

CAPE COD BIRD CLUB

May - June Newsletter

Well hello everyone. Its peak time for looking at birds. I hope you all keep in mind the great advice that the Stokes' gave us at our last fantastic meeting. LOOK at the birds, observe their behavior, consider that every action that birds make and every song they sing has a purpose. When the Warblers are moving through, clamoring, whirling, twirling over twigs and branches. Study them as they flutter at the end of the twig and pick a tiny inchworm from beneath a leaf. Or watch the Sharp-shinned Hawks or the Broadwings as they fly overhead, jousting and rolling in pre-courtship displays as they make their way to the northern breeding grounds. This is the time to observe birds in their most active roles and most beautiful plumages. And there are lots of them and they're close by. So go outside!

MEETINGS:

May 9, 7:45 PM Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.

Mr. John Green, Nature photographer par excellence will present a double feature slide presentation. Glacier National Park will be his first subject with the second experience being a pictorial journey to Bonaventure Island! Now any of you who have seen Johns programs know what a treat we're in for. This talented Naturalist is an artist in the truest sense, he composes the most beautiful scenes and records them on film and in his presentation, he goes still further. Don't miss this meeting!

Saturday, June 11, Cape Cod Bird Club Picnic. Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. We're having our picnic on a Saturday this year in hopes of having a greater number of members attend. Thanks to Bob Prescott for letting us invade his sanctuary on an otherwise busy day. Charlotte Smith will lead a walk at 2:00 PM and we'll have a short meeting and begin our party sometime around 5:00 PM. So please attend and bring a friend! Oh yes, bring a supper too.....

WALKS: As our walks coordinator Fahy Bygate says - there will be a spring walk to look for the jewels of the bird world - warblers! - every Saturday and Sunday in May, except May 1st. We've rounded up all of the Cape's best birders to lead us through flitting wing bars and eye rings. All will meet at 8 A.M. in the Beech Forest parking lot in Provincetown.

Wed., May 4 - Falmouth. 8 A.M. Meet behind the town hall in the center of Falmouth. Mary Ropes (548-6068).

Wed., May 4 - Harwich Conservation Area. 5:30 P.M. A Classic! Blair Nikula will repeat his popular evening search for early spring migrants. Bring a supper if you like (945-2153).

Saturday, May 7 - Beech Forest. 8 A.M. Meet at the Beech Forest parking lot in Provincetown.

Sunday, May 8 - Beech Forest. 8 A.M. Details same as May 7.

Monday, May 9 - Eastham. 8 A.M. Meet at the lower parking lot at Fort Hill in Eastham. Art King (255-8919).

Tuesday, May 10 - Wellfleet. 9 A.M. Wellfleet Bay Sanctuary walk. Mass. Audubon leader (349-2615).

Saturday, May 14 - Beech Forest. Details same as May 7.

Sunday, May 15 - Beech Forest. Details same as May 7.

Thursday, May 19 - Yarmouth. 8 A.M. Meet at the playground at Rte. 6A and Union St. Charlotte Smith (362-6891).

Saturday, May 21 - Beech Forest. Details same as May 7.

Sunday, May 22 - Beech Forest. Details same as May 7.

Tuesday, May 24 - Beech Forest. Details same as May 7. Mike O'Connor (255-6974, days).

Thursday, May 26 - Harwich Conservation area. 8 A.M. This is the former Saquatucket Harbor walk. John and Ginny Redfern (432-6420).

Saturday, May 28 - Beech Forest. Details same as May 7.  
Sunday, May 29 - Beech Forest. Details same as May 7.

Wednesday, June 1 - Falmouth. Details same as May 4.

Saturday, June 4 - Provincetown. Details same as May 7. Charlotte Smith (362-6891).

Saturday, June 11 - Provincetown. Details same as May 7. Janet Aylward (362-9078).

Saturday, June 11 - Bird Club Picnic. See details elsewhere.

Monday, June 13 - Eastham. Details same as May 9.

Tuesday, June 14 - Wellfleet. Details same as May 10.

Saturday, June 18 - Mashpee River and Crane Wildlife area. 6 A.M. A revival of another popular walk for the early risers. Meet at the shopping center parking lot off the New Seabury Rotary in Mashpee. Blair Nikula (945-2153).

Sunday, June 19 - Mid-Cape Breeding Bird Census. See details elsewhere.

Thursday, June 23 - Harwich Conservation area. Details same as May 26.

WELLFLEET BAY SANCTUARY EVENTS include:

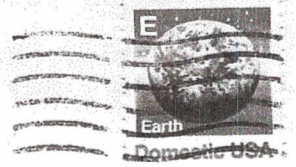
- Bird-banding demonstrations - Saturdays in May at 9:30 A.M.
  - Shorebird workshop - Thursday, May 19: 9:30-4:00.
  - Hawkwatches - May 6, 7 & 8 from 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Pilgrim Heights.
  - Bird Workshops - Terns: May 28th at 7:30 P.M. in West Barnstable
- For information call 349-2615.

MID-CAPE BREEDING BIRD CENSUS. Sunday June 19

This annual breeding bird survey will cover the same area as the mid-cape Christmas count. It's a perfect opportunity to see what is going on in the avian world when the birds are at the height of their nesting season. And some of the species encountered may surprise you. The day comprises about 8 hours of hard birding, but you can bird for only a couple of hours if you wish. All of the information collected is important. For information call Janet Aylward at 362-9078 or Sally Clifton at 775-4693

New Members: I'd like to welcome all of our new members into the club and urge them to get in on some of the upcoming walks in May and June. Hello to Ed and Peg Personette of Brewster, Ann Churchill of Cohasset, Marge Hardy of South Dennis, Ruth and Luis Fernandez-Herlihy of West Newton and Chatham, Howard and Peg Sanborn of Orleans, F. H. Taylor of Osterville, John and Doris Broshkevitch of South Yarmouth, Nancy Fales of Green Farms, Connecticut and Susan C. Trafton of Centerville. WOW!

OK then, I can't emphasize enough how important it is to get out and do some birding over the next two months. You only have to spend a little time before or after work, or on weekends. There are lots of walks offered, just look in the papers, several organizations are taking advantage of the spring migration by offering walks and teaching courses. And keep listening to my "Audio Field Guide" over the next several weeks each morning at 8:45 on WFCC - FM Radio @ 107.5 on your dial.



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