

National Audubon Society Rockland Chapter #R06

2012 RAS Field Trips

Membership Application

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E-MAIL ADDRESS (required for electronic newsletter)

- 1 Year — \$20
 2 years — \$35

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ROCKLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY INC.
P.O. Box 404
New City, NY 10956-0404

- Your name will be added to Rockland Audubon's member list upon receipt of payment. If you do not wish your name to be made available to other select organizations, check here.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:


- Receive **The Observer**, RAS newsletter detailing walks and meetings and featuring articles of local interest
- Membership in one of America's leading nature and environmental organizations, the **National Audubon Society**
- Subscription to **Audubon**, one of America's most beautiful nature and conservation magazines
- Opportunity to travel with experienced naturalists worldwide with NAS Nature Odysseys
- Be heard as part of one of the strongest grassroots networks—with more than 500 chapters

An all-volunteer chapter of the National Audubon Society, **Rockland Audubon Society's** mission is to promote environmental conservation and foster an appreciation of birds and nature through education programs and activities.

Note: Please call trip leader 24 hours in advance if you plan to join the group at the field trip site rather than designated meeting place. For updates visit www.rocklandaudubon.org

Audubon in the Parks

Audubon in the Parks is an initiative with Audubon New York and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation to advance bird conservation in State Parks. The Lower Hudson Valley's many State Parks and Historic Sites play an important role in the RAS mission of promoting the appreciation and conservation of birds and nature. Whether used for field trips, bird surveys, nest box locations, or simple recreation, our State Parks and Historic Sites are an asset to RAS and the entire community. To highlight this partnership, RAS is proud to offer an Audubon in the Parks series of walks.

 = Audubon in the Parks event

Jan. 1, 2013 (Tue)—Birding at Jones Beach, NY

Meet Della and Alan Wells at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 North, West Nyack, at 5:45am See the first sunrise of 2013 and start your New Year list. 845-942-5751

Jan. 6, (Sun)—First Sunday in Kennedy Dells County Park

Meet Peter Johnson at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street in New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for resident and migrating bird species. Trip will run 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 914-261-2895

Jan. 13 (Sun)—Winter at Congers Memorial Park

Meet Matt Beckerle at 10am at the main parking lot of Congers Memorial Park (6 Gilchrist Rd.). Check out the variety of trees and birds along the eastern edge of Congers Lake and more. Path is wheelchair-accessible, flat and paved. 845-735-5411

Jan. 19 (Sat)—Pelham Bay Park

Meet Jim Previdi at 8am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 N., West Nyack, for carpooling. Search for owls and waterfowl in this wild(er) corner of the Bronx. Dress warmly, bring snack & hot drink. Return by early afternoon. 914-656-2509

Jan. 25-27(Fri-Sun)—Winter Overnight to Adirondacks

Weekend trip to view northern birds in the beautiful Adirondack Mountains. See Jim Previdi for details. 914-656-2509

Feb. 3 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk in Kennedy Dells County Park

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street in New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for resident and migrating bird species. This trip will run 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 845-358-3659

Feb. 9 (Sat)—Winter Birding in Orange County

Meet Jim Previdi at 2pm at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 N., West Nyack, for carpooling. See raptors and field birds. Northern harriers and short-eared owls are usually sighted just before sunset. Should return by 6:30pm. 914-656-2509

Feb. 15 (Fri)—Owl Prowl, Stony Point Battlefield

Meet Jim Previdi at 7:30pm at the main parking lot at the end of Battlefield Rd.; accessed from Park Rd., off Route 9W in Stony Point. Search for the resident Great Horned and Screech Owls. **This very popular walk is by advanced reservation only and will be limited to the first 35 registrants.** Register before Feb. 13 by calling the Battlefield Museum at 845-786-2521. Free admission, children must be 10 years or older.

Feb. 24 (Sun)—Birding Tallman Mt. State Park

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am in the main parking lot of Tallman for a stroll through the picnic and swimming pool areas of the park. This is a good time of year to find fox sparrows there. 845-358-3659

March 3 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk in Kennedy Dells County Park

Meet Veronika Krause at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street, New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for resident and migrating bird species. Trip runs 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 845-359-9294

March 16 (Sat)—Woodcocks at Kakiat Park Meet Jim Previdi at 5:30pm at the Kakiat parking lot, Route 202, opposite Viola Elementary School, Suffern. Bring a flashlight. 914-656-2509

March 24 (Sun)—Palm Sunday Walk at Lake Welch

Meet Carol Weiss at 10am at the entrance to Lake Welch in Harriman State Park, off Route 106. An easy walk, but could be several hours long. Unexpected birds are often found here. Also should see sparrows, woodpeckers, thrushes and early migrants. Bring drink and a snack. An ecumenical hiker's service and lunch will take place at 3pm at nearby St. John's in the Wilderness church. RAS members may choose to participate. 845-358-3659

April 7 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk in Kennedy Dells County Park

Meet Peter Johnson at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street, New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for resident and migrating bird species. Trip runs 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 914-261-2895

April 14 (Sun)—A Spring Stroll at Mt. Ivy Swamp

Meet Veronika Krause at 9am at Pomona Middle School parking lot on Pomona Rd. Look for Marsh Marigolds and chipping sparrows along the railroad embankment. Over by noon. 845-359-9294

April 20 (Sat)—The Celery Farm, Allendale, NJ

Meet Peter Johnson at 8am at the Celery Farm parking lot on Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NJ. Great for beginners, may be wet underfoot. Look for waterfowl and very early spring migrants. Over by noon. 914-261-2895

April 26 (Fri)—Weekday Walk at the Elk Pen

Meet Elyse Fuller at 9am at the parking area for the Elk Pen section of Harriman State Park, off Arden Valley Rd., 0.3mi east of Route 17. Eastern Bluebirds, Prairie Warblers and Field Sparrows are possibilities at this unique field habitat. Over by 11am. 845-351-2893

May 3 (Fri)—Weekday Walk at Ironwood Drive 

Meet Elyse Fuller at 9am at the cul-de-sac at the end of Ironwood Dr. in Tuxedo. This section of Sterling Forest State Park can be good for spotting Golden-winged Warblers, Indigo Buntings, Prairie Warblers and other shrub land species. Over by 11am. 845-351-2893

May 5 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk in Kennedy Dells County

Park Meet Carol Weiss at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street, New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for resident and migrating bird species. Trip runs 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 845-358-3659

Big Bird Day—Annual Fundraiser TBA

May 25-27 (Sat–Mon)—Birding Delaware, Memorial Day

Weekend Three-Day Trip. Call Alan and Della Wells for details 845-942-5751

June 1 (Sat)—Galeville Airport During Nesting Season

Meet Della and Alan Wells at 7am at the Commuter Parking Lot on Route 9W in Stony Point (just south of Hogan's Diner). The abandoned airport, administered as Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge, is a hotspot for grassland birds. 845-942-5751

June 2 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Kennedy-Dells Park


Meet Veronika Krause at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street, New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for resident and migrating bird species. Trip runs 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 845-359-9294

June 6 (Thu)—Evening Bluebird Walk at Kennedy Dells

Meet Tom Fuller at 6pm at the far lot closest to the trails. Wear long pants as there may be a chance to peek inside nest boxes. Over by 8pm. 845-351-2893

June 9 (Sun)—Doodletown for Beginners 

Meet Della and Alan Wells at 8am at the pull-off on Route 9W, south of Bear Mountain, just north of the Iona Island causeway. Practice bird ID and binocular use. Some uphill walking. 845-942-5751

June 16 (Sun)—Dragons & Damsels of Rockland 

Meet Alan and Della Wells at 9am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 9W in Stony Point (just south of Hogan's Diner) for carpooling. Learn to ID common dragonflies and damselflies at Lily Pond in Harriman State Park. Bring water, snack, binoculars (preferably close focus); camera optional. Call if rainy or overcast. 845-942-5751

July 7 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk, Kennedy Dells County Park

Meet Peter Johnson at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street, New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for resident and migrating bird species. Trip runs 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 914-261-2895

Aug. 4 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk, Kennedy Dells County

Park Meet Carol Weiss at 8am in the Kennedy Dells parking lot, North Main Street, New City. Stroll through the park on graveled paths, looking for resident and migrating bird species. Trip runs 2 to 2.5 hours. Call the trip leader for directions. 845-358-3659

Aug. 11 (Sun)—Birds and Cameras at Jamaica Bay

Meet Alan and Della Wells at 7:30am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 North in West Nyack for carpooling to this birding hot spot. Alan's group will photograph shorebirds and Della's group will not. Full day trip. 845-942-5751

Monthly Nature Programs

First Friday of the Month

Community Center
Congers Lake Memorial Park
6 Gilchrest Rd., Congers, NY 10920

All programs are open to the public. Donations accepted & appreciated!

Programs start at 7:30pm

Doors open at 7:00pm for refreshments

Jan. 4: Bugs in Your Bloomers

John Lampkin, RAS Member, discusses the complex relationship between insects and flowering plants, which have co-evolved for 135 million years.

Feb. 1: Black Bears in Rockland County

Educator, photographer and wildlife expert Doc Bayne will discuss black bears in our area; their life, habitat, and what you should – and should not – be concerned about.

March 1: Investing in the Hudson's Future

Speaker Steve Stanne will discuss the DEC Hudson River Estuary Program, created in 1987, and the subsequent rebirth of the Hudson.

April 5: Tracking the American Crow

Professor Doug Robinson has studied the American Crow and as an on-going post-doctoral research project is banding crows, which provides insight into where they live, their interactions and lifespan.

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