



THE CHICKADEE

Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

October 2022

2022 CALENDAR

(See inside for details)

Daily September to December, 7 a.m. **Hawk Watch – Bird Count, Lighthouse Point Park, New Haven**

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Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9 **THE BIG SIT! ®**

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Saturday, December 17, all day **123rd Annual New Haven Christmas Bird Count**

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



The New Haven Bird Club needs your help.

Would you enjoy a role in the behind-the-scenes operation of our bird club? We currently have a number of opportunities for volunteer participants.

For instance: Would you like to help NHBC’s board by taking minutes at its meetings? Assist with hospitality and refreshments at indoor meetings? Help coordinate and plan education and conservation activities? Do you have experience in creating and maintaining a website? Skill in communications or publications?

All these are roles for which we either have openings right now, or are seeking assistance for the club members who currently perform them. Large or small, all of these are vitally important in maintaining our yearly schedule of bird walks, events, and publications. In short, they’re vital in maintaining the club’s existence.

Your reward, whether you’re able to give us a little of your time or a lot, is the joy of bonding with your fellow club members in carrying on the mission of one of the oldest bird clubs in the country. It’s an opportunity to build on the skills you have or to develop new ones.

Year after year we offer about fifty walks and field events. (One of my favorite stories is how one of our board members met a birder from Massachusetts who said, “you’re from the New Haven Bird Club? You’re the group with all the walks?” – Well, yes, we are.) And of course we also meet monthly from September to May – virtually during the COVID pandemic and now, in hybrid meetings, with some of us meeting again in person at the Whitney Center in Hamden and others remotely via Zoom. We publish six issues of *The Chickadee* a year, plus the NHBC Yearbook of events and members. Notifications and reminders about events go out to members by email.

All these take time and effort, without which there can be no club. We have no employees, no paid positions; we’re all volunteers. All we have is the enthusiasm and dedication of members who love birds and the natural world, who love field trips to interesting locations around the state, who love joining with and socializing with others who share their enthusiasm, and who generously donate time and energy to the club. These traits are what has carried the club forward from 1907 to now.

NOTE: Please check the NHBC website and newsletter periodically for updated information on all programs. **Scheduled events may need to be changed or canceled** and events may be added during the year. www.newhavenbirdclub.org

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I hope you'll feel the same way I do about sustaining our club. Again, we need your help to do it. If you're interested in volunteering some time, a little or a lot, please get in touch with me (allendatlow@gmail.com or 475-227-2820), or with one of my fellow board members listed in the Yearbook and in *The Chickadee*. We'll be happy to discuss the possibilities with you. For each activity there are current board members who will be pleased to collaborate with training and support.

We look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, we all wish you all a great season of fall-migration birding.

--DeWitt Allen

Notes from the Board

The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on October 27.

Deadline for submissions to the next *Chickadee* is November 26. Send to Newsletter Editor, Donna Batsford, at donnabatsford@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.

If you are not receiving email notifications, contact us at membership@Newhavenbirdclub.org to receive an invitation to join this group. Add nhbirdclub@gmail.com to your contact list to ensure emails arrive in your inbox.

Every effort is made to list member information accurately in the yearbook. 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.

Birds in Words Resumes

NHBC's book group, **Birds in Words**, is back in action, and in a new format for the present. The Birds in Words group has been sharing the joy of reading books on birds, birding, birders, nature, and naturalists since 2009. The group suspended its meetings at the start of the COVID pandemic; we are all looking forward to sharing our reading experiences again.

The book to read now is *White Feathers: The Nesting Lives of Tree Swallows*, by Bernd Heinrich.

Group leader Kris Johnson suggests that participants finish reading *White Feathers* by early November and then email her their comments about the book and their experiences in reading it, which she will compile and share with the group.

If you would like to participate in Birds in Words, please send Kris an email now, so she knows how many intend to take part. She also encourages you to let her know if you have titles to suggest for future reading. Kris's email address is: kriswaxwing99@gmail.com.

Happy reading.

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 continue to 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. This year, we have resumed meeting at the Whitney Center's Cultural Arts Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden CT 06517. The facility is wheelchair accessible. **The social half-hour begins at 7 p.m.; the meeting and program begin at 7:30 p.m. and end about 9 p.m.**

"Birds in Words" Book Group: Join us at "Birds in Words," NHBC's gathering of people who like reading books on their favorite hobby. We meet about once every six weeks or so (on a Tuesday night). See article about the current format.

Directions to the Whitney Center: We hold our monthly meetings in the Whitney Center's Cultural Arts Center, in the South Building, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden. Enter via the main door of the portico that is in the front of the building. Turn right down the hallway. The Cultural Arts Center is a short distance on the left.

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

From I-91 South: Take Exit 6 (Willow Street) in New Haven. 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 the end of ramp onto Dixwell Avenue (Route 10). Drive 0.9 miles to the traffic light at Treadwell Street and turn left. Go 0.3 miles to the traffic light at Leeder Hill Drive and turn right. The Whitney Center's South Entrance is second on the right, about 0.3 miles; see parking details above.

Inclement weather or other emergencies may cancel a meeting. Cancellation notices will be sent via the club email. Also check TV channels WTNH (New Haven) and WFSB (Hartford).

Thursday October 13 – Bob MacDonnell A Photographer's History of Ospreys in Connecticut

A fateful bike ride crossed paths with the Osprey's road to recovery and sparked Bob's 30-year passion for photographing birds. This photo-essay is his documentation of the Osprey's remarkable success story in Connecticut and some of the people who helped make it happen. It will include an illustrated life history of this unique raptor and its connection with the overall health of the state's ecology. Bob MacDonnell is a photojournalist who spent more than 20 years covering the state for several newspapers, including a decade as staff photographer at the Hartford Courant.

Bird Book Sale to be held at the November Indoor meeting. Sort through your bird- and nature-related books (kids' books too). Bring them to the September or October meeting for donation. Proceeds from the sale help fund NHBC's conservation efforts.

Thursday November 10 – James Sirch Beyond Your Back Door: Connecting with Nature Where You Live

In March 2020, as many people began spending more time outside during the pandemic, Jim created a nature blog to help Connecticut residents discover more about nature right where

they live. Join us as Jim presents a photographic essay through the seasons, sharing how extraordinary ordinary local wildlife can be. His presentation will feature many connections to Connecticut's birdlife. Jim Sirch is Education Coordinator for the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, a UConn Master Gardener, and past president and current board member for the Hamden Land Conservation Trust. As a trained naturalist, he brings a deep understanding of geology, flora and fauna, and how they interact within a particular ecosystem. He holds degrees in forestry, science education, and environmental studies administration. He writes the nature blog "Beyond Your Back Door" at www.beyondyourbackdoor.net.

Thursday December 8 – Barbara Lamb Donald Grant Mitchell and his "Gospel of Beauty"

Donald Grant Mitchell was drawn to nature from a very early age. Growing up on a farm in Salem, Connecticut, nature was always close at hand. Educated in the classics, Mitchell had a studied knowledge of the philosophy of beauty, especially the beauty of nature, through his exposure to the great writers and philosophers from an earlier time. His farm, landscape, garden, and park designs reflect that knowledge and his commitment to it. Mitchell lived on his farm, Edgewood, in the village of Westville. Barbara Lamb is the Chair of the Donald Grant Mitchell Bicentennial Committee.

Outdoor Programs

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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, be sure to let the leader know. The Club welcomes everyone regardless of age, race or ethnicity, sex, gender identification, sexual orientation, or national origin. The ending times of walks are approximate.

More details and/or updates on these trips will be given at the indoor meetings and in the newsletter. You should also check the Club's website, www.newhavenbirdclub.org, for updated trip information, and watch for emails sent by the Club. *Contact trip leaders directly if you have questions about 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 usually is encouraged to avoid parking problems at some destinations and to promote conservation of natural resources, but check current coronavirus recommendations.

NHBC Conservation and Education Activities

The New Haven Bird Club routinely works to preserve and restore bird populations and their habitats and to provide opportunities for learning about birds, where to see them, and how to help ensure their future. Additional environmentally-focused, family-friendly walks may be planned and posted on the NHBC website.

The NHBC has been developing relationships with local public schools and camps to encourage children to embrace birding. We view this activity as directly connected to our Club objectives and usually present a very basic birding skills class followed by a nearby bird walk. The Education Chair also organizes the Club's representation at various public events throughout the year. Volunteers to help at events are always welcome! Please contact Lori Datlow, Education Chair, at lorigatlow@frontier.com.

Hawk Watch – Bird Count, Lighthouse Point Park, New Haven: Daily September to December Starts Thursday, September 1, 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. Coordinator: Steve Mayo, 203-551-1707, scmayo999@gmail.com

First Wednesday Walk: Lighthouse Point Park, New Haven Wednesday, October 5, 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: Greg Hanisek, ctgregh@yahoo.com

THE BIG SIT! ® Saturday and Sunday, October 8-9

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 Big Sit! website (www.thebigsit.org) for details.

Leader: Craig Repasz, 203-745-6683 or crepasz@hotmail.com

Hammonasset Beach State Park, Madison Saturday, October 8, 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 area on Boston Post Road, Madison, just east of the park's main entrance road.

Leader: Maria Stockmal, 203-305-3728 or m.stockmal@snet.net

Great Meadows Unit, Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge Saturday, October 15, 8–11 a.m.

The salt marshes of Connecticut express muted hues of gold and russet in autumn. These colors are the backdrop for the early fall migration. Come visit one of the state's largest salt marshes to observe Palm Warblers, wading birds, shorebirds, migrating sparrows and swallows, Merlins, and Northern Harriers. Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, Director of Bird Conservation for Audubon Connecticut, and Kris Vagos, wildlife biologist for the Stewart B. McKinney NWR, will lead the walk. They will also discuss salt marsh ecology and the large marsh restoration project that is in progress at Great Meadows. Meet in the parking lot on Long Beach Boulevard, Stratford.

Leaders: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, 203-233-0535 or

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Fall Birds and Foliage along the West River
Saturday, October 15, 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 on Hatfield Hill Road, Bethany.

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

Cheshire Hotspots
Sunday, October 23, 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

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

Fargeorge Wildlife Preserve; joint trip with Gather New Haven (formerly the New Haven Land Trust)
Saturday, October 29, 8–11 a.m.

Fargeorge Preserve is always full of surprises. We have had everything from Woodcock to Bald Eagles to Snow Geese, lots of fall migrants, wintering ducks, and more. It is a varied habitat with excellent view of the lower Quinnipiac River. We will be walking on flat surfaces. Go south on Quinnipiac Avenue from Rte. 80. 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

Farm River Trolley Trail with Friends of Farm River
Sunday, October 30, 8–11 a.m.

We will walk the Shore Line Trolley Museum tracks. There are several habitats and it's a great trip for migrating raptors plus saltmarsh and woodland birds. Meet in the back parking lot of the Shore Line Trolley Museum, 17 River Street, East Haven, CT 06512.

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

Branford Supply Ponds
Sunday, October 30, 7:30–10:30 a.m.

This is a good time to look for early winter migrants. There can be quite a mix seeing Baltimore Oriole, Pine Warbler, American Coot, Common Raven, Winter Wren, Fox Sparrow, and Red-shouldered Hawk. The Supply Ponds boast two generous ponds, a forest area, and a power-line cut. The forest was damaged by severe storms in 2020 and tops of trees are gone. There is much dead wood on the ground, and the ground is receiving more sunlight. New plants are rising, and bird dispersal is changing. Meet at the larger gravel parking lot on Chestnut Street off Rte. 1 in Branford.

Leader: Maria Stockmal, 203-305-3728 or

m.stockmal@snet.net

First Wednesday Walk: Sherwood Island State Park, Westport
Wednesday, November 2, 8–11 a.m.

Join a midweek trip to this outstanding Long Island Sound birding spot. We check for loons, grebes, goldeneye, and other sea ducks. The fields are a good place to look for Snow Buntings, Horned Larks, and sparrows. Meet at Sherwood Island State Park: take Exit 18 off I-95 in Westport, and head south on the Sherwood Island Connector. Drive into the park and meet at the main parking lot.

Leader: Tina Green, 203-247-2660 or

tina@renaissancestudios.com

First Wednesday Walk: Hammonasset Beach State Park, Madison
Wednesday, December 7, 8–11 a.m.

At any time of year, Hammonasset is a true gem. Enjoy a midweek trip to explore this birding hotspot for fall migrants. The varied habitat attracts shorebirds, waterfowl, raptors, and songbirds. Meet outside the park at the Shoreline Greenway Trail parking area on Boston Post Road, Madison, just east of the park's main entrance road.

Leader: Jerry Connolly, 203-710-2011 or

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123rd Annual New Haven Christmas Bird Count
Saturday, December 17, all day

Join other NHBC members in this fun event, steeped in tradition. Take part for a few hours or all day. Join birders in the field or report what you see in your backyard (if you reside within the count circle). The results of the count are sent to the National Audubon Society for inclusion in an international census of early winter bird populations. The compilation dinner is at 5 p.m. at the Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden.

Leader: Chris Loscalzo, Compiler, 203-389-6508 home or

closcalz@optonline.net

Trip Reports

Shorebirds And Terns at Milford Point Trip Report

On Saturday, August 6, thirty-five birders joined me for my annual "Shorebirds And Terns" bird walk at Milford Point. Even though it's the middle of summer, huge numbers of shorebirds are already migrating south from their northern Canada nesting grounds. Also, large numbers of staging, feeding terns can usually be found here at this season.



It was a great turnout for the first club field trip of the 2022-2023 season, despite the seasonably hot temperature (80-85°F). With such a large group, Tom Murray kindly served as co-leader. And CT Audubon's summer rangers, Imani and Anna, escorted us out on the sandbar so as not to disturb nesting Least Terns nor roosting shorebirds. We first viewed the large Wheeler WMA salt marsh, then birded the sanctuary.

We tallied 43 bird species, including 7 species of shorebirds (including 6 juvenile Piping Plovers, 30 Am. Oystercatchers, and hundreds of migrant Semipalmated Sandpipers). There were some Least and Common Terns, but the large numbers that had been present previous weeks had departed. Other memorable highlights were the many roosting juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, some chased by a marauding Cooper's Hawk; and the amazing "flock" of 36 soaring Ospreys that were fishing one small area of the Housatonic River mouth. We also saw a Peregrine Falcon, an adult Bald Eagle, 15 Purple Martins, an Eastern Kingbird, and a Baltimore Oriole.



Yellow-crowned
Night Heron

For the full details, here's the ebird list:
<https://ebird.org/checklist/S116447663>

--Frank Mantlik

Hawk Watching Basics Trip Report

To paraphrase an old Ad campaign, "This is not your father's First Wednesday Walk." On Wednesday, September 7, we learned Lighthouse Park history and migration patterns. We reviewed identification of 8 of the more common species of diurnal raptors (15-19 species can be encountered each season).

We heard/saw fly-bys, including Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary Sandpiper, and many Bobolink. We aged the 4 species of gulls. We sometimes successfully got on the migrating hummingbirds. We found a returning Ring-billed Gull from the Newfoundland anthropogenic diet (omega fatty acid) study and



Photo by Laurie Reynolds

reported our "band recovery" to PhD candidate Jessika Lamare. We looked at a few butterflies while noting the effects of drought on the Park. We had great looks at a huge juvy female Coop. We (16 participants) tallied 43 species for the day (eBird S118270134).

--Steve Mayo

Edgewood Park, New Haven, Trip Report

On Saturday, September 24, a lovely fall day, 15 of us enjoyed our traditional fall bird walk in Edgewood Park – traditional but hardly an ordinary walk on this day.



Photo by Laurie Reynolds

As usual in this urban park we enjoyed a nice variety of species – 45 in all. We had all the usual species – Wood Duck (14), Great Blue Heron (8), Green Heron (1), Belted Kingfisher (3), Northern Flicker, empid (1, probably Least Flycatcher), Eastern Phoebe (7), 5 warbler species (COYE, AMRE, MAWA, PAWA, YRWA)

The highlight of the walk, however, was clearly the abundance of Broad-winged Hawks (250 or more) migrating in kettles over the park, a breath-taking display thanks to the brisk northwestern winds of the day.

We always enjoy this trip to an urban park and were amazed to be treated to this unusual Broad-winged Hawk spectacle!

Report on eBird at <https://ebird.org/checklist/S119334593>

--Bill Batsford

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.newhavenbirdclub.org

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

NHBC Winter Feeder Survey 2022-2023



I want to welcome all members and non-members to the **2022–2023 Winter Feeder Survey**. We had good participation last year and I hope to see more members involved this year. In a nutshell, all that you must do is to

record the largest number of birds of a species that you see at one sighting at your bird feeders during one day of the week and report that number to me. You do not have to do it every day or at the same time of day, but at least one day during the week or weekend. Anytime you look out at your 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 Monday, October 31, 2022 and finish of Sunday, April 2, 2023. 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 Monday, December 5, 2022, and end on Sunday, March 5, 2023. 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. The session will be 13 weeks long.

For more information you can email me at vitgoo39@gmail.com 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

Lights Out Connecticut

Reducing light pollution is an important factor in reducing bird window collisions.

Why Lights Out?

Twice each year, millions of birds pass through Connecticut on their way to and from their nesting grounds. Because our state is located on the Atlantic Flyway, many birds use our shorelines and green spaces to rest and refuel during their trip. Some stay for the summer.

Most migratory birds pass over our state at night, when temperatures are cooler and skies are less turbulent. But artificial lights from cities and towns can attract and disorient them, leading them off course into fatal window collisions and other hazards. The result is catastrophic: Almost 1 billion birds are killed in the United States every year.

The Solution

Lights Out Connecticut is a growing coalition of CT residents, property owners, businesses, and local partners who pledge to turn off or dim their nonessential lights each night from **11pm to 6am** during periods of peak bird migration: **Sept 1–Nov 15** and **Apr 1–May 31**.

What YOU Can Do:

- Sign the [Lights Out CT Pledge](#).
- Turn off nonessential lights from 11 pm to 6 am each night during peak migration.

- Extinguish, redirect, or swap out landscape lighting near trees or gardens where birds may be resting.
- Make sure outside lights aim down and are well-shielded so they don't create "light trespass" or glare.
- Draw blinds or curtains after 11pm to reduce light spill or use spot lighting.
- Install motion sensors on outside lights, where possible.
- Choose warm bulbs (3,000 Kelvins or under) if converting outdoor lights to LED.

It all adds up to make a BIG difference for birds looking for safe passage through Connecticut.

Turning out lights also **SAVES** energy and money on electric bills. According to the EPA, energy is the single **largest operating expense for commercial buildings**.

To learn more and sign the Lights Out CT Pledge, visit www.lightsoutct.org

Check tonight's migration forecast in your area: <https://birdcast.info/migration-tools/migration-forecast-maps/>

Other sources:

Facebook >> www.facebook.com/lightsoutct/

Instagram >> www.instagram.com/lightsoutct/

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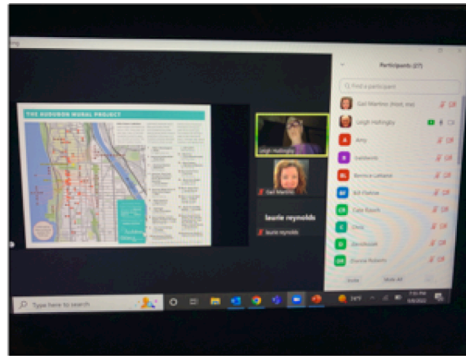
Welcome New Members

Cynthia Meyers-Siefer and David Siefer
Milford

Steph Zoltewicz
Manchester

September Indoor Meeting Presentation

On Thursday, September 8, we had our first hybrid meeting with an audience at Whitney Center and an audience online as our speaker, Leigh Hallingby, presented the program. Gail Martino, Indoor Program Chair, provided us with pictures of the evening.



Leigh Hallingby is a New York City Tour Guide. She took us on a virtual walking tour of the Audubon Mural Project. The Audubon Bird Mural Project is a collaboration between the National Audubon Society and Avi Gitler, an art dealer and collector. The Project is an impressive effort to create murals of more than 300 North American birds. Most of the murals are in the Harlem, New York, neighborhoods of Hamilton Heights and Washington Heights, where John James Audubon lived the last ten years of his life. All of the birds painted are threatened by climate change. The Project is designed not only to display the birds' beauty, but also to make us aware of the challenges that they face. The artworks range from lovely panels that fill in a former window to spectacular murals covering the entire side of a building.

Following is the handout Leigh usually gives to those attending her walk.

Audubon Mural Project Walking Tour

List of Murals and Birds on Route 09/2022

Website: <https://www.audubon.org/amp> — includes info on how to sponsor a mural.

Limited edition print to benefit Mural Project: <http://gitlerand.com/warblers-print>

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1. **Calliope Hummingbird**, by Christy McCarthy. 3569 Broadway (146). 03-20-17.
 2. **Mountain Bluebirds** (2), by Nathan Catlin. 3604 and 3610 Broadway (148-149). 11-06-16.
 3. **Baby Birds**, by Jacinta Stewart. 3612 Broadway (corner 149). 05-08-18.
 - **Bullock's Oriole**
 - **Red-breasted Sapsucker**
 - **American Three-toed Woodpecker**
 4. **Evening Grosbeak**, by Louise Jones AKA Ouizi. 149th, East of Amsterdam. 10-27-17.
 5. **Black-Headed Grosbeak**, by Louise Jones AKA Ouizi. 149th, East of Amsterdam. 10-27-17.
 6. **Wilson's Warblers**, by Kara Lynch. 1805 Amsterdam (149-150). 06-23-17.
 7. **Hooded Warbler** by Gera Lozano AKA GERALUZ. 522 W. 147th St. (East of B'way) 10-10-17.
 8. **Ovenbird**, by Cernesto, AKA Cern. 3607 Broadway (148-149). 08-24-16.
 9. **Cerulean Warbler** with John James Audubon, by Tom Sanford. 601 West 149th. 10-28-14.
 10. **Mallards**, by Graham Preston. 601 West 149th. 10-28-14.
 11. **Balloons for the Common Loon**, by Kristian Glynn. 601 West 149th. 11-09-14.
 12. **Brown Pelican** (2), by Jason Covert. 601 West 149th. 03-16-15.
 13. **Barn Swallows** (2), by Marthalicia Matarrita. 3621 Broadway (149). 06-17-22.
 14. **Bald Eagle**, by Peter Daverington. 3623 Broadway (149-150). 10-19-14.
 15. **Black Vultures**, by Marthalicia Matarrita. 3625 Broadway (149-150). 11-22-14.
 16. **Whiskered Screech-Owl**, by Snoeman. 3631 Broadway (149-150). 12-13-20.
 17. **Black-throated Blue Warbler**, by minusbaby. 3637 Broadway (149-150). 10-11-15.
 18. **Townsend's Warbler**, by ATM. 3632 Broadway (149-150) at right end of C-Town. 11-05-16.
 19. **Black Tern**, by Laura Ramón Frontelo. 3632 B'way (149-150) on C-Town entrance. 03-20-17.
 20. **Black-Billed Magpie**, by Andre Trenier. 3640 B'way (150). 03-20-17.
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21. **Osprey**, by Soten. 3663 Broadway (151-152). 05-09-16.
22. **Violet-green Swallow**, by Christian Reinsch. 3662 Broadway (151-152). 07-21-18.
23. **Canada Warbler**, by Andres Alvarez. 3668 Broadway (151-152). 05-07-17.
24. **Pinyon Jay**, by Mary Lacy. 3668 Broadway (151-152). 10-24-16.
25. **Lewis's Woodpecker**, by Pelumi Adegawa. 3671 Broadway (152). 09-30-18.
26. **Endangered Harlem, by Gaia. 1883-7 Amsterdam (153-154). 10-29-15.**
- **Black-and-White Warbler** (upper left)
 - **Scarlet Tanager** (red)
 - **Tree Swallow** (blue)
 - **Magnolia Warbler** (yellow belly, lower middle)
27. **Fish Crow**, by Hitnes. 3750 Broadway (155-156). 10-21-15.
28. **Swallow-Tailed Kite**, by Lunar New Year. 575 West 155th (at Broadway). 10-02-15.
- In upper wing of Swallow-tailed Kite:
- **Scarlet Tanager** (red)
 - **American Kestrel** (blue)
 - **Black-and-White Warbler** (between blue birds)
 - **Tree Swallow** (blue)
 - **Northern Harrier** (looking left).
- In body of Swallow-tailed Kite:
- **Magnolia Warbler** (yellow)
 - **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** (red, white and black head)
 - **Golden Eagle** (brown)
 - **White-Throated Sparrow** (multi-colored)
- In lower wing of Swallow-Tailed Kite:
- **Ring-billed Gull** (yellow bill with ring)
 - **Common Raven** (black)
 - **Baltimore Oriole** (orange and black).
29. **Gyr Falcon**, by Frank Parga. W. 156th Street (E. of Broadway). 08-30-18.
30. **Blackburnian Warbler**, by George Boorujy. 11-10-17.
31. **Yellow-throated Warbler**, by George Boorujy. 11-10-17. Both at 157th and Broadway.
32. **Baird's Sparrow** by Ralph Serrano. 3803 Broadway (158-159). 09-25-2016.
33. **Eastern Whip-poor-will** by Yumi Rodriguez et al. 601 W. 161st Street. 8/10/2018.
34. **Rufous Hummingbird**, by Yumi Rodriguez, 3860 Broadway (161-162). 07-08-18.
35. **Canada Goose**, by Snoeman. 3868 Broadway (161-162). 12-03-20.
36. **Snowy Owl**, by Mike Fernandez, 162nd and Broadway. 04-01-22.
37. **Gang of Warblers**, by George Boorujy. 601 W. 162nd Street. 09-06-18.
- ***Black-throated Green Warbler** ***Palm Warbler**
 - ***Painted Redstart** ***Cape May Warbler** ***Golden-cheeked Warbler**
38. **Black-capped Vireo**, by George Boorujy. 601 W. 162nd Street. 09-06-18.
39. **Red-faced Warbler**, by ATM. 601 West 162nd Street. 11-05-16
40. **Trumpeter Swans**, by Carlos Pintos and John Sear, 601 W. 163rd Street 12-22-20.
41. **3 Little Birds (Blue-Headed Vireo & 2 Northern Parulas)** by BlusterOne. 3899 Broadway (163). 11-22-20.
42. **Pine Siskin**, by BlusterOne. 3906 Broadway (163-164). 11-22-20.
43. **White-Tailed Hawk**, by Totem. 3920 Broadway (164th). 05-17-21.
44. **Greater Sage Grouse**, by George Boorujy. 3920 Broadway (164). 09-13-18.

Articles about the Audubon Mural Project (all available online):

- “Audubon Mural Project Brings 5-Story Flock to Uptown Manhattan,” by Matt A.V. Chaban. New York Times, October 16, 2015.
- “The Audubon Mural Project Brings Birdsong to Life in Washington Heights,” by Lauren Leffer. *Audubon Magazine*, December 13, 2021.
- “The Audubon Mural Project Flight Takes Flight in Rockford, Illinois,” by Susan Crosier. *Audubon Magazine*, November 24, 2021.
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