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Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

August 2011

2011 CALENDAR

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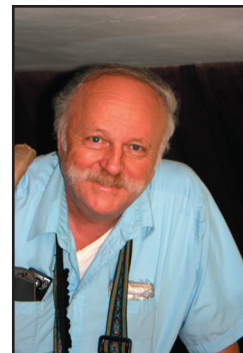
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On the Passing of an Old Friend Thoughts on Dick English



This is one of the hardest and at the same time the nicest things I have ever had to do.

About 20 years ago, when Pat and I first attended regular meetings of the NHBC, we saw Dick doing, as he did up to nearly his end, his bird sightings and then asking around, of those assembled, as to what they themselves had seen. Dick was always very inclusive with all the membership making even new folks like Pat and me feel most welcome. You could tell this was not forced on his part; he really had a genuine interest in members of the Club. You could also tell that he had a vast knowledge of the subject but didn't get all stuffy about it. He was probably one of the reasons why we have such a large membership today. Dick brought everyone in the room into the family. He made all feel welcome.

When we started coming to meetings regularly, we realized something else. Dick was, at the time, a season subscriber to Orchestra New England. I am the orchestra's house manager, and Pat is the head usher. We have been with them for almost 30 years now. Dick's seat was in the orchestra section front right near the stage.

As Dick and I got to know each other better, we spent loads of time talking about classical music in general and Beethoven in particular and would occasionally debate who Beethoven's "Immortal Beloved" was. For those of you who might not know, Dick was an accomplished keyboardist who specialized in Beethoven piano sonatas.

I became his "ride" for some of the fieldtrips that we jointly hosted over the years; most notably the "English Horn" trips in April of each year. (See Photo) We would talk endlessly of opera in general and Wagnerian opera in particular and what he and his brother James had just seen at the Met.

He and I shared the belief, founded on nothing but observation, that at least 25% of all birders have a love of classical music and vice versa.

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The times spent with him on the trips and on the trails were precious to me. I'm going to miss him so, as are we all.

--Mike Horn

FROM THE BOARD

Suggested Wording Change in the By-Laws - The Board is recommending that the wording in the Club By-laws be changed from "the authority of Robert's Rules of Order" to "the guiding authority of Robert's Rules of Order." After this notice has appeared in the Newsletter twice, the membership will vote at the next meeting.

The next board meeting is Thursday, August 25th, at 6:45 pm at the Regional Water Authority in New Haven.

Welcome to the following new members!

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INDOOR PROGRAMS

Monthly indoor programs start in September and are held on the second Thursday of the month in the Jones Auditorium at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Street, New Haven. The social half-hour at meetings begins at 7:00 pm; the meeting and program begin at 7:30 pm. The facility is wheelchair accessible with a ramp and elevator.

Directions: Go north 1.4 miles from the New Haven Green on Whitney Avenue, turn left onto Huntington Street. The entrance to the station is on the right, just past the first cross street.

Cancellation Policy: Inclement weather or another emergency may cancel a meeting. For cancellation notices, check TV channels WTNH (New Haven) and WFSB (Hartford). Cancellation notices will also be posted online on ctbird.org.

Thursday, September 8, 2011 — Sam Fried Warblers and Vireos of Eastern North America

Now that “warbler necks” are healed, let’s take a closer—and easier—look at the roughly 38 species of eastern wood warblers and 7 species of vireos that had us all bent over backwards in awe last spring. Tonight we’ll explore these birds’ life histories, migration routes, wintering grounds, and breeding locations throughout the western hemisphere. With a wonderful array of color photos, Sam’s presentation will provide a fun, fascinating, and “gentle-on-the-neck” revisit with these true gems of the bird kingdom. Sam is an avid and longtime birder, a past president of Hartford Audubon, and the founder of Flights of Fancy Adventures, a birding, photography, natural history, and golf travel company. In his travels Sam has amassed a vast collection of great photos, many featured in the more than 50 articles he has authored for field guides, books, newspapers, and magazines worldwide. And along with running Flights of Fancy trips to North, Central, and South American birding destinations, the ever-inquisitive Sam now is a golf and fishing writer too.

Plan Ahead! Birder Tag Sale Coming Up in November!

Do you have bird books you don’t use? Avian art removed from walls to make room for...what else, more avian art? Clean house! Bring the items to the September or October meetings. We’ll sell them at the November meeting. Proceeds go to our Conservation Fund.

Thursday, October 13, 2011 — Shannon Kearney-McGee Ugly Places for Beautiful Birds

Please Note: *The October meeting will be held in room ECS-110 of the Peabody Museum Environmental Science Center, 21 Sachem Street, New Haven (corner of Sachem and Whitney Avenue). Enter ESC through the main entrance on Sachem Street. Park on Sachem Street or in the Peabody Visitors Parking section of Yale Lot 22, entered from Whitney Avenue.*

Nobody likes to see a rough clear cut in a forest or enjoys being prickled by brambles in a field—except, that is, the Golden-winged Warbler! Unfortunately, the “ugly” shrubland places that some birds need are often prime targets as development pressures rise or these areas are left to grow into forest. As a result, more than 80% of the birds in the Northeast that rely on shrubland habitat—among them the Golden-winged Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, and Brown Thrasher—are in significant decline. Tonight’s speaker will discuss recent CT DEP research to estimate the abundance and distribution of shrubland habitat that is currently protected and managed. The goal is to determine how many shrubland birds we can hope to support in the future. Shannon’s entire career focus has been the research and monitoring of bird species in greatest conservation need. Employed by DEP for 6 years now, her 12 years of research prior to that took her as far west as California (seabirds) and as far east as Cape Cod (grassland birds). In Connecticut she has studied woodland raptors, owls, Whip-poor-wills, Chimney Swifts, Nighthawks, shrubland birds, and West Nile Virus in birds.

BIRDS IN WORDS

Birds in Words is NHBC’s book discussion group for people who like to read about their favorite hobby and then discuss the books at casual and thought-provoking sessions. Please feel free to attend any of the meetings. All are welcome! Meetings start at 7:00 pm at The Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Dr., Hamden. If you have any questions, please email or call Kris Johnson krisjohnson99@snet.net or 203.288.3087.

Directions: From Whitney Avenue northbound, turn left on Putnam Avenue, then right on Leeder Hill Drive. Park on the road and go to main desk, sign in, and get directions to the meeting room. Also available at: <http://www.whitneycenter.com/directions.html>

September 22 - Birdology: Adventures with a Pack of Hens, a Peck of Pigeons, Cantankerous Crows, Fierce Falcons, Hip Hop Parrots, Baby Hummingbirds, and One Murderously Big Dinosaur by Sy Montgomery.

The Booklist review says: “Montgomery assists a hummingbird rehabilitator in the delicate raising of two tiny orphans, and meets the ‘most dangerous bird on earth,’ the enormous, razor-clawed cassowary in Australia.... She also writes from unexpected perspectives about falcons, crows, pigeons, chickens, and parrots ... in a book that both bird lovers and readers new to bird lore will find evocative, enlightening, and uplifting.”

FIELD TRIPS / OUTDOOR EVENTS

The New Haven Bird Club does not charge trip or leader fees for its outdoor programs, but participants are responsible for the cost of their food, transportation, and entrance fees (where charged), unless prior arrangements are made by the Club. Car-pooling is encouraged to avoid parking problems at some destinations and to promote conservation of our natural resources. All levels of birders are invited to all field trips, and every effort is made on all trips to help beginning birders. If you are new to birding or have any special needs, please be sure to let the leader know at the start of the field trip. You can check the Club's website too: <www.newhavenbirdclub.org> for trip information and watch for emails sent by the Club or contact trip leaders directly.

Cancellation Policy: Inclement weather or another emergency may cancel a field trip. Check the sources listed above or contact the leader of the trip directly if you have any questions about a possible cancellation.

COA Shorebird and Tern Workshop **Sunday, August 14, 2011, 7:30 am, Sandy Point, West Haven**

COA field workshops focus on one or two groups of birds with the intent of helping birders improve their identification skills. The workshop will begin at Sandy Point and then move to Milford Point to coincide with high tide. Meet at the Sandy Point parking lot across from the former Captain's Galley Restaurant in West Haven. Wear footwear you won't mind getting wet. No pre-registration required. The workshop is free and open to the public. Check the COA website for details.

Jamaica Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Queens, NY **Saturday, August 20, 2011, 7:30 am**

This birding hot spot is a great place to see a wide variety of shorebirds, herons, terns, and migrating passerines. It is a great place for uncommon shorebirds such as American Avocet, Marbled Godwit, and Buff-breasted, Stilt, and White-rumped Sandpiper. Meet at 7:30 am at the commuter lot in Orange at Rte. 34 and Greenway Road (at exits 57/58 of the Wilbur Cross Pkwy). We will carpool to the refuge, returning in the late afternoon. Bring lunch, water, and bug spray. Consider a cap and sunscreen, and wear shoes you won't mind getting muddy. Leader—Chris Loscalzo: 203.389.6508, closcalz@optonline.net

Daily Hawk Watch at Lighthouse Point Park **September 1 to November 30, 2011**

Come join us at Lighthouse, for our 42nd season. In addition to hawks, September brings a variety of migrants including hundreds of Cedar Waxwings, Bobolink, Ruby-throated hummingbirds, swallows, warblers, Monarch Butterflies and Dragonflies (eg., Green Darners and Saddlebags). Strong north or northwest morning winds are ideal, but a rarity. Stop in at any time. For further information, contact Steve Mayo at rsdmayo@sbcglobal.net. We hope to see you there!

First Wednesday Walk: Sandy Point, West Haven **Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 8 am**

Join us as we look for shorebirds and terns at this excellent local birding spot. Black Skimmers, Roseate Terns, and a variety of shorebirds, including Golden Plover, are possible. Meet in the parking lot opposite the former Captain's Galley Restaurant on Beach St. Wear footwear that you won't mind getting wet—we may have to wade in shallow water. Leader—John

Oshlick. Contact person—Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

Lighthouse Point Bird Walk and Prep for Migration Festival **Saturday, September 17, 2011, 8:00 am**

Ranger Dan Barvir and Arne Rosengren will lead the bird walk. Meet at the Hawk Watch parking lot at Lighthouse Point on New Haven Harbor. Then, beginning at 9:30 am, we will perform some light trail maintenance and cleanup. This is a great way both to enjoy looking at birds and help preserve their habitat. Leaders—Dan Barvir: 203.946.6086 and Arne Rosengren: 203.248.2903

Ninth Annual Migration Festival at Lighthouse Point Park **Sunday, September 25, 2011, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

This festive event is sponsored by the New Haven Parks Department., the New Haven Bird Club, and other fine organizations. In addition to hawk watching, there will be bird banding demonstrations, a live raptor show, bird walks, and other activities. Check the newspaper and Club newsletter for more details. Organizer—Ranger Dan Barvir: 203.946.6086. NHBC contact—Maria Stockmal: 203.488.3876, m.stockmal@snet.net

Family Bird Walk at Lighthouse Point Park, New Haven **Saturday, October 1, 2011, 9:00 am**

This trip is oriented toward families that are interested in learning about birds. The focus will be on fall migrants, especially hawks. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them, appropriate clothing, and a little bit of curiosity about birds and the natural world. All ages are welcome. Meet at the hawk watch station in the park. Leader—Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe; 203.630.9640, jubilee832001@yahoo.com

Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale State Park, Derby **Saturday, October 1, 2011, 8:00 am**

Join past-President Maria Stockmal as she leads a walk at this fine local birding location. The environmental center and state park boast a variety of habitats, including open fields, woodlands, and ponds. We'll be looking for fall migrants, including warblers, vireos, flycatchers, and sparrows. Meet at the Kellogg parking lot: 500 Hawthorne Ave., Derby. Leader—Maria Stockmal: 203.488.3876, m.stockmal@snet.net

First Wednesday Walk: Osbornedale State Park, Derby
Wednesday, October 5, 2011, 8:00 am

Join us as we visit this fine birding location. There is varied habitat including freshwater ponds, open fields, and woods. Rarities have been found here, most notably the Western Flycatcher, a first state record, a few years ago Meet at the Kellogg Environmental Center parking lot, 500 Hawthorne Ave., Derby. Leader—Bill Banks. Contact—Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

THE BIG SIT!®
Sunday, October 9, 2011

Established by NHBC, The Big Sit!® has become an international event, with birders participating on four continents. The object is to record as many species of birds as possible in a single day from one 17-foot diameter circle. The circles for the event are located strategically at a number of birding hotspots in the state. Join other birders in one of these circles or create one of your own! You don't have to be a hard-core birder to join in the fun. The event is now run by Bird Watcher's Digest. For details, go to

the Bird Watcher's Digest website: birdwatchersdigest.com or contact John Triana: 203.758.7203, jtriana1@sbcglobal.net

Hammonasset State Park, Madison
Saturday, October 15, 2011, 8:00 am

Visit one of Connecticut's best fall birding spots, where the abundance of some migrants and sightings of less common species can make for a truly memorable trip. The walking is easy, as it is on level ground. Meet at the park entrance (I-95, Exit 62). Leader—Florence McBride: 203.288.6777, j.mcbride@yale.edu

Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven
Saturday, October 15, 2011, 8:00 am

Join us as we look for fall migrants in the historic and serene setting of Evergreen Cemetery. We'll visit the gravesites of several former NHBC members while seeking birds on their way south. We'll also be joined by a guest speaker from the cemetery who will tell us about its history. This is a great trip for all as the walking is easy, on flat ground. Meet at the parking lot outside the cemetery's office on Ella Grasso Boulevard. Leader—John Triana: 203.758.7203, jtriana1@sbcglobal.net

2011 NEW HAVEN SCIENCE FAIR

The New Haven Science Fair was held at Woolsey Hall at Yale from Tuesday, May 10 through Thursday, May 12, 2011. NHBC offers the Letis Memorial Prize of \$200.00 and a one-year Club membership to the winner. This year's winner was a class project done by second graders at Davis St School.

The project was titled "Bird Bath." Its description is "to determine the best method for removing oil from fur and feathers of animals and birds involved in an oil spill." The children tried various

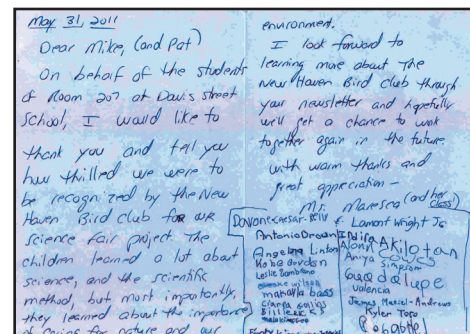
media to remove oil from white farm duck feathers. Maryellyn Maresca, their teacher, had them try water, dog shampoo and Dawn dish washing liquid. They tried these three solvents on feathers contaminated with motor oil. They also tried to dissolve oil in a jar and learned about miscibility (mixing water and oil) in the process.

The children also learned about what happens to birds and animals in an oil spill and how people use various things including Dawn to help clean them up.

In the picture, Ciarra Brown (L), Indira Akilotan (C) and Antonio Collins (R) are shown holding containers of oil mixed with various solvents. Ms Maresca in the back-ground did wonders with the children. They were all eager, bright, highly responsive and well informed when questioned by me.

Both Pat and I found their project highly appropriate for the prize.

--Mike and Pat Horn



The children sent a thank you note.

NHBC MOURNS THE LOSS OF RICHARD ENGLISH

Richard passed away Monday, July 11. Below is the biography Betty Zuraw wrote for the August 2006 Newsletter.

Richard English has the distinction of being the member of longest standing in NHBC. He joined the club 60 years ago, initially as a Junior Member, a category that existed in those days for young children. Eleven years of age at the time and an eager student, he had been encouraged to bird from early childhood by nature-loving parents. He was also aided by that era's historic publishing innovation, Roger Tory Peterson's popular 1934 Field Guide. Richard's dedicated study of birds throughout his life and his keen memory for all things avian may explain why he is considered by many to be a veritable walking encyclopedia of the region's bird history and statistics.

Richard served as president of NHBC in the 60s. Later, as a member for 10 years of COA's Rare Records Committee, he helped evaluate reports submitted on new or rare species seen in the state, and in fact he himself made the first-ever CT sightings of White-winged Dove, Boat-tailed Grackle, Hermit Warbler, and Tropical Kingbird. Richard is a veteran too of the Lighthouse Point Hawk Watch since its start in the 70s. He concedes that Lighthouse Point may be his preferred year-round local birding patch even though his list of "favorite birding spots" reads like a definitive Birder's Guide to Coastal and Central CT. Richard has also visited a number of the important birding destinations in the US and Canada but his greatest allegiance is to CT. His state list names 325 species.

Reminiscing about the significant inspirations in his birding life, Richard especially appreciates the great knowledge about birds and coastal birding locations that he acquired on many birding trips with Noble Proctor and Davis Finch, then the young, new, and highly popular NHBC field trip leaders. In time Richard became part of a small group of seriously dedicated and skilled birders who called themselves the Morgan Avenue Nature Club after one member's home address. They were devoted to in-depth studies of the seasonal status, geographical distribution, and detailed habitats of birds. Richard's work with the group led to his comprehensive checklist of bird sightings in the New Haven region, published by NHBC in 1965. With input later from various distinguished birders, the document launched a series of important updates of the Checklist of New Haven County Birds, published originally in 1908. Still in use today by area birders, the handy list gives the seasonal occurrence of bird species in the region.

A descendant of one of New Haven's oldest families, Richard has as ancestors two CT State Governors. One of them, his great-grandfather James English, was honored by having a main road in East Rock Park, English Drive, named for him. Civic-mindedness proved a family pursuit. Richard's avid conservationist grandfather served on the Park Department board for 60 years and Richard's father helped outfit a Boy Scout camp in Winsted. Richard, continuing his family's longtime support of both the Boy Scouts and worthwhile outdoor projects, helped save and restore a 250-acre nature preserve and Scout camp at Deer Lake in Killingworth. In recognition of Richard's support and as a tribute to

his love of birds, the site managers named the tract the Richard English Bird Sanctuary, an unexpected honor that Richard counts among his proudest and most gratifying attainments. He also has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Branford Trolley Museum whose acquisitions of adjoining properties are saving some of Branford's highly desirable bird habitats.

A lifelong New Haven resident, Richard still lives in his childhood home, which he shares with his retired college librarian brother, James. They also share a love of music. In younger days they went to more operas in NY than Richard can count and they still attend occasionally. But there's also music closer to home. As a young man Richard studied classical piano for 20 years and he still plays regularly. Butterflies and astronomy are among his other interests. In his work life, after earning a business degree from Quinnipiac, Richard had a career in banking. He also served in the Army Reserves for 8 years.

For the true CT native-son that he is, it probably is fitting that Richard's most thrilling birding experience took place virtually minutes from his home. It was on a noontime walk in 1977 in neighboring East Rock Park that he found a Hermit Warbler, that first-ever sighting of the species in CT. And Richard's other "most memorable" birding encounter took place just a bit up the road, in Guilford, where a rarely seen Mountain Bluebird once "took his breath away." There's even a saying to that effect: Sometimes our greatest treasures can be found as near as our own backyards.

--Betty Zuraw



Photo by Mike Horn

Richard English, our longest serving member at 65 years, received the Connecticut Ornithological Association's (COA) "Presidents Award" from Patrick Comins out-going COA president. The award was presented Saturday April 9, 2011 at the annual COA meeting held at Middlesex Community College. He taught many many people to bird over the decades including several people who have gone on to become "Elite Birders" themselves.

English Horn Trip Report

On Sunday, April 10, 14 of us braved the gray skies of the English-Horn Fieldtrip to Lighthouse Point, the Richard English Bird Sanctuary on Deer Lake in Killingworth, and Hammonasset Beach State Park. We had 62 species. Some highlights were: Surf Scoters, lots of Gannets, a Black Vulture and lots of Long-tailed Ducks.



Photo by Bill Batsford

The 62 species included: Canada Goose, Brant, Mute Swan, American Black Duck, Mallard, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Northern Gannet, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Cormorant, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Little Blue Heron,



Little Blue Heron

Photo by Bill Batsford

Black-crowned Night Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, Killdeer, Greater Yellowlegs, Sanderling, Purple Sandpiper, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Monk Parakeet, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Tree Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, Grey Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Chipping Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

--Mike Horn

Beginners' Bird Walk at Lake Wintergreen in Hamden Report

Despite a raw and blustery early spring morning, 14 club members and friends participated in a walk in the Lake Wintergreen section of West Rock Ridge State Park on Saturday, April 16th. We were treated to good views of a number of interesting and

beautiful bird species. Notable observations included a juvenile Red-tailed Hawk in the woods, a singing male Pine Warbler in full view near the parking area, three swallow species over the water (tree, barn and rough-winged), a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, a female Bufflehead and a Double-crested Cormorant in the lake, and a Swamp Sparrow in a thicket. A total of 33 species were seen. Several were common resident species that helped the beginning birders among us become more familiar with their songs and plumages. We left the park knowing that spring migration would be in full swing soon!

--Chris Loscalzo

East Rock Park with Ranger Dan Trip Report

On Saturday, April 30, Ranger Dan Barvir from the New Haven Parks and Recreation Dept led a Combined Bird walk for the New Haven Bird Club and the Parks and Rec. Department. There were a total of 20 participants on the walk. We all started at Rice Field, checking out the trees along the west edge of the ball field. From there, we proceeded to climb the hill going up the paved English Drive to the point of Quarry corner, birding all along the way. We had exceptional looks at Worm-eating Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, and Chestnut-sided Warbler on this section of the trip.

From the top at Quarry corner, we came back down the quick way taking the shortcuts and proceeded to the Whitney Museum and waterfall area of the park. Birding along the trail, we again had great looks at several good birds. The highlight of the walk, at least for me, was seeing and hearing the Hooded Warbler that Flo McBride had found just by the split-rail fence, near the inter-loop path. Although there have been Hooded Warblers in the park previously, in this area, Dan Barvir mentioned that in 27 years as Ranger here, this was only his 4th time seeing one in this location.

The 68 species included: Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Mallard, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Egret, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Herring Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Blue-headed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Common Raven, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Blue-winged Warbler, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Worm-eating Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

--Bill Banks for the group.

Kids' Walk by the Mill River Trip Report

About 21 children and adults joined leader Florence McBride and NHBC helpers Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe and Ruth Croll for what turned out to be an especially successful kids' walk by the river on Saturday, April 30th. What made the walk so memorable was the outstandingly enthusiastic involvement of many of the children, and the number of birds that we saw -- and heard -- really well. A beautiful Great Egret was in good view in the river right at the start of the walk, as was a Northern Parula in a tree next to the Eli Whitney Museum. From the same spot we saw a Red-tailed Hawk carrying prey (probably a squirrel). Catbirds were so cooperative that one boy got a very good photo of one with his small camera. Several other warblers besides the parula were easy to watch, including not only black-and-whites and yellow-rumps, but also a Black-throated Blue Warbler and an American Redstart. Yellow Warblers were singing in many places, and Warbling Vireos were low and close enough for us to see them well. When we got to the footbridge, there was a high-visibility brilliantly colored male Baltimore Oriole high in a tree just west of the bridge, and soon we were also able to see the female to-
whee that we heard calling in the nearby thickets. Near the end of the walk while returning along the upper path, we heard and then saw a Wood Thrush, and heard a Hooded Warbler singing below us -- probably the same bird that Flo and Ruth were delighted to see later (unfortunately after the other participants had left).

--Florence McBride

NHBC Bent of the River Southbury Trip Report [from CT Birds]

Southbury, Bent of the River Audubon Sanctuary, May 1st -- 68 species total, 13 species of warbler. Of the warblers the looks at Prairie Warbler and Hooded Warbler may have been the best. The singing Louisiana Waterthrush was uncooperative, and the Black-throated Green Warbler we finally got good looks at seemed like it had to be the tenth one we tried for. Flycatchers were limited to Eastern Kingbird and Eastern Phoebe, and the only Vireo was Warbling Vireo. The Scarlet Tanagers refused to be seen, but the Rose-breasted Grosbeaks (1m, 2f) were more cooperative. Eventually we got some good looks at Indigo Bunting. Of the several encounters with Orchard Oriole the last one (when the last few stalwarts crossed the road) was a female. We did pretty well with 6 raptor species, the best being an unexpected Northern Harrier, along with a couple of Broad-winged Hawk, and an Osprey. One Chimney Swift seemed early. Cedar Waxwings (in cedar trees, of all places) gave us a fine opportunity to admire their sophisticated appearance.

Thanks to everyone who came. It was great to see people who were new to Bent getting their first introduction to this great spot. I always hope some will come back on their own some day and get to know it better. It's worth it.

--Roy Harvey

East Rock Park on Wednesday, May 4th Trip Report

New Haven Bird Club walk, led by Frank Mantlik. Large turnout (30). We covered only the trails of the lower area along the river from Whitney Museum to the footbridge. Weather overcast, cool, breezy. Rain began 10 am, becoming heavy, and thus ending the trip by 10:30.



Number of species: 61, including: Canada Goose, Mallard, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Red-tailed Hawk, Killdeer, Solitary Sandpiper, Herring Gull (American), Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted), Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Warbling Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Veery, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle), Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Worm-eating Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellowthroat, Canada Warbler, Eastern Towhee, Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow

--Frank Mantlik

Nehantic State Forest and Hartman Park Field Trip Report

On Saturday, May 14th, fifteen club members visited these two fine birding locations east of the Connecticut River in Lyme. We began the day at the southwest corner of the forest and made our way along the gravel road, stopping at numerous locations along the way. The day was cloudy and cool, and not the best day for seeing and hearing spring migrants. Nevertheless, we observed a number of good birds. Interesting sightings in Nehantic State Forest included Black and Turkey Vultures, a Red-tailed Hawk that flew across the lake to capture a chipmunk (a graphic demonstration of its amazing eyesight), two Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, numerous Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, Veery, Wood Thrush, many Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Scarlet Tanager, and several

warbler species, including Worm-eating, Black-throated Green, Black-throated Blue, Pine, Prairie, and Blue-winged.



Prairie Warbler
Photo by Bill Batsford

At Hartman Park, we got good looks at a Cerulean Warbler in the woods, and were pleased to find a Wilson's Warbler in the brush at the powerline cut. The powerline cut was a very birdy spot, with several warbler species found there, as well as Eastern Bluebird, White-eyed Vireo and other species. American Redstarts were common at both locations and often

challenged our birdsong identification skills as they sang their varied songs. Our species total for the day was 60, with 16 of them being warblers. All in all, it was a very fine day. We'll be returning there next year, for sure.

--Chris Loscalzo

Barn Island Wildlife Management Area Field Trip Report

On Saturday, May 21st, several club members went to the Barn Island refuge in Stonington for a fine morning of birding. We teamed up with a group of Hartford Audubon members who were there for a bird walk, as well. We hiked the entire length of the trail at the refuge, past the wide expanses of saltmarsh, through the woods and fields, and past the shallow tidal pools. In doing so, we saw a great variety of birds, ranging from Common Loons to Saltmarsh and Seaside Sparrows. Shorebirds were numerous, and included Black-bellied Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Greater Yellowlegs, Willets, Ruddy Turnstones, Dunlin, and Semipalmated and Least Sandpipers. Many of the birds were in bright breeding plumage, including the loons, Dunlin, and plovers. Notable landbirds seen were Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Willow Flycatcher, White-eyed and Red-eyed Vireo, Purple Martin, Bank Swallow, Marsh Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, Brown Thrasher, Blue-winged and Magnolia Warbler, American Redstart, and Bobolink. The Bobolinks were in the fields along Palmer Neck Road before the entrance to the park, where they are known to breed. Stopping there to see them on the way into the refuge is a great way to start the day. We saw 77 species in total, many of which are unique to the saltmarsh habitat. We'll return to this excellent CT birding location again next year, confident that we'll see many interesting birds.

--Chris Loscalzo

Stratford Shore Points Field Trip Report

New Haven Bird Club trip of 10 people led by Frank Mantlik on Sunday, May 22. Visited Stew McKinney NWR (most of time spent here on foot), Short Beach, Seawall, Long Beach.

81 species including: Brant, Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Gadwall, American Black Duck, Mallard, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Loon, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Clapper

Rail, rail sp. (Apparent Clapper X King hybrid. It strutted around and called out in the open for minutes; Had a more colorful chest/belly, and more pronounced white and dark barring on the flanks, but back color not as colorful as a full King, and the calls were that of Clapper.), Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Piping Plover, Killdeer, American Oystercatcher, Greater Yellowlegs, Willet, Lesser Yellowlegs, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Sandpiper, Dunlin, Short-billed Dowitcher, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull (American), Great Black-backed Gull, Least Tern, Common Tern, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Monk Parakeet, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Belted Kingfisher, Northern Flicker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Willow Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Blue-headed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, American Crow, Fish Crow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Marsh Wren, Swainson's Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Cedar Waxwing, Yellow Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler (A smashing male at eye level along McKinney NWR (RR trail)), Blackpoll Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Savannah Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, Boat-tailed Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Baltimore Oriole, House Finch, American Goldfinch, House Sparrow.

--Frank Mantlik

Central CT Birding Tour Trip Report

On July 9th, 20 birders participated in the third annual club trip to the central part of our state. Our first stop was Rentschler Field in East Hartford. The grassland habitat there is home to a number of uncommon species. Interesting sightings there included several Grasshopper and Savannah Sparrows, two American Kestrels, a Least Sandpiper, Bank Swallows, and fledgling Killdeers.

Our second stop was Vibert Road in South Windsor. We walked along the scenic trails that parallel the Connecticut River there. Good finds included Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Spotted Sandpiper, Belted Kingfisher, and Swamp Sparrow. From there, we went to "Station 43," an expansive freshwater marsh in South Windsor owned by the Hartford Audubon Society. We were delighted to get a brief but excellent view of a Least Bittern flying over the marsh. We also observed a Bald Eagle soaring in the distance, several Wood Ducks and Green Herons, and a Marsh Wren.

We then took a break from birding to have a picnic lunch under the Pinchot Sycamore in Simsbury (the largest tree in New England, by trunk circumference—it is huge!). After lunch, we went to the Great Pond State Forest. Soon after our arrival, we were ~~thrilled to watch a Mississippi Kite fly over the pond in search of~~ prey. It circled the pond for several minutes, until it was chased away by a mobbing Eastern Kingbird. Other birds of interest seen in and around the pond were: Green Heron, Wood Duck, Red-shouldered Hawk, Belted Kingfisher, Eastern Wood Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, Veery, and Scarlet Tanager. All in all, we tallied 64 species and had a great time outdoors on a fine summer day.

--Chris Loscalzo

NHBC WINTER FEEDER SURVEY 2010 - 2011 - Final Report

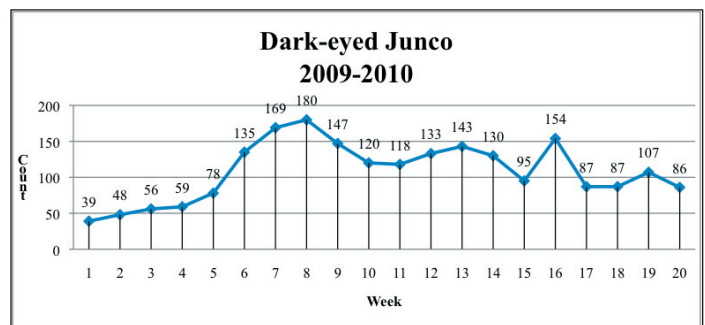
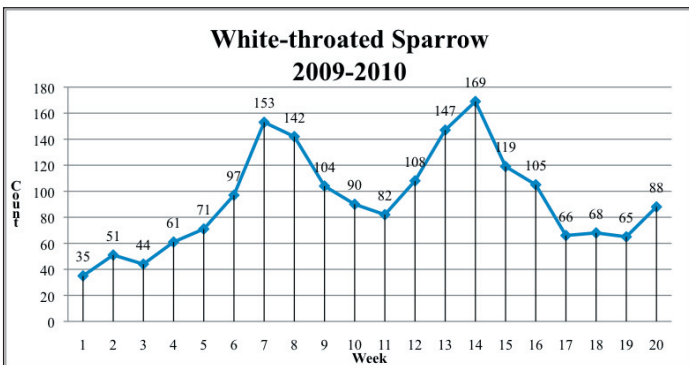
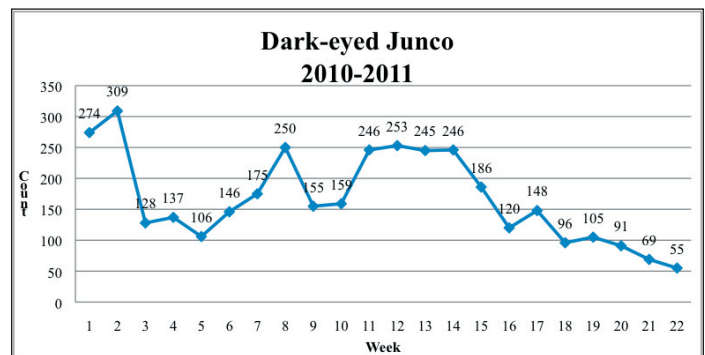
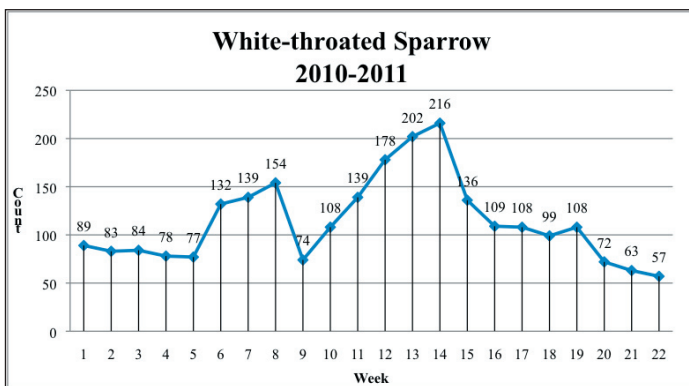
What a winter! I wonder how much the snow during December and January affected the count. The graphs of the species that I plotted are generally different from last years. Even though this is a non-scientific survey, the data we collect can be compared year to year and over the years and some trends may be seen.

We had a total of 21 participants, 6 via U.S. Postal system and 14 using email, and me. We were from 11 towns or cities: Branford 3, Cheshire 1, Guilford 2, Hamden 6, Milford 1, New Haven 1, North Haven 2, Orange 1, Prospect 1, Wallingford 2, and West Haven 1.

We saw a total of 56 species of birds (down 2 from last year) and 13 species of animals (up 7 from last year). The largest quantity for one week was 485 for Common Grackles. This was the same species that led the list last year at 628. Unlike last year when we had the great flocks in December, this year they showed up in January. We had quite a few species where only one individual

showed up, namely: Field Sparrow, Common Red Poll, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Broad Wing Hawk, Hermit Thrush, Merlin, Ring-bill Gull and Wood Duck. We had a few species show up as one bird for a few different weeks but whether it was the same bird is hard to say since there is usually weeks between sightings or months. It may have also been seen by different participants.

I have included the graphs of the data of two species, the White-throated Sparrow and the Dark-eyed Junco. These two species are seen during the winter in our area but not in the late spring, summer and early fall in any quantity. The Dark-eyed Junco started out with much larger numbers this year than last but then settled down to a similar trend as last year's for the rest of the winter. The number of White-throated Sparrows started out a little larger this year but followed the trend from last year. Both species overall had larger numbers throughout the survey compared to last year, but this could be attributed to the overall number of surveyors or their locations in the greater New Haven area.



I hope to start the survey again in the late fall and welcome all that would like to try to do it.

--Peter Vitali

Good News from Stonington - In late May, the Crowley field property on Wequetequock Cove in Stonington was turned over to the Avalonia Land Conservancy. It will be managed by CT DEP as part of the adjacent Barn Island WMA in cooperation with the Land Trust. NHBC sent a contribution to help with this purchase.

When you have a picture of a bird or a NHBC activity you would be willing to share, please consider sending it to be used on the Club website or in the Newsletter.

The deadline for submissions to the October newsletter is September 28. Send to Donna Batsford: donnabatsford@gmail.com.

SUMMER BIRD COUNT - June 11 and 12, 2011

Each year, I pay complement to our consistently wonderful SBC weekend weather. That was NOT what I was thinking as I stood in the predawn at East Haven's Brazo Road, squinting through the pouring rain, hoping for a sharp-tailed sparrow to pop up within the limit of view (barely 20 feet). My spirits were dampened; (what-remains-of) my hair was dampened. Then later, I, along with many others, heard about this early Saturday morning find, described by Flo McBride: "Scanning the lake to the north with my spotting scope from right (east) to left (west), I panned past the D-c Cormorants that are common at the lake at this time of year, and then across some open water. Then I stopped panning to look carefully at a large, black, more-or-less cormorant-like bird perched alone on a snag; it looked longer than the cormorants. It had a long, sharp-pointed bill, very different from the hooked bill of the cormorants, and a very long tail. We had an Anhinga on our local lake!"

In no time, New Haven SBC counters were swinging by Lake Whitney, ticking this amazing bird, and heading back to their own territories. Photos were later posted on "North America Stop Press" over at Surfbirds, and the count kept going and going, in spite of the weather. Almost an inch of rain fell Saturday. Winds were 4-14 mph from the ENE, and temperatures were 63- 66°F. Another 0.3 inches of rain fell on Sunday; winds were N at 0-10 and temperatures were 56-68°F.

Other interesting species included a male Ruddy Duck in Orange, a lingering Northern Pintail in Branford, a Hooded Merganser, a late male Northern Parula at Ansonia Nature Center, just about every late migrant shorebird imaginable at Sandy Point, a lingering solitary sandpiper(!) near Lake Dawson, 3 Yellow-crowned Night Herons, both cuckoos, and all the owls. An introduced (and very tame) Northern Bobwhite was found again this year, as were pheasants. We managed virtually all the interesting New Haven specialties, including Peregrine Falcon, Common Raven, Willet, Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher, Common Nighthawk, Least Tern, and Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow. Oh, and there was a mysterious small cormorant seen at considerable distance. Wouldn't Neotropical Cormorant have been a nice addition, along with the Anhinga?

There's a remarkably short list for missed species: Gadwall, Glossy Ibis, American Woodcock, American Kestrel, Broad-winged Hawk, Winter Wren, Chestnut-sided Warbler, water-thrushes, Seaside Sparrow, and Bobolink (found several weeks later, in Hamden).

Here are the totals; nestlings/fledged young are noted after a "+": Can Goose 629+26, Brant 5, M Swan 156+11, Wood Duck 37, Am Black Duck 3, Mallard 175, Northern Pintail 1, Hooded Merganser 1, Ruddy Duck 1, Wild Turkey 73+6, R-N Pheasant 2, N Bobwhite 1 (EX), Common Loon 1, D-C Cormorant 98, Cormorant sp 1, Anhinga 1, Gr-Blue Heron 21+5, Gr Egret 40, Snowy Egret 14, Green Heron 15, Black-crowned Night Heron 16, Yellow-crowned Night Heron 3, Black Vulture 3, Turkey Vul-

ture 24, Osprey 58+2, Sharp-shinned Hawk 1, Cooper's Hawk 2, N Goshawk 1, Red-shouldered Hawk 8, Red-tailed Hawk 10, Peregrine Falcon 3, Clapper Rail 5, B-Bellied Plover 1, Semipalmated Plover 14, Piping Plover 15, Killdeer 14, Am Oystercatcher 18, Greater Yellowlegs 2, Solitary Sandpiper 1, Willet 19, Spotted Sandpiper 5, Ruddy Turnstone 19, Semipalmated Sandpiper 72, Least Sandpiper 3, White-rumped Sandpiper 2, RB Gull 122, Herring Gull 149, Greater Black-backed Gull 14, Common Tern 21, Least Tern 256, Rock Pigeon 143, Mourning Dove 254, Monk Parakeet 53, Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1, Black-billed Cuckoo 1, E Screech Owl 1, Barred Owl 2, Great Horned Owl 2, Com Nighthawk 1, Chimney Swift 89, RT Hummingbird 8, Belted Kingfisher 9, RB Woodpecker 59, Downy Woodpecker 67, Hairy



Barn Swallow
Photo by Bill Batsford

Woodpecker 11, N Flicker 46, Pileated Woodpecker 2, E Wood-Pewee 27, Willow Flycatcher 51, E Phoebe 26, Gr Crested Flycatcher 30, E Kingbird 42, Yellow-Throated Vireo 2, Warbling Vireo 70, Red-eyed Vireo 75, Blue Jay 168, Am Crow 188, Fish Crow 24, Com Raven 5, Purple Martin 4, Tree Swallow 134+3, N Rough-winged Swallow 62, Bank Swallow 6, Cliff Swallow 30, Barn Swallow 220+1, BC Chickadee 59, Tufted Titmouse 83, WB Nuthatch 38, Car Wren 11, House Wren 57, Marsh Wren 10, BG Gnatcatcher 1, E Bluebird 6, Veery 31, Wood Thrush 65, Am Robin 988, Gray Catbird 272, N Mockingbird 134, Br Thrasher 4, Euro Starling 949, Cedar Waxwing 139, Blue-winged Warbler 29, Northern Parula Warbler 1, Yellow Warbler 151, BT Green Warbler 3, Pine Warbler 12, Prairie Warbler 10, Black and White Warbler 11, Am Redstart 8, Worm-eating Warbler 10, Ovenbird 59, Com Yellowthroat 40, Hooded Warbler 1, Scarlet Tanager 25, E Towhee 29, Chipping Sparrow 70, Field Sparrow 6, Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow 1, Song Sparrow 166, Swamp Sparrow 1, N Cardinal 150, Rose Breasted Grosbeak 33, Indigo Bunting 28, RW Blackbird 703, Com Grackle 670, BH Cowbird 74, Orchard Oriole 1, Baltimore Oriole 75, House Finch 66, Am Goldfinch 169, House Sparrow 625.



Cedar Waxwing
Photo by Bill Batsford

Participants: Marion Aimebury, Ralph Amodei, Christin Amini, Mark Aronson, Phil Asprelli, Bill Batsford, Larry Bausher, Steve Broker, Luisa Cunningham, Natasha Domina, Randy Domina, John Farley, Mike Ferrari, Mike Horn, Patrick Leahy, Christopher Loscalzo, Steve Mayo, Florence McBride, Bob Mitchell, Judy Moore, Mike OBrian, Maureen OConnor, Mike OConnor, John Oshlick, Beverly Propen, Frank Ragusa, Nancy Ragusa, Linda Rediker, Nancy Rosenbaum, Lee Schlesinger, Nancy Specht, Charla Spector, Steve Spector, Andy Stack, Maria Stockmal, John Triana, Lizzie Triana, Pete Vitali.

--Steve Mayo



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