

## 5th ANNUAL BIRDING CAPE COD WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 24 – 26, 2010

Sponsored by the Cape Cod Bird Club

Members of the Cape Cod Bird Club will lead walks to top birding areas throughout Cape Cod. Walks are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. For more information about these walks and the Cape Cod Bird Club check the club's website at [www.massbird.org/ccbc](http://www.massbird.org/ccbc). For information about individual walks or directions to the walks, please contact the walk leader. Dress for the weather and area where you will be walking. Bring binoculars. Sunscreen, insect repellent, and water are recommended.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

#### Mashpee

**South Cape Beach - 1:00 - 3:00 PM** Leader: Mary Keleher, 508-477-1473 or [maryeak@yahoo.com](mailto:maryeak@yahoo.com).

We'll walk this lovely barrier beach (2 mile round trip, some soft sand) enjoying views of Nantucket Sound to look for various shorebirds, wading birds, terns and swallows. We might see migrating raptors and land birds too.

Meet in the Town Beach parking lot. From the Mashpee Rotary take Great Neck Road South for approximately 2.5 miles and bear left onto Great Oak Road. Turn left at the "All Beaches" sign. Drive to the end of the road and turn left to access the Town Beach parking area.

#### Barnstable

**Sandy Neck Fall Migrants Kayaking Trip - 3:00 - 6:00 PM** Leader: Ian Ives, Director Mass Audubon Long Pasture

Sanctuary (Fee: \$40.00 Maximum 12 People) Call to Register: 508-362-7475 ext. 9355

Barnstable's Sandy Neck is a 7-mile-long, 1900-acre barrier beach. The tip of Sandy Neck accommodates large flocks of shorebirds and terns during the month of September. Thousands of Tree Swallows can be seen swirling in huge flocks. We will kayak 3/4 mile from Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary to the Sandy Neck Lighthouse. We will then walk the 1/8 mile traverse through dune, swale, and tidal flat habitat before paddling back via salt marsh creeks. Participants will be required to wear a life vest.

Meet at Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary at 345 Bone Hill Rd. Follow Bone Hill Rd. past Harbor Point Rd. and take the last driveway on the left to the parking area at the end.

Kayaks, paddles, life vests, and safety equipment will be provided. Ages 12 and up are welcome.

**Previous kayaking experience and swimming ability are required for this trip.**

#### Orleans

**Nauset Beach - 2:30 - 5:00 PM** Leader: Peter Brown, 508-241-5541 or [pbrown5541@gmail.com](mailto:pbrown5541@gmail.com).

Beginning birdwatchers especially welcome! We will be walking about 2.5 miles round trip along outer Cape's most spectacular beach and the marshland behind the dunes. We'll enjoy scenic views of the Atlantic Ocean to our east and marshes to our west as we look for a wide variety of autumn migrant land birds, shorebirds, and raptors. Time will be taken to explain useful bird watching methods and techniques. We will also spend time discussing field marks and behavioral aspects of each species that helps identification. Meet at the south end of the Nauset Beach parking lot. From Route 28 take Main St. Follow Main St. through East Orleans to Beach Road. Go to the end of Beach Road to the parking area.

#### Eastham

**Hemenway Landing - 6:30 - 8:00 PM** Leader: Frank Caruso, 508-477-9807 or [fcarus@umext.umass.edu](mailto:fcarus@umext.umass.edu).

We'll check the historic Hemenway Landing heron roost and watch as Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, Black-crowned Night Herons, and a few Yellow-crowned Night Herons leave their roost and head into the marsh for the night. We'll listen and look for Great Horned Owls, which have been heard and seen here in past years. Meet at the Hemenway Landing parking lot at the end of Hemenway Road off Route 6.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010**

### **Falmouth**

**Peterson Farm/Sippewisset Marsh - 8:00 AM - Noon** Leader: Greg Hirth, 508-457-4356 or [geohawk\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:geohawk_1@yahoo.com). We will walk the fields, edges, and woods of Peterson Farm looking for migrant songbirds, then head out to Great Sippewisset Marsh to observe waders, shorebirds, terns, and raptors. Meet at the Locust Street parking lot for the Shining Sea bike path, which is just across the street from the intersection of Mill Road and Locust Street.

### **Harwich**

**Harwich Gardens - 8:00 - 10:00 AM** Leader: Al Curtis, 508-432-8677 or [killdeer89@comcast.net](mailto:killdeer89@comcast.net). We'll explore the lovely gardens for migrating birds, particularly sparrows. Past autumn sightings have included Bobolink, Dickcissel, Blue Grosbeak, and Lark Sparrow. Harwich Gardens are located on Sisson Road (Route 124/39), 100 yards from Shaw's Supermarket. Park in the grassy lots at the end of the main entry road.

### **Chatham**

**South Beach - 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM** Leader: Mark Faherty, Science Coordinator, Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (**Fee: \$30.00 Maximum 16 People**) Call to Register, 508-349-2615 South Beach is the birding hotspot on Cape Cod. Tens of thousands of migrant shorebirds roost and feed at the southern tip of the 3+ mile barrier beach, allowing close-up views of such species as Red Knot, Short-billed Dowitchers, Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plover, and Hudsonian Godwit, at least when the Peregrines and occasional Jaegers aren't spooking them! Rarer migrants like Marbled Godwit and American Golden Plover might also be seen and vagrants like Curlew Sandpiper and Red-necked Stints are possible. Terns gather in large numbers at the end of the summer, including Roseate Terns and possibly Arctic and Black Terns. Trip involves a short boat ride and walking on mud flats and soft sand, as well as wading in knee-deep water to reach the shore.

### **Truro**

**North Truro — 7:30 -10:30 AM** Leader: Ginie Page, 508-349-6810 or [vgpage@juno.com](mailto:vgpage@juno.com). We'll travel Hill and Dale around and over High Head. We will walk along the bike path in search of skulkers, work our way around Small's Swamp and then explore High Head. We will have wonderful land and sea views and cover several habitats in search of our local birds as well as the many migrants making stops here. Meet at the bike path parking area: Exit Rte 6 on High Head Rd, fork left before the hill and park at the end of the dirt road.

### **Provincetown**

**Hatches Harbor, 3:30PM - 6:00 PM** Leader: Ed Hoopes, 508-737-7479 or [ehoopes@verizon.net](mailto:ehoopes@verizon.net). Round trip length 3.0 mi, with some soft sand. We will walk the Dike Rd. through dunes and scrub pines looking for landbirds and raptors. Once we arrive at Hatches Harbor we can look for shorebirds, terns, wading birds, and maybe some early waterfowl. We are also afforded great views of Cape Cod Bay and the Atlantic Ocean so pelagics are possible depending on conditions. Meet in the parking lot of the Province Lands Visitor Center (located at the intersection of Race Point Rd and Province Lands Rd.)