



OCTOBER MEETING

This month's meeting is on Monday, October 26, 2009. The meeting will be held in the Freedom Plains Church Parish Hall, Route 55, Freedom Plains, across from Arlington High School, at 7:30 PM. Our speakers will be RTWBC members Carol Anderson and Peter Relson. Carol Anderson and Peter Relson traveled to the Pantanal and Iguacu areas of southern Brazil in 2007, 2008, and 2009. Come and enjoy highlights of these trips.



Millbrook
School



Stony Kill
Farm EEC



Vassar
College



HVRT
Amenia



Holiday Party
Verbank



James Baird
State Park



Norrie
Point

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2009 FIELD TRIPS

WEDNESDAY

- Nov. 11** **Millbrook School *pg. 74.** Meet at the museum/zoo parking lot at 9:00am. School is off Rte. 44, Millbrook, on Millbrook School Road.
- Nov. 18** **Stony Kill *pg. 104 - Rt.9D, Wappingers Falls.** Meet at the Manor House parking lot at 9:00am.
- Nov. 25** **Vassar College Campus *pg. 128.** Meet at the greenhouse parking lot off Raymond Avenue, Pok, and park at the south end of lot, at 9:00am.
- Dec. 2** **Harlem Valley Rail Trail - Amenia.** Meet at parking lot off Mechanic St. at 9:00am.
- Dec. 9** **Holiday Party.** Meet at the Verbank Methodist Church, Rt.82 & Clove Valley Rd. at 9:00am. Walk followed by 11:00am lunch. Bring a dish to share. **(members only)** Snow date Dec. 16.
- Dec. 16** **James Baird State Park *pg. 66.** Meet at the restaurant parking lot at 9:00am.
- Dec. 23** **Norrie Point *pg.78.** Meet at the museum parking lot at 9:00am.
- Dec. 30** **Madame Brett.** Meet at parking lot on Tioronda Ave, Beacon. at 9:00am. Directions: Take Rte.9D south into Beacon. At traffic light intersection of 9D and Tioronda Ave. (before bridge on 9D), go right (BPOE Club is on left corner). Continue on Tioronda Ave. past old warehouses, and turn left under the old railroad bridge. Parking lot is on left.

Most of the above places are listed in ***Where to Bird in Dutchess County*** and/or on our website at www.watermanbirdclub.org/BirdersGuideWhere.htm. Inclement weather cancels walk. Dress for the weather, bring lunch and beverage. Any questions call Carol or Barbara Butler.

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Waterman Bird Club Annual Dinner**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2008-2009**

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Date: November 2, 2009

Where: Villa Borghese
 70 Widmer Road
 Wappingers Falls, New York

Speaker: Dr. Robert Candido, PhD.
Topic: The Night Migration of Birds seen from the
 Empire State Building in 2005-2006

5:30 PM Buffet Banquet
 Cash Bar

6:30 PM Buffet

Menu: Roast Pork Carving, Sliced London Broil,
 Beef Stroganoff, Chicken Marsala, and Pasta Primavera
 Roasted Red Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

Black Forest Cake

Cost: \$24 - Please mail your check to Marjorie
 Robinson, 31 Tall Tree Lane,
 Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601
 Make checks out to The Ralph T. Waterman
 Bird Club.

Mail checks ASAP

Executive Officers for 2009-2010

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Voting of officers will be held at the October 2009 meeting.

Respectfully submitted:
 Binnie Chase & Barbara Michelin

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barbara Mansell, who has been our Membership chair for a dozen years, will soon be stepping down. Barbara has done numerous things for the Club for a long time and we appreciate all her hard work. Our new Chair will be Susan Joseph, whom we wish well.

A reminder: The Christmas Bird Count will be Saturday, December 23rd. You don't have to be an experienced birder to participate, and the more eyes the better. Also, it's a great way to learn.

- Maury Lacher

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - 338 Members

I'd like to thank Susan Joseph for volunteering to be our new membership chairman. Susan has been an avid birder and member for many years. It is her love for what we do as a club that made her step forward to help. Susan Joseph, 188 Brooklyn Heights Rd., Rhinebeck, NY 12572; (845) 758-8548; Email: susan.joseph.birder@gmail.com

Your membership expires October 31st. Dues are \$20 per household. A renewal envelope has been enclosed in this newsletter. If you have already renewed your dues for 2010, then you should not have received an envelope in your newsletter.

IBM Matching Grant Program - Your membership is tax deductible in its entirety. If you are an IBMer, please consider renewing your membership at \$25 or more enabling us to take full advantage of the IBM Matching Grant Program. Be sure to include a signed and dated IBM form with your check. The full amount of your check should be the amount written on the matching grant.

Option to read your newsletter online: In an effort to reduce paper waste and save the club the cost of printing and mailing their newsletter, we have many members who have chosen to read their newsletter online and not receive theirs through the mail.

We understand that some members look forward to finding the paper newsletter in their mailbox, so we will continue to mail it. However, if you find that you are reading the newsletter online only and throwing away the paper, please consider the option of no longer receiving it via US Mail. If you haven't signed up for

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online access to the newsletter, you can do so by clicking on the Wings Over Dutchess link on the left side of our home page (<http://www.watermanbirdclub.org>). As a bonus, the Members Only area also includes the schedule of membership meetings and a complete, up-to-date Member List. If you have any questions or problems signing up for Members Only access, just send an email to Carena Pooth, webmaster4@watermanbirdclub.org.

If you'd like us to stop mailing you the paper copy of Wings Over Dutchess, simply check the box on the special sticker that you'll find affixed to the form on the flap of the membership envelope. NOTE: For those of you who did not receive a renewal envelope in your newsletter, please email or call Susan Joseph to let her know that you would like to stop receiving the paper copy of Wings Over Dutchess each month.

New members:

Ronni Hallman
Elizabeth Jamison

New email:

Peter Caldwell & Jane A. Waters

Barbara Mansell
Membership Chairman

BIRDING ETIQUETTE

The Waterman Bird Club like NYSOA endorses the American Birding Association's Code of Birding Ethics.

Most of club members know what these ethics are in general. It has been suggested that this article may enlighten some and teach others, in particular, new birders.

ABA states that "everyone who enjoys birds and birding must always respect wildlife, its environment, and the rights of others. In any conflict of interest between birds and birders, the welfare of the birds and their environment comes first."

The four main Ethics are:

- 1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.**
- 2. Respect the law, and the rights of others.**
- 3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.**

4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care. Each individual in the group, in addition to the obligations of staying on roads, trails, and paths where they exist and keeping habitat disturbance to a minimum, has responsibilities as a Group Member.

Ethic #1 directs us

- (a) to support the protection of important bird habitat.
- (b) to avoid **stressing** birds or exposing them to danger; to exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, sound recording, or filming.

Walk slowly and carefully. Talk sparingly and softly, and keep the conversation short. Don't point or make abrupt or quick movements that will startle the birds. The author and others that have birding sound equipment should, and most do, keep playback to a minimum.

Ethic #2 directs us

- (a) to not enter private property without the owner's explicit permission.
- (b) to follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing use of roads and public areas.
- (c) to practice **common courtesy** in contacts with other people.

Ethic #3 directs us

- (a) to keep dispensers, water, and food clean, and free of decay or disease.
- (b) to maintain and clean nest structures regularly.
- (c) to ensure the attracted birds are not exposed to predation from cats and other domestic animals, or dangers posed by artificial hazards.

Ethic #4 directs us

- (a) to intercede when any unethical birding behavior is observed and to inform the person(s) of the inappropriate action.
- (b) to respect the interests, rights, and skills of fellow birders, as well as people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities.

While on a bird walk, keep all social conversations to a minimum, or have them quietly at the rear of the group (where you're not distracting other birders interested in viewing and identifying birds). Once a bird is spotted, all social conversations should cease. Questions about where the bird is and/or discussion of identifying field marks should be kept short and spoken softly.

PLEASE FOLLOW THIS CODE AND DISTRIBUTE AND TEACH IT TO OTHERS

The complete ABA Principle Of Birding Ethics can be found on the American Birding Association's website.

-Ken Fredericks

Field Trip Notes

Editor's note: The Ferncliff Forest field trip, Sept. 2nd, was submitted by Mona Payton. We are sorry for omitting her name at the end of the write up.

Wednesday, September 9, 2009, East Buttercup,

The sun was out and the grass was mowed. Our friend Larry Federman joined 15 of us. I love when Larry comes because he makes it more fun and enjoyable. This time he announced that he got married to Joyce, a very lovely lady, on August 15. We were all happy for them, and we wished them luck.

The few times I was there this summer I found an Eastern Phoebe on the rock in the parking lot. Soon they leave like the rest. As we walk up on the left, there are some Willow and other trees in the adjacent lot that the birds seem to favor. I call it the other side of birding where you can't see the birds. Good for them! We had Bluebirds, female Tanager, Red-eyed Vireo, and some mystery warblers. You see parts and pieces, and if you're lucky you see enough to identify and enjoy. As I was calling out loud what I'm seeing, Ken got the book and showed me that it was a Juvenile Chestnut-sided. It was good to know what you're seeing.

That day we had Waxwings feeding on berries, Turkey Vultures flying above, Hummingbirds in the yellow and orange blossoms of the Jewelweed, Catbirds meowing, and with the Chickadees we found female Redstarts and Black-throated Greens. We even had a Raven calling above. That's always special for me.

Besides the birds, the peepers were singing like earlier in the season and Larry called that behavior autumn recrudescence. He also pointed out the male and female dragonflies and tried to tell us how to tell them apart. Debbie found a frayed Great Spangled Fritillary butterfly and held it for us to photograph. For the first time also I got to see the Crane flies. There was a couple mating. They looked exquisite. Larry found what they were later and sent information.

I love Buttercup East for the scenery as much as for the birds. Also, there are apple, pear and mulberry trees. There are black caps and raspberry bushes, and even wild herbs growing everywhere. Don't forget the streams, the pond, and all the trails that make me get lost. Then you get to the top of the hill and you look out at the beautiful hills and farms below.

That day we saw and heard: 6 Turkey Vultures, 1 Sharp-shinned, 1 Cooper's, 2 Red-tailed Hawks, 1 Mourning Dove, 3 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, 2 Red-bellied and 2 Downy Woodpeckers, 2 Northern Flickers, 1 Eastern Wood-Pewee, 4 Eastern Phoebes, 2 Eastern kingbirds, 1 Yellow-throated and 3 Red-eyed Vireos, 4 Blue Jays, 7 American Crows, 1 Common

Raven, 6 Black-capped Chickadees, 2 Tufted Titmice, 1 House Wren, 3 Eastern Bluebirds, 1 Veery, 3 American Robins, 12 Gray Catbirds, 8 Cedar Waxwings, 1 Chestnut-sided, 6 Black-throated Green, 1 Black and White, 6 American Redstarts, and 2 Common Yellowthroats, 2 Scarlet Tanager, 2 Eastern Towhees, 1 Song Sparrow, 2 Northern Cardinals, 1 Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 1 House Finch, and 4 American Goldfinches.

-Maha Katnani

Wednesday, September 23, 2009 Lakeside Park.

Eleven birders gathered on a surprisingly decent morning given the weather forecast of showers. We all were glad to welcome Bill Case back from his and Elaine's cross country trip that included a visit to Chet in Alaska. Scanning the treetops from the parking area, we spied our first birds of the morning, a few Common Grackles and a Turkey Vulture. We set off across the field toward the lake and quickly came upon a densely vegetated hill with lots of birds calling and flitting about. I have to sadly admit that I didn't see any of them, but I know they were there! As we continued on around the lake Barbara Butler spotted what first appeared from its behavior to be a flycatcher. From its perch on a branch it would fly up, catch an insect, and return to its perch until it spotted another insect. On closer inspection, the bird proved to be a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker! Another nice surprise along this same stretch was a Ruby-crowned Kinglet who stayed low enough for us to get good views and a couple of Downey Woodpeckers, a family of Cardinals, several Catbirds, and lots of Robins.

Our first view of the lake showed only two Mallards, but on our way back we spotted a very cooperative Green Heron fishing close to shore on the far side of the lake. He stayed around long enough for everyone to get a good look at him. An Eastern Phoebe was flycatching nearby, so we spent quite a while at the lake. Throughout the morning, Cedar Waxwings were seen or heard all over the park, at least 30 in all. In the area near the barn, a young Turkey Vulture flew in and landed on a wire quite close to us.

An added bonus were the interesting caterpillars we kept crossing paths with. One was a fuzzy white and black which was new to some of us, while others said their yards were full of them. The most interesting was a bright green specimen with black slashes on its sides and a blue "horn" on its rear. Beautiful looking, unless you're being eaten by it, I suppose.

Birds seen or heard that morning were 2 Mallard, 1 Green Heron, 2 Turkey Vultures, 1 Red-tailed Hawk, 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 2 Downey Woodpeckers, 4 Eastern Phoebes, 2 Eastern Kingbirds, 2 Carolina Wrens, 1 Ruby-crowned Kinglet, 25 American Robins, 12 Gray Catbirds, 10 European Starlings, 30 Cedar Waxwings, 2 Eastern Towhees, 2 Song Sparrows, 3 Northern Cardinals, 5 Common Grackles, 2 American Goldfinch.

-Sue Infante

Field Trips continued.....**Wednesday, September 30, 2009 – Buttercup West**

Fifteen Club members met at the Audubon Buttercup West Sanctuary on overcast and unseasonably cool (50-55 degree Fahrenheit temperature) day. The trip results were well worth the somewhat uncomfortable weather conditions. We were rewarded by observing 51 bird species- many of which were numerous. Particularly noteworthy were the good views of several Swainson's Thrushes, Magnolia Warblers, Scarlet Tanagers, Palm Warblers, a Wood Thrush and a Blue-headed Vireo. As we were returning to the parking area, we enjoyed a lengthy observation of 3 shorebirds that were somewhat challenging to identify because of their fall plumage. The group decided that they were Solitary Sandpipers (2) and a Least Sandpiper.

The 51 species observed are as follows: 44 Canada Geese, 2 American Black Ducks, 10 Mallards, 1 Great Blue Heron, 1 Green Heron, 3 Turkey Vultures, 1 Cooper's Hawk, 2 Broad-winged Hawks, 1 Red-tailed Hawk, 2 Solitary Sandpipers, 1 Least sandpiper, 2 Belted Kingfishers, 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 6 Downy Woodpeckers, 10 Northern Flickers, 1 Pileated Woodpecker, 4 Eastern Phoebe, 1 Eastern Kingbird, 1 Blue-headed Vireo, 1 Red-eyed Vireo, 13 Blue Jays, 6 American Crows, 3 Common Ravens, 18 Black-capped Chickadees, 3 Tufted Titmice, 7 White-breasted Nuthatches, 2 Carolina Wrens, 9 Ruby-crowned Kinglets, 3 Eastern Bluebirds, 2 Veeries, 4 Swainson's Thrushes, 1 Wood Thrush, 65 American Robins, 13 Gray Catbirds, 12 Cedar Waxwings, 6 Magnolia Warblers, 29 Yellow-rumped Warblers, 3 Black-throated Green Warblers, 2 Palm Warblers, 2 Black-and-white Warblers, 5 Common Yellowthroat warblers, 3 Scarlet Tanagers, 4 Field Sparrows, 10 Song Sparrows, 3 Swamp Sparrows, 4 White-throated Sparrows, 5 Northern Cardinals, 44 Red-winged Blackbirds, 5 Common Grackles, and 18 American Goldfinches.

-Frank Margiotta

On the Trails of the Cary Institute, Trail Report for October 07, 2009

What a wild, blustery day. The sky was constantly changing making for beautiful views, but few birds. And forget butterflies, I thought, but lo and behold, there went an eastern comma looking much like just another leaf tumbling by. In the first Old Hayfield, most of the goldenrods and little bluestem grass had gone to seed. The view of Gifford House with the sky behind it was breathtaking - or perhaps it was the wind. A bit of bright white caught my eye along the Sedge Meadow Trail. It was the dogwood sawfly larva, looking so much like a caterpillar. The side view reveals 7 pair of abdominal prolegs (following the 3 pair of true legs) where a true caterpillar would generally have no more than 5 pair of prolegs. A favorite view of the Wappinger Creek had been getting into its autumn colors. Just off the parking lot in the Fern Glen was a fairy ring. Stakes at the 4 "corners" indicate it's radius has grown about 2 feet each year. Some of the individual mushrooms were quite a good size. Coming out of the Old Gravel Pit section of the Cary Pines Trail, I was again struck by

the amazing sky this day. I admired the meadow of swaying little bluestem grass, held onto my hat and headed home.

Birds: 1 Turkey Vulture; 1 Downy Woodpecker; 5 Blue Jay; 7 Black-capped Chickadee; 1 Gray Catbird

Butterflies: 1 Eastern Comma

- Barry Haydasz

Project FeederWatch Needs You!!

It's that time of year again, the event that makes winter almost welcome! I mean Project FeederWatch season. This is a program that is run jointly by the US and Canada and collects winter bird information from the entire North American continent. Project FeederWatch contributes significant weekly data on species decline, winter bird abundance & distribution, shows gradual changes in winter ranges, and provides data about bird populations that can not be detected by any other available method. The information gathered is shared with scientists, ornithologists and bird lovers nationwide by published articles in scientific journals and magazines such as *Birders' World*, *Birds and Blooms* and others. It is fun to read an article in some magazine or newspaper that contains data obtained from FeederWatch and to realize that in some way my weekly efforts contributed to this scientific research.

I joined FeederWatch in the beginning of its second year; it's now entering its 23rd year. That's a lot of fun, a lot of fun, a great way to count down the weeks of winter - only 20 weeks, only 15, 14, 9 weeks left! There have been many things of interest over the years and the FeederWatch staff are always friendly and great resources. Only once were they as perplexed as we were - that occurred during "The Off Season Of The Bees". We had honey bees all over our feeders in the wrong season. A call to FeederWatch staff found the same was true at Cornell. An ensuing article in BirdScope reported the phenomenon in the Mid Atlantic states and parts of New England. No one knew why. I'd have loved to count our K Mart Snowy Owl that hung around all winter, but my feeder area doesn't stretch that far. So, sorry, couldn't include that data!

Why not join FeederWatch yourself, or return if you once were a member? The new season starts November 14 and runs through the end of March. It's easy to join. A call, e-mail or standard mail to Project FeederWatch at the addresses below plus a \$15 fee (\$12 if you're a Lab of Ornithology member) is all that's needed. It's also easy to do, just count your feeder birds for 15 minutes or more a day for 2 consecutive days in each count period. A count period is one or two weeks depending on the method you use. The paper check off sheet is for a two week period. The very user friendly web site accepts data every week or 2 weeks depending on your choice and takes about 10 minutes to do. The web techs are very nice too, I've talked to and e-mailed several. As a result of participating in FeederWatch you get a subscription to

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the Lab's publication *BirdScope*, a copy of the Project's seasonal newsletter "Highlights", AND the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing significant data relating to the welfare of the North American bird population. What could be better !!!

contact information:

Project FeederWatch - Cornell Lab of
Ornithology
159 Sapsucker Woods Rd - Ithaca, NY
14850

607-254-2427 or 800-843-2473 (BIRD) or
feederwatch@cornell.edu

Websites: www.feederwatch.org or
www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/

-Judy Atwood

September 2009 Records

Canada Goose: 62/6 Wappingers Lk KH; sev 100/29-30 Abel's Pond BB. 11 rpts, avg 28 each.

Mute Swan: 5/4 Wappingers Lk KH; 2/30 Lake Oniad BJM. 5 rpts, avg 3 each.

Wood Duck: 14/12 Lk. Walton/So. Dut. Rail Trail BJM,MK; 3/26 StonyKill KH. 7 rpts, avg 8 each.

American Black Duck: 8/19 RHGC MP; 1/30 Lake Oniad BJM; 2/30 Buttercup W FT.

Mallard: 40/30 Lake Oniad BJM; 10/30 Buttercup W FT. 9 rpts, avg 11 each.

Green-winged Teal: 2/16 Rockefeller FT.

Wild Turkey: 17/16 Wappingers yard RC; 7/23 Reese Sanctuary KH. 7 rpts, avg 9 each.

Double-crested Cormorant: 7/2 Mills/Norrie SP, and 4 other places along Hudson KH; 13/10 Long Dock KH; 4/12 Lk. Walton/So. Dut. Rail Trail BJM,MK.

Great Blue Heron: 9/17 tidal Wappingers Creek HRA Lake; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 19 rpts, avg 2 each.

Great Egret: 2/6 Wappingers Lk KH; 1/30 Van Wagner Road JA. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

Snowy Egret: 1/18 river at Brockway HRA Lake.

Green Heron: 3/10 Dennings Pt KH; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 13 rpts, avg 1 each.

Black-crowned Night-Heron: 7/10 Dennings Pt (2 were juv) KH; 8/24 Dennings Point DR. 5 rpts, avg 4 each.

Black Vulture: 4/15 over Verbank BB; 2/16 Green Haven CP/HT. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

Turkey Vulture: 20/8 Salt Point Turnpike KCF; 8/30 Bard College AG. 27 rpts, avg 4 each.

Osprey: 1/2 Mills/Norrie SP KH; 6/11 over river at Chelsea RJ.

Bald Eagle: 2/3 Quiet Cove Riverfront Pk KH; 2/11 over river at Chelsea RJ.

Northern Harrier: 1/24 Buttercup West DK.

Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1/7 yard BB; 1/26 StonyKill KH. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.

Cooper's Hawk: 1/9 Buttercup E FT; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.

Red-shouldered Hawk: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 2/all summer Rockefeller staff. 6 rpts, avg 1 each.

Broad-winged Hawk: 3/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 7 rpts, avg 1 each.

Red-tailed Hawk: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 25 rpts, avg 1 each.

American Kestrel: 1/7 home MP; 1/12 Abel's Pond BB; 1/14 Salt Point Turnpike DK.

Merlin: 1/1 Rt 55 Pok JA; 1/10 over Taconic at Miller Hill Rd John Askildsen; 1/20 TSF MP.

Virginia Rail: 7/2 Ferncliff FT.

Killdeer: 6-8 daily TSF until mid-month and then sporadically MP.

Solitary Sandpiper: 2/30 Buttercup W FT.

Spotted Sandpiper: 3/2 Mills/Norrie SP KH.

Least Sandpiper: 3/10 Dennings Pt KH; 1/30 Buttercup W FT.

Ring-billed Gull: 21/2 Mills/Norrie SP, also at Locust Grove, Long Dock, Wappingers Lk KH.

Rock Pigeon: 5/26 Reese Sanctuary KH; 6/26 Cary Institute WLS.

Mourning Dove: 6/24 Wappingers Lk, 5 other places KH; 2-3/30 yd Stormville EBR. 9 rpts, avg 4 each.

Eastern Screech-Owl: 1/9 trilling Ludlow Woods DK; 1/22 Rhinebeck yard RJ. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.

Great Horned Owl: 1/13 Reese Park (a young one heard from across creek) KH; 3/22 Rhinebeck yard RJ.

Barred Owl: 1/1 h 4:45am yd. BAM; 5/22 Rhinebeck yard RJ. 18 rpts, avg 2 each.

Common Nighthawk: 1/15 Over Rt. 9 Wapp. Fls. BJM.

Ruby-throated Hummingbird: 3/1 Buttercup East KCF; 4/5 StonyKill KH; 1/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK. 23 rpts, avg 2 each.

Belted Kingfisher: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 16 rpts, avg 1 each.

Red-bellied Woodpecker: 2/1 Buttercup East KCF; 6/23 Reese Sanctuary KH. 25 rpts, avg 2 each.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker: 1/23 Lakeside Park FT; 8/24 Dennings Point DR; 1/30 Buttercup W FT.

Downy Woodpecker: 11/16 Rockefeller FT; 6/30 Buttercup W FT. 26 rpts, avg 3 each.

Hairy Woodpecker: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/12 So. Dut. Rail Trail BJM,MK. 11 rpts, avg 1 each.

Northern Flicker: 2/9 Buttercup E FT; 10/30 Buttercup W FT. 11 rpts, avg 2 each.

Pileated Woodpecker: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 21 rpts, avg 2 each.

Eastern Wood-Pewee: 14/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/25 StonyKill KH. 8 rpts, avg 3 each.

Least Flycatcher: 1/1 Buttercup East KCF; 1/2 yard BB; 1/4 Vassar Farms KCF.

Eastern Phoebe: 9/16 Rockefeller FT; 4/30 Buttercup W FT. 21 rpts, avg 3 each.

Great Crested Flycatcher: 1/1 Yard BJM; 1/3 Locust Grove KH; 2/6 Nuclear Lk KCF.

Eastern Kingbird: 2/9 Buttercup E FT; 2(heard)/23 Lakeside Park FT; 1/30 Buttercup W FT.

White-eyed Vireo: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 1/6 Dodge Rd KCF.

Yellow-throated Vireo: 5/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/16 Cary Institute BH/MK. 5 rpts, avg 2 each.

Blue-headed Vireo: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/26-27 Rhinebeck yard RJ. 6 rpts, avg 1 each.

Warbling Vireo: 1/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Buttercup West KCF. 8 rpts, avg 1 each.

Philadelphia Vireo: 1/19 yard BB.

Red-eyed Vireo: 7/8 Buttercup East KCF; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 19 rpts, avg 2 each.

Blue Jay: 25/23 Lakeside Park FT; 15/30 Buttercup W FT. 22 rpts, avg 6 each.

American Crow: 12/27 yd Poughquag CP/HT; 6/30 Buttercup W FT. 17 rpts, avg 5 each.

Fish Crow: 1/2 Rt.9 Wapp. Fls BJM; 1/8 South Hills Mall, Poughkeepsie BJM.
Common Raven: 2/2 Locust Grove KH; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 9 rpts, avg 2 each.
Tree Swallow: 60+/23 Swartz Farm, Ludlow Woods DK.
Black-capped Chickadee: 19/16 Cary Institute BH/MK; 18/30 Buttercup W FT. 25 rpts, avg 8 each.
Tufted Titmouse: 12/2 Ferncliff FT; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 18 rpts, avg 4 each.
Red-breasted Nuthatch: 1/2 Mills/Norrie SP KH; 1/16 Cary Institute BH/MK.
White-breasted Nuthatch: 9/2 Ferncliff FT; 7/30 Buttercup W FT. 21 rpts, avg 3 each.
Brown Creeper: 1/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/23 Reese Sanctuary KH. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.
Carolina Wren: 3/18 Reese Pk. BAM,BCa,MK; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 28 rpts, avg 2 each.
House Wren: 4/6 Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/21 yard JA/KJ. 13 rpts, avg 2 each.
Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1/16 Rockefeller FT; 2/23 Reese Sanctuary KH.
Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1/23 Lakeside Park FT; 1/23 Cary Institute BH; 10/30 Buttercup W FT.



Ruby-crowned Kinglet, photo by Ed Solan

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: 2/2 Ferncliff FT; 1/14 Buttercup West KCF.
Eastern Bluebird: 20+/18 Wing Rd, Stanfordville (vineyard) DK; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 19 rpts, avg 4 each.
Veery: 2/1 Buttercup East KCF; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 6 rpts, avg 1 each.
Swainson's Thrush: 4/30 Buttercup W FT.
Hermit Thrush: 1/25 Val-kill KH.
Wood Thrush: 2/12 StonyKill KH; 1/30 Buttercup W FT. 7 rpts, avg 1 each.
American Robin: 25/23 Lakeside Park FT; 65/30 Buttercup W FT. 17 rpts, avg 9 each.
Gray Catbird: 20/14 Buttercup West KCF; 13/30 Buttercup W FT. 26 rpts, avg 7 each.
Northern Mockingbird: 3/23 Waterbury Hill Rd BB; 1/29 Abel's Pond BB. 10 rpts, avg 2 each.
Brown Thrasher: 2/8 Buttercup East KCF; 1/14 Buttercup West KCF; 1/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK.
European Starling: 100/12 StonyKill KH; 10/23 Lakeside Park FT. 3 rpts.
Cedar Waxwing: 200/6 Ludlow Woods Rd over pond DK; 12/30 Buttercup W FT. 32 rpts, avg 16 each.
Blue-winged Warbler: 2/1 Buttercup East KCF.
Tennessee Warbler: 1 or 2/5 StonyKill KH; 2/6 Bowdoin Pk KH; 1/7 yard BB; 1/10 Dennings Pt KH.

Nashville Warbler: 1/1 Buttercup East KCF; 2/25 Nellie Hill KCF; 1/26 Reese Park KH.



Nashville Warbler, photo by Steve Golladay

Northern Parula: 3/16 Rockefeller FT; 2/23 Reese Sanctuary KH. 11 rpts, avg 1 each.
Chestnut-sided Warbler: 4/14 Buttercup West KCF; 3/16 Rockefeller FT. 9 rpts, avg 2 each.
Magnolia Warbler: 7/15 Nellie Hill KCF; 6/30 Buttercup W FT. 11 rpts, avg 3 each.
Yellow-rumped Warbler: 3/22 Wappingers Rural Cemetery KH; 30/26 Cary Institute WLS; 29/30 Buttercup W FT.
Black-throated Green Warbler: 6/9 Buttercup E FT; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 16 rpts, avg 2 each.
Pine Warbler: 1(heard)/23 Lakeside Park FT.
Prairie Warbler: 4/1 Buttercup East KCF; 1/24 Buttercup West DK. 5 rpts, avg 2 each.
Palm Warbler: 1/16 Cary Institute BH/MK; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 5 rpts, avg 1 each.
Blackpoll Warbler: 1/16 Cary IES banded Chad Witko (from Mid-Hudson Birds); x/26-27 Rhinebeck yard RJ.
Black-and-white Warbler: 3/15 Nellie Hill KCF; 2/30 Buttercup W FT. 14 rpts, avg 1 each.
American Redstart: 6/9 Buttercup E FT; 6/16 Rockefeller FT. 17 rpts, avg 2 each.
Ovenbird: 1/6 Reese Park KH.
Northern Waterthrush: 2/10 Dennings Point & Long Dock KH.
Connecticut Warbler: 1/6 Reese Park KH; 1/16 Cary IES banded Chad Witko (from Mid-Hudson Birds).
Common Yellowthroat: 6/1, 6/8 Buttercup East KCF; 5/30 Buttercup W FT. 14 rpts, avg 3 each.
Wilson's Warbler: 1/1 Buttercup East KCF.
Canada Warbler: 1/1 Buttercup East KCF; 2/6 Nuclear Lk KCF.
Scarlet Tanager: 5/7 yard BB; 3/30 Buttercup W FT. 8 rpts, avg 2 each.
Eastern Towhee: 6/1 Buttercup East KCF; 2/23 Cary Institute BH. 16 rpts, avg 2 each.
Chipping Sparrow: 28/2 Mills/Norrie SP KH; 28/22 Wappingers Rural Cem KH. 9 rpts, avg 9 each.
Field Sparrow: 2/02 Cary Institute BH; 21/26 Vlei Rd RJ. 7 rpts, avg 7 each.
Savannah Sparrow: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 1/12 StonyKill KH; 2/26 StonyKill KH.
Song Sparrow: 2/1 Buttercup East KCF; 10/30 Buttercup W FT. 18 rpts, avg 4 each.
Lincoln's Sparrow: 3/19 Hopeland KCF; 1/26-27 Rhinebeck yard RJ.

Swamp Sparrow: 1/26 Cary Institute WLS; 3/30 Buttercup W FT.

White-throated Sparrow: 1/16 Rockefeller FT; 4/30 Buttercup W FT. 6 rpts, avg 2 each.

Northern Cardinal: 7/15 Nellie Hill KCF; 10/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK. 20 rpts, avg 4 each.

Rose-breasted Grosbeak: 3/1 Buttercup East KCF; 4/14 Buttercup West KCF. 13 rpts, avg 2 each.

Indigo Bunting: 1/10 Beacon Riverside Trail KH.

Bobolink: 19/12 StonyKill KH.

Red-winged Blackbird: 2/5 StonyKill KH; 44/30 Buttercup W FT.

Common Grackle: 60+/9 Yard BAM; 80/18 W Liss Rd. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK. 10 rpts, avg 23 each.

Baltimore Oriole: 1/5 StonyKill KH; 1/6 Dodge Rd KCF.

Purple Finch: 2/occ yd KCF.

House Finch: 16/5 StonyKill KH; 5/18 Reese Pk. Wapp. Fls. BAM,BCa,MK. 10 rpts, avg 5 each.

American Goldfinch: 16/1 Buttercup East KCF; 18/30 Buttercup West FT; 24 rpts, avg 7 each.

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Abbreviations: FT - Club Field Trip, CIES - Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, h – home, yd – yard, p – pond, Pok - Poughkeepsie

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<< **Savannah Sparrow**, photo by Debi Kral

Swamp Sparrow, photo by Bill Case >>



Swamp Sparrow
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WEEKEND FIELD TRIPS

- Sat. Nov. 7 Vassar Farms. Leader: Barbara Michelin.** Meet at barn parking lot at 9:00am. **Please call** if you plan to attend.
- Sat. Nov. 21 Southlands Farms - Leader: Mona Payton.** Meet at main parking lot on left side of Rt. 9, Rhinebeck at office at 9:00am. **If you plan to attend call Mona**
- Sat. Dec. 5 Poughkeepsie area Rail Trail - Leader: Chet Vincent. Please call** for time and meeting place
- Sat. Dec. 19 Christmas Census -** save the date. More details in the November issue.

For Weekend walks dress for the weather, bring lunch and beverage. Rain cancels the walk. Any questions call Barbara Michelin.

(* Listed in **Where to Bird in Dutchess County** or can be found at www.watermanbirdclub.org/BirdersGuideWhere.htm)

Notice: Due to family illness the weekend field trips may have leader changes to cover for me when I am out of town. Please check your *Wings* issue each month to note any changes. Thank you.

Barbara Michelin

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