



THE CHICKADEE

Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

April 2013

2013 CALENDAR

(See inside for details)

Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 am **First Wednesday Walk: CT Audubon Coastal Center, Milford**

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Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9 **Twenty-first Annual New Haven Summer Bird Count**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Folks,

Two Topics:

1.) Instead of writing about Club business, I'm going to write about one of my favorite topics, the new bald eagle family on State Street here in Hamden. A day without eagles is a day without sunshine.

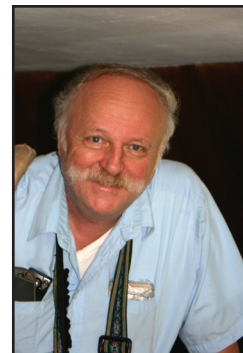
It is such a treat for me to have to drive by the nest twice a day during the week. Sometimes, on the way home from work, I pull into the Proto Tires parking lot at the north end out of the way of store traffic, get my binoculars out from under the seat (don't tell anyone where I hide them) and just watch them.

The female is a big robust bird who has to weigh 15 pounds. The male is a head shorter, and when he sits next to his mate, the difference is obvious. He has to be 11 pounds tops. They lost their nest at the bottom of Edmund Street about 6 weeks ago during a nasty wind storm. Instead of rebuilding there, they had the good sense to rebuild up in that group of trees in an upside-down tripod of live branches. At least by eye, it looks a lot sturdier. The nest is deceptive. It does not look deep, but the female can set on the eggs with only the top of her head showing. If she sets that way, you will need a spotting scope to see her. The male on the other hand will sit about one tree back in semi-plain sight. The hatching should be late April and fledging in late June. It is going to be a major treat this summer watching the eaglets being fed by their parents and learning to fly.

The DEEP has asked me to remind you all (not that you need reminding) not to cross the street and especially not to cross the railroad tracks. They are sending me signs to put up on the guardrail across from Proto Tires and the W.B.Mason warehouse saying do not enter or something like that.

2.) It has been an honor and a treat being president, we got a lot done.

Regards to all,
Mike Horn – President



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NEW HAVEN BIRD CLUB – 2012-2013

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FROM THE BOARD

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

The deadline for submissions to the June newsletter is May 24. Send to Donna Batsford: donnabatsford@gmail.com

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

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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 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 6th floor Conference Room. If you have any questions, please email or call Kris Johnson kriswaxwing99@gmail.com or 203.288.3087.

Next Book: *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson
This remarkable book was written in 1952 and is considered a classic statement of environmental concern.

Date: June 12th, 7-9 pm

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 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 Whitney Center 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, April 11 – Robert DeCandido The Vultures and Migratory Raptors of Nepal

Nine vulture species occur on the Indian Subcontinent, five of which are globally endangered because of the widespread use of a chemical that treats arthritis in cattle. This evening's program will show images of eight of the vulture species of Nepal, both in-flight and feeding on the ground. Dr. DeCandido himself has discovered one new vulture species that had never before been seen in Nepal. He'll discuss conservation efforts that include "Vulture Restaurants" where animal carcasses free of deadly chemicals are provided for consumption by healthy vultures to help insure the precarious future of these huge birds. Our speaker will also cover Steppe Eagles and other raptors making an east to west migration across Asia toward Saudi Arabia and presumably, Africa. The eagles were often just a few meters above the camera, providing photos with excellent views that show the birds' ages and molt patterns. In addition to studying vultures in Nepal, Robert and photographer Deborah Allen have worked on many raptor, migration, and other bird projects in Malaysia, Borneo, Thailand, and other Southeast Asia countries as well as in Israel. They helped discover a raptor migration watch site of global importance in Thailand. Come prepared for an evening of big, graceful birds and snow-capped mountains.

Please Note: As per the Club's by-laws, the April meeting is traditionally the Annual Meeting, which includes presentation of a slate of officers and their election.

Slate of Officers and Board Members to be voted on at the April 11 Meeting

President – Bill Batsford
Vice President – Craig Repasz
Treasurer – Andy Stack
Secretary – Paul Wolter

Thursday, May 9, 6:00 pm – Annual Banquet Amarante's Restaurant, New Haven

Don't miss this great event—always great company, great food, and a great program. Reservations required; see enclosed sheet. *Early reservations are greatly appreciated!*

Please remember to bring cash to the banquet to pay for your drinks at the cash bar and to buy tickets for the always-fun raffle of interesting, exciting, and worthwhile prizes!

Banquet Program Geoff LeBaron: The Christmas Bird Count: From Historical Conservation to 21st Century Citizen Science

The Christmas Bird Count is among the most widely known and popular programs among birders. Geoff LeBaron, National Audubon's Christmas Bird Count Director, is a knowledgeable and personable fellow who tells a story well. His own long history with the CBC will make for a well-informed presentation. Not only has Geoff been National Audubon's CBC Director for 25 years, he has also performed a wide range of other NAS tasks, including natural history and special events consultancies, lecturing, and media spokespersonship. Prior to his NAS job, Geoff was employed by the NH and RI Audubon Societies, did environmental education work, spent more than 3,000 hours observing marine mammals and birds along the entire US east coast, and led whale and seabird watching trips off Cape Cod.

BANQUET RAFFLE ITEMS SOUGHT

Last year's Raffle was a huge success and with your help again this year it can be even better! If you can donate any of the following, please contact Donna Caporaso at donnacap@aol.com or 203-895-7669. Offer to host a bird walk, decorative bird items for the yard or home, original framed artwork or photographs, books, native plants, a birding boat trip, or other appropriate items. Thank you!

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.

First Wednesday Walk: CT Audubon Coastal Center, Milford Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 am

Enjoy an early spring walk at this fine coastal birding location. We'll be looking for early spring migrants such as Yellowlegs, Plover, and more. The park is an excellent place to see rare gulls, waterfowl, sparrows and other species. Rare shorebirds, such as Ruff and Godwits, sometimes show up in April and wintering sea ducks will still be around and should be in breeding plumage. Leader – Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

Richard English Memorial Bird Walk: Lighthouse Point to Richard English Bird Sanctuary in Killingworth to Hammonasset State Park Saturday, April 6, 8:30 am

Meet in the Hawk Watch parking lot at New Haven's Lighthouse Point Park and bird the harbor shore for gulls, loons, ducks, and early returning shorebirds. We will then proceed to the Bird Sanctuary on Deer Lake in Killingworth, and we'll finish our birding tour at Hammonasset State Park in Madison. This is an all-day trip so bring lunch and dress warmly. Leader – Mike Horn: 203.288.1891, mhorn@att.net

East Rock Birding and Trail Maintenance, New Haven Saturday, April 13, 8:00 am

Meet at the Eli Whitney Museum parking lot for a bird walk from 8 to 9 am. Then join Ranger Dan Barvir and help with light trail maintenance along the Mill River from 9 am to noon. Bring pruning shears and work gloves if you have them. Leader – Dan Barvir: 203.946.6086

Ansonia Nature Center, Ansonia Saturday, April 20, 8:00 am

Join our past-president as she leads a walk at this fine birding site. The nature center has a small pond, wetlands, thickets, woods, and grassy fields. The woods have had Northern Goshawks and Great Horned Owls nesting there, and there are often other surprises. Meet at the nature center parking lot on Deerfield Lane (off Benz Road) in Ansonia. Leader – Maria Stockmal: 203.488.3876, m.stockmal@snet.net

Bird Walk for Kids at East Rock Park, New Haven Saturday, April 27, 9:00 am

On this walk by the park's Mill River, children, accompanied by adults, will search for warblers and other spring migrants. Other interested adults are also welcome to join the walk in this famous spring birding site. Meet at the Eli Whitney Museum parking lot. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. Leader – Florence McBride: 203.288.6777, j.mcbride@yale.edu

West Rock Ridge State Park: New Haven, Hamden, Woodbridge ("Aves Antagonistes: The Intertwined Lives of Peregrines and Ravens") Sunday, April 28, 8:00 am

We focus on just two species for this trip to West Rock Ridge State Park: the Peregrine Falcon and Common Raven. A pair of Peregrines selected West Rock as their home in 1999, becoming one of the first breeding pairs in CT in the post-DDT era. Since then, 5 different females and 5 different males have occupied the ridge in a collage of combinations. We'll observe their cliff site with the expectation of seeing flying, perching, preening, feeding, antagonistic interactions with the nearby nesting ravens, and incubation of eggs. Common Ravens were confirmed as breeders at West Rock in 2002, and the presumed same pair has nested here annually since then, producing 4 to 5 young in most years. We observe them from unusually close range as they soar, perch, bring in cached food, fight with the peregrines, and attend their young in the cliff nest. Bring binoculars, cameras, and two extra layers of clothing (really!). The wind and cold at cliff top often bear no relation to conditions 450 feet below in the West River valley. Meet at the West Rock Nature Center parking lot on Wintergreen Street, Hamden/New Haven border. Leader – Steve Broker: 203.272.5192 (cell: 203.747.6843) or ls.broker@cox.net.

First Wednesday Walk: East Rock Park, New Haven Wednesday, May 1, 8:00 am

Enjoy this walk in one of the best places in the state to see warblers and other spring migrants. It is not unusual to see 15-20 species of warblers in this park on any given day in early May. Rarities such as Prothonotary, Kentucky, and Cape May Warbler are possible. Meet at the Eli Whitney Museum parking lot by the covered bridge. Leaders are Renee Baade and Frank Mantlik. Contact – Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

East Rock Park, New Haven
Saturday, May 4, 8:00 am

Join Ranger Dan at this premier site for warblers and other spring migrants. We'll meet at the Rice Field (baseball field) end of East Rock Park. Leader – Ranger Dan Barvir: 203.946.6086.

Bent of the River Wildlife Sanctuary, Southbury
Sunday, May 5, 7:30 am

Explore a prime birding location along the Pomperaug River. More than 100 species of birds have been observed in a single day at this beautiful and highly diverse, 650-acre habitat. Directions: Exit 14 off Rte. 84. North on Rte. 172. Turn left on East Flat Hill Road (by church). Sanctuary entrance will be on the left. The trip involves moderately strenuous hiking. Leader – Roy Harvey: 203.888.5757, rmharvey@snet.net

SECOND Wednesday Walk: East Rock Park, New Haven
Wednesday, May 8, 8:00 am

By popular demand, we'll have a second mid-week walk at East Rock this year. We'll continue viewing the bounty of migrants the park is famous for. Meet at the Eli Whitney Museum parking lot. Leaders are Jake Musser, John Oshlick, and Paul Wolter. Contact – Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

Big Day Marathon
Saturday, May 11, 6:00 am

This fun event, steeped in tradition, will begin at East Rock Park. at 6:00 am. After seeing 50+ species there, the group will continue to other locations in New Haven County to search for more birds. Eventually, the group will head to the coast to add shorebird and waterfowl species to the day's list. More than 100 species are likely to be seen on this trip. Leader – John Oshlick: 203.584.1955 or john.oshlick@yahoo.com

Naugatuck State Forest, Naugatuck
Sunday, May 12, 7:00 am

It's a treat to visit this less well-known but excellent local birding location. The extensive forests are home to a variety of woodland species, including Hooded and Blackburnian Warblers. There are open fields where you can find Eastern Bluebirds and Field Sparrows. Chestnut-sided Warblers sing along the forest edges. Last year, we found a Lawrence's Warbler here. Meet at 7:00 am at the commuter lot off Rte. 8 at exit 25. Leader – Chris Loscalzo: 203.389.6508, closcalz@optonline.net

River Road, Kent
Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 am

The New Haven Bird Club traveled to River Road in May 1991 and documented the first nesting of Yellow-throated Warbler in CT. We celebrate the 22nd anniversary of this discovery with a long-overdue return to River Road at the peak of spring migration. The diversity of species found in this woodland bordering the Housatonic River is remarkable and includes ducks, sandpipers, herons, vultures, flycatchers, cuckoos, hummingbirds, kingfishers, vireos, swallows, wood-warblers, thrushes, wrens,

waxwings, gnatcatchers, raptors, tanagers, grosbeaks, and orioles. Many specialty breeders in northwestern Connecticut are seen here, including Acadian and Least Flycatchers, Cerulean and Worm-eating Warblers, Yellow-throated and Blue-headed Vireos, and Winter Wren. We bird by car odometer with territorial birds staked out beforehand. Bring the Sibley Guide to Trees, if you have it. Meet at Amity Shopping Center, New Haven at 7:00 am. The car-pool leaves no later than 7:15. Travel is by Routes 63, 67, and 7. We arrive in Kent at the old train station by 8:30 am. The train station is several hundred yards north of the intersection of Rtes. 7 and 341, on the east side of Rte. 7. Leader – Steve Broker: 203.272.5192 (cell: 203.747.6843), or ls.broker@cox.net.

Nehantic State Forest and Hartman Park, Lyme
Saturday, May 18, 6:30 am

Today we explore two prime birding locations in Lyme. Nehantic State Forest is a 1,200-acre woodland, home to Hooded and Worm-eating Warblers and many other species. There are large ponds where you can find Wood Ducks, herons, flycatchers and other species. Nearby Hartman Park is known for its breeding population of Cerulean Warblers. Meet at the commuter lot at exit 55 off I-95 in Branford at 6:30 am or the Keeny Road entrance to Nehantic State Forest on Rte. 156 in Lyme at 7:00 am. Leader – Chris Loscalzo: 203.389.6508, closcalz@optonline.net.

Barn Island Wildlife Management Area, Stonington, CT
Sunday, May 19, 7:00 am

This will be our ninth annual trip to this excellent birding spot in Stonington. We'll meet at the commuter lot at Exit 55 of I-95 and then carpool to the refuge. The management area consists of large expanses of salt marsh, tidal pools, wetlands, woodlands, and open fields. We should see wading birds, shorebirds, and area residents such as Saltmarsh Sparrow, Marsh Wren, White-eyed Vireo, Willow Flycatcher, Bobolink, and many other species. Last year, a Black-billed Cuckoo was seen on this trip. Leader – Chris Loscalzo: 203.389.6508, closcalz@optonline.net.

First Wednesday Walk:
White Memorial Foundation, Litchfield
Wednesday, June 5, 8:00 am

White Memorial is a 4,000-acre nature preserve with extensive woodlands, conifer plantations, fields, thickets, and wetlands. The preserve is home to more than 115 breeding species and is visited by many migrants. Notable breeding species include: Least Bittern, Virginia Rail, Winter Wren, Brown Creeper, Blackburnian Warbler, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Northern Goshawk. Meet at the visitor center parking lot off Bissell Rd., off Rt. 202. Greg Hanisek leads. Contact – Tina Green: 203.247.2660, tina@renaissancestudios.com

Twenty-first Annual New Haven Summer Bird Count
Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9

This is a wonderful opportunity to work on your song identification skills and see what birds are nesting in your area. For the names of area captains and other information, contact leader Steve Mayo: 203.393.0694, smayo@sikorsky.com.

Family Bird Walk: Brooksvale Park, Hamden
Saturday, June 15, 9:00 am

This walk is oriented toward families interested in learning about birds and wildlife. All ages and beginners are welcome, especially those wanting to improve their birding by ear skills. We hope to see and hear Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Scarlet Tanager, Wood Thrush, and other forest dwelling birds. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them, appropriate clothing, and a little bit of curiosity about birds and the natural world. The park is at 524 Brooksvale Avenue. Meet at the larger parking lot south of the baseball fields. Leader – Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe: 203.630.9640, cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org.

Central CT Birding Tour
Sunday, June 30, 7:00 am

Join us as we visit several excellent birding locations in the CT central valley. We will decide which locations to visit a week or two before the trip, depending upon which ones are most productive at that time. Potential places to visit include Rentschler Field in East Hartford where we will look for Upland Sandpiper, Eastern Meadowlark, and Grasshopper Sparrow. Another location we may visit is Station 43, along the CT River in South Windsor. There we’ll look for Least Bittern, Green Heron, Marsh Wren, Swamp Sparrow and other freshwater wetland species. We may also go to the Great Pond State Forest in Simsbury, where there are likely to be Eastern Kingbird, Veery, Wood Duck and many other species. Finally, we may go to Northwest Park in Windsor, where we will look for Orchard Oriole, Grasshopper Sparrow, Indigo Bunting and many other birds. Meet at the commuter lot off Route 68 in Wallingford, west of I-91 at Exit 15 (at the corner of Barnes Road and Leigus Road). Bring lunch and wear shoes you won’t mind getting muddy. Leader – Chris Loscalzo: 203.389.6508 or closcalz@optonline.net

CONSERVATION CHALLENGE FOR EARTH DAY

The Milford Conservation Commission has issued a “50K by Earth Day” litter pickup challenge to pick up 50,000 pieces of litter in Milford - one for each resident! The New Haven Bird Club will participate by cleaning up a stretch of Indian River located behind the Milford Crossing Shopping Center (1411 Boston Post Rd., Milford, CT, 06460 - the Walmart shopping center, just east of the Connecticut Post Mall) on Sunday, April 7th. We will post our litter tally on the Conservation Commission’s Facebook page.

This area has been identified by the CT DEEP as a significant natural community for spawning ocean and freshwater fish species using the Clark Pond Fishway, as well as other species of special concern. Surrounded on all sides by parking lots or roads, a particular concern is a meadow full of plastic shopping bags ready to travel down to Gulf Pond and Long Island Sound. Not good for wildlife nor our beloved birds!

The NHBC “50K by Earth Day” will take place Sunday, April 7th (rain date 4-14-13) from 12 noon to 4 pm. Come for all or part of the time. Designated parking is along the fence behind Home Goods. The trail is short and flat, but muddy in places. Wear boots and work gloves. Trash bags will be provided, as well as subs and drinks. And do bring family and friends! (Tell your teens we will have forms for community service hours for scouts, graduation from high school with honors, etc.)

For more information call Winie Wirth 203-859-2971, Conservation Co-Chair, NHBC

Audubon Volunteer Opportunities

The Audubon Alliance for Coastal Waterbirds recently began work on an Important Bird Area Conservation Plan for Sandy Point/Morse Point in West Haven. The focus of the plan will be on protecting and promoting the bird species of conservation concern that use the area for nesting, roosting or foraging. The plan will also take into account the importance of the location to horseshoe crabs and as a recreation area for the general public. An important part of the conservation planning process is to engage stakeholders in the development of the plan. If you visit Sandy Point regularly and are interested in filling out a stakeholder survey, please contact Important Bird Area Program Coordinator, Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe, at cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org or 203-264-5098 ext. 310. Thank you.

Audubon Connecticut is seeking citizen scientists to participate in surveys of migrant songbirds during spring migration. We are looking for volunteers to conduct simple 10-min. bird surveys (what bird species are present and how many of each species) at 4-5 spots in New Haven area parks on four consecutive Tuesdays from April 30th through May 21st. The surveys will take a maximum of two hours to complete. Volunteers should have moderate - strong bird identification skills. If you are interested but cannot commit to all four Tuesdays, consider teaming up with another volunteer or filling in for one week. To volunteer or for more information, contact Important Bird Area Program Coordinator, Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe (cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org, 203-264-5098 ext. 310)

Hammonasset Beach State Park Field Trip Report

On Saturday, February 2nd, about 25 club members braved the cold at this fine in-state birding location in the hopes of seeing some interesting winter birds. We weren't disappointed. The day started slowly, as we didn't see many species at the Meig's Point jetty. We did manage to see a few Red-throated Loons and all three common gull species there, though. We then headed out onto the Moraine Trail to see what we could find. It was low tide, so the mudflats in the cove at the end of the trail were exposed. On them, there were lots of shorebirds, including many Dunlin and several Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, and Sanderling. We also saw Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, and Surf Scoter at this location. From there, we headed to the west end of the park. We found a flock of Horned Lark along the way, on the grassy field opposite the swan pond. We continued on to the west end parking area, where we found Red-breasted Nuthatches and Black-capped Chickadees in the pines. After a brief look out on the water to look for more waterfowl, we returned to the pines. This time, we saw a male White-winged Crossbill in one of the pine trees. We got great looks of him as he pried cones open with his uniquely shaped bill to get at the seeds. This was the highlight of the walk, and it gave all of us a warm feeling inside. We'll go out birding on a cold day again, for sure.

--Chris Loscalzo

February First Wednesday Walk – Hammonasset Trip Report

On a clear, cold Wednesday, February 6, 12 people accompanied leader Greg Hanisek around Hammonasset Beach State Park. We started at Meg's Point, going first to the beach. Then we went to the observation platform and walked out to the end of the Moraine Trail. Everyone was particularly pleased to see the Razorbill. Then we went over to West Beach which started out pretty quiet. As some of the group were giving the pines one last look, a flock of Horned Larks was spotted. Then a flock of 6 White-winged Crossbills landed in the pines, probably the same group we saw earlier at Meig's Point.

We saw 35 species:

Mute Swan, American Black Duck, Surf Scoter, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye, Red-breasted Merganser, Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, Purple Sandpiper,

Bonaparte's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Iceland Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Razorbill, Rock Pigeon, American Crow, Horned Lark, Black-capped Chickadee, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, American Robin, European Starling, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Song Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, House Finch, White-winged Crossbill

--Donna Batsford, Scribe

Rhode Island Coast Field Trip Report

On Saturday, February 23rd, nine hardy club members ventured to our neighboring state for a fine day of birding. The forecast was for rain and possibly snow in the afternoon, so we were determined to be efficient in our travels. Our first stop was at Beavertail State Park in Jamestown. As soon as we stepped out of our cars, we began to see great birds. In the bay below the parking area was a mixed flock of sea ducks, including Common Eider, Harlequin Duck, Black Scoter, Greater Scaup, Brant, and Red-breasted Merganser. There were Common and Red-throated Loon and Horned Grebe farther out in the bay, as well as roosting Great Cormorants in the distance. Before long, we started seeing Razorbill, as well, including one close to shore. We also saw two Purple Sandpiper on the rocks, making this an excellent first stop on our journey. Our second stop, Easton Ponds in Newport, was less productive, but we did see Ruddy Duck and all three merganser species there. Next, we went to Third Beach where we saw Sanderling, Ruddy Turnstone, and Surf Scoter. As the Sachuest Point refuge was closed because of storm damage from superstorm Sandy, we moved on to Moonstone Beach. Sandy had her effect there, as well, obliterating the large dune that formed a wall between the sea and the nearby marsh. With the dune gone, we were able to walk more easily to the edge of Trustum Pond. There, we watched a huge flock of 27 Great Blue Heron take off from the edge of the pond and then settle down again in the marsh. We also saw Great Cormorants roosting on the rocks, a lone male Common Eider, and got good looks at an Ipswich race Savannah Sparrow feeding on the open sand. We then made a brief stop at the Trustum Pond headquarters where we observed birds coming to the feeders. Notable sightings included Red-breasted Nuthatch, and Red-winged Blackbird near the entrance. We visited Ninigret wildlife refuge next and hiked the trail to Grassy Point. We were pleased to find our old friend the adult Lesser Black-backed Gull there. He has been there each winter for the past 4 or 5 years. We also saw Bufflehead and Common Goldeneye. Our last stop was at the Weekapaug Marsh and canal, and it was a good one. As the rain started to fall, we saw a large flock of Wood Duck, as well as two Black-crowned Night Heron and Gadwall. All total, we saw 60 species on the day. We were pleased with our efforts and were pleased to have gotten in a great day of birding before the wet weather arrived. We'll be going back again next year, for sure.

--Chris Loscalzo



Photo by Frank Mantlik

March First Wednesday Walk – Stratford Trip Report

The First Wednesday Walk on March 6 was led by Frank Mantlik, aided by Tina Green. There was a large turnout (28 plus or minus), in spite of the weather forecast of a Nor-easter approaching (38-40°F, gusty ENE wind 20-25 mph, overcast, high tide 5:45am, occasional light rain showers began 10am). We met at Access Rd/Main St Dunkin Donuts, then visited: Frash Pond, Lordship Seawall, Long Beach (still gated closed, but we walked in west to 4th jetty), Stratford Point, Short Beach Park, Birdseye Boat Ramp & Greenway. Bird species: 44. Highlights: 18 species waterfowl, Northern Gannet, no hawks (!), Greater Yellowlegs, Iceland and Bonaparte's Gulls, Common Raven, and a great bunch of people. We also saw 2 White-tailed Deer and 1 Harbor Seal.

44 species (+1 other taxa): Brant, Canada Goose, Mute Swan, Gadwall, American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Mallard, Green-winged Teal (Birdseye boat ramp channel), Canvasback (mostly Frash Pond, plus 1 female flying over Great Meadows marsh), Greater Scaup (several small flocks flying west off Stratford Point), Lesser Scaup (Frash Pond), Surf Scoter (off Stratford Point), Long-tailed Duck (small groups seen at many spots, but terrific close views from Long Beach), Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye (most in scattered flocks off Long Beach), Hooded Merganser (Frash Pond), Red-breasted Merganser, Ruddy Duck (Frash Pond), Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Northern Gannet (nice adult flew by, aided by wind, at Stratford Point), American Coot (Birdseye boat ramp), Killdeer (marsh near entrance to Long Beach), Greater Yellowlegs (One foraging in marsh mud ditch at Short Beach lagoon), Sanderling (Long Beach), Dunlin (Long Beach), Bonaparte's Gull (One working surf below coastal bluff at Stratford Point), Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Iceland Gull (Continuing immature bird still at 3rd jetty of Long Beach. There has been considerable dispute as to species ID of this bird for past 2 weeks, but I think it's probably just a large 2nd-cycle Iceland Gull. Seen well and photographed by many.), Great Black-backed Gull, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Monk Parakeet, American Crow, crow sp., Common Raven (flew east over Access Rd., being chased by Herring Gull), American Robin, European Starling, American Tree Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, House Sparrow

--Frank Mantlik

Silver Sands State Park Trip Report

Frank Mantlik led an annual March New Haven Bird Club Southwest CT Shoreline walk on March 16. Eighteen attendees; 45 bird species, plus several Whitetail Deer. We parked in the lot and walked to the beach, then west into Walnut Beach, north to condos, then east through grass parking fields back to lot. Highlights were large Scaup flock, Northern Gannet, migrating Great Blue Herons, Great Egret (early), Merlin, 2 Killdeer, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, and many singing Red-winged



Killdeer

Photo by Bill Batsford

Blackbirds. Very sparse numbers of passerines, sparrows, etc. (A few of us visited Milford Point afterwards, where the highlight was a pair of American Oystercatchers).

45 species: Brant, Canada Goose, American Black Duck, Mallard, Greater Scaup,

Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser, Wild Turkey, Red-throated Loon, Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Northern Gannet (adult flying east over Sound, seen by all), Great Blue Heron (two or three in marshes, but rest were migrating east low over water far out in LI Sound), Great Egret (an early spring arrival, spotted first by Mike Warner, flying east over Sound towards Charles Island), Northern Harrier (at beginning of walk, great views of adult male hunting old landfill), Red-tailed Hawk, Killdeer (pair near shore at west end observed copulating), Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull, Great Black-backed Gull, Mourning Dove, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted), Merlin (spotted from lot at start; bird perched in tree, seen moments earlier in flight by NJ birders), Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Carolina Wren, Ruby-crowned Kinglet (actually seen by all in woods at nearby Walnut Beach to the west), American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, European Starling, American Tree Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored), Northern Cardinal (many males singing), Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, House Finch, House Sparrow

--Frank Mantlik

Block Island Field Trip Report

18 members of the club were willing to get up before dawn and drive the 100 miles from New Haven to Point Judith in Rhode Island to participate in the same-day field trip to Block Island, held on Thursday, March 21st. We were rewarded with good views of a number of interesting and uncommon birds, a scenic tour of this quaint island community, and an interesting meal at the town pub. We started the birding as soon as the ferry left the port, at sunrise. On the 13-mile, one-hour journey from the mainland to the island, we saw a number of sea ducks, including Common and Red-throated Loon, Red-breasted Merganser, Common Eider, White-winged Scoter, and Long-tailed Duck. We saw one Northern Gannet fly past the back of the boat. 20-30 Great Cormorant, most of them in breeding plumage, were lined up on the jetty at the old harbor as we reached the dock on Block Island. Our first stop on the island was at the north end, by the North Lighthouse. There, we saw Ruddy Duck, Bufflehead, and Common Goldeneye in Sachem Pond, and Brant, Common Eider, Long-tailed Duck, and Horned Grebe in the ocean. The



Photo by Donna Batsford

most memorable sighting at the north point, though, was of a Harbor Seal resting on a rock by the shore. We all got great looks at this marine mammal. From there, we went to Andy's Way, a short road that leads to the north end of the Great Salt Pond on the island.

The water is shallow there, and there are mudflats where shorebirds congregate. We saw Black-bellied Plover, Dunlin, and Sanderlings there, as well as a Willet. We also saw two Great Egrets at the edge of the marsh, and there were many waterfowl in the large salt pond including Common Goldeneye, Common Loon, Bufflehead, and American Black Duck. We made our way to the southwest end of the island and stopped at two locations on the shore there. At these locations we saw many Common Eider, including one adult male sitting on a rock, as well as Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Black Scoter, and Long-tailed Duck. We also saw a Belted Kingfisher fly by close to shore, and a Great Blue Heron came in from over the ocean to land by one of the ponds in the area. Some of us were able to pick out three Razorbill as they flew by fast and low over the water. As we drove away from the coast at this location, we saw a pair of Gadwall and a few other waterfowl and another Great Egret at a small pond by the road. We then went to a fresh water pond in the middle of the island where we saw two American Coot, Ring-necked Duck, and a few Mallard. Our last stop before lunch was at the Southwest Lighthouse. One looks down at the ocean from a high bluff here. At a distance, we saw several large flocks of Black Scoter fly by the shore here. We then went to eat lunch at one of the few restaurants that are open this time of year on the island. We enjoyed a good meal and were happy to get a break from the cold. Shortly afterwards, we went back to the harbor and took the ferry back to the mainland. As we passed the jetty, we saw the Great Cormorant again, as well as Common Eider and a Purple Sandpiper. From the ferry, we saw Surf Scoter and a total of 12 Northern Gannets, including a group of 10 flying and plunge-diving for fish in a small area. We got a brief look at an alcid from the ferry, but could not determine with certainty whether it was a Razorbill or a Common Murre. All total, we saw about 60 species on this excursion to this beautiful island off the Rhode Island coast. This time of year, it is peaceful and quiet, with more birds than people inhabiting the island. We will be sure to return to the island someday.

--Chris Loscalzo

BIRDERS' EXCHANGE

Do you have any binoculars that you aren't using?

The New Haven Bird Club is collecting binoculars, scopes or Neotropical field guides that we will donate to the Birders' Exchange Program which is part of ABA. This organization donates all binoculars and other equipment to worthy individuals involved in crucial bird conservation projects and education work in Central and South America.

Birders' Exchange has donated thousands of binoculars, scopes, field guides, backpacks, tripods and other tools to more than 350 programs in 30 Latin American and Caribbean countries. This equipment enhances awareness of birds and empowers local people to make wise conservation decisions.

At each indoor meeting there will be a box on the sign-in table where you can place your equipment donation. Please JOIN THIS WORTHY ENDEAVOUR!

If you are unable to attend the April Indoor Meeting you may leave the equipment at the Whitney Center Desk with my name on it. Thank You. Kris Johnson 203-288-3087

NHBC Helping Friends

The New Haven Bird Club at the February Board meeting voted to become an Organizational Member of the newly formed group Friends of the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge. Craig Repasz has volunteered to be the NHBC's representative with Winie Wirth as the alternate.

The Stewart B McKinney NWR, a federal agency, is comprised of 10 units in Long Island Sound. With the Salt Meadow unit in Westbrook, Faulkner Island unit in Guilford, Outer Island Unit in Branford, Milford Point and Great Meadows in Stratford these areas are close by and could be prime birding locations for our members.

The mission of the Friends organization is to foster natural resource protection for the NWR, as well as to support scientific research, public education, and recreation. The organization will work to increase the visibility of and access to the Refuge. In addition, resources will be shared with organizational members. The Friends will also work to raise public awareness of each of their member organizations' activities.

The NHBC has a lot to offer the Friends organization: birding expertise, a communication network and a pool of possible volunteers for their research and education projects. The NHBC members could gain greater access to the NWR units for birding, as well as having a voice for our conservation concerns.

NHBC Winter Feeder Report 2012-2013

End of Week 10

We have finished the first 10 weeks of the survey and we have had a few **Common Redpolls** reported in weeks 9 and 10. We are still getting reports of **Pine Siskins** and **Red breasted Nuthatches**. John Triana had the most **Common Redpolls** with 13 in week 10. **Common Grackles** are way down at this time with only Jessica Missios report the maximum of 60 in week 10.



Northern Cardinal

I missed reporting to you that in week 1, Amy Hopkins had a **Lincoln Sparrow**.

Some data from the sheets:

We had 33 of the 34 **Common Species** show up for a score of 97%. The missing species during these five weeks was the **Yellow Bellied Sapsucker**.

We added no species to the **Uncommon Species** list. We had 9 for 33 species (26%) during these five weeks down from 14 during the first five weeks. Species seen were **Red Shouldered Hawk** (Jessica Missios), **Northern Harrier** (Maris Fiondella), **Monk Parakeet** (Carol Dunn, Nancy Specht and Winie Wirth), **Common Redpoll** (Elizabeth Abrams, Carol Goertz, Dean Rupp, Nancy Specht, John Triana and Pete Vitali), **Cedar Waxwing** (Bev Proppen), **Brown Creeper** (Phil Pivawer), **American Tree Sparrow** (Elizabeth Abrams, Jessica Missios, Nancy Morand, Phil Pivawer, Bev Proppen, John Triana), **Red Breasted Nuthatch** (Too many to list), **Pine Siskins** (Shirley Mangler and Nancy Rosenbaum).

No waterfowl were seen during these five weeks.

Seven of the nineteen animals were seen during these five weeks. They were **Whitetail Deer**, **Vole**, **Raccoon**, **Opossum**, **Feral Cat**, **Chipmunk** and **Gray Squirrel**

Pete Vitali

Chairman: NHBC Winter Feeder Survey

End of Week 15

Looks like winter decided to come a-calling at the end of week 15. We had 40 inches of snow in Hamden and 30 or more inches across New Haven County. Dark-eyed Junco was the only species that had numbers greater than normal during week 15 due to the snowstorm.

We have finished the first 15 weeks of the survey, and it seems that the **Common Redpolls** had left by week 15. John Triana had 44 in week 11 plus a lesser amount up to week 14. John reported they kept coming until the storm blew down his feeder in week 15. Others that had Common Redpolls were Elizabeth

Abrams, Carol Goertz, Shirley Mangler, and Bev Proppen.

Pine Siskins were also reported over the five weeks by Nancy Rosenbaum. **Red-breasted Nuthatch** was also consistently seen during these five weeks.

We had 33 of the 34 **Common Species** show up for a score of 97%. The missing species during these five weeks was again the **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker**. Deborah Johnson thought she may have one, but she listed it as a maybe so it could not be counted.

To the **Uncommon Species** we added no new species. We had 13 for 35 species (37%) during these five weeks up 6 from the 9 the previous five weeks. Species seen were **Winter Wren** (Deborah Johnson), **Yellow-rumped Warbler** (Bev Proppen), **Turkey Vulture** (Ed Sprowson), **Ruby Crowned Kinglet** (Ed Sprowson), **Red-shouldered Hawk** (Carol Goertz, Jessica Missios, Shirley Mangler), **Northern Harrier** (Maris Fiondella), **Monk Parakeet** (Elizabeth Abrams), **Hermit Thrush** (Bev Proppen), **Common Redpoll** (see above), **Cedar Waxwing** (Nancy Specht), **Brown Creeper** (Bev Proppen, Jim and Gillian Rose), **American Tree Sparrow** (Elizabeth Abrams, Amy Hopkins, Jessica Missios, Nancy Morand), **Red-breasted Nuthatch** (Carol Goertz, Deborah Johnson, Jim and Gillian Rose, Nancy Rosenbaum, Nancy Specht, Edward Sprowson and Pete Vitali), and **Pine Siskin** (Nancy Rosenbaum).



White-breasted Nuthatch

No waterfowl were seen during these five weeks.

Eight of the nineteen animals were seen during these five weeks for a 41% sighting. They were **Whitetail Deer**, **Vole**, **Raccoon**, **Feral Cat**, **Chipmunk**, **Red Squirrel**, **Black Squirrel**, and **Gray Squirrel**.

Pete Vitali

Chairman: NHBC Winter Feeder Survey

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New Haven Bird Club Annual Banquet

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Amarante's Sea Cliff, 62 Cove Street, New Haven

Cocktails 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Dinner and Program 7:00 - 10:00 PM



The dinner is \$35.00 per person with a cash bar. Don't forget to bring money for the fun raffles.

Main Course Options:

Chicken Picatta with capers and lemon butter sauce served with sauted spinach and brown rice

Tenderloin Tips with crimini mushrooms in a red wine sauce served with Parmesan mashed potatoes

Vegetarian by Request

The deadline for reservations is April 26, 2013.

The Christmas Bird Count: From Historical Conservation to 21st Century Citizen Science **Geoff LeBaron**



The annual Christmas Bird Count is among the most widely known and popular programs among birders, so let's take a leap and put a little Christmas into this fine spring day.

Since its inception on Christmas Day of 1900, Christmas Bird Census (now "Count") volunteers have been counting birds in specific areas in the Holiday season—and also keeping track of how much time and effort they expend to tally those birds. The CBC is the great-granddaddy of what has come to be called Citizen Science—where volunteer citizens partake in an activity and contribute data to a larger program. Scoffed at by many scientists for decades, in recent times the CBC and other large volunteer-generated data sets have become the wave of future investigation for conservation biologists. CBCers may

not realize that just by counting birds and contributing data in a program like the CBC, they are, in fact, helping further our understanding of how bird populations are doing on a hemispheric level.

Our speaker will look at the CBC in the past, present, and future tenses, including interesting stories—as investigated using the online CBC tool set—about how some bird species are doing on local, regional, and continental scales. Geoff has been National Audubon's CBC Director for 25 years.

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The deadline for reservations is April 26, 2013. No tickets will be sold at the door.

NAME(S): (As they should appear on name tag)

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Make check payable to New Haven Bird Club and
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