



THE CHICKADEE

Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

April 2019

2019 CALENDAR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am very fortunate to have loved ones say things to my face instead of behind my back. They have called me many things, there are only a few slurs that I might have in common with my fellow Bird Club members: geek, nerd, dork and dweeb. I am called these names, usually during a walk or any outdoor activity when a bird flies overhead or I spot a wild

flower.

When I was young, these names as lexicographers construed were negative. The cool kids in school would never stand for these monikers. Now the tables have turned, and the cool kids wear some of these identities with pride according to my millennial nephew.

Geek was originally used to describe eccentric people (think of a circus geek). In current use, the word typically connotes an expert or enthusiast, or a person obsessed with a hobby or intellectual pursuit. In my youth a geek was overly intellectual, unfashionable, boring, or socially awkward. The geek dress code involved pocket protectors and horn-rimmed glasses.

When a birder gets excited about a bird, they will give a wide-eyed soliloquy articulating facts about the bird in great depth. On and on they go without any periods or commas. They are geeking out. Being voracious learners, they know large amounts of information that will flow out of their mouths at the slightest provocation. They are not pedantic, just fascinated and enthusiastic. Think of Woody the draw-string cowboy doll from *Toy Story*. When you pulled his string a script narration flowed out of him: something like “Someone’s poisoned the waterhole!” or “There is a snake in my boot!” When you pull a bird geek’s string you will get a flow of encyclopedic knowledge on the migration routes of the Bobolink. It just bubbles out of them. Their enthusiasm is infectious.

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Saturday June 8, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM **Osprey Open Day at West River Memorial Park, New Haven**

Friday, June 14, 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM **Whip-poor-will Walk in Naugatuck State Forest, Naugatuck**

Rain Date: Saturday, June 15

Saturday, June 15, 9:00 AM – noon **Birds and Botany, Salt Meadow Unit, Westbrook**

Saturday August 24, 10:00 AM – noon **Dover Beach Urban Oasis**

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The old definition of geek has elements of being unfashionable and socially inept. I think this is highly relative to the company we birders keep. With birding becoming more and more popular we should see ourselves as trend-setters with our rugged outdoor styles and pant legs tucked into our socks.

Nerd, which was first seen in a book by Dr. Seuss, is a person who is overly intellectual, obsessive, introverted or lacking social skills. One can see how a Venn diagram of these terms would be very crowded. Such a person may spend inordinate amounts of time on unpopular, little known, or non-mainstream activities, which are generally either highly technical, abstract, or relating to topics of science fiction or fantasy.

I like the word nerd; it rhymes with bird and might inspire poetry, limericks and bumper stickers. However, I don't think that the obsession with sci-fi applies. I have never heard birders indulge in abstract debates about Golden Eagles' ability to destroy alien space ships or the number of species on Captain Picard's life list as he treks the galaxy on the starship Enterprise. In contrast, a great deal of my birding trips involve fantasy as unrealistic expectation.

Dork is a quirky, silly and/or stupid, socially inept person, or one who is out of touch with contemporary trends. The term is often confused with nerd and geek but does not imply the same level of intelligence. I really don't think that 'dork' can apply to anyone in the Bird Club. Perhaps it is just a term of endearment my loved ones use just for me. For some, the word dweeb may be a synonym with dork. I don't think it is necessary for me to geek out on the similarities and differences.

Although geek and nerd may describe me and some of my 500 or so friends in the Bird Club, something is missing. There is not a connotation of having a breadth of interest over many subjects that many of you have. Many of us are not only interested in birds but also butterflies, bees, plants, rocks, fish etc. Some of us have had formal education in the natural sciences; many of us have simply taught ourselves by reading, attending lectures or just getting out and exploring.

The New Haven Bird Club's 'Bird in Words' (a book club for bird nerds) just finished a book on Alexander Humboldt by Andrea Wulff. In Humboldt's day the sciences were very new or altogether non-existent. A formal education didn't take you very far. Humboldt in fact had to write the book based on his discoveries. He covered glaciers, geology, minerals, ocean currents, climatology, mammals, birds, invertebrates and on and on. In many ways Humboldt could be a 'hero' for many of us. I am in favor of abandoning some of these old terms with shadowy histories in favor of something new and more in the spirit of Humboldt: PEANs. Polymathic, Erudite, Autodidactic Naturalists.

OK PEANs lets go birding! (Doesn't really work. Does it?)
Lets just call each other 'friend.'

--Craig Repasz

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.newhavenbirdclub.org

There are Google Map links for the meeting places of trips.

Indoor Programs

Indoor programs start in September and are held on the second Thursday of the month. There are no indoor programs in June, July, or August. The social half-hour at meetings begins at 7:00 pm; the meeting and program begin at 7:30 pm. Inclement weather or other emergency may cancel a meeting. Cancellation notices will be sent via the club email and will be posted on the club website, www.newhavenbirdclub.org, and online on ctbirds, <http://www.ctbirding.org/calendar.htm>. Meetings are at Whitney Center, Cultural Arts Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden. The facility is wheelchair accessible. Meeting is in Whitney Center's South Building, accessed via the main door of the portico that is in view from the parking lot. Turn right down the hallway. Cultural Arts Center is a short distance on the left.

Parking at Whitney Center (WC):

We may park on the upper level of the parking garage at the Whitney Center in any unmarked parking place. We may not park on the lower level of the parking garage. If no parking places are available please drive to the employee parking lot. Follow the driveway past the front entrances of the building. At the stop sign take a right into the employee parking area. There are no entrances at the side or back of the building so please walk around to the front. This area is well lit.

Directions to Whitney Center:

From I-95 North or South: Exit to I-91 North in New Haven. Take Exit 6 (Willow Street). At end of ramp go right onto Willow and proceed on Willow to its end at Whitney Avenue. Turn right onto Whitney; go 1.7 mi. to Treadwell Street and make SHARP left onto Treadwell. Proceed 0.7 mi. on Treadwell; turn left onto Leeder Hill Drive (traffic light). Whitney Center is shortly on the right. Enter SECOND driveway (South Entrance) and take immediate left into raised parking lot (park in upper level *only*), or follow main driveway past front entrances of the building. At stop sign, make a right into employee parking area. Walk from there to the front entrance.

From I-91 South: Take Exit 6 (Willow Street) in. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Willow and proceed as above.

From Wilbur Cross (Rt. 15-North or South) Take Exit 60. Turn right at end of ramp (Dixwell Ave./Rte.10). Go about 1 mile to traffic light at Treadwell Street and turn left. Go 0.3 mi. to traffic light (Leeder Hill Drive) and turn right. WC is shortly on the right. Enter SECOND driveway (South Entrance) and take immediate left into raised parking lot (park in upper level *only*), or follow main driveway past front entrances of the building. At stop sign, make a right into employee parking area. Walk from there to the front entrance.

NHBC is offering a Ride Share Program for members who need a ride to the Indoor Programs. If you are in need of a ride to an Indoor Program, please contact Laurie Reynolds by phone at 203-434-2134, or email warmstove@hotmail.com.

Remember to check the Club's website for updated information on all programs: www.newhavenbirdclub.org.

Thursday, April 11, 2019 – Michael DiGiorgio Illustrating the World of Birds

Join us as Michael DiGiorgio describes his journey from tracking and observing birds in the wild to learning how to express their beauty—and his feelings about them—in drawings and paintings. Along the way he meets the masters of bird art, finds his voice as an artist, and comes into his own as a nationally-recognized nature artist. The talk also will include discussions of sketching birds from life and becoming a field-guide artist. Michael currently lives in Madison, CT. His paintings and drawings have appeared in a variety of nature books and journals, such as *Birds of Brazil* Volumes 1 & 2, *Birds of Honduras*, *Bird Watcher's Digest*, *Breeding Bird Atlas of Connecticut*, *New York State Breeding Bird Atlas*, *Audubon Field Guide to Birds/Eastern and Western* regions, and *The Narrow Edge* by Deborah Cramer. From 2007 to 2012, Mike was contracted by Houghton Mifflin to completely revise the artwork for the new edition of *Peterson Field Guide to the Birds*. In recognition of his bird illustration work, Mike received the first-ever Don Richard Eckelberry Endowment from the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Mike's paintings have been exhibited at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Jamestown, NY; The Bennington Center for the Arts, Bennington, VT; Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI; The Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, PA; and The Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY. Mike currently is illustrating plates for *Birds of South America* Volume 3, with Robert Ridgley and Guy Tudor.

Annual Banquet

WEDNESDAY, May 8 – 6:00 PM

Amarante's Restaurant, New Haven

Reservation deadline is May 1

Shawn Carey – Tanzania: A Photographer's Journey

Join wildlife photographer Shawn Carey on an adventure into the heart of Tanzania. We'll take a safari vehicle into the country's spectacular national parks and see the "Big Five"—African elephant, black rhino, Cape buffalo, lion, and leopard—in all their glory. Along the way, we'll search for and photograph cheetahs, giraffes, black-backed jackals, and hippos. And we'll encounter a panoply of Tanzania's wonderful and amazing birds, including the Greater Flamingo, Lilac-breasted Roller, Little Bee-eater, Giant Kingfisher, and Grey-crowned Crane—the country's national bird. If you've ever dreamed of visiting East Africa and its incredible wildlife, this is a journey you'll never forget. And it may just have you planning your own African adventure.

Notes from the Board

Genevieve Nuttall is the new Publicity Chair.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, April 25 at 6:45 PM at Whitney Center.

Deadline for submissions to the June *Chickadee* is May 24. Send to Newsletter Editor, Donna Batsford, at donnabatsford@gmail.com.

Outdoor Programs

All levels of birders are invited to all field trips, and every effort is made on all trips to help beginners. 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. More details, if required, and/or updates on these trips will be given at the indoor meetings and in the newsletter. Watch for emails sent by the Club. You can also check the Club's website: <www.newhavenbirdclub.org> for trip information and a Google Map link to the meeting place. Contact trip leaders directly if you have questions about any of their trips. The New Haven Bird Club does not charge any fees for its outdoor programs, but participants are responsible for the cost of their food, transportation, and entrance fees (where charged), unless the Club makes prior arrangements. Carpooling is encouraged to avoid parking problems at some destinations and to promote conservation of natural resources.

NHBC Conservation and Education Activities

The NHBC routinely works to preserve and restore bird populations and their habitats and to provide opportunities for learning about birds, their habitats, where to see them, and how to help ensure their future. The NHBC provides information and displays at multiple events throughout the year, including Earth Day festivities at Hamden Middle School and at the Lighthouse Point Park Migration Festival in September. NHBC continues to support the Urban Oasis projects of the New Haven Harbor Urban Refuge Partnership. Our work includes restoration and maintenance at Dover Beach on the Quinnipiac River and along the West River at Edgewood Park and West River Memorial Park, along with eBird entries of observations at the Urban Oases.

First Wednesday Walk: CT Audubon Coastal Center, Milford

Wednesday, April 3, 8:00 AM

Enjoy an early spring trip to one of the best local birding spots. We look out into the marsh and along the shore for waterfowl, shorebirds, waders, and raptors. Meet at the Coastal Center parking lot, 1 Milford Point Road, Milford.

Leader: Jalna Jaeger, 203-246-0885 or jalnabird@gmail.com

East Rock Birding and Trail Maintenance

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 AM

Meet for a bird walk from 8–9:30 AM. Then join Park Ranger Dan Barvir to help with light trail maintenance along the river until noon. Bring work gloves & pruning shears if you have them. Meet at the Eli Whitney Museum parking lot, 915 Whitney Avenue, Hamden.

Leader: Dan Barvir, 203-946-6086 or dbarvir@newhavenct.net

The Richard English Memorial Field Trip: Lighthouse Point to the Richard English Refuge

Saturday, April 20, 8:30 AM

We first bird the harbor shore for gulls, loons, ducks, and early returning shorebirds. We then proceed to the Richard English Bird Sanctuary at the Deer Lake Scout Camp in Killingworth. We next proceed to Hammonasset Beach State Park. This is an all-day trip; bring lunch and dress warmly. This trip almost always has a high species count. Meet at the Hawk Watch parking lot, Lighthouse Point Park, 2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven.

Leader: Mike Horn, 203-288-1891 or mfhorn@att.net

Beaver Ponds Park, New Haven

Saturday, April 27, 7:30 AM

Beaver Ponds Park is excellent habitat, offering fresh water wetlands, forests, and fields. We can hope for Wood Duck, Ring-necked Duck, Common Merganser, and a variety of sparrows and warblers. In the shadow of West Rock Ridge, Raven and Peregrine are also possible. Beaver Ponds Park is

one of the many Urban Oasis sites in New Haven. Friends of Beaver Park and the other Urban Oasis partners have maintained an area of rich plantings to offer the birds a food oasis. Meet at the public parking lot on Munson Street across from Hillhouse High School, New Haven.

Leader: Craig Repasz, 203-230-1697 (home), 203-745-6683 (cell), or crepasz@hotmail.com

First Wednesday Walk: East Rock Park, New Haven

Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 AM

East Rock Park in early May is one of the best places in the state to see migrant warblers. Fifteen to twenty species are possible on a good day. Meet at the Eli Whitney Museum parking lot, 915 Whitney Avenue, Hamden.

Leaders: John Oshlick, 203-584-1955 or john.oshlic@yahoo.com; Chris Wood; Bill Batsford, 203-494-4325 (cell) or william.batsford@yale.edu

East Rock Park with Ranger Dan

Saturday, May 4, 8:00 AM

Join Ranger Dan Barvir at this premier site for warblers and other spring migrants. Meet at the Rice Field (baseball field) end of East Rock Park on English Drive, New Haven.

Leader: Dan Barvir, 203-946-6086 or dbarvir@newhavenct.net

Native Food Producing Plants and Birds: If You Plant Them They Will Come

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

The Eli Whitney Museum and Principal Gardener and Artist in Residence Alexis Brown will provide bird-friendly native plants for enhancing the landscape around the covered bridge and the trail along the river in East Rock Park. The NHBC provides information about the invasive plants inhibiting the growth of native bird-friendly food-producing plants and trees. Welcome to anyone who wants to wield a shovel! May is warbler migration time, and the bird walk in this well-known hot-spot for spring migrants will cover a loop beginning and ending at the covered bridge. Some binoculars will be provided. One hour planting; one hour/one mile walking. Meet

under the awning at the front of the Eli Whitney Museum, 915 Whitney Avenue, Hamden.

Leader: Deborah Johnson, 203-430-5554 (talk/text) or deborahleighjohnson@hotmail.com

**Bent of the River Important Bird Area, Southbury
Sunday, May 5, 2019, 7:00 AM**

Explore a prime birding location along the Pomperaug River in Southbury where more than 100 species of birds have been observed in a single day. This beautiful and highly diverse habitat is owned and maintained by Audubon Connecticut. The walk is open to birders of all levels; families are welcome. We will not only see and hear birds, but will also talk about their identification and their habits. More advanced birders can enjoy a day out and also provide support and inspiration for newcomers. Meet at Bent of the River Wildlife Sanctuary, 185 East Flat Hill Road, Southbury, CT. Take Exit 14 off of Rte. 84. Go north on Rte. 172, then turn left onto East Flat Hill Road (church on corner). Continue to sanctuary entrance on left.

Leader: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, 203-405-9116 (office), 203-233-0535 (cell), or cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org

**Hartman Park, Lyme
Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 AM**

Hartman Park is known for its breeding population of Cerulean Warbler. There is also a power cut which may have Prairie, Blue-winged, Magnolia and other warblers. Both Cuckoos have been seen here as well. Meet at the commuter parking lot, I-95 exit 55.

Leader: John Oshlick, 203-584-1955 or john.oshlic@yahoo.com

**Big Day Marathon
Saturday, May 11, 6:00 AM**

Take part in all or part of this event. We'll focus on New Haven area hotspots, seeking 100-130 species. We start at East Rock and search several other local migrant traps, as well as the coast from Lordship to Hammonasset. Meet at the Eli Whitney Museum parking lot, 915 Whitney Avenue, Hamden.

Leader: John Oshlick, 203-584-1955 or john.oshlic@yahoo.com

**Note New Date
River Road, Kent
Travels Along a 'Riparian Woodland Corridor'
Saturday, May 11, 7:30 AM**

The New Haven Bird Club traveled to River Road in May 1991 and documented the first nesting of Yellow-throated Warbler in Connecticut. Subsequent NHBC trips to River Road have produced a nice variety of Northwestern Connecticut nesting species. We return this year to River Road at the peak of the spring migration. In his 1978 publication, *25 Birding Areas in Connecticut*, Noble Proctor wrote, "It is readily apparent that on the right day this area can contend with any inland area for spectacular birding." The diversity of species to be found in this woodland bordering the Housatonic River is remarkable and includes ducks, herons, vultures, diurnal raptors, sandpipers, cuckoos, hummingbirds, kingfishers, flycatchers, vireos, swallows, wrens, gnatcatchers, thrushes, waxwings, wood-warblers, tanagers, grosbeaks, and orioles. Many specialty breeders in northwestern Connecticut are seen here, including

Acadian and Least Flycatchers; Yellow-throated and Blue-headed Vireos; Winter Wren; and Cerulean, Golden-winged, and Worm-eating Warblers. We bird River Road by car odometer with territorial birds staked out beforehand. In advance of the trip, be sure to read Chapter 10 "River Road, Kent" in *Connecticut Birding Guide* (Devine & Smith, 1996) and/or the "River Road" section in *Birding in Connecticut* (Gallo, 2018). Bring your *Sibley Guide to Trees*. We meet in Kent at the old train station by 7:30 AM. The train station is several hundred yards north of the intersection of Routes 7 & 341, on Route 7 (Main Street), east side of the road.

Leader: Steve Broker, 203.272.5192 (home), 203-747-6843 (cell), or LS.Broker@cox.net

**Naugatuck State Forest, Naugatuck
Sunday, May 12, 7:00 AM**

Join us at the peak of spring migration on this moderately strenuous and long hike in a fine birding location. We'll search for migrants and residents. We often see more than 15 species of warblers on this trip, including resident Hooded, Chestnut-sided, Prairie, and Worm-eating Warblers. Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, Scarlet Tanagers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers, and many other birds are residents here, too. Meet at the commuter lot at Exit 25 off Route 8, Naugatuck.

Leader: Chris Loscalzo, 203-389-6508 or closcalz@optonline.net

**Lake Chamberlain, Lake Dawson, and Lake Watrous
Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 AM**

Join us for a walk on Regional Water Authority properties in Woodbridge and Bethany, some of which are off-limits to the public. Pat Leahy has been maintaining a bluebird trail on several of the properties surrounding the reservoirs. Please be prompt! It will be difficult to join the group on route. We will carpool and proceed to trails on Lake Dawson, Lake Watrous, and an old farm field on Sperry Road before returning to Lake Chamberlain. Lake Dawson has one of the few small colonies of Cliff Swallows in CT. Bluebirds, swallows, and spring migrants are plentiful. Meet at Lake Chamberlain Regional Water Authority parking area on Sperry Road south of Morris Road, Bethany.

Leaders: Pat Leahy, 203-393-2427 (home), 203-314-0566 (cell), or ptjleahy@yahoo.com; Bill Batsford, 203-797-1642 (home), 203-494-4325 (cell), or william.batsford@yale.edu

**Sleeping Giant State Park
Saturday, May 18, 7:30 AM**

Sleeping Giant looms large and dominates the landscape north of New Haven. The park hosts diverse habitats: riparian woods, rivers and streams, stands of white pines, mature deciduous forests, and cliffs and meadow edge. Although it is famous for its ankle-twisting and heart-pumping terrain, we will explore the gentle trail on the north side. We will first explore the Mill River for Waterthrush, Eastern Phoebe, and swallows. We will then carpool to another trailhead to hike on easy trails through forest, thicket, and a meadow edge to look for Veery, Wood Thrush, migrating warblers, and Pileated Woodpecker. On the return to Tuttle, we can move to the base of the cliffs at the quarry to look for nesting Ravens and possibly Peregrine

Falcon. Meet by the bridge at the Tuttle Avenue entrance to Sleeping Giant State Park, Hamden.
Leaders: Jim Sirch, james.sirch@yale.edu; Craig Repasz, 203-230-1697 (home), 203-745-6683 (cell), or crepasz@hotmail.com; DeWitt Allen, 860-949-0995 or allendatlow@gmail.com

**Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale State Park
Saturday, May 25, 7:30 AM**

Join us on a visit to this excellent birding location where we look for late spring migrants and early nesting species. The center and park have open fields, woods, ponds, and streams. Meet at the Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale State Park, 500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby.
Leader: Maria Stockmal, 203-305-3728 or m.stockmal@snet.net

**Barn Island Wildlife Management Area, Stonington
Sunday, May 26, 7:00 AM**

This will be our 15th annual trip to this excellent birding spot. We'll meet at the commuter lot at Exit 55 off I-95 and carpool to Barn Island. The 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, American Redstart, Willow Flycatcher, Bobolink, and many other species. Meet at 7 AM at the commuter lot, I-95 Exit 55, or at 8 AM at 96 Palmer Neck Road, Stonington (Bobolink fields).
Leader: Carolyn Cimino, 860-447-3565 or sailcarm@aol.com; Bill Batsford, 203-787-1642 (home), 203-494-4325 (cell) or william.batsford@yale.edu

**CT Trails Days: Find a trail and hike it this weekend!
Saturday–Sunday, June 1–2**

CT Trails Day is organized and produced by the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. NHBC sponsors hikes along the West River in New Haven on both days (Pond Lily Preserve, Edgewood Park, and West River Memorial Park), in cooperation with the West River Watershed Coalition and the Connecticut Fund for the Environment. Details for these and other sponsored hikes at www.ctwoodlands.org.

**Branford Supply Ponds
Saturday, June 1, 7:30 AM**

Visit this first-rate birding spot to look for fall migrants and resident species. The area has varied habitats with woods, shrubby areas and a powercut. A variety of waterfowl can be found in the ponds. Meet at Branford Supply Ponds parking lot, Chestnut Street, off Rte. 1, Branford.
Leader: Maria Stockmal, 203-305-3728 or m.stockmal@snet.net

**CT Bird Atlas Block Busting Event. The location of the block(s) will be announced a few weeks prior to the event.
Sunday, June 2, 7:30 AM**

You are invited to join the New Haven Bird Club as we lead a field trip to observe and document breeding bird activity in Connecticut Atlas blocks that are not being covered by a Block adopter. We will travel to one of the more remote areas of

Connecticut. This is a good opportunity to hone your observation skills with experienced Bird Atlas participants. This event may also help all adopters with their own blocks. The location and meeting place for the Block Busting Event will be determined a few weeks before the event and directions given. Check the NHBC website.
Leaders: Steve Broker, 203-747-6843 or LS.Broker@cox.net; Craig Repasz, 203-745-6683 or crepasz@hotmail.com

**First Wednesday Walk: Mohawk Mountain State Park
Wednesday, June 5, 8:00 AM**

Greg Hanisek, one of the best birders in the state, will lead the walk in this scenic and spacious forest in the northern part of the state. Nesting species here include Blue-headed Vireo, Hermit Thrush, Canada Warbler, and Black-throated Blue Warbler. Meet at the entrance to Mohawk Mountain State Park on Route 4 in Cornwall, four miles west of Goshen.
Leader: Greg Hanisek, ctgregh@yahoo.com

**New Haven Summer Bird Count
Saturday – Sunday, June 8 – 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 Steve Mayo. Meet at various points.
Coordinator: Steve Mayo, 203-393-0694 or rsdmayo@sbcglobal.net

**Osprey Open Day at West River Memorial Park, New Haven, Barnard Nature Center
Saturday June 8, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

The West River Memorial Park is a designated IBA (Important Bird Area) and is part of the New Haven Harbor Urban Refuge Partnership. The Urban Oasis here improves annually, and the osprey platform has been active with the same male-female pair for many years. By this time in June, the chicks will have hatched and be visible on the nest, with parent birds providing a show of fishing and feeding. Menunkatuck Audubon and NHBC will provide bird spotting telescopes to watch the Ospreys interact with their chicks. Meet at 200 Derby Avenue, New Haven, near the Barnard Nature Center. Enter the parking lot from Derby Ave (Rt. 34) near the intersection of Ella Grasso Blvd, New Haven.
Leader: Deborah Johnson, 203-430-5554 (talk/text) or deborahleighjohnson@hotmail.com

**Whip-poor-will Walk in Naugatuck State Forest,
Naugatuck
Friday, June 14, 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM
Rain Date: Saturday, June 15**

Jack Swatt, New Haven Bird Club member and DEEP volunteer Whip-poor-will monitor, will lead a walk to listen and look for Whip-poor-will at the Naugatuck State Forest. Jack will give a short talk on the status of Whip-poor-wills in the northeast and Connecticut. We will then wait for dusk to fall while we listen for the distinctive call. A sighting? Who knows! Bring a flashlight and plenty of bug spray. Meet at the parking lot at the end of Hunter's Mountain Road, Naugatuck.
Leader: Jack Swatt, 203-592-4686 or jswattbirds@snet.snet

**Birds and Botany, Salt Meadow Unit, Westbrook
Saturday, June 15, 9:00 AM – noon**

Salt Meadow Unit is the Refuge headquarters for the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge, the only NWR unique to Connecticut. We'll walk 2.5 miles at most to see the birds and the plants; some hills are present. Meet at the entrance to Salt Meadow Unit, 733 Old Clinton Road, Westbrook, CT. Take Exit 64 off I-95 and go south on Rt. 145. At the stop sign, take a left onto Old Clinton Rd. The visitor parking area is about one mile up on the right.

Leader: TBA; check the NHBC Newsletter and website for details. www.newhavenbirdclub.org

**Dover Beach Urban Oasis
Saturday August 24, 10:00 AM – noon**

This small waterfront park on the Quinnipiac River is part of the New Haven Harbor Urban Refuge Partnership. Native trees, shrubs, and flowers have been planted to provide cover, food, and habitat for wildlife and a place to learn, relax, and connect with nature. We'll see summer resident birds and the early start to fall migration. Birding telescopes will allow viewing of Osprey and other birds that frequent the Fargeorge Preserve on the other side of the river, as well as shore birds along the river and marsh. Leaders from Audubon Connecticut and the NHBC will lead an environmentally focused, family-friendly morning of bird watching, and enter bird observations into the online database, eBird. Local artist Zoe Matthiessen will share her Ecocide paintings of birds and other animals in pollution distress. Bring a simple picnic lunch for relaxing in the park and playground afterwards. Drinks and dessert provided! There is a ramp for launching canoes or kayaks for anyone who has one: if boating, don't forget your life preserver and a whistle. Meet at the intersection of Front Street and John Williamson Drive, New Haven, CT.

Leader: Deborah Johnson, 203-430-5554 (talk/text) or deborahleighjohnson@hotmail.com

**Long Wharf Nature Preserve and Urban
Oasis Day of Service Clean Up
Sat April 6, 9-11am**

The NHBC has led several walks at this urban oasis on the New Haven Harbor. Helping with an annual spring clean up would be a great way to keep the site ready for the birding season—both birds and people! Yellow-crowned night herons frequent the site and nest nearby; horseshoe crabs will soon be laying their eggs on the shoreline—food for the returning migrants. The clean up is organized by the New Haven Land Trust, and is part of the Rock 2 Rock Day of Service. All supplies are supplied. If questions, contact

CoriMerchant@newhavenlandtrust.org.

Field Trip Reports

February First Wednesday Walk – Hammonasset Trip Report

Wednesday, February 6 was a superb day to be out enjoying the birding and a very warm winter day at Hammonasset Beach SP with Greg Hanisek as our leader. No doubt the highlights were the 16 Black Scoters flying east, which was photographed by Bruce Finnann, and the great views of the continuing Lapland Longspur. The details of the morning are on eBird.



Photo by Laurie Reynolds

--Tina Green

Rhode Island Coast Field Trip Report

On February 23, eighteen birders set out for a full day of birding in the neighboring state to our east. The weather was unseasonably warm, calm, and dry, making for a very good day for birding. Our first stop was Beavertail State Park in Jamestown, a beautiful spot at the south end of a peninsula, jutting out into the water. We saw many good birds there, including Harlequin Duck, Common Eider, RED-NECKED GREBE, and RAZORBILL. Our next stop was Easton Pond in Newport where we saw many different waterfowl species, including Canvasback, Ring-necked Duck, Lesser Scaup, Ruddy Duck, American Coot, and all three merganser species. We then went to Sachuest Point, where a SNOWY OWL was awaiting us, on the roof of the nature center! We all marveled at the beauty of this bird. We also got to hear the mournful calling of Black Scoter by the Island Rocks at this location. We



Photo by Chris Howe

made a brief stop at Third Beach as we left Sachuest Point and were pleased to see Sanderlings running along the beach there. Our next stop was at Scarborough Beach State Park in Narragansett. We saw two BLACK-HEADED GULLS there as well as remarkable

numbers of Red-necked and Horned Grebes in the calm waters. We drove along Cards Pond Road in South Kingstown on our way to our next location and were delighted to see five EASTERN MEADOWLARKS in a field there. At Trustum Pond National Wildlife Refuge, we saw lots of waterfowl, including REDHEAD and Canvasback. We also saw a nice variety of birds at the feeders by the ranger station, including American Tree Sparrow and Red-winged Blackbird. We then went to Ninigret Park where it didn't take us long to find our old friend, the LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL. It has been in the same spot each of the past 14 winters! Our last stop for the day was the Weekapaug canal and ponds. There, we were

delighted to see a drake EURASIAN WIGEON. As always, there were Common Loons to observe up close as they fought the current in the canal. All total, we observed more than 70 species on the day, including more than 30 waterfowl and five gull species. Seeing 30+ species of waterfowl is impressive over the course of a year, let alone in a single day. We ended the day tired but satisfied and are already looking forward to visiting Rhode Island again next year!

--Chris Loscalzo

Sparrows and Speculaas Trip Report



Photo by Laurie Reynolds

On March 3 16 birders gathered in the main parking lot at White Memorial and were immediately greeted by a noisy, roving flock of Pine Siskins flitting in a maple tree above a snowy landscape. The area was busy with the local winter birds. White Breasted Nuthatch,

Tufted Titmouse and Black capped Chickadee. There was a possible Common Redpoll. After brief words of welcome we made our way to the bird feeding area and observation blind. After spending some time there getting Red Breasted Nuthatch and American Tree Sparrow, we scanned a field to get Eastern Bluebird, and Purple Finch. It was a perfect winter day with clear blue skies.

After a mainly sedentary start and a lot of birds, we walked for about two miles through the refuge to see a possible wood duck on Bantam River, and a Brown Creeper. The woods and fields were a bit slow compared to the activity at the start.

After the walk many of us converged on a local store 'The Dutch Epicure' to sample imported cheese, buy cookies and other baked goods.

This was the first trip to White Memorial in early March. We intend to continue. The uncertainty of the weather, and winter irruptions could make this a highly variable and interesting trip every March.

25 species: Canada Goose, Mourning Dove, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Eastern Bluebird, Purple Finch, Common Redpoll, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Cardinal.

--Craig Repasz

March First Wednesday Walk – Stratford Trip Report

I led my annual Stratford Shore bird trip for New Haven Bird Club on the morning of March 6. The cold temps (19-25°F) and chilly NW wind couldn't deter 18 of us, as we hit many of the hotspots. The recent snow resulted in a crusty white coating over most of the ground. Of the 45 species tallied, highlights



Photo by Laurie Reynolds

were: the continuing male EURASIAN GREEN-WINGED TEAL and 3 AMERICAN COOTS plus 2 PEREGRINE FALCONS (Birdseye), 1 AMERICAN PIPIT (calling flyover at Lordship Seawall), 1 LAPLAND

LONGSPUR (among 32 Horned Larks at Stratford Point), 12 SNOW BUNTINGS plus WHITE-CROWNED and SWAMP SPARROWS (among the sparrow flocks on few bare patches at Short Beach), 4 Northern Harriers, and 16 CANVASBACKS (Frash Pond).

--Frank Mantlik

Edgewood Park Trip Report

15 birders were able to take advantage of a lovely, albeit a bit cold, late winter day for a trip to Edgewood Park in New Haven. A total of 32 species were seen with several highlights. Three Red-tailed Hawks put on an impressive and lengthy aerial show circling low over the park; the coming spring was presaged by vocal Red-winged Blackbirds throughout the park. A highlight was 11 Wood Duck, male and female, parading in one of the linear ponds. The main highlight of the trip,



Viewing the Wilson's Snipe
Photo by Laurie Reynolds

however, was a very cooperative Wilson's Snipe which camped on the main soccer field allowing the whole group to get prolonged, excellent views. Certainly an enjoyable and rewarding trip to a lesser-appreciated city park in New Haven. A full report is available on eBird.

--Bill Batsford

COA Mini Grant

I want to thank the Connecticut Ornithological Association for awarding NHBC a mini grant of \$750. We are using this money, plus a match approved by NHBC's board, to purchase \$1500 worth of binoculars.

These will be Vortex Crossfire models. We are planning on using these with school age children at New Haven area schools, plus New Haven Land Trust's Schooner Summer Camp, and any bird walks where there might be people without binoculars.

We also owe a huge thank you to Jim, Carol, and Ryan Zipp of the Fat Robin in Hamden for getting us a really fabulous price on the binoculars.

--Lori Datlow

Mega Bowl III Results

The third annual Mega Bowl of Birding in New Haven County was held on February 2, 2019, and it was a rousing success! Thirty hardy birders organized themselves into nine teams and went out to all corners of the county in search of birds. A total of 100 species were observed on the day, with the highlights being: Greater White-fronted Goose, Snow Goose, Rough-legged Hawk, Black-bellied Plover, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Brown Creeper, Brown Thrasher, Lapland Longspur, White-crowned Sparrow, Marsh Wren, and Eastern Meadowlark. Nearly every team contributed at least one rare bird to the effort, calling in their observations to the coordinator promptly so that they could be shared with the other teams. Six of the nine teams saw between 60 and 64 species and compiled between 104 and 120 points, demonstrating a consistency of effort. The team garnering the most points (150) and seeing the most species (74) was the CT Young Birders Club Darth Waders. This is the third year in a row that this group of fine young birders has attained the most points of any team. The Greylags came in second place, observing 70 species and amassing 139 points. The names



Darth Waders with Chris Loscalzo
Photo by Laurie Reynolds

of the other teams were: The Icy Birders, The Lost Birders, the OK Frigatebirds, the Screechers, the Snowy Owlkins, Winging It! and the Winter Wrenegades; creative and amusing names, all. At the end of the day, all of the participants gathered at the Kellogg Environmental Center in Derby. We shared stories and had a great feast, thanks to the culinary expertise and efforts of Marianne Vahey. Prizes were distributed to every participant, with Ayla Elkins earning the prize for being the youngest participant (at age 7) and Judy Moore receiving the award for being the eldest participant (at age 21+!). The event has gained in popularity with each passing year, and minor tweaks to the rules have increased the fun and camaraderie of the event. Most of the participants are already planning their strategies for next year's event, and we are looking forward to even more people participating in Mega Bowl IV!

--Chris Loscalzo
Mega Bowl Coordinator

Welcome New Members

Diane Chodkowski
Guilford

David DeCaprio
North Guilford

Anna Lang
Madison

Jean Petrelli
Hamden

Kate Powers
Essex

Valerie Richardson
New Haven

Jennifer and Russell Savrann
Guilford

Roberta Solimene

Birds in Words

Join us at "Birds in Words," NHBC's gathering of people who like reading books on their favorite hobby. Since the group began in 2009, we've read more than 41 books on just about every aspect of birds, birding, birders, nature, and naturalists, and had some lively meetings. Share the fun! We meet about once every six weeks or so (on a Tuesday night) at Whitney Center from 7-9 PM. For details, contact Kris Johnson: kriswaxwing99@gmail.com or 203-288-3087.

The next book we will discuss is *The Narrow Edge: A Tiny Bird, An Ancient Crab, and an Epic Journey* by Deborah Cramer. We will meet at 7:00 on Tuesday, June 4 in the 6th floor conference room at Whitney Center.

NHBC Board Notice

The New Haven Bird Club will hold its annual meeting at the April 11, 2019 Indoor Meeting.

Per the New Haven Bird Club's Constitution and By-Laws an election for new officers, Nominating Committee and Members-at-Large will be held at the annual meeting. The slate of candidates put forth by the NHBC Executive Board is:

President - DeWitt Allen

Vice President - Christine Howe

Secretary - Alan Malina

Members-At-Large - Mike Horn

Bill Batsford

Nominating Committee - NHBC Executive Board.

(the By-Laws stipulate that the Nominating Committee will be elected with officers every two years for a two-year term. There have been no club members who have volunteered to serve on the nominating committee.

Therefore, the Executive Board, by proxy is filling this important role.)

NHBC Winter Feeder Report 2018-2019 End of Week 15



Looks like I missed the deadline for the December and February Newsletters so I have included the highlights of weeks 1 thru 10.

During weeks 1 thru 5 we had: **Evening Grosbeaks** (Seen the first two days of the Survey by **Tim and Kate Rodgers,**

Monroe, Fairfield County), and a Belted Kingfisher (Seen during the 3rd week of the survey by **Dean and Maryanne Rupp, Killingworth, (Middlesex County)**). Not new but not seen in many years was **White-crowned Sparrow** by **Nancy Morand, (Durham, Middlesex County)**.

Before the trend on CTBird, Surveyor, Carol Dunn, asked me: "Have other people noted a diminishment in the number of birds at their feeders?"

In weeks 6 thru 10 these species were seen: **Brown Creeper** (Bev Proppen, Laurie Reynolds), **Pine Siskin** (Nancy Morand), **Pine Warbler** (Tim and Kate Rodgers), **Red-breasted Nuthatch** (Deborah Johnson, Bev Proppen, Laurie Reynolds, Tim Rodgers, Edward Sprowson, Charlotte White), **Red-shouldered Hawk** (Martha Asarisi), and **Swamp Sparrow** (Deborah Johnson).

Having finished the 15th week of the survey, I do not know if the numbers tend to decline in weeks 11 to 19 (months of January and February) because we have surveyors who go south during these weeks or is it due to the warmer weather we seem to be having these last few years despite Ice and Snow Storms and quick very cold snaps? We are not seeing any of the great flocks of Common Grackles like in 2015-2016 - week 9 we had a total of 1000 Common Grackles (3 surveyors reported more than 200), and we had reports of 100 to 150 by one or more surveyors though-out those weeks. Nor are we being inundated with large flocks of European Starlings and Brown-headed Cowbirds. The weather may have played a part in that it changed daily as it did last year. We went from 0.0° F to 58.2° F with an average 29.5° F in January with an ICE Storm on the 20th. This year I did not know daily whether to bring out the bathing suit or the thermal underwear.

From the **Common List** we had 21 of 22 species. **Brown-headed Cowbird** was not seen by any surveyor. The maximum number of **Common Grackles** seen for any day of the 5 weeks was 9, with only 3 surveyors reporting them, **Carolina Wrens** were seen by 12 surveyors and the **American Goldfinches** totaled between 136 and 158 during the 5 weeks.

The new **Semi-common List** had 11 of 12 species show up. No surveyor reported seeing **Purple Finches**. **Chipping Sparrow** was seen by only 1 surveyor.

Where-as 2 surveyors saw **Fox Sparrows**, **Northern Mockingbirds**, **Red-tailed Hawk**, **Red-wing Blackbirds**, **Sharp-shinned Hawk** and **Wild Turkey**.

3 surveyors saw **Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers**, 4 surveyors saw **Eastern Blue Birds** and 7 surveyors saw **Northern Flickers**.

There were no new species added to the **Uncommon List** and we had 7 of 42 species during this five-week period for 14%, which is very low. Species seen were **American Tree Sparrow** (Nancy Morand, Bev Proppen), **Brown Creeper** (Bev Proppen, Laurie Reynolds), **Cedar Waxwing** (Martha Asarisi), **Pine Siskins** (Nancy Morand, Tim and Kate Rodgers, Pete Vitali and Charlotte K. White) **Red-breasted Nuthatch** (Maris Fiondella, Deborah Johnson, Bev Proppen, Laurie Reynolds, Tim and Kate Rodgers, Ed Sprowson and Charlotte K. White) and **Red-shouldered Hawk** (Martha Asarisi), **Rusty Blackbird** (Nancy Rosenbaum), and **Turkey Vulture** (Deborah Johnson).

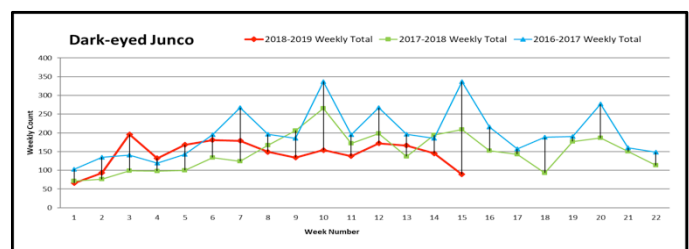
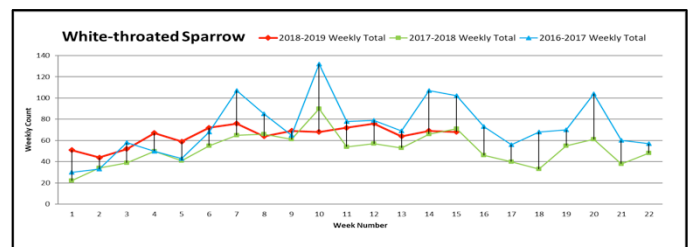
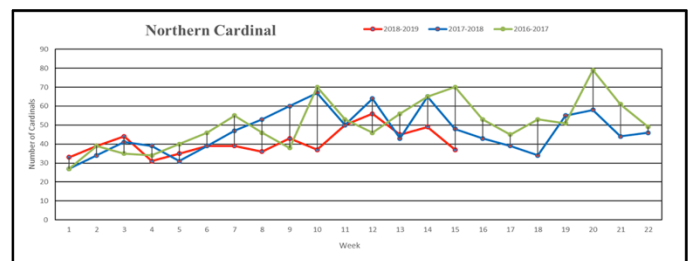
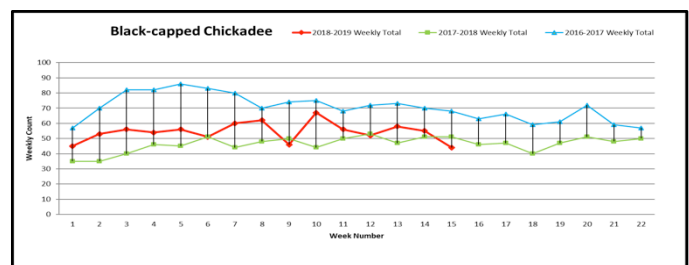
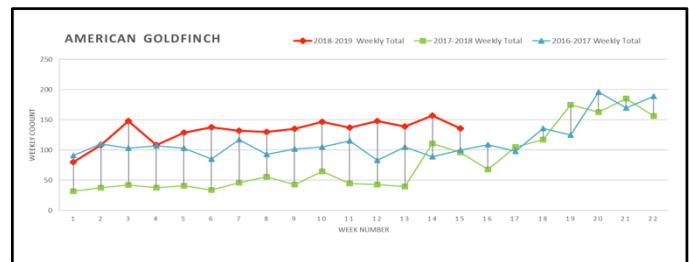
In the Waterfowl category the **Great Blue Heron** was seen by Nancy Morand in week 14.

12 of 25 **Animals** were seen during these five weeks. They were **Gray Squirrel**, **Black Squirrel**, **Brown Rat**, **Chipmunk**, **Feral Cat**, **Gray Fox**, **Mole**, **Opossum**, **Rabbit**, **Raccoon**, **Red Fox**, **Skunk**, and **White-tailed Deer**.

The **graphs of 5 Species** are included below for weeks one to fifteen. The **red line** is 2018-2019. **American Goldfinch** Numbers were above the last two years. **Black-capped Chickadee** were above last year but lower than the previous year and then fell below last year in week 15. **Dark-eyed Junco** were lower than the two previous years and in week 15 were 200 birds lower than 2016-2017. **White-throated Sparrows**, our other winter species, were for weeks 11 thru 13 between the previous two years and for weeks 14 and 15 were below. I have replaced the **Common Grackle** graph with a graph of the **Northern Cardinal** but this is also running below the previous two years.

--Pete Vitali

Chairman: NHBC Winter Feeder Survey





New Haven Bird Club Annual Celebration

Wednesday May 8, 2019 6-9:30 PM

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



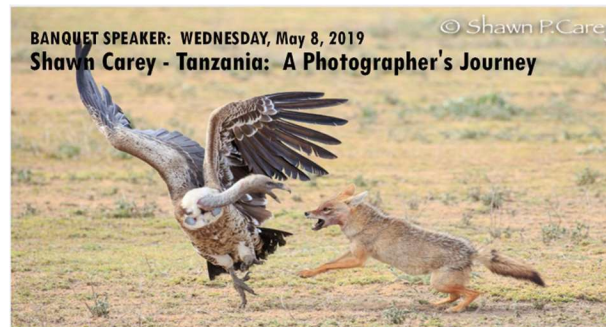
The dinner is \$35/person for members and guests

Don't forget to bring money for the raffle

Reservation deadline is May 1, 2019. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Dinner, Dessert, Cash Bar, Raffle, and Speaker

Shawn Carey – Tanzania: A Photographer's Journey



Join wildlife photographer Shawn Carey on an adventure into the heart of Tanzania. We'll take a safari vehicle into the country's spectacular national parks and see the "Big Five"—African elephant, black rhino, Cape buffalo, lion, and leopard—in all their glory. Along the way, we'll search for and photograph cheetahs, giraffes, black-backed jackals, and hippos. And we'll encounter a panoply of Tanzania's wonderful and amazing birds, including the Greater Flamingo, Lilac-breasted Roller, Little Bee-eater, Giant Kingfisher, and Grey-crowned Crane—the country's national bird. If you've ever dreamed of visiting East Africa and its incredible wildlife, this is a journey you'll never forget. And it may just have you planning your own African adventure.

RSVP at club website using PayPal: <https://www.newhavenbirdclub.org/> (select Events, Annual Banquet)

-or-

RSVP by mail/check: Send completed form below with check payable to "NHBC" to:

NHBC, c/o Laurie Reynolds, 82 Notch Hill Road, North Branford, CT 06471

Questions: 203-434-2134, warmstove@hotmail.com

New Haven Bird Club Annual Banquet — Wednesday May 8, 2019 6-9:30 PM

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

of Persons _____ X \$35.00 = Total Due \$ _____

Required: email address for reservation confirmation: _____

Please indicate any food allergies or preferences so we can communicate that to the chef:



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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 for the whole next membership year.

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

If your address, phone or email change, please send that information to: New Haven Bird Club, PO Box 9004, New Haven CT 06532-0004 or contact the Membership Chair, Laurie Reynolds: 203-434-2134 or warmstove@hotmail.com.

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