An adult red-headed woodpecker has spent the winter at Croton Point Park.

Saw Mill River Audubon continues to monitor the habitats at Croton Point Park because it is an important area for birds and other wildlife, especially during spring and fall migration.

Final Saturday Bird Seed Sale

Our supply of bird seed is almost sold out!
Stop by for final purchases on Saturday April 19
At Pruyn Sanctuary

Weekday sales also available Mon/Wed/Fri 10:30 am–3:30 pm.
Call 914.666.6503 for more info.
All proceeds support SMRA’s local conservation work.

Book Launch: Walkable Westchester, 2nd Edition
Saturday, April 5 • 2:00 pm
• Ossining Public Library

Join authors Jane and Walt Daniels for this special event at the Ossining Library! The second edition of Walkable Westchester will be available on this date! The best guide to the Westchester outdoors just got even better. Walkable Westchester, that indispensable handbook to hiking, walking and exploring in Westchester County, has been issued in a new second edition. Including more than 600 miles of trails in over 200 parks, preserves and sanctuaries, it is the latest addition to the offerings of guidebooks and maps published by the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. It is the first update of this valuable Westchester resource since its publication in 2009. Jane and Walt Daniels are Westchester residents who are long-time hikers, trail designers and builders, and open-space advocates.

Saw Mill River Audubon Annual Dinner
Sunday, April 6 • 5:00 pm • Table 9 Restaurant, Annsville Circle, Cortlandt
Join us for a fun evening with friendly people, good food and entertaining presentations. Last minute reservation may be possible. Call our office ASAP at 914-666-6503 for last minute reservations. This special evening will include our brief annual meeting with our 2014 board election but also stories and pictures from our trips to Yellowstone, Minnesota and Belize. Details online here: http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/dinner

Public Program: Gardening with Natives
Thursday, April 24 • 7:00 pm • Ossining Community Center

Learn about environmentally sound landscaping and gardening by including New York native plants and excluding invasive plants. Help to support birds, butterflies and a diversity of wildlife and create a yard that is in harmony with nature. Discover some beautiful and hardy native plants for your yard and garden. Presenter will be Saw Mill River Audubon garden coordinator and Cornell Master Gardener, Donna Lassiter.
In addition to our day trips and occasional weekend trips, Saw Mill River Audubon also offers longer birding trips once a year to birding hotspots. In 2013, we traveled to Yellowstone (filling up two different one-week trips) and, from March 8-18, 2014, we traveled to Belize!

Our group of sixteen people visited three different lodges over ten days in Belize, including Lamanai Outpost Lodge, Chan Chich Lodge and Jaguar Reef Lodge. Our sighting list included 233 bird species and over 25 other species of wildlife including Central American mammals like black howler and spider monkeys, coati and kinkajou. Among the birds were over 20 species of warblers, tanagers and orioles that winter in Belize and will be returning to the states in just a few weeks.

We saw a flock of orchard orioles already preparing to head north. Activities included dawn jungle birding, exploration of the Lamanai Mayan ruins, sunset boat rides, tortilla making in a local village and a night jungle drive in the back of an open truck.

In addition to our once-a-year big trip, Saw Mill River Audubon also offers long weekend trips to key birding habitats in the United States. This May we are offering a weekend spring coastal birding trip. Be sure to subscribe to our private email list for advance notice about future birding excursions. Visit [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/list](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/list)
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Mondays ♦ 7:30 am
Monday Morning Birdwalks
Come along with us on a free weekly birding walk at a local birding hotspot. Call or email for directions and where to meet or if you want to borrow binoculars. Beginners encouraged! Note the earlier start time of 7:30 am for spring and summer walks.
Apr. 7 & May 5 —Muscoot Farm
Apr. 14 & May 12 —Rockefeller State Park
April 21 —No Monday Walk
May 19 —Tarrytown Lakes
Apr. 28 & May 26 —Croton Point

Saturday, April 12 ♦ 9:00 am
Second Saturday Walk
Our monthly walks continue year-round at our largest sanctuary: Brinton Brook in Croton-on-Hudson. Come walk with us and experience the changing seasons. No pre-registration needed. Good for ages 6 and up. Held regardless of weather except in cases of severe weather or road closures.

Saturday, April 19 ♦ 8:00 am
Field Trip: New York Botanical Garden
Meet 8:00 am at Millwood A&P or 8:30 am at the main gate of the New York Botanical Garden. We'll be looking for early spring birds as well as spring native wildflowers in the garden. Email or call us to register so we know to expect you.

Thursday, April 24 ♦ 7:00 pm
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See details on page 1

MAY

Friday, May 2 ♦ 7:30–8:30 pm
Birders U Workshop: Spring Warblers
Birders U is our seasonal series of birding workshops paired with a field trip. This workshop will focus on spring warbler identification. The program will be held at the Nature Center in Croton Point County Park. A field trip for class attendees will take place the following day (Sat. May 3) at a local habitat. Cost for Audubon members is $25 and includes an ID book specific to the workshop. Cost for non-members is $40 and includes a new SMRA membership—a $30 value!

Friday, May 9 to Sunday, May 11
Spring Coastal Birding
This trip is almost full so contact us ASAP if interested. We'll be visiting four different National Wildlife Refuges on the Delaware and New Jersey coasts. Contact us via email at office@sawmillriveraudubon.org or call our office at 914-666-6503.

Saturday, May 10 ♦ 9:00 am
Second Saturday Walk at Brinton Brook Sanctuary
See April 12 event for details.

MAY (cont.)

· Tuesday, May 13 ♦ 7:00 am
Central Park Birding
Join Charlie Roberto for spring birding in Central Park! Spring migrants concentrate in Central Park on their journey north and this should be a peak date for several species. Meet at the NW corner of 77th Street and Central Park West. Carpool may be possible from Millwood A&P departing at 6:00 am. Email us if you plan to meet us or want to carpool.

Saturday, May 17 ♦ 5:30 am
Field Trip: Doodletown, Iona Island and Mine Road
Visit Doodletown, Iona Island and Mine Road at the height of the spring warbler migration! Yes, it is a crazy early start time but there's nothing like the dawn chorus of spring migrants! Meet at the parking area along Route 9D by Doodletown, south of Bear Mountain Park. Bring binoculars, water and lunch. Moderately difficult walking at start. Contact us in advance so we know whether to expect you and if you need directions.

Thursday, May 22 ♦ 7:00 pm
Program: Bird Architecture
Croton Free Library
Enjoy a multimedia exploration of birds and their nests from around the world presented by SMRA Executive Director Anne Swaim. Learn how you can help nesting birds in your neighborhood.
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Sunday, April 6, 2014

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Embrace the Season!
“No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.”
Hal Borland

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