

CAPE COD BIRD CLUB NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1988

Hello everyone, happy new year! I'm amazed that I'm writing the January newsletter already, this is the winter newsletter and it's still officially fall. Yet, by the time I write the next newsletter it'll be late February, getting into early spring migration..... who knows where the time goes. With the onset of winter, I think of Barrow's Goldeneyes and Iceland Gulls, Northern Shrikes and Rough-legged Hawks. It hasn't gotten really cold yet and as of this writing there's been no mentionable snow, but keep in mind what happened last January. By the time you receive this, the Christmas Counts will be over and winter birding will be in full swing. I know it's cold but during these cold months some really nice birds can be seen around the cape. Aside from the afore mentioned species, Glaucous Gulls, Razorbills, King Eider, Snowy Owls, Evening Grosbeaks and other transient finches, Peregrine and Gyrfalcon are all possibilities for those of you who can withstand the cold and reap their rewards.

MEETINGS:

January 11, 7:45 PM Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.  
"1987, A Year of Photographing Birds." Mr. Roger Everett of Brewster lived a dream last year, he was able to spend 12 months concentrating on avian photography. Roger travelled to the caribbean, and as far west as Texas and Arizona making photographs throughout the year, but most of his work and most of what you'll see, are photographs of birds right here on the cape. His photographs, along with his wit, enthusiasm and tips on photography, promise to make this one of the years most enjoyable programs! Don't miss it!

February 8, 7:45 PM Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.

MEMBERS NIGHT! OK everybody, this is YOUR chance to share your best photographs of the past year. Now we never seem to get the response we hope for on this special night so I'm asking that you bring some slides of birds, mammals, or scenery to share with the club. I've got a few set aside and I KNOW that alot of you have taken some nice trips and photographed the birds seen along the way, I'm depending on you all.

WALKS:

Wednesday, January 6, 9:00 AM, Falmouth. Meet behind the town hall in the center of Falmouth. Mary Ropes (548-6086)

Saturday, January 9, NEW YEAR'S SWEEP! Get your 1988 list off to a great start with a sweep of the cape. Beginner birders are welcome. In two parts -

Upper cape sweep - 9:00 AM Falmouth. Meet behind the town hall in the center of Falmouth. Mary Ropes, (548-6086).

Lower cape sweep - 8:00 AM Orleans. Meet at the Friendly's parking lot at the Orleans Rotary. Janet Aylward, (362-9078).

Monday, January 11, 9:00 AM Outer Cape, Meet at lower parking lot, Fort Hill area, Eastham. Art King, (255- 8919)

Tuesday, January 12, 9:00 AM Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Wellfleet. Bob Prescott, (349-2615)

Thursday, January 21, 9:00 AM Yarmouthport. Meet at the playground at the intersection of Rt. 6A and Union St. Charlotte Smith (362-6891)

Saturday, January 23, 7:00 AM QUABBIN RESERVOIR - Meet at the Burger King at the intersection of Rts. 132 and 6, West Barnstable. An all day trip to look for eagles, ravens, pileated woodpeckers and winter finches. Bring a lunch and wear all the clothes you have!! Peter Trimble (477-3847)

Thursday, January 28, 9:00 AM. Harwich. Meet at Saquatucket Harbour in Harwich. John and Ginny Redfern (432-6420)

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Wednesday, February 3, 9:00 AM Falmouth. Meet behind the town hall in the center of Falmouth. Mary Ropes, (548-6086)  
Saturday and Sunday, February 6 and 7. OFF CAPE TRIP TO CAPE ANN. The Cape Cod Bird Club will spend the weekend at Cape Ann and Newburyport pretending that it's spring!! For details call Fahy Bygate, (934-6978)  
Monday, February 8, 9:00 AM Lower Cape, Meet at the lower parking lot, Fort Hill, Eastham. Art King (255-8919)  
Tuesday, February 9, 9:00 AM Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Wellfleet. Bob Prescott, (349-2615)

Thursday, February 18, 9:00 AM Yarmouthport, Meet at the playground at the intersection of Rt. 6A and Union St. Charlotte Smith (362-6891)

Thursday, February 25, 9:00 AM Harwich. Meet at Saquatucket Harbour in Harwich. John and Ginny Redfern. (432-6420).

Saturday, February 27, Centerville area, Meeting Place to be announced at next meeting. Sally Clifton. (775-4693)

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary will offer the following activities during January and February. Please call 349-2615 for details.  
Birding Cape Cod - 5 birding "hot spots" will be covered on 5 consecutive Fridays beginning January 8.  
Cape Ann and Newburyport - A 1 day trip to Cape Ann on February 20.  
Monomoy Island Tours - January 16 and February 14, North Island.

Blair Nikula is tentatively planning a trip to the Canadian Rockies in late June, 1988. The trip will consist of 10 - 14 days in Alberta Canada and should cost in the range of \$1200.00 to \$1400.00 including air fare from Boston. If interested call Blair at 945-2153.

Bird box day will be held on January 30, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. We will concentrate on making 2 or 3 different sized boxes. Some of the species considered are Bluebird, Flicker, Gt. crested Flycatcher, Kestrel and Screech Owl. We'll have the wood, most of the tools and the nails, please bring your able hands and a hammer.

Welcome to the following new members: Steve Hall, Gail Kistemaker, Bob Pease, the family of Robert Basset, Charlotte Kuzava, Ray Saul, Selverd Highly and the Trimble's, Peter Jr. Jeremiah, John, Robin and Melissa. Welcome to you all.