

Saw Mill River Audubon

2010-2011 Field Trip Calendar

Each month of our calendar spotlights a different bird we hope to see during that month. Can you identify all ten birds pictured below? Answers on last page.



September 2010

Saturday, September 11, 9:00 am

Second Saturday Walks

At Brinton Brook & Pruyn Sanctuaries

This year we will offer monthly walks at both of our largest sanctuaries: Brinton Brook Sanctuary in Croton and Pruyn Sanctuary in Millwood. Come walk with us to record progress of seasons with photos and nature notes. An online journal on FaceBook will be updated with each walk. No pre-registration needed. Good for all ages. Held regardless of weather except in cases of severe thunderstorm or road closures. Brinton leader: Michael Madias, Jr. Pruyn leader: Anne Swaim

Saturday, September 18, 6:00 am departing from Millwood Day Trip to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

Travel with us to this famed Pennsylvania hawk sanctuary, the first place in the world to protect the fall migration of birds of prey. We expect to view good numbers of broad-winged hawks and other raptors. Call or email to register.

Sunday, September 26, 12 noon to 1:00 pm

Wildlife Tracks and Traces: Pinecliff Sanctuary

Jointly sponsored with the Town of New Castle. Come explore Pinecliff Sanctuary in early fall. Registration will be through the Town of New Castle Recreation Department. Call 914-238-3909 or visit www.newcastle-ny.org Fee: \$5/adults. Children free. Space limited to 25. Leader: Anne Swaim



October 2010

Sunday, October 3, 8:30 am Fall Colors at Lasdon Arboretum

Learn how to identify our native trees in fall colors and also after the leaves fall. Call or email to register.

Friday, October 8 to Monday, Oct 11 Weekend Trip to Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge

Travel with us to the Ithaca region for this special birding weekend including a behind-the-scenes tour at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology at Sapsucker Woods Sanctuary and great fall birding at the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Call or email for details on costs and transportation.

Saturday, October 9, 9:00 am

Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn

See listing for September 11.

October 2010 (continued)

Sunday, October 10, 8:00 am

Long Island Sound Birding

Come birding with us at two significant habitats along the Long Island Sound shoreline in Connecticut: Hammonasset Beach State Park (www.tinyurl.com/hammo-sp) and the Connecticut Audubon Society Coastal Center at Milford Point (www.tinyurl.com/ccas-milford). Call or email to register.

Saturday October 16 and Sunday, October 17 Bird Seed Sale Weekend. 9:00 am to 2:00 pm each day.

See flyer or visit www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/SeedSale

Sunday, October 17, 12 noon to 1:30pm

The Forest in Fall: Pruyn Sanctuary

Jointly sponsored with the Town of New Castle. Come explore Pruyn Sanctuary in early fall. Registration will be through the Town of New Castle Recreation Department. Call 914-238-3909 or visit www.newcastle-ny.org Fee: \$5/adults. Children free. Space limited to 25. Leader: Anne Swaim

Saturday, October 30, 8:00 am

Fall Sparrows and More at Marshlands

Marshlands Sanctuary in Rye and the nearby Edith Read Sanctuary both offer great fall birding. Call or email to register.



November 2010

Sunday, November 7

6:00 am departing from Millwood

Atlantic Coast Migration

The Atlantic Coast of Long Island offers a glimpse into the shoreline seabird and waterfowl migration as well as possibilities for late migrating land birds. Birding stops are expected to include Shinnecock and Jones Beach with other stops added or substituted depending on local reports. Call or email to register

Saturday, November 13, 9:00 am

Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn

See listing for September 11.

Saturday, November 27, 7:00 am departing from Millwood

Hackensack Meadows/ Richard W. DeKorte Park

Marsh harriers, American kestrels, winter sparrows and abundant waterfowl are all possibilities in the 2,000 acres of the Meadowlands in late November. Call or email to register.

December 2010



Saturday, December 4 **Winter Weekend at Brigantine**

Thousands of snow geese and other wintering waterfowl may be seen at Forsythe (aka Brigantine) National Wildlife Refuge just north of Atlantic City. Join us for one or both days: come down Saturday morning and return Saturday night or stay over for additional birding on Sunday. Will include stop at Barnegat. Call or email for details on trip cost and transportation options.

Saturday, December 11, 9:00 am **Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn** See listing for September 11

Saturday, December 18, dawn to dusk **Peekskill Christmas Bird Count** National census of birds in various count circles. Contact our office for more information.

Sunday, December 26, dawn to dusk **Bronx Westchester Christmas Bird Count** National census of birds in various count circles. Contact our office for more information.

Wednesday, December 29, 7:00 am from Millwood **Shawangunk National Wildlife Refuge** Add to your 2010 birding list with some excellent birding at this grassland habitat in Ulster County. This refuge was recently closed for habitat improvements. Come see the changes and enjoy a great day of winter birding. Call or email to register.



January 2011

Saturday, January 1, 9:00 am **New Year's Walk at Rockwood Hall**

Start off the year with an invigorating walk along the Hudson River shoreline at Rockwood Hall State Park. Eagle views are quite likely. Spotting scopes provided. Dress very warmly! Call or email to register.

Sunday, January 2, dawn to dusk **Putnam Christmas Bird Count** National census of birds in various count circles. Contact our office for more information.

Saturday, January 8, 7:00 am **Croton Point Eagles** Our annual tradition continues with this popular birding walk at Croton Point County Park led by Charlie Roberto. Call or email to register.

Saturday, January 8, 9am **Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn** See listing for September 11.

January 2011 (continued)

Monday, January 17, 8:00 am **Long Island Winter Ducks** We plan to visit various locations along the Long Island shoreline for winter ducks. Call or email to register.

Sunday, January 30, 8:00 am departing from Millwood **Owl Prowl** We will visit various locations in the metro NYC area depending on local reports of daytime roosting owls. Carpooling available from Millwood or follow along with us in your own vehicle. Call or email to register.



February 2011

Saturday, February 5, All Day **Hudson River EagleFest** Celebrate the bald eagle on the Hudson River with this all day festival along the Westchester county shoreline of the river organized by Teatown Lake Reservation and supported by Saw Mill River Audubon. Details on Teatown Reservation web site closer to the event: www.teatown.org.

Saturday, February 12, 9:00 am **Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn** See listing on September 11.

Monday, February 21, 8:00 am departing from Millwood **Greenwich Point Park, Old Greenwich, CT** We will search for winter birds on the Long Island Sound including: common and red-throated loons, long-tailed ducks, common goldeneye and more. Call or email to register.

March 2011



Saturday, March 12, 9:00 am **Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn** See listing on September 11

Sunday, March 20 to Sunday, March 27 **Costa Rica Sampler Trip * NOTE DATE CHANGE*** Our annual birding trip to benefit the local conservation work of Saw Mill River Audubon.

Sunday, March 20, 7:30am departing from Millwood **Celebrate Spring: Edith Read Sanctuary** Lingering winter waterfowl and the first vanguard of spring shorebird migrants are both likely including: lesser and greater scaup, redheads and pintails as well as ruddy turnstones and purple sandpipers on the rock jetties. Call or email to register.

April 2011



Sunday, April 3, 6:00 pm Saw Mill River Audubon Annual Dinner

Join us for our annual gathering featuring presentations by student environmental scholarship recipients and much more. Details to follow on our website and in later newsletters. Save the date!

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 am Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn

See listing for September 11

Saturday, April 23, 6:00 am departing from Millwood Garret Mountain Birding

Garret Mountain Reservation in Passaic County, New Jersey has a reputation as one of the best places to see and hear the first flow of spring migrants including the first of the warblers and vireos making their way north from the neotropics. Call or email to register.

Thursday, April 28 to Sunday, May 1 DelMarVa Birding Weekend

A group from Saw Mill River Audubon is planning to attend this celebratory weekend. Details at: <http://delmarva-almanac.com/index.php/contrib/birdingweekenddates>



May 2011

Saturday, May 7, 5:30 am from Millwood Prospect Park Birding

Last year's spring birding trip to Prospect Park offered spectacular looks at spring migrants. Call or email to register.

Thursday, May 12, 6:30am Birding in Central Park

During mid-May, Central Park is world-famous for its concentrations of spring migrants. Call or email to register.

Saturday, May 14, 6:00 am Doodletown and Mine Road Birding

Reliable views of cerulean and hooded warblers as well as a wealth of other spring migrants are possible at this rich bird habitat within Bear Mountain State Park. Call or email to register.

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 am Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn

See listing for September 11.

Wednesday, May 18, 6:00 am Early Morning Bird Walk: Anglefly Preserve, Somers

The Somers Land Trust has created an excellent network of trails through the rich habitats of this 654-acre property. We can expect a diversity of spring migrants and area nesters. Call or email to register.

May 2011 (continued)

Saturday, May 21, 6:00 am departing from Millwood Sterling Forest Spring Birding

Both blue and golden-winged warblers and other spring migrants are all likely. Call or email to register.

Sunday, May 29, 6:00 am departing from Millwood Shawangunk Grasslands NWR

We will be searching for grassland summer nesters including eastern meadowlarks, boblinks and upland sandpipers with other possibilities including grasshopper or Henslow's sparrows. Call or email to register.



June 2011

Saturday, June 11, 9:00 am Second Saturday Walks at Brinton Brook & Pruyn

See listing for September 11

Saturday, June 18, 5:00 am departing from Millwood Basha Kill Birding

The Basha Kill River valley, with over 3,000 acres of freshwater wetlands, lies between the Shawangunks and Catskills and offers great birding in early summer. Call or email to register.

Information for All Field Trips

We ask you to call our office at 914-666.6503 OR email us at office@sawmillriveraudubon.org before all SMRA-led trips that require registration so that we know to expect you.

Most trips run rain or shine. If we do need to cancel a trip, we will call or email all who are registered. Please let us know which contact you prefer. We will also put a notice on our web site and our office answering machine in the event of trip changes or cancellations.

To support our local conservation efforts, we also ask for a voluntary donation of \$5 per adult for SMRA-led trips.

Children & youth under 18 free.

All are welcome regardless of ability to donate.



SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON

EDUCATION

WE TEACH the importance of native habitats and wild-life through classroom and field-based programs, and make presentations to community groups about sound environmental practices.

WE OFFER public programs and field trips focused on local and regional habitats and wildlife.

WE SPONSOR local students and educators through summer scholarships for environmental study.

ADVOCACY

WE MONITOR local land use and wildlife issues, and provide a reasoned voice for the environment based on the twin principles of sound science and sustainable development.

WE COLLABORATE with local, county, and state governments, other environmental groups, community organizations, and area businesses, and take action on issues of shared concern.

WE PARTNER with other Audubon chapters, Audubon New York and Audubon National on local, state and national issues.

HABITAT CONSERVATION

WE PROTECT more than 300 acres of open space and critical wildlife habitat in eight sanctuaries, open year-round to the public.

WE MAINTAIN marked hiking trails in seven sanctuaries that feature a wide variety of habitats; an arboretum, wildflower meadow, and butterfly and hummingbird garden in Pruyn Sanctuary; and a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk through the wetlands of Pinecliff Sanctuary.

WE EDUCATE homeowners about alternatives to toxic pesticides, the value of landscaping with native plants, and the importance of protecting birds, other wildlife, and local habitats.

For more than 55 years,
Saw Mill River Audubon
has pursued its mission
to maintain environmental
quality for all living
things by protecting
natural ecosystems
through education,
advocacy, and habitat
conservation.

OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Our small part-time staff supports an active group of volunteers who help prepare our newsletter, monitor and maintain our sanctuaries, arboretum, and garden, coordinate field trips and events, and lead all our local conservation efforts.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Participate in our programs. Become a volunteer. Visit our web site, www.sawmillriveraudubon.org, to find out more about our activities and support our efforts through a tax-deductible contribution.

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