



THE CHICKADEE

Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

August 2020

2020 CALENDAR

(See inside for details)

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



So . . . What does a bird club do during a pandemic?

The first thing New Haven Bird Club’s board did, back in March, was think about our members’ safety. We realized there was no safe way to hold our indoor group meetings or to maintain safe physical distancing on our field trips. Especially since we have always welcomed everyone who

wants to come, both Club members and interested people from the general public. And so we canceled indoor and outdoor events for the rest of the Club Year.

Now, a new Club Year is here, and all of us are eager to get back to the Club’s main purpose -- to go birding together, to learn about, and to talk about birds. You should have already received your 2020 - 2021 Yearbook, and as usual our Indoor Program and Outdoor Program chairs have recruited wonderful speakers and trip leaders and put together a full, exciting calendar of events.

But our first priority must remain preserving the safety of our members and the many members of the public who attend the events. Many of our most-loved walks take place in locations with narrow trails, or boardwalks, or limited parking -- places where it would be difficult to maintain safe physical distancing for the crowds of birders who usually attend. So for now, we will need to limit the number of participants for each walk, and also eliminate carpooling.

Our Outdoor Chair, Craig Respasz, has written elsewhere in this issue about the adjustments to our field trip policies. Please see Craig’s summary for more information on the changes and on signing up for walks.

And though Connecticut has done better recently with controlling the spread of Covid-19, our monthly indoor meetings will similarly need to change. For now, monthly meetings will be web-based. Indoor Chair Gail Martino has been working with presenters to make the change, and instructions on joining the meetings will be published in advance on our website, www.newhavenbirdclub.org, and via our Yahoo email group.

All this has been cooking over the summer, along with preparing, under Craig Respasz’s leadership, for NHBC to resume management of The Big Sit!® on October 10th and 11th. Again, there will be safety-motivated changes owing to the coronavirus pandemic, but we’re excited about administering this worldwide event, started by New Haven

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Bird Club members back in 1992. Look for the launch of a dedicated Big Sit! website soon. You'll be able to find a link on our Club's website, www.newhavenbirdclub.org.

And what else? Well, Connecticut's resident birds kept breeding, pandemic or not. I know many of us have been out there watching for mating pairs, birds carrying nest materials and food, and their fledged young in the parks and along the streets, and in our backyards. Despite all our other worries, the birds have kept us busy and having fun outdoors.

Best wishes to you, your families, and friends. Hope to see you on the trails -- at a safe distance, of course.

--DeWitt Allen

Notes from the Board

The next board meeting will be virtual on Thursday, August 27 at 7 PM.

Deadline for submissions to the October *Chickadee* is September 25. Send to Newsletter Editor, Donna Batsford, at donnaabatsford@gmail.com.

NHBC Objectives: To make available to members and the general public opportunities for recreation, education, and appreciation in the area of birding and to encourage the conservation of natural resources in New Haven and surrounding areas.

To get real-time notices of club event changes you must be on the Yahoo Group distribution list. If are not already on this list, send an email to membership@Newhavenbirdclub.org to receive an invitation to join this group.

You should have received your new yearbook in the last few weeks. Every effort is made to list member information accurately. Please inform us of errors and update us with any changes during the year. Update via the Club website or send an email to membership@Newhavenbirdclub.org.

Welcome New Members

Leslie Johnson
Branford

Acadia Kocher and Severin Uebbing
New Haven

Albert Laguna
New Haven

Sheila Lendaro
North Haven

Greta LaFleur
New Haven

Stephanie Fritz
New Haven

Indoor Programs

We cannot predict how the future course of the coronavirus pandemic will affect our schedule of events. Our first priority is protecting the health and well-being of our members and the general public, and it may become necessary to adjust or cancel some events. The recommendations and policies of local, state, and national health authorities will guide all decisions about our schedule. Please check the NHBC website and newsletter for updated information before planning to attend any event.

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.

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

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. Also check TV channels WTNH (New Haven) and WFSB (Hartford).

September and October meetings will be virtual. We will send an email invitation to join the meeting.

Thursday, September 10 – Chris Wood **“Rays of the Sun” – A Hummingbird Sampler**

Called “rays of the sun (huitzitzil)” by the Aztecs, who also thought them reincarnations of brave warriors, hummingbirds have long captured imaginations and affection for their colors, boldness, and diversity. Wood has travelled to several neotropical regions and the southwestern United States, in addition to his own backyard in Connecticut, collecting observations and photographs of nearly 100 different hummingbirds. He shares photos and stories of these birding trips and information about the evolution, natural history, and unique characteristics of this remarkable group of birds. Chris Wood has been an active birder and bird photographer for 45 years. He is currently a member of the Connecticut Ornithological Association Board of Directors and is a founding member of the Western Connecticut Bird Club.

Thursday, October 8 – Gina Nichol **Japan in Winter**

The winter wildlife of Japan offers a number of spectacles unmatched in the wild! Tens of thousands of cranes of at least five species can be seen feeding on snowy fields or flying in to roost against the backdrop of glorious sunsets in Kagoshima. The famous dancing Red-crowned Cranes are in full performance in Kushiro. Snow Monkeys (Japanese Macaques) frolic in hot thermal pools in the Jigokudani Valley. Japanese Murrelets come to near-shore islands to breed. Steller's Sea-Eagles, White-tailed Eagles, and hordes of seabirds and ducks winter on and around Hokkaido. And, if you know where to go, you can watch the massive Blakiston's Fish-Owl catch fish right out your bedroom window! This program by popular tour leader and founder of Sunrise Birding, Gina Nichol, reveals the winter wildlife of Japan with vivid photos and anecdotes from travels around this island nation of East Asia.

<p>NOTE: Please check the NHBC website and newsletter periodically for updated information on all programs. Scheduled events may need to be changed or canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, and new trips may be added during the year. www.newhavenbirdclub.org</p>

Outdoor Programs

Birders of all levels are welcome on all field trips, and every effort is made 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 updated trip information and a Google Map link to the meeting place.

The New Haven Bird Club needs to take precautions to make our Outdoor Trips safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the State of Connecticut is doing well and there are some more lenient guidelines for outdoor gatherings, we feel that the walking format of our events will make social distancing exceedingly difficult with a large group of people. We will limit the group size to ten or less.

All trips must conform to the following:

- No carpooling to or during the trip. People who live together can share a ride.
- Masks are required at all times.
- Social distancing will be followed. The wingspan of a bald eagle.
- Group size will be capped at ten people or less.
- Preregistration for the trip will be required.
- Trip participants must follow State quarantining guidelines with regard to recent travel and the health status of members in their household.

A trip may be canceled at the discretion of the Trip Leader; they also need to protect themselves and their family members.

Preregistration – In order to control group size, all trips will require preregistration. This change contrasts with our Club's previous policy but will be needed to maintain safety during the pandemic. As Outdoor Program Chair, Craig Repasz will handle the preregistration using the web-based application [SignUpGenius](#). A link to the event sign-up will be sent to you via email before each trip. There will be a wait list. Craig will make sure that a few individuals do not dominate the registration process, limiting the opportunities of others. *Expect an email for each trip with a SignUpGenius link to preregister or instructions to contact the Trip Leader directly.*

Multiple Groups – A trip may also be broken up into multiple groups with each led by a co-trip leader, possibly with each group following different departure times. These details will be disclosed for each trip separately.

Future Changes – There is no telling what the future will bring. We may go into another shutdown or the situation may continue to improve. We will continue to monitor the situation; future adjustments and changes may be needed to protect Club members' safety.

Please contact Craig Repasz if you have any questions or concerns, 203-230-1697 or crepasz@hotmail.com.

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. The Club also is building a presence in local public schools and camps to encourage children to embrace birding.

Bird Count – Hawk Watch, Lighthouse Point Park, New Haven; Daily September to December Starts Tuesday, September 1, 2020, Daily, 7 a.m.

Lighthouse Point Park on New Haven Harbor is one of the premier locations in southern New England for observing migrating raptors as well as a wide variety of songbirds. The watch starts daily at 7 a.m. and continues as long as the hawks keep flying. Stop by anytime. Meet at the Hawk Watch parking lot, Lighthouse Point Park, 2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven. Steve Mayo, Coordinator, 203-551-1707 or scmayo999@gmail.com.

Follow all Covid precautions: Social distancing and masks.

First Wednesday Walk: CT Audubon Coastal Center, Milford Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 8–11 a.m.

Join us as we look for shorebirds and terns at this excellent local birding location. We should also find raptors, waterfowl,

long-legged waders, and migrating passerines. Ten or more species of shorebirds are possible, including American Golden Plover. Some beach walking. Small distance. Meet at the CT Audubon Coastal Center, 1 Milford Point Road, Milford. Leader: Milan Bull, 203-610-5097 or mbull@ctaudubon.org. *Follow all Covid precautions. Preregistration capped at ten participants.*

Annual Migration Festival, Lighthouse Point Park Sunday, September 20, 2020, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This festive event is sponsored by the New Haven Department of Parks, Recreation and Trees (NHDPRT), the New Haven Bird Club, and other fine organizations. Depending on coronavirus restrictions and safety precautions, there may be hawk watching, bird banding, live raptor demonstrations, bird walks, and more. Check the NHDPRT and NHBC websites for current information. Meet at Lighthouse Point Park, 2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven.

Event status TBD.

Edgewood Park, New Haven
Saturday, September 26, 2020, 8–11 a.m.

Edgewood Park and West River Memorial Park make up an Important Bird Area and include a two mile section of the West River. These parks look particularly “hot” on the radar maps for New Haven that show which areas are most used by birds in fall migration. The walking is easy and flat and includes one dirt path through a wooded area. Total distance is approximately 2.5 miles. Meet at the Edgewood Park parking lot next to the tennis courts. The entrance is off West Rock Avenue, just south of Whalley Avenue, New Haven.

Leader: Bill Batsford, 203-494-4325 or william.batsford@yale.edu.

Follow all Covid precautions. Preregistration capped at ten participants.

Fresh Meadows, Cheshire Land Trust
Saturday, October 3, 2020, 8–11 a.m.

Cheshire Land Trust’s Fresh Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary includes a variety of habitats that appeal to a wide variety of bird species looking for a place to rest and refuel on their southbound migration. With conifer groves, deciduous woodlands, and meadows, all located along the Mill River, it’s worth a visit. Expect a 1–2 mile walk on mostly level ground. Do wear muck boots if it has been a rainy fall. Park on Cook Hill Road just east of Elim Park.

Leader: Corrie Folsom-O’Keefe, 203-233-0535 or cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org.

Follow all Covid precautions. Preregistration capped at ten participants. Two groups both led by Corrie. One departs at 7:30, second departs at 9:30.

Yale University Golf Course
Monday, October 5, 2020, 8–11 a.m.

The golf course is located on more than 700 acres, with woods and ponds surrounding the course. It’s a great place to see birds year-round. We’ll be visiting the course when there are no golfers, so we’ll be able to walk the cart paths and wooded trails without being disturbed or disturbing others. We’ll be looking for fall migrants such as raptors, warblers, vireos, and sparrows, as well as resident bluebirds and woodpeckers. Meet at the clubhouse parking lot, Yale University Golf Course, 200 Conrad Drive, New Haven. The course entrance is at the end of Conrad Drive, which can be reached via Route 243 (Fountain Street) or Route 122 (Forest Road).

Leader: Bill Batsford, 203-494-4325 or william.batsford@yale.edu.

Event Status TBD.

First Wednesday Walk: Lighthouse Point Park, New Haven
Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 8–11 a.m.

Join us on a visit to this premier local birding location, renowned for its migrating raptors and passerines. If the weather conditions are favorable, we may see hundreds of hawks in flight over the park. Meet at the Hawk Watch parking lot, Lighthouse Point Park, 2 Lighthouse Road, New Haven.

Leader: Frank Gallo, 203-644-2163 or peeple@aol.com.

Follow all Covid precautions. Preregistration capped at eight participants.

THE BIG SIT!®
Saturday-Sunday, October 10–11, 2020

THE BIG SIT!®, established by the NHBC, has become an international event, with birders from all over the world participating. The object is to record as many species of birds as possible in one day from one 17-foot diameter circle. Local circles are at a number of birding hot spots throughout Connecticut. Join other birders in one of the established circles or create your own. You don’t have to be a hardcore birder to join in the fun. Visit the New Haven Bird Club’s website (www.newhavenbirdclub.org) for details.

Contact: Craig Repasz, 203-230-1697 or crepasz@hotmail.com.

Please visit the Big Sit website for instructions on social distancing.

Hammonasset Beach State Park, Madison
Saturday, October 10, 2020, 8–11 a.m.

Visit one of our state’s best fall birding spots, where the abundance of some migrants and sightings of less common species can make for a truly memorable trip. The walking is easy, all on level ground. Meet outside the park at the Shoreline Greenway Trail parking lot on Boston Post Road. Directions: Take Exit 62 off I-95. At the end of the connector (traffic light), go left onto Boston Post Road. The parking lot is the first right, a short distance away.

Leader: Bill Batsford, 203-494-4325 or william.batsford@yale.edu.

Follow all Covid precautions. Preregistration capped at ten participants.

Fall Birds and Foliage along the West River
Saturday, October 17, 2020, 7:45–11 a.m.

Join a fall walk to see what can be found at these picturesque locations. The group will explore trails at Lake Bethany, then proceed to properties not open to the public, Lake Watrous and Lake Dawson. Fall Migrants should be working their way through the area and the scenery will be breathtaking. Walking is not strenuous and is on well maintained trails. Meet at Lake Bethany Regional Water Authority parking area, east of the dam on Hatfield Hill Road, Bethany.

Leader: Pat Leahy, 203-314-0566 or ptjleahy@yahoo.com.

Follow all Covid precautions. Preregistration capped at ten participants.

Cheshire Hotspots
Sunday, October 25, 2020, 8 a.m. to noon

We bird several hotspots in the Town of Cheshire, including Broad Brook Reservoir, Boulder Knoll, and Fresh Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary (Cheshire Land Trust). Broad Brook Reservoir annually hosts 200–400 Ruddy Ducks in fall, one of the highest concentrations of this diving duck in the state. Boulder Knoll is good for sparrows at this time of year. Fresh Meadows offers a diversity of bird species through the year. Broad Brook Reservoir is level walking (100 yards) on leaf-covered paved road; Boulder Knoll is moderate walking (300 yards) on gravel road with some gradual slopes to navigate; Fresh Meadows Wildlife Sanctuary is level walking (500 yards) with water-resistant boots recommended. Meet at the

Route 68 access to Broad Brook Reservoir, north side of the road. Parking is available at a safe pullout opposite the water company gate in the lowest section of Route 68. Look for our cars.

Leaders: Steve Broker, 203-747-6843 or

stephenpaulbroker@gmail.com;

Melissa Baston, 860-995-0656 or mbaston@gmail.com.

Follow all Covid precautions. Preregistration. Two groups of ten people. The leaders, Melissa and Steve, will each take a group.

Fargeorge Wildlife Preserve; joint trip with the New Haven Land Trust

Saturday, October 31, 2020, 8–11 a.m.

Fargeorge Preserve is always full of surprises. We have had everything from woodcock to eagles to Snow Geese, lots of fall migrants, wintering ducks and more. It is a varied habitat with excellent views of the lower Quinnipiac River. Walking is on flat surfaces. From Route 80, go south on Quinnipiac Avenue. Make a right just past the railroad overpass. Go through the open gate onto the property.

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

Follow all Covid precautions. Preregistration capped at ten participants.

The Big Sit! Returns

The New Haven Bird Club is famous for sitting around.

We started the Big Sit! in 1992 under the inspiration, leadership, and work of John Himmelman and John Triana, two of our past presidents. The Big Sit! is now decades old and has become a major birding event throughout the country. In 2001, *Bird Watcher's Digest* took over the event. Using their web technologies and print media, they were able to expand the event to a peak of 234 circles in over 10 countries. Perhaps you have participated in one of the Big Sit! circles created by one of our members or started your own.

The people at *Bird Watcher's Digest* have been wonderful administrators and hosts of the Big Sit! However, with the passing of Bill Thompson, their publisher and editor, they needed to pass the event back to us.

The Big Sit! is very much like a Big Day or a Bird-a-thon, with individuals or teams finding as many species as possible in 24 hours from within a circle no more than 17 feet (5.2 meters) in diameter. In the past, the circle captains entered their checklists directly into *The Birdwatcher's Digest* webpage. One drawback

of that reporting method was siloed data that could not be accessed easily for research purposes. Starting this year, all results will be reported through eBird, adding them to eBird's immense database.

The Big Sit! is held every October (this year on Oct 10th and 11th), making it a perfect global citizen-science tradition that can collect a snapshot of the fall migration across continents. The NHBC Board felt that the Big Sit! is our legacy and an important component of birding culture, and it should be preserved.

A team was put together with Club President DeWitt Allen, Vice President Chris Howe, Webmaster Pat Leahy, Indoor Program Chair Gail Martino, and Outdoor Program Chair Craig Repasz. We have been busy writing, editing, and formatting a website. Soon the website will go live, and we will be busy promoting the event to the birding community.

Major changes this year are:

No Preregistration of Circles. Starting this year, Big Sit! Circles will not be registered in advance. You will mark the location of your circle on the day of the event, using the eBird app on your smartphone or the eBird website on your computer. Clubs, organizations, teams, and individuals can continue their traditional circles or create new ones.

Submitting Results. Submit the precise location of your circle, your final list of birds, and related information through eBird. Then share your checklist with the bigsitnhbc@gmail.com in eBird. eBird is a user-friendly program familiar to many birders. All Big Sit! observations will be included in a rich database used by researchers to better understand bird migration and distribution in North America and throughout the world. You will be contributing to citizen science while having fun.

COVID-19 Safety. Participants will need to make accommodations due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please follow all safe-practice guidelines as issued by your local, state, and federal health authorities.

Share Your Day on Facebook. In past years, participants shared photos and stories with *Bird Watcher's Digest* to be posted on their website. Starting this year, we will use The Big Sit! Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/The-Big-Sit-NHBC-110093013890471/?modal=admin_todo_tour as a place for you to post photos, write stories, and share other highlights of your Big Sit! day.

There will be more on the new Big Sit! website soon. I hope you can join or create a circle.

--Craig Repasz

Winter Feeder Survey 2020 - 2021



I want to welcome all members and non-members to the **2020–2021 Winter Feeder Survey**. Since we are in a Covid-19 Pandemic I know that a great portion of our membership will not be going on walks, or trips

and so you will be looking out your window and checking to see what species are at your feeder. Why not make it a part of our own New Haven Bird Club Winter Feeder Survey? Our survey is not affiliated with any national survey and was started years ago for our Club members who did not want to do any of the national surveys at that time. You can still do the national surveys and ours also. I have been doing the compilation and reports for the last 10 years. Usually we have from about 15 to 25 members and non-members a year. If you have friends who are not members of the NHBC, they can participate also, since we are open to the public.

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

This year I am looking for a few more participants since I have been informed by a few of my long-time surveyors that they are moving and will not be able to participate.

There will be 2 sessions this year due the increasing presence of Black Bears and their taking down of feeders.

The **First Session** will start on Sunday, November 1, 2020 and finish on Saturday, April 3, 2021. This is for those who have not had any reports of bears in their area and is 22 Weeks long.

The **Second Session** will start on Sunday, December 6, 2020 and end on Saturday, March 6, 2021. This is for those who fear bears attacking their feeders. During this period the bears should be in hibernation and no threat to the feeders. It will be 13 weeks long.

Let me know what session you will be doing.

We had a total of **43** species of birds reported the last 7 weeks of the survey and **50** for the whole year. The year before we had **44** species for the last 7 weeks and **56** species for the year. From 2012 to 2019 the yearly reported number of species was: 50, 47, 50, 47, 44, 41, 56 and 50.

We had **19** surveyors last year widely scattered around New Haven County: Bethany (1), Durham (1), Guilford (3), Hamden (6), Meriden (1), Milford (1), North Branford (1), Orange (1), Wallingford (1) and Woodbridge (1). We have two surveyors outside New Haven County: Killingworth (1) (Middlesex County) and Monroe (1) (Fairfield County). We have 4 receiving email but replying using Postal Mail and 14 using email and myself.

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

My phone has a recorder on it so leave a message and I will get back to you.

--Peter Vitali
Survey Coordinator
Chairman NHBC Winter Feeder Survey

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.newhavenbirdclub.org

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



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NHBC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Area Code / Phone _____

Email _____

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Membership Levels (check appropriate category):

_____ Individual - \$15

_____ Family - \$20

_____ Supporting - \$50

_____ Student under 18 - Free

_____ Life Membership - \$300 for 1 or 2 people at same address.

Additional gift to support NHBC programs: \$ _____

Make check payable to New Haven Bird Club and send to:

New Haven Bird Club,

PO Box 9004

New Haven CT 06532-0004

You can also join or renew membership at the NHBC website with credit card or PayPal.

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

The Club welcomes everyone irrespective of age, race, gender, sexual 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.

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

The NHBC website, www.newhavenbirdclub.org, offers information about the Club, its programs, and other Club and member news. If you have any questions about the Club, you can send an email to: ask.nhbc@gmail.com.

The New Haven Bird Club is on Facebook. Please like the page "New Haven Bird Club." You can upload your photos, discuss Club events, and post your recent sightings.

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