

Program & Field Trips
Fall 2011 through Summer 2012
Acting & Past Presidents

Hope Atkinson	'69-71,	'74-75	& '76-78
Ruth Atkinson	*	*	'67-69
Mike Boucher	*	'90-92	& '97-01
Richard Couse	*	*	'07-10
Becky Cushing	*	*	'10-11
Lauren Miller-Donnelly		*	'11-12
Ruth Edwards	*	*	'78-80
Bob Ferguson	*	*	'72-73
Gil Fernandez	*	*	'71-72
Jo Fernandez	*	'65-67	& '73-74
William R. Gil	*	*	'01-05
Dr. George Haydock	*	*	'88-90
Ruth Howland	*	*	'80-82
G.W. Johnson	*	*	'63-65
John Macedo	*	*	'92-95
Terry Meredith	*	*	'84-87
Russ Mroczek	*	*	'75-76
Gina Purtell	*	*	'05-07
Jean Smith	*	*	'82-84
Frederick Thurber	*	*	'95-97
Herbert G. Wing	*	*	'87-88

Officers- 2011-2012

President: Lauren Miller-Donnelly

Vice-President: William Gil

Secretary: Jeanne Turgeon

Treasurer: Alice Morgan

Program Directors: Alice Morgan & Bill Gil

Field Trips: Mike Boucher, Bill Gil Lauren Miller-Donnelly & Richard Couse

Refreshment Committee: Mike Boucher

Roll of Honor

Honorary President in Perpetuity: "J.T."

Good Scouts: Joe Almeida, Eleanor Athearn, Walt Bender, Amber Columbia, Gil & Jo Fernandez, George Haydock, Ida Helfand, Dorrie Hentershee, Ted Heyliger, Ruth Howland, Hat Murdy, Pete Perry & Milton Travers

To join the Paskamansett Bird Club, please mail \$10.00 for a single membership or \$15.00 for a family, (payable to The Paskamansett Bird Club) to Alice Morgan / 8 Star of the Sea Drive / S. Dartmouth, MA. 02748.

SPECIAL NOTES

As noted in last year's brochure, the Paskamansett Bird Club will turn 50 in 2013, and we are thinking about ways to celebrate. In fact, our celebration has begun already, with the extension of our meeting locations to new places, and the broadening of our audience as a result. At the same time, we continue to explore such options as a history of the club and a party that will embrace other organizations that focus on the natural world. We hope any club member with an idea will pass it along, so please join the Anniversary Committee, or pass on thoughts to any current members. Contact the club president, Lauren Miller-Donnelly (401-924-1880), to participate.

As the club moves toward its 50th year, we are reaching out to new locations for some of our monthly programs. Please pay close attention to the listings for 2011-12 in this booklet: two (October and April) are not at our traditional meeting place, the Allens Neck Friends Meeting House, 739 Horseneck Rd., S. Dartmouth. All evening meetings are the second Wednesday of the month, and they start at 7:30, except for the October meeting, which is on a Thursday at 6 p.m. See details below.

Evening Programs

Unless otherwise noted, evening meetings convene promptly at 7:30 PM at the Community Hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Road, South Dartmouth, MA.

Sep 14, 2011

Shawn Carey will show and comment on his video "**Looking Skyward: A Passion for Hawk Watching**", which examines why people watch hawks, review hawk-watching's long history, and includes a wide range of raptors in flight as well as interviews with birding luminaries.

Thursday, Oct 20, 2011 -- 6 pm; note time and place

Exciting **LIVE raptor show by NE Raptor and Reptile**, at Dartmouth's Southworth Library, 732 Dartmouth Street, South Dartmouth. Sponsored in part by the Friends of Southworth Library.

Nov. 9, 2011

Myer Bornstein will present pictures of fauna from East and West Coast pelagic trips, and will include tips on how to photograph in these environments.

Saturday, December 17, 2011 (rain /snow date Sunday 18th)

Christmas Bird Count

Coordinator: Mike Boucher 1-508-990-3910

A club tradition. Come join us as we count birds for the National Audubon Society. Pot luck supper afterwards at the Friends Meeting House & all are welcome. A great time for all. Call Mike for details.

Jan 11, 2012

Mass Audubon's **John Galluzzo** will show slides from his daily half-hour walks in South Shore locations, and discuss the evolution of his recent book based on these walks.

Feb 8, 2012

Charlie McPherson will present a slideshow of bird photography and discuss the tools, techniques and locations behind them, including answers to members' questions.

Mar 14, 2012

Members' Night: Start to think now about what you might want to share with the rest of us!

Apr 11, 2012 – **Note: This meeting will be at The MeetingHouse, in Tiverton (RI) Four Corners:** enter via the driveway between 3848 and 3852 Main Road. **Geoff Dennis** will discuss “Colorful Birds We Will Soon Be Seeing” – a great start to spring!

May 9, 2012

Intrepid travelers **David Cole and Betty Slade** will provide an overview of their “Best Bird Pictures from Around the World.”

FIELD TRIP LIST

Beginners and newcomers are welcome and encouraged to attend our walks. The people who lead our walks are seasoned veterans and are happy to share their knowledge to aid you in identifying the birds that inhabit our local wilds. **All people wishing to attend our walks should pre-register with the leader at least a couple of days prior to the walk for meeting place and other instructions** All walks are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. Pre- registrants will be notified if a walk is canceled.

Saturday, September 3, 2011

Observing Bird Behavior

Leader: Richard Couse: 1-508-567-1892

Join Rich on the first Saturday of every month on a local, slow-paced walk to take the time to learn more about bird behavior & identification, and more importantly, how to take detailed field notes in a way that will make sense to you. Walks will last 3 to 4 hours with extended periods of time dedicated to each bird encountered. A notebook, pencil or pen are essential; sketch pad and cameras are encouraged.

Call Rich for time & meeting place

Saturday, September 10, 2011

(Rain date September 11)

Hawk Watch at Mount Watatic

Leader: Bill Gil: 508-636-6535

A somewhat strenuous climb but worth the hike to view migrating raptors. Call Bill for information and meeting time and place.

Saturday, September 17, 2011 8:00 am

Slocum's River Reserve

Leaders: Sarah Storer Richardson & Mike Boucher

The D.N.R.T. is conducting a bird walk along with the Paskamansett Bird Club at this magnificent property.

Contact Sarah to register. 508-991-2289

Saturday, September 24, 2011 8:00 am

Sconticut Neck, Fairhaven

Leader: Michael Boucher 508-990-3910

Search this wonderful area for fall migrants. Call Mike for meeting place.

Saturday, October 1, 2011

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Leader: Richard Couse: 1-508-567-1892

Come join Rich on the first Saturday of every month on a local slow paced walk to take the time to learn more about bird behavior & identification.

Call Rich for time and meeting place.

Sunday, October 2, 2011 7:00 am

Migratory Birds at Gooseberry Neck

Leader: Michael Boucher 508-990-3910

Raptors, shorebirds & lingering passerines. Meet at the parking lot on Gooseberry Island.

Sunday, October 9, 2011 8:00 am

Migratory Birds at Blisscapes

Leader: Bill Gil 508-636-6535

751 Potomska Road, S. Dartmouth.

With a plethora of fruiting plants and trees, Bill's yard and nursery is a magnet for migrants.

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Sparrow Walk

Search for LBJ's (little brown jobs)

Leader: Mike Boucher 508-990-3910.

Call Mike for meeting time & place.

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

Leader: Lauren Miller-Donnelly 1-508-636-2437

Come join Lauren & the Allen's Pond Junior Bird Club for a tour of this magnificent property.

Call for meeting time and place

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Observing Bird Behavior (see September 3 description)

Leader: Richard Couse: 1-508-567-1892

Come join Rich on the first Saturday of every month on a local slow paced walk to take the time to learn more about bird behavior & identification.

Call Rich for time and meeting place.

Saturday, November 12, 2011 8:00 am

Freetown State Forest and Local Water Bodies

Leader: Lynn Abbey 1-508-672-8866

Visit hard-to-find areas with Lynn. Meet at Mobil/Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 79 North, Exit 9 off Rt. 24 (Assonet/Freetown exit). Co-sponsored with South Shore Bird Club.

Saturday, November 19, 2011 8:00 am

Acoaxet and vicinity

Leader: Michael Boucher 1-508-990-3910

A great area for waterfowl and late migrants. Call Mike for meeting place.

Saturday, November 26, 2011

Cumberland Farm Fields

Leader: Mike Boucher 1-508-990-3910

Join Mike in his search for winter specialties. Call for meeting place and time.

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Saturday, January 7, 2012

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Sunday, January 8, 2012

The Eagle Has Landed

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

Call Bill for time & place to see our national symbol.

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Cape Ann and Vicinity

Leaders: Lauren Miller-Donnelly & Bill Gil: 1-508-636-6535

Join Lauren and Bill as they search for Seabirds and coastal duck species. Call Bill for time & meeting place

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Harlequin Ducks

Leader: John Macedo 1-508-993-3292

Accompany John to Sachuestt Point for this winter treat. Call for time & meeting place.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Observing Bird Behavior (see September 3 description)

Leader: Richard Couse: 1-508-567-1892

Come join Rich on the first Saturday of every month on a local slow paced walk to take the time to learn more about bird behavior & identification. Call Rich for time and meeting place.

Saturday, February 18, 2012

Winter Rare Bird Search

Leader: Bill Gil: 1-508-636-6535

Join Bill as we search for rare winter birds. Call for meeting time and place.

Saturday, February 25, 2012

Taunton River and Other Local Waterways

Leader: Lynn Abbey 1-508-672-8866

Join Lynn for a look at the birds on remaining open water. Meet at 8:30 at Mobil/Dunkin Donuts on Rt. 79 North, Exit 9 Off Rt. 24 (Assonet/Freetown exit). Co-sponsored with South Shore Bird Club.

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Observing Bird Behavior (see September 3 description)

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Monday, March 12, 2012

Evening Woodcock Walk

Leader: Mike Boucher 1-508-990-3910

Come join us for the nuptial flights of this interesting shorebird. Call for meeting time & place.

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Woodpecker Walk

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

Join Bill as he searches for the second largest woodpecker in North America.

Call Bill for meeting time & place.

Saturday, April 7, 2012

Observing Bird Behavior (see September 3 description)

Leader: Richard Couse: 1-508-567-1892

Come join Rich on the first Saturday of every month on a local slow paced walk to take the time to learn more about bird behavior & identification. Call Rich for time and meeting place.

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Cumberland Farm Fields

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

Look for early spring migrants and hawks. Call Bill for meeting time & place.

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Simmons Pond, Little Compton RI

Leader: Lauren Miller-Donnelly: 1-508-636-2437

Join Lauren as we search for lingering winter birds and spring migrants. Call for meeting place and time.

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Shorebird Walk

Leader: Lauren Miller-Donnelly: 1-508-636-2437

Join Paul as he searches for these long distant migrants. Call for meeting time and place.

Saturday, May 5, 2012

Observing Bird Behavior (see September 3 description)

Leader: Richard Couse: 1-508-567-1892

Come join Rich on the first Saturday of every month on a local slow paced walk to take the time to learn more about bird behavior & identification. Call Rich for time and meeting place.

Monday, May 7, 2012 7:00 am

Rattlesnake Brook

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

A fantastic woodland with scenic views. This property is one of the few places in our area to view Worm-eating Warblers. Depending on weather conditions this walk can be strenuous. Sure footing is required. Call Bill for meeting place.

Saturday, May 12, 2012 7:00 am

Birding in the Bio Reserve

Leader: Lynn Abbey 1-508-672-8866

We will team up with the Trustees of the Reservation to search for warblers and other spring migrants in the Watuppa Reservoir area. Call Lynn for meeting place.

Sunday, May 13, 2012

Mother's Day Walk at Blisscapes

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

751 Potomska Road, S. Dartmouth

Bill's back yard is a magnet for migrants. Call for meeting time.

Friday, May 18 to Saturday May 19, 2012

MA Audubon Bird-A-Thon

Organizer: Gina Purtell 1-508-636-2347

Please join us as we bird to raise money for Allen's Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. The count starts at 6:00 PM on the 18th and ends at 6:00 PM on the 19th. Birding can be done anywhere in Massachusetts and each Team must have at least two people.

Contact Gina for location suggestions and team sign-up.

Sunday, May 20, 2012

Quabbin Area

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

Join Bill as we bird this wonderful wilderness which has a number of breeding warblers. Call Bill for meeting time and place.

Monday, May 21, 2012 6:00 pm

Warblers After Work

Leader: Mike Boucher 1-508-990-3910

Join us as we continue our neck stretching exercises. Call Mike for meeting place.

Saturday, May 26, 2012 8:00 am

Ridge Hill Property

Leader: Sarah Storer Richardson & Mike Boucher

Join the D.N.R.T. on a walk of this beautiful property consisting of mostly upland woodlands. Call Sarah for meeting place. 1-508-991-2289

Monday, May 28, 2012 7:30 am

King Farm Ramble

Leader: Mike Boucher 1-508-990-3910

Join Mike as we travel through woods and fields as we search for local nesting birds.

Call Mike for meeting place.

Saturday, June 2, 2012 7:30 am

Annual Meeting, Breakfast & Birdwalk

Dave & Edna Thoen: 1-774-488-0730

Held at the Friends Meeting House on Horseneck Road. After the breakfast join Rich Couse for his monthly bird study walk.

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Barney's Joy Grassland Walk

Leader: Lauren Miller-Donnelly: 1-508-636-2437

A joint walk between the Paskamansett Bird Club and the MA Butterfly Club as we search for grassland birds and their Lepidoptera counterparts. Call Lauren for meeting time and place.

Saturday, June 9, 2012 7:00 am

Eastover Farm, Rochester

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

Join us as we bird this property recently purchased by the Trustees of the Reservation, a diverse habitat with many nesting species. Call Bill for meeting place.

Sunday, June 17, 2012 7:00 am

Cornell Farm on Smith Neck Road

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

Another beautiful property preserved with the help of the Trustees of the Reservation and the DNRT. Call Bill for meeting place.

Saturday, July 7, 2012

Observing Bird Behaviour (see September 3 description)

Leader: Richard Couse: 1-508-567-1892

Come join Rich on the first Saturday of every month on a local slow paced walk to take the time to learn more about bird behavior & identification. Call Rich for time and meeting place.

Saturday, August 4, 2012

Observing Bird Behaviour (see September 3 description)

Leader: Richard Couse: 1-508-567-1892

Come join Rich on the first Saturday of every month on a local slow paced walk to take the time to learn more about bird behavior & identification. Call Rich for time and meeting place.

Saturday, August 11, 2012

Shorebird Walk

Leaders: Mike Boucher & Mike Labossiere 1-508-990-3910

A joint venture with the Nasketucket Bird Club. Travel to the Sconticut Neck area to view shorebirds & terns. Call Mike B. for time & meeting place. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet.