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Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

October 2012

2012 CALENDAR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Folks,

Several Topics:

Hawk Fest 2012

The 2012 version of the New Haven Hawk Fest was a great success. The hawks were highly cooperative (after about 10:00 AM). The children's walk and both adult walks were well attended and productive. All the programs were – especially the live raptor demonstration – very well received. The Bluegrass music was first rate. I personally estimate the attendance was about 1,500. A great time was had by all.

New meeting attendance record

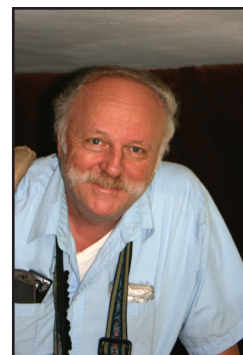
We had 121 people attend our Sept 2012 meeting at The Whitney Center to hear Sam Fried give a wonderful presentation on exploring Canada's Maritime Provinces. There were over 100 Club members and about 20 folks from The Whitney Center present.

The Big Sit!®, Sunday October 14, 2012

To join The Big Sit!®, go to: <http://www.birdwatchersdigest.com>. Search for The Big Sit!® in their search engine in the upper right. Choose the first result. Go to Registration for The Big Sit!®. Under Returning Sitters, go to the third item down and "Look Here." This will show you all the Connecticut sites. If you want to make your own site, follow the directions on that page, or, if you just want to show up and count, you can do that without registering. Just show up and introduce yourself to the folks in the circle.

A major suggestion is you can show up at Lighthouse Point Park in New Haven on Sunday October 14, 2012 at a time of your choosing. Tell the gate keeper that you are here for the Hawk Watch (No Admission Charge). Drive up to the hill where the Hawk Watch is and park there. This is where a The Big Sit!® site usually is. If there happens not to be one there, enjoy the Hawk Watch.

Regards to all,
Mike Horn - President



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FROM THE BOARD

Board Position Opening - We are looking for a person to fill the position of Indoor Program Chair. Duties include arranging the speakers for our indoor meeting and attending to speaker logistics at the meetings. A number of the board members have held this position in the past and will be helpful in getting started. Duties will begin with setting up the 2013-2014 speakers for the yearbook published in the Summer of 2013. Please contact Patrick Leahy if you have questions or interest in the position: ptjleahy@yahoo.com, 203-393-2427.

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

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

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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 Drive, Hamden. *See directions to Whitney Center under Indoor Programs.* Go to main desk, sign in, and get directions to the meeting room. If you have any questions, please email or call Kris Johnson krisjohnson99@snet.net or 203.288.3087.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 23. We will be discussing Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac*.

INDOOR PROGRAMS

Monthly indoor programs start in September and are held on the second Thursday of the month. The social half-hour at meetings begins at 7:00 pm; the meeting and program begin at 7:30 pm. 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](#). Starting in September 2012, the meetings will be at The Whitney Center,, Cultural Arts Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden. The facility is wheelchair accessible.

Directions to the Whitney Center (WC)

From I-95 North or South: Exit onto I-91 North in New Haven. Take Exit 6 (Willow St.). At end of ramp turn right onto Willow and proceed to the end (Whitney Ave.). Turn right onto Whitney and go approximately 4 miles. Turn left onto Putnam Avenue.

From I-91 South: Take Exit 6 (Willow St.) in New Haven. At end of ramp, turn right onto Willow and proceed to the end (Whitney Ave.). Turn right onto Whitney and go approximately 4 miles. Turn left onto Putnam Avenue.

From Wilbur Cross (Rte. 15) northbound: Take Exit 61 (Whitney Ave). Turn left at end of ramp, go 2.4 mi., turn right onto Putnam.

From Wilbur Cross (Rte. 15) southbound: Take Exit 61 (Whitney Ave. New Haven). At end of ramp go right. Proceed to Putnam.

On Putnam go approximately .7 mi, (3 traffic lights) and turn right onto Leeder Hill (ATT bldg is at that intersection). Go .6 mi. on Leeder Hill to the South Entrance (big sign) of WC on the left. Turn in and take an immediate left into a raised parking area. Meeting is in the South Building, accessed via the main door of the portico that is in view from the parking lot. Turn right down the hallway. The Cultural Arts Center is a short distance on the left.

Thursday, October 11, 2012 — Robert Craig Connecticut Habitat Atlas and the Green Corridor

Our speaker this evening is Robert Craig, General Director of Bird Conservation Research (BCR), a nonprofit foundation based in Putnam, CT. The group provides original scientific data for driving conservation action by users as diverse as land trusts, biology educators, planning and zoning commissions and even the National Park Service. Of special interest to us is that the foundation's focus is on the most diverse wildlife group: birds and the habitats that support them. BCR has conducted a Forest Bird Survey of Southern New England. This summer-winter quantitative survey of the populations, distributions, and habitat preferences of forest birds in Connecticut and Rhode Island was conducted along 148 transects and logged the occurrence of more than 50,000 individuals of nearly 100 species. It concurrently made nearly 18,000 measurements on habitats. Robert Craig is perfectly suited for his job—he has studied birds for 40 years. Educated at Rutgers and UConn, he focused on wildlife management and ornithology and earned a PhD in zoology from UConn. His research has led to nearly 100 contributions to the scientific literature.

Bird Book Tag Sale to Be Held at the November Meeting!

Sort through the bird-related books you can part with or no longer need and bring them to the October meeting. Tag Sale Coordinator Deborah Zale will collect them. Proceeds go to our Conservation Fund.

Thursday, November 8, 2012 Members' Night—and a Bonus: Bird Book Tag Sale

Here's your chance to add another 15 minutes of fame to your birding memoirs. Members' Night is a chance to share your favorite photos and recordings of your trips and field work, birding haunts, and memories of birds and bird club activities—and you'll have a most appreciative audience. We'll have PowerPoint and slide capability. To discuss your presentation, time limit, and any requirements you may have, contact Indoor Program Chair—Craig Repasz: crepasz@hotmail.com or 203.230.1697.

Thursday, December 13, 2012 — Larry Fischer In the Eye of an Eagle

This evening's program looks at the history of the American Bald Eagle in Connecticut since its population was decimated by DDT in the 1940s. (September this past fall marked the 50th anniversary of the publication of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, the book that helped launch the environmental movement and the ban on DDT). Larry will recount a brief history of the reappearance of wintering eagles in the 1970's and the current status of bald eagle breeding in CT since the first successful nest was observed in 1992. And we'll "get up close and personal" as we watch Larry's photo essay "Climbing to an Eagle Nest" in which he describes what it's like to climb some of our state's largest trees—some to the height of 90 feet—to come eye to eye with eaglets in their aerie. Larry is a volunteer for the US Department of the Interior and is president of the Western CT Bird Club. An amateur ornithologist, Larry has been tracking bird activity since the 1980s. He scales the same heights to study hawks and owls too in their nests.

If you take pictures of NHBC events or on NHBC trips, please consider sending one to the newsletter to be included with the report. Send them to Donna Batsford at donnabatsford@gmail.com

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. Carpooling 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 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.

Daily Hawk Watch at Lighthouse Point Park September 1 to November 30, 2012

Lighthouse Point Park on New Haven Harbor is one of the premier locations in southern New England for observing migrating raptors as well as a wide variety of songbirds. The watch starts daily at 7:00 am and continues as long as the hawks keep flying. Stop by anytime. Coordinator - Steve Mayo: 203.393.0694, smayo@sikorsky.com

First Wednesday Walk: Allen's Meadow, Wilton Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 8:00 am

Come visit this excellent location for fall migrants, especially sparrows. White-crowned and Lincoln's Sparrows are seen here regularly in the fall, and it's a good location to find Dickcissel, Blue Grosbeak and other rare fall migrants. Harris's Sparrow was seen here several years ago. Meet at the main meadow parking area, near the community gardens, off Rte.7. Luke Tiller leads. Contact - Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale State Park, Derby Saturday, October 6, 2012, 8:00 am

Enjoy 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 Avenue, Derby. Leader - Maria Stockmal: 203.488.3876, m.stockmal@snet.net

Great Stratford Bird Festival, Family Bird Walk at Beardsley Park, Bridgeport Saturday, October 6, 2012, 9:00 am

Families and beginning birdwatchers are welcome on this tour of Beardsley Park. Park near the entrance gate of the zoo parking lot (1875 Noble Avenue). We will meet at the Hansen Exploration Center (in the parking lot), proceed out of the Zoo along Bunnell's Pond and the Pequonnock River, then explore Wheeler-Fairchild Park. This walk is part of the Great Stratford Birding Festival; additional information about festival activities can be found at <http://www.stratfordbirdfestival.com>. Leader - Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe; 203.630.9640, cfolsomokeefe@audubon.org

Hammonasset State Park, Madison Saturday, October 13, 2012, 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. There should be shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors, sparrows, and other interesting birds to see. 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

THE BIG SIT!® Sunday, October 14, 2012

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

Branford Supply Ponds, Branford Saturday, October 27, 2012, 8:00 am

Visit this fine local birding location to look for fall migrants and resident species. A variety of waterfowl can be found in the ponds. There is varied habitat, with woods and shrubby areas. The walking is easy, although it is hilly in some areas. Meet at the Supply Ponds parking lot on Chestnut Street in Branford. Leader - Maria Stockmal: 203.488.3876 or m.stockmal@snet.net

NHBC 19th Annual Winter Feeder Survey November 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013

This is a yearly census to help determine the number and frequency of birds visiting feeders in the Greater New Haven area. You are invited to observe and record the activity at your feeder at least once a week for the entire time period. Contact - Peter Vitali: 203.288.0621, vitali_peter_e@sbcglobal.net

Fargeorge Wildlife Preserve, Quinnipiac River, New Haven
Saturday, November 3, 2012, 8:00 am

Join our Club president for a walk at this New Haven Land Trust property along the Quinnipiac River. With its varied habitats, this is a good place to see raptors, shorebirds, and waterfowl. We've had Snow Goose, Bald Eagle, and American Woodcock here. Directions: Go south on Quinnipiac Ave. from Rte 80. Turn right just past the RR overpass. Go through the open gate onto the property. Leader - Mike Horn: 203.288.1891, mfhorn@att.net

First Wednesday Walk: Silver Sands State Park, Milford
Wednesday, November 7, 2012, 8:00 am

Today we'll be looking for sea ducks and shorebirds, rare gulls, birds of prey, and uncommon sparrows. Meet at the main parking area at Silver Sands SP, the first large lot on the right. We may visit other locations in Milford, such as Milford Point, Mondo Ponds, and Caswell Cove. Leader is Bill Batsford. Contact - Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

Bombay Hook NWR, Leipsic, Delaware

Cancelled this year because Veteran's Day falls on the weekend the trip is customarily made. Trip will resume in 2013.

Family Bird Walk at Silver Sands State Park, Milford
Saturday, December 1, 2012, 9:00 am

This walk is oriented toward families that are interested in birds. Beginners are welcome. The park is a great place to see waterfowl, shorebirds, and sparrows. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them, appropriate clothing, and a little bit of curiosity about birds and the natural world. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Silver Sands Parkway. Leader - Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe: 203.630.9640 or cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org

First Wednesday Walk: Hammonasset State Park, Madison
Wednesday, December 5, 2012, 8:00 am

Join us as we explore this birding hotspot for fall migrants. The varied habitat attracts shorebirds, raptors, songbirds, and waterfowl. Meet at the park entrance. The leader is Jerry Connolly. Contact - Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

113th Annual New Haven Christmas Bird Count
Saturday, December 15, 2012

Join other NHBC members in this fun event, steeped in tradition. Participate for a few hours or for the entire day. Results of the count are sent to the National Audubon Society and are included in an international census of early winter bird populations. The compilation dinner, held at the CT Agricultural Experiment Station, starts at 5:00 pm. Compiler - Chris Loscalzo: 203.389.6508, closcalz@optonline.net

Saturday Family Bird Walks



When: Saturdays, 9am

Where:

**Oct. 6st - Beardsley Park,
Bridgeport**

**Dec. 1rd - Silver Sands SP,
Milford**

**Mar. 30th - Kellogg Environmental
Center, Derby**

**June 15rd - Brooksvale Park,
Hamden**

Bring: Binoculars and field guides (if you have them), appropriate clothing, and curiosity about birds and the natural world.

For more information, contact:

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Winter Feeder Survey

I want to welcome all members and non-members to the 2012 – 2013 Winter Feeder Survey. We had good participation last year, and I hope to see more members involved this year. In a nutshell, all that you have to do is to record the largest number of birds of a species that you see at one sighting at your bird feeders during one day of the week and report that number to me. You do not have to do it every day or at the same time of day, but at least one day during the week or weekend. Anytime you look out at your bird-feeders just record the number of birds of a particular species that you see.

We had a total of 16 participants, 5 via U.S. Postal system and 10 using email, and me. We lost two long time surveyors, one due to losing the tree where he hung the feeders and another from new residency requirements. We were from 11 towns or cities: Branford, Cheshire, Durham, Guilford, Hamden, Killingworth, Milford, New Haven, North Haven, Orange, Prospect, and Wallingford.

We saw a total of 51 species of birds (down 5 from last year) and 14 species of animals. The largest quantity for one week again

was for Common Grackles at 246. This was the same species that led the list in 2009-2010 at 628 and 484 in 2010-2011. Unlike 2009-2010 when we had the great flocks in January, last year they showed up near the end of the survey in late February and late March. Last year we did not have any Field Sparrows reported, and under the Uncommon Species category a few species had only one bird seen during the whole survey. New to the Uncommon list was Eastern Phoebe, Eastern Kingbird, Fish Crow and Pine Warbler. Last year the squirrel was again the leader in the Animal Species List which had the addition of Brown Rat, Short-tail Rat, Flying Squirrel and Woodchuck.

This year we will start on Monday, October 29th and finish on March 31, 2013. It will run for 22 Weeks.

For more information you can email me at “vitali_peter_e@sbcglobal.net” or phone me at 203 288-0621.

Peter Vitali
Survey Coordinator
Chairman NHBC Winter Feeder Survey



White-breasted Nuthatch on a tree in my yard
Photo by Peter Vitali

Lighthouse Point Hawk Watch September 2012 Summary

Black Vulture	0
Turkey Vulture	19
Osprey	457
Bald Eagle	96
Northern Harrier	125
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1610
Cooper's Hawk	246
Northern Goshawk	0
Red-shouldered Hawk	13
Broad-winged Hawk	1501
Red-tailed Hawk	8
Rough-legged Hawk	0
Golden Eagle	0
American Kestrel	503
Merlin	78
Peregrine Falcon	38
Unknown Accipiter	42
Unknown Buteo	8
Unknown Falcon	6
Unknown Eagle	0
Unknown Raptor	66
Total	4816

You can see more details on hawkcount.org

You are welcome to come by anytime. It's a great place to watch raptor migration.

To reach the park, if heading north on Route 95, take Exit 50 (Woodward Avenue, Lighthouse Point). Turn right onto Townshend Avenue and proceed about 2.1 miles to Lighthouse Road. Turn right onto Lighthouse Road, which leads into the park, and keep to your left, going towards the bathhouse. Hawkwatching is generally done from the parking lot just east of the large field before the bathhouse. If heading south on Route 95, take Exit 51 (U.S. 1, Frontage Road, Lighthouse Point), which merges with Frontage Road, and runs parallel to Route 95 for about a mile. Turn left at the light onto Townshend Avenue, and continue as described above.

The Club collects binoculars and books for Birders Exchange to be distributed to organizations or individuals in Latin America or the Caribbean who are working on behalf of a bird conservation or bird education program. There will be a box marked BEX on the Sign in Table at the indoor programs collect them. Contact Kris Johnson with questions: krisjohnson99@snet.net or 203.288.3087.

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Field Trip Report

On Saturday, August 18th, ten club members ventured into our neighboring state of NY to visit this birding hot spot near Kennedy airport. We started at the north end of the east pond, where most of the shorebirds were. We saw a number of species, including American Oystercatcher, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Black-bellied Plover, Short-billed Dowitcher, Ruddy Turnstone, Semipalmated Plover, and Semipalmated and Least Sandpiper. Rarer species encountered included Red Knot, Stilt Sandpiper, and an out-of-season Dunlin. There were several Forster's Terns there, and a few Black Skimmers flew by skimming the surface as they characteristically do. But, the highlight of the trip was the sighting of an American White Pelican in the pond. This massive bird had been seen there for several days before our trip, so we had a good idea that we would see it. Several waterfowl species were in the east pond as well, with the most notable being Blue and Green-winged Teal and Northern Shoveler. The rest of the refuge was less productive, but we still saw a number of interesting species including Ruddy Duck, Black and Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Glossy Ibis, Peregrine Falcon, Black-and-White Warbler, American Redstart, Northern Waterthrush, and Boat-tailed Grackle. We saw a respectable total of 68 species on the day.

We've gone to Jamaica Bay annually for many years now and, although it's been quite pleasant, it may be time to try a new location for late summer birding. Keep an eye out for next year's field trip schedule, as you may see a new destination or two that you won't want to miss.

--Chris Loscalzo

Visit the NHBC Website at www.newhavenbirdclub.org

The site has a lot of useful information and links:

- Information about the NHBC and the people to contact with specific questions or ideas
- The calendar of events for the club, both outdoor activities and indoor programs
- Back copies of *The Chickadee*
- Links to sites of interest and use to birders
- Link to the site that sells clothing, hats and totebags with the NHBC logo.

The New Haven Bird Club is now on Facebook.

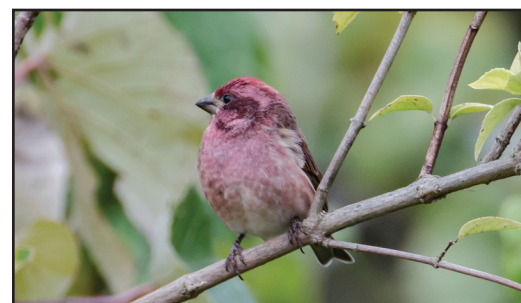
So log onto facebook and like the page "New Haven Bird Club." You can post your photos, see other photos, participate in a discussion and check out the upcoming events.



*Juvenile Green Heron taken in the Quinnipiac River Marsh
Photo by Peter Vitali*



*Clay Colored Sparrow at Silver Sands State Park
Photo by Bill Batsford*



*Purple Finch at Woodbridge Community Gardens
Photo by Bill Batsford*

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NHBC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip +4 _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(Please print clearly in block letters)

Dues:

_____ Individual - \$15

_____ Couple/Family - \$20 # of family members _____

_____ Supporting - \$50 # of family members _____

_____ Student under 18 - Free

_____ Life Membership: A one-time payment of \$300
for 1 or 2 people at same address.

_____ Additional gift to support the NHBC \$ _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to help the club.

Make check payable to New Haven Bird Club and
send to: New Haven Bird Club, PO Box 9004,
New Haven CT 06532-0004

The NHBC membership year is from July 1 to June 30.
New members joining between January 1 and June 30
are given full membership for the rest of the current
year and also for the following membership year.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New Haven Bird Club is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. **All dues and donations are fully tax deductible.** If your employer gives matching grants, please take advantage of the offer. It's free and helps NHBC's program budget.

The Club welcomes everyone irrespective of age, race, gender, sexual preference, or national origin.

If your address, phone or email change, please send that information to the Club address given on the form to the left or contact the Membership Chair, Mike Ferrari: mike.ferrari@att.net or 203.435.5712.

NHBC does not release its membership list or email addresses to other organizations.

The New Haven Bird Club is now on Facebook. So log onto facebook and like the page "New Haven Bird Club." You can post your photos, see other photos, participate in a discussion and check out the upcoming events.

CTBirds is an open discussion email list to discuss birds and birding in the state. To Subscribe, go to:
http://lists.ctbirding.org/mailman/listinfo/ctbirds_lists.ctbirding.org

The CTDailyReport list is used to distribute summaries of rare and uncommon bird sightings. To Subscribe, go to:
http://lists.ctbirding.org/mailman/listinfo/ctdailyreport_lists.ctbirding.org

NHBC website: www.newhavenbirdclub.org