

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2024

April 6, Saturday, or April 7, Sunday, Pop-up Trip: Keep your eyes on the Mearns Club [Groups.io site](#) for a pop-up trip to be posted!

April 20, Saturday, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, Pine Island, New York: Meet Johanna Bloomfield (541-778-1754) at the refuge platform on Oil City Road at 8:30 am for ducks, grebes, gallinules, and, hopefully, Sandhill Cranes!

April 27, Saturday, 6 1/2 Station Road, Goshen, New York: Meet Liz McKnight (201-400-1428) at 8 am where the Heritage Trail crosses 6 1/2 Station Road for waterfowl, swallows, kinglets, and warblers.

May 1, Wednesday, Goosepond Mountain State Park, Chester, New York: Meet Bob Slechta (845-541-8210) in the parking lot next to the Chester McDonald's at 8 am to bird this often-neglected location.

May 4, Saturday, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area, Wurtsboro, New York: We'll bird this premier location with Joyce Depew (845-978-9952) to see if we can top 60 species for the day! Meet at the first (Department of Environmental Conservation) parking area on Haven Road before you get to the bridge over the Bash.

May 8, Wednesday, Stewart State Forest, Montgomery, New York: Meet Bill Fiero (845-728-5208) at the north Ridge Road parking area at 8 am for an easy walk as spring migration heats up.

May 11, Saturday, Hudson Highlands Nature Center (formerly Kenridge Farm), Cornwall, New York: Meet Amy Greher (845-774-9399) at the Cornwall dog park on Muser Drive at 8 am for a phenomenal mix of warblers, thrushes, and sparrows.

May 17–18, Friday–Saturday, Break 100! Your team (at least two people) can pick any continuous 24-hour period from Friday to Saturday to see how many birds you can identify in Orange County! A countdown potluck will follow on Sunday. Contact Karen Miller (845-381-3203) for details, and also watch the Mearns [Groups.io site](#).

May 25, Saturday, Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge, Wallkill, New York: Meet Tom and Jane (845-443-5440) at the refuge at 8 am for for grassland species like Grasshopper Sparrow, Bobolink, and Meadowlark, to name a few.

June 8, Saturday (tentative date), Mearns Club Picnic: Join fellow club members for a picnic at Winding Hills County Park in Montgomery. Check the Mearns [Groups.io site](#) for details as the date nears.

August 24, Saturday, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, Pine Island, New York: Meet Johanna Bloomfield (541-778-1754) at the refuge platform on Oil City Road at 8 am for migrating shore birds and local breeders like coot and gallinule.

September 7, Saturday, Black Dirt Region, Pine Island, New York: Meet Dave Baker (845-440-4030) in the parking lot of the Jolly Onion Restaurant in Pine Island at 8:30 am, and we'll see what shore birds we can find on the turf. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper would be nice!

September 14, Saturday, Bashakill Wildlife Management Area, Wurtsboro, New York: Meet Joyce Depew (845-978-9952) at 8:30 am at the first (Department of Environmental Conservation) parking area on Haven Road before you get to the bridge over the Bash. Philadelphia Vireo and Gray-cheeked Thrush are possible.

September 21, Saturday, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, Winding Waters Trail, Pine Island, New York: Parking for the trail is located 1/2 mile west of the refuge platform on Oil City Road. Meet Rich Van Tieghem (201-370-2721) in the parking lot at 8:30 am. We should find a good mix of birds, including, with luck, a Connecticut Warbler!

September 28, Saturday, Stony Kill Farm, Wappingers Falls, New York: Meet Ernie Welch (845-518-8441) at 8:30 am for a good variety of species, especially sparrows and warblers. Stony Kill Farm is a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation property located at 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls.