28, Wednesday, [Stony Kill Farm](#): Meet Bruce Nott (845-542-0583) at the farm in Fishkill, New York, at 8:30 AM. Last year's trip here was phenomenal; don't miss out!

October 1, Saturday, [Wawayanda State Park, New Jersey](#): Meet Rich VanTieghem (201-370-2721) at the Warwick, New York, ShopRite (in the front-most parking lot, facing Route 94) at 8:30 AM for an interesting morning of birding to a locale the club hasn't visited in a long time.

October 8, Saturday, Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Outdoor Discovery Center (formerly Kenridge Farm): Meet Amy Greher (845-774-9399) in the parking lot of the Cornwall Dog Park off Angola Road at 8:30 AM. Lincoln's Sparrow and Palm Warbler are likely!

October 12, Wednesday, Walden-Wallkill Rail Trail: Meet Bill Fiero (845-728-5208) at the Kimball Park parking area (near the west end of Lake Osiris Road) at 8:30 AM. Let's see what turns up at one of Bill's go-to birding spots.

October 15, Saturday, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge: Meet Don Aitchison (845-281-3220) at the refuge platform on Oil City Road in Pine Island, New York, at 8:30 AM. Le Conte's Sparrow and Sandhill Crane are possible.

October 22, Saturday, Croton Point Park: Meet Jodi Brodsky (845-282-1058) at the railroad station boat launch at 8:30 AM to see what turns up at this southbound migrant trap.

November 12, Saturday, Black Dirt Region: Meet Dave Baker (845-440-4030) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 9 AM, and we'll look for Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, and pipits.

November 19, Saturday, Eastern Orange Lakes: Meet Bruce Nott (845-542-0583) in the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot at 8:30 AM for ducks, ducks, and more ducks.

December 3, Saturday, [Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge](#): Meet Tom and Jane (845-443-5440) in the refuge parking lot at 4 PM (or 5 PM [if we are still on Daylight Saving Time](#)) for Short-Eared Owls.

December 9-11, Friday-Sunday, Cape Ann, Massachusetts: Call or email Jodi Brodsky (845-282-1058, jsbbrider@gmail.com) for details (lodging, gathering location, etc.) about this always-rewarding trip. Harlequin Ducks, scoters, and eiders are likely.

December 17, Saturday, [Audubon Christmas Bird Count](#): If you want to participate in this traditional event, contact Karen Miller (845-381-3203).

January 14, 2023, Saturday, [New York State Waterfowl Count](#): Contact Bob Slechta (845-541-8210) if you want to help out with Orange County's contribution to this annual event.

January 28, Saturday, Eagle Trip I: Meet Gerhard Patsch (845-258-0620) at the Iona Island overlook on Route 202/6 ("the Goat Trail") at 9 AM for 100+ Bald Eagles.

February 11, Saturday, Black Dirt Region I: Meet Bob Slechta (845-541-8210) in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 9 AM for larks, buntings, and maybe Rough-legged Hawks.

February 18, Saturday, Eagle Trip II: Meet Gerhard Patsch (845-258-0620) at the Iona Island overlook on Route 202/6 ("the Goat Trail") at 9 AM for another great winter trip—especially if you missed the January trip.

March 4, Saturday, Rye and Greenwich, Connecticut: Meet Bob Slechta (845-541-8210) in the [Playland](#) parking lot (at the north end, near the lake) at 9 AM for loons, grebes, and northern ducks (but closer to home).

March 11, Saturday, Black Dirt Region II: Meet Bob Slechta in the parking lot of The Jolly Onion restaurant in Pine Island, New York, at 9 AM for lots of blackbirds plus Horned Larks, sparrows, and who knows what else.

March 18, Saturday, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge: If you want to see large numbers of ducks, especially Northern Pintails and Green-winged Teal, meet Joyce Depew (845-978-9952) at the refuge platform on Oil City Road in Pine Island, New York, at 8:30 AM.

March 25, Saturday, Eastern Orange Lakes: Meet Bruce Nott (845-542-0583) in the northwest corner of the Newburgh Walmart parking lot at 8:30 AM for a good mix of ducks, as well as our first phoebes and swallows.

Notes

The trip leader's phone number is included so that you can call the night before or the morning of the trip if you have any questions. You can also check the Mearns Groups.io site for last-minute changes. If you lead a trip, you are responsible for sending a write-up to Richard VanTieghem at rich.w2vt@gmail.com.