

Paskamansett Bird Club

Program & Field Trips

Fall 2010 through Summer 2011

Acting & Past Presidents

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

Officers- 2010-2011

President: Becky Cushing

Vice-President: Lauren Miller

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Treasurer: Alice Morgan

Program Directors: Alice Morgan & Bill Gil

Field Trips: Mike Boucher, Bill Gil & Richard Couse

Refreshment Committee: Mike Boucher

Roll of Honor

Honorary President in Perpetuity: "J.T."

Life Members: Eleanor Athearn, Dorrie Hentershee, Hat Murdy & Ruth Howland

Good Scouts: Joe Almeida, Walt Bender, Amber Columbia, Gil & Jo Fernandez, George Haydock, Ida Helfand, Ted Heyliger, Pete Perry & Milton Travers

We wish to thank Ruth Edwards for her many contribution to the Paskamansett Bird Club. She served as the club's Vice President from 1973-1978, and was President from 1978-1980. From 1990 to this past year, she was the club's meticulous Treasurer. In addition, she has delivered numerous outstanding presentations to the club and has regularly hosted the annual club meeting and breakfast on her beautiful grounds. We have shared her love for Eastern Bluebirds and enjoyed the results as we walked the bluebird trail she maintains, watching the bluebird families she has helped to raise. Although she has retired as Treasurer, we look forward to her continuing to support the club in her many other roles.

The Paskamansett Bird Club will be 50 years old in 2013! We are working on a celebration of this notable event and encourage all members to pass on their ideas about the form this celebration should take. The current planning committee includes Mike Boucher, Bill Gil, Rich Couse, Alice Morgan, Becky Cushing and Lauren Miller-Donnelley. Others interested in participating should get in touch with one of the committee members. And whether you are on the committee or not, we value your input.

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.

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.

September 8th 2010

Jim and Alita Spears signed up for a tour of Costa Rica, only to learn that others in the group had canceled. They had the ultimate small group birding trip with just a driver and a guide, hitting nearly all the birding high points of the country.

October 13th 2010

Bill Gil, one of the club's longtime trip leaders, will discuss ways to entice birds to your yard and garden. He will focus on bird-attracting plants, bird feeders, bird foods, birdhouses and the tricks that have worked best for him on his extensive (and bird-filled) property.

November 10th 2010

Shawn Carey will show and comment on his video "Looking Skyward" A Passion for Hawk Watching. The video examines why people watch hawks, reviews hawk watching's long history and includes a wide range of raptors in flight as well as interviews with Pete Dunne, Bill Clark and others.

Saturday, December 18th 2010 (*rain/snow date Sunday 19th*)

Christmas Bird Count - a club tradition.

Come join us as we count birds for the National Audubon Society. Pot luck supper at 6 pm at the Friends Meeting House; all are welcome.

Call Mike Boucher 990-3910 for details.

January 12th 2011

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

February 9th 2011

Members' Night: Start to plan now to share some of your best birding experiences with the rest of the club!

March 9th 2011

Bruce deGraaf will discuss the people, places and photographic techniques and do-it-yourself publishing that led him to become an avid birder and to publish a book about his birding adventures.

April 13th 2011

Bob and Joanne Kowalczyk will share their month in India visiting tiger reserves, bird sanctuaries and ancient archeological treasures, including the Jaipur Elephant Festival and the Taj Majal.

May 11th 2011

John Van de Graaff will present the "Birds of the Massachusetts Coast". His talk will feature many photos taken at Mass Audubon's Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary in Dartmouth.

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 11th

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.

Sunday, September 12th,

Charlestown, RI Breachway

Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-567-1892

A wonderful area for migrating shorebirds and wading birds. Requires shoes that can get wet.

Call Rich for meeting time and place.

Saturday, September 18th 8:00 am

Slocum's River Reserve

Leaders: Sarah Storer Richardson & Mike Boucher

The DNRT is conducting a bird walk along with the Paskamansett Bird Club at this magnificent property.

Contact Sarah to register. 508-991-2289

Saturday, September 25th 8:00 am

West Island Sanctuary

Leader: Michael Boucher 508-990-3910

A little known island hideaway for fall migrants.

Call Mike for meeting place.

Saturday, October 2nd 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 10th 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 16th

Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

Leaders: Bucky Cushing and Lauren Miller 1-508-636-2437

Come join Becky, Lauren & the Paskamansett Junior Bird Club for a tour of this magnificent property. Call for meeting time and place.

Saturday, October 23rd
Sparrow Walk
Search for LBJs (little brown jobs)
Leader: Mike Boucher 508-990-3910.
Call Mike for meeting time and place.

Saturday, October 23rd
Pre-Halloween Owl Prowl
Leader: Richard Couse 508-567-1892.
Join Rich to search for these seldom seen but often heard birds. Call for meeting time and place.

Saturday, November 20th 8:00 am
Acoaxet and vicinity
Leader: Michael Boucher 1-508-990-3910
Great area for waterfowl and late migrants. Call Mike for meeting place.

Sunday, November 28th
Cumberland Farm Fields
Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-567-1892
Join Rich in his search for winter specialties.
Call for meeting place and time.

Saturday, December 4th 1:00 pm
Division of Fishery & Wildlife Horseneck Rd.
Leader: Lauren Miller 1-508-636-2437
Join Lauren as we explore this wonderful property.
Call for meeting place.

Saturday, December 18th (rain /snow date Sunday 19th)
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.

Sunday, January 2nd
Cape Ann and Vicinity
Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-567-1892
Join Rich as we go on a search for seabirds and ducks.
Call for meeting place and time.

Sunday, January 9th
The Eagle Has Landed
Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535
Call Bill for time and place to see our national symbol.

Saturday, January 22nd
Harlequin Ducks
Leader: John Macedo 1-508-993-3292
Accompany John to Sachuestt Point for this winter treat. Call for time and meeting place

Sunday, February 20th

Daniel Webster Sanctuary & Duxbury Beach

Leader: Rich Couse 1-508-567-1892

Join Rich as we search for winter raptors and owls. Call for meeting time and place.

Monday, March 14th

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 and place.

Saturday, March 19th

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 and place.

Sunday, April 10th

Cumberland Farm Fields

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

Look for early spring migrants and hawks.

Call Bill for meeting time and place.

Sunday, April 24th

Simmons Pond, Little Compton RI.

Leader: Rich Couse 1-508-567-1892

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

Saturday, May 7th 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 8th

Mother's Day Walk at Blisscapes

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

751 Potomska Road, S. Dartmouth

Bill's backyard is a magnet for migrants.

Call for meeting time.

Monday, May 9th 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 14th
Mount Auburn Cemetery
Leader: John Macedo 1-508-993-3292
One of the best locations for spring migrants.
Call John for time and meeting place.

Sunday, May 15th
Dawn Chorus Tiverton, RI
Leader: Rich Couse 1-508-567-1892
Join Rich just before dawn to listen to the early morning chorus. Other areas of Tiverton will be explored.
Call for meeting time and place.

Monday, May 16th 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 21st 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

Sunday, May 22nd
Wompatuck State Park
Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-567-1892
Join Rich as we bird this wonderful property which includes breeding
Cerulean and Hooded Warblers. Call Rich for meeting time and place.

Sunday, May 29th
Crane Wildlife Refuge
Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-567-1892
Join Rich as we search for Grasshopper Sparrows and the locally missed call of the Bobwhite.
Call Rich for meeting time and place.

Monday, May 30th 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 4th 7:30 am
Annual Meeting, Breakfast & Birdwalk
Dave & Edna Thoen: 1-774-488-0730
Held at Pinecrest Christmas Tree Farm which is across from 295 Pine Hill Road, Westport.
In case of inclement weather it will be held at the Friends Meeting House on Horseneck Road.

Sunday, June 5th

Barney's Joy Grassland Walk

Leader: Lauren Miller: 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 winged counterparts.

Call Lauren for meeting time and place.

Saturday, June 11th 7:00 am

Eastover Farm, Rochester

Leader: Bill Gil 1-508-636-6535

Join us as we bird this new property recently purchased by the Trustees of Reservations.

A diverse habitat with many nesting species.

Call Bill for meeting place.

Sunday, June 12th

Western Massachusetts

Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-567-1892

Join Rich as we venture to the other end of our state in search of species seldom seen in our area.

Call Rich for meeting time and place.

Sunday, June 19th 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 Reservations and the DNRT.

Call Bill for meeting place.

Sunday, June 19th

Whip-poor-will Walk

Leader: Mike Labossiere 1-508-758-4460

Contact Mike for time (early evening) & meeting place.

Saturday, August 13th

Shorebird Walk

Leader: Mike Boucher 1-508-990-3910

Travel to Sconticut Neck to view shorebirds and terns. Call Mike for time and meeting place.

Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet.