



ACTING & PAST PRESIDENTS

Hope Atkinson,	'69-71,	'74-75	&	'76-78
Ruth Atkinson,	•	•		'67-69
Mike Boucher	•	'90-92	&	'97-01
Richard Couse	•	•		'07-09
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 Purfell	•	•		'05-07
Jean Smith	•	•		'82-84
Frederick Thurber	•	•		'95-97
Herbert G. Wing	•	•		'87-88



PASKAMANSETT BIRD CLUB

Officers- 2008-2009

President: Richard Couse

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Field Trips: Michael Boucher, Bill Gil, Amy Thurber

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Honorary Lifetime Member: Gill Fernandez

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Good Scouts: Joe Almeida, Amber Columbia, Gil & Jo Fernandez, George Haydock, Ida Helfand, Ted Heyliger, 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 Ruth Edwards, 294 Pine Hill Rd., Westport, MA 02790.

Evening Programs

Unless otherwise noted, evening meetings convene promptly at 7:30 PM at the community hall of Friends Meeting, 739 Horseneck Rd., S. Dartmouth

September 10th

Did you know Sandhill Cranes are now nesting in MA? Find out this and more during an informative and fun presentation on the **Mass Breeding Bird Atlas**. *John Galluzzo*, the author of 26 books on local and national history, is the Breeding Bird Atlas II regional coordinator for Plymouth and Bristol Counties. What is the Atlas' purpose? What oddities have been located to date?

October 8th

Jack Lash recently retired as Director of the DCR Ecology Program in the Mass. Dept of Conservation & Recreation (DCR). "**From One Club to Another**" is a talk and slide show focusing on the Stony Brook Sanctuary Bird Club, to which he has belonged since 1985.

It features slides of birds observed, favorite trip destinations and some handouts (lists) related to club members' favored trips. This might trigger a joint trip between the Stony Brook and the Paskamansett Bird Clubs!

November 12th

Jim Spears will discuss his trip to **Antarctica**, assisted by slides as well as some of his wife's watercolors and framed paintings/photos recently displayed at the Tiverton Library. Bundle up for this one!

2.

Saturday, December 20th

(rain/snow date Sunday 21st)

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 14th

With degrees in wildlife biology from UMass Amherst and Clemson University, *Paul Champlin*'s ornithological work is concentrated in eastern North America, but his heart remains in the tropics. Join him on his adventures as ecotourism lodge manager, guide and biologist in the **Wilds of Southern Peru** and bordering Bolivia, lodge-hopping throughout the most diverse avifauna of the world.

February 11th

Norman Smith has spent countless days and nights, in every imaginable weather condition, observing, capturing, banding and color marking **Snowy Owls** at Logan International Airport to learn about roosting, hunting and behavior while on their wintering grounds. Most recently satellite transmitters have been attached to owls to learn more about their movements. Find out what has been learned to date, what questions remain and how this project developed to include research on Saw-whet Owls.

3.

March 11th

Geoff Dennis began photographing birds as a hobby in his yard where he has observed 175 species of birds. He recorded RI's first Rufous Hummingbird in his yard in 1995 and New England's first Virginia's Warbler in Maine in 1998. Many of his images are currently used by commercial enterprises such as Droll Yankees Feeders, Aspects Feeders, and Gold Crest Feeder Distributors. His work has also been used by RI TNC, ASRI, and USF&W. Geoff will present images of birds he has photographed in his **Little Compton** yard as well as uncommon birds photographed in southeastern Massachusetts.

April 8th

Mark Mello of the Lloyd Center for the Environment, will present images from his fascinating studies of **Rare and Unusual Moths**. Mark is renown for his knowledge of moths and butterflies and his work takes him to some of the most beautiful areas in New England.

May 13th

Members' Night. Get your best slides together and plan to show them and make the rest of us jealous. Please contact Michael Boucher 508-990-3910, if you are interested in contributing.

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 problems. Pre-registrants will be notified if a walk is cancelled.*

Saturday, September 13th

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 20th, 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, September 27th 8:00 am

Slocum's River Reserve

Leaders: Sarah Storer, Bill Gil & Mike Boucher

The D.N.R.T. is conducting a bird walk at this magnificent property. Contact Sarah to register. 508-991-2289

Sunday, September 28th, 8:30 am

Sakonnet Point Hawk Watch

Leader: Frederick Thurber 508-636-3954

A beautiful spot for hawk watching.
Call Fred for meeting place.

Saturday, October 4th 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.



Thursday, October 9th 8:00 am

Allen's Pond Ramble

Leader: Gina Purtell 508-636-2437

Join Gina to walk the newly created paths through this wonderful property. Call for meeting place.

Sunday, October 12th 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 are a magnet for migrants.

6.

Saturday, October 25th

Sparrow Walk Search for LBJ's (little brown jobs)

Leader: Mike Boucher 508-990-3910. Call Mike for meeting time & place.

Saturday, November 1st

Halloween Owl Prowl

Leader: Richard Couse 508-324-9791.

Join Rich to search for these seldom seen but often heard birds. Call for meeting time and place.



Saturday, November 8th

Lakeville Ponds

Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-324-9791

Join Rich as we look for waterfowl and newly arrived winter migrants. Call for meeting time and place.

Saturday, November 22nd 8:00 am

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Leader: Mike Boucher 508-990-3910. Great area for waterfowl and lingering migrants. Call Mike for meeting place.

Sunday, December 7th 8:00 am

Dartmoor Farm Wildlife Management Area

Leader: Amy & Fred Thurber 508-636-3954. Come discover one of the largest undisturbed land parcels in Dartmouth. Call Amy for meeting place.

7.

Saturday, December 20th (*rain/snow date Sunday 21st*)
Christmas Bird Count

Coordinator: Mike Boucher 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.

Saturday, January 3rd
Rare Bird Search

Leader: Richard Couse 508-324-9791
Join Rich as we go on a search for rare birds that have been found during the recent Christmas bird counts. Call for meeting place and time.



Sunday, January 11th
The Eagle Has Landed

Leader: Bill Gil 508-636-6535. Call Bill for time & meeting place to see our national symbol.

Saturday, January 24th
Harlequin Ducks

Leader: John Macedo 508-993-3292
Accompany John to Sachuestt Point for this winter treat. Call for time & meeting place.

8.

Monday, March 16th 6:00 pm
Evening Woodcock Walk

Leader: Michael Boucher
508-990-3910. Come join us for the nuptial flights of this interesting shorebird. Call for meeting place



Saturday, March 21st
Woodpecker Walk

Leader: Bill Gil 508-636-6535. Due to a leaky canoe our Ivory-billed Woodpecker walk has been cancelled. Instead, we will be searching for the second largest woodpecker in North America. Call Bill for time & meeting place.

Sunday, April 12th, 8:00 am
Demarest Lloyd State Park

Leader: Bill Gil 508-636-6535. Look for early spring migrants. Meet at the front gate.



Sunday, April 26th
Bluebird Walk

Leader: Frederick Thurber
508-636-3954. This delightful bird has been increasing in numbers thanks to the work of dedicated birders. Come watch & learn how to attract Bluebirds. Call Fred for meeting place and time.

9.

May, June & July

Breeding Bird Atlas

Coordinator: Mike Sylvia 508-947-6115.

Contact Mike to participate in MA Audubon's Breeding Bird Atlas.



Saturday, May 2nd 6:00 am

Birding the Bio Reserve

Leader: Frederick Thurber

508-636-3954. We will team up

with the Trustees of the Reserva-

tions to search for warblers and

other spring migrants in the Wattuppa Reservoir area.

Call Fred for meeting place.

Saturday, May 9th, 8:00 am

Frank Knowles/Little River Reserve

Leader Sarah Storer 508-991-2289 Join the D.N.R.T. on

this recently purchased property that allows access to

the previously land-locked McBrattney property. Call

Sarah for meeting time & place.

Sunday, May 10th

Mother's Day Walk at Blisscapes

Leader: Bill Gil 508-636-6535, 751 Potomska Road,

S. Dartmouth. Bill's yard is a magnet for migrants. Call

for meeting time.

10.

Monday, May 11th 7:00 am

Rattlesnake Brook

Leader: Bill Gil 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 16th

Mount Auburn Cemetery

Leader: John Macedo 508-993-3292

One of the best locations for spring migrants.

Call John for time & meeting place.

Sunday, May 17th

Swan Point Cemetery

Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-423-9791

Join Rich as we continue our search for spring migrants.

Call for meeting time and place.

Monday, May 18th 6:00 pm

Warblers After Work

Leader: Mike Boucher 508-990-3910, Join us as we continue our neck stretching exercises. Call Mike for meeting place.

11.

Saturday, May 23rd 8:00 am

J.T. Bird and Wildflower Count

Leader: Ruth Edwards.

PineCrest Christmas Tree Farm, 295 Pine Hill Rd., Westport. Another club tradition. A great walk for all. No need to register ahead for this walk. Ruth will be waiting for you.

Monday, May 25th, 7:00 am

King Farm Ramble

Leader: Mike Boucher 508-990-3910 Join Mike as we travel through woods and fields in search of local nesting birds. Call Mike for meeting place.

Saturday, May 30th

Crane Wildlife Refuge

Leader: Richard Couse 1-508-423-9791

Join Richard as we search for Grasshopper Sparrows and the locally missed call of the Bobwhite. Call Rich for meeting time and place.

Saturday, June 6th, 7:30 am

Annual Meeting, Breakfast & Birdwalk

Coordinator: Dave & Edna Thoen
774-488-0730. Held at PineCrest

Christmas Tree Farm at

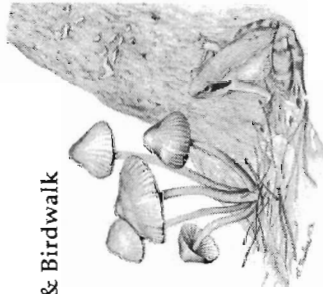
295 Pine Hill Road, Westport.

In case of inclement weather

it will be held at the Friends

Meeting House on

Horseneck Road.



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Sunday, June 7th

Grassland Bird Walk

Leader: Frederick Thurber 508-636-3954.

A productive walk for seldom seen birds. Call Frederick for meeting place and time.

Sunday, June 14th, 7:00 am

Eastover Farm, Rochester

Leader: Bill Gil 508-636-6535.

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

Sunday, June 21st, 7:00 am

Westport Town Farm

Leader: Bill Bil 508-636-6535

A historic location overlooking the East Branch of the Westport River. Another beautiful property preserved with the help of the Trustees of the Reservation and the town of Westport. Call Bill for meeting place.

Sunday, June 21st

Whip-poor-Will Walk

Leader: Mike Labossiere 1-508-758-4460 Contact Mike for time (early evening) & meeting place.

Saturday, August 8th

Shorebird Walk

Leader: Michael Boucher 508-990-3910.

Travel to Sconticut Neck to view

shorebirds & terns. Call Mike for

time & meeting place. Be sure to

wear shoes that can get wet.



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