



# The Kingfisher

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## President's Message

### Greetings, Cape Cod Bird Club Members!

We just concluded our 2025-26 season with a very interesting May program featuring Prof. Lorna Gibson on "Birds Up Close." And now we have three summer months to enjoy the weather, family, friends, and of course the beauty of Cape Cod and its birds! But before we move on, I'd like to reflect on our year.

We welcomed 64 new members into our Club, bringing us to a total of 490 members! And a huge THANKS to the ~34 active volunteers who make this Club run smoothly. Volunteers serve on our Board of Directors, lead walks, monitor nestboxes, keep our website and Facebook pages updated, and serve refreshments at our meetings. We wouldn't be able to function without these wonderful people helping run every aspect of our vibrant Club.

We offered monthly meetings from September through May where we hosted over 400 people at our seven in-person meetings, along with 250 Zoom attendees. We received some very positive feedback on our programs, but we're always eager to hear from you on what you'd like to see. Hopefully, our technical challenges with the hybrid meeting format are behind us.

Our Club offered 67 walks this year, ranging across all of Cape Cod (and beyond), and we are so fortunate to have 12 different Walk Leaders who expertly guided us through these many locations. (I don't believe we've lost anyone, yet!)

The CCBC made donations of over \$9,000 to various conservation organizations and projects, including our two Hog Island Teen scholarships, grants for bird conservation projects, and 16 partner organizations including MA Audubon sanctuaries at Wellfleet and Long Pasture, CCMNH, Hurricane Melissa Recovery, Monomoy, Manomet, animal rehabbers on CC, and Birdability.

We also started on a major project to convert our membership system to new software (DonorSnap). We hope to complete this project over the summer, and you should expect an email from us advising of changes that may impact you.

Overall, it was an exciting year with some great talks and walks and generous Club support for many worthwhile bird conservation efforts. We hope we have fulfilled your bird club dreams!

Lastly, please don't forget to get out there and bird. It seems like we get our share of super-strange birds in the summer months. In recent years, we've had weird summertime sightings such as American Flamingo, Mountain Plover, Siberian Sand-Plover, Say's Phoebe, Magnificent Frigatebird, and Curlew Sandpiper, to name a few. So be on the lookout!



Happy Birding,

*Peter Fang*

Summer Tanager, P. Fang photo

## Club Meetings—Gloria Smith, Programs Director

Cape Cod Bird Club is delighted to welcome you to our 2026-2027 season featuring the following fall programs. Each of these meetings will offer an in-person gathering at Cape Cod Museum of Natural History in Brewster and a simultaneous Zoom broadcast. Museum doors (and Zoom) open at 6:30 pm with our “Pre-game Slideshow” featuring upcoming programs, walks, bird trivia, bird photos by fellow members and more. A Zoom link will be emailed to our members prior to each meeting.

### Monday, September 14, 2026 Peter Alden —“My Wild Life: Rare Birds, Close Calls, and Adventures of an Eco-Explorer”

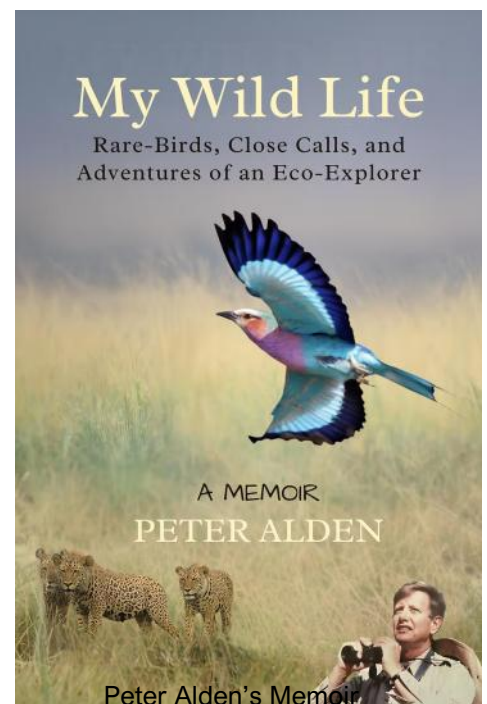


Peter Alden, naturalist, lecturer, author

From the jungles of New Guinea to the plains of Tanzania, one man’s lifelong quest to see the world’s rarest birds became a journey through the heart of our planet’s wild places.

As a pioneer of ecotourism, he led travelers across continents long before GPS and guidebooks, facing snakes in the Amazon, lions in camp, and many more brushes with danger—all in pursuit of wonder. Part memoir, part travelogue, *My Wild Life* celebrates six decades of adventure, discovery, and devotion to the natural world.

Concord, Massachusetts native, Peter Alden, is a world renowned naturalist, lecturer, ecotourism guide and author of fifteen books on North American and African wildlife, including the *National Audubon Society’s Regional Field Guide Series*. He was an integral part of the formation of the American Birding Association and has been affiliated with the National Audubon Society. Considered to be an authority on birds and larger mammals of the world, Peter is often consulted by the media and the ecotourism industry for his expertise. Peter is also a highly entertaining and widely sought after lecturer on topics that include world wildlife, the Polar regions, and biodiversity of the Northeast to name a few. Autographed copies of *My Wild Life* will be available for purchase at this meeting.



**Club Meetings, continued****Monday, October 12, 2026 — David & Tammy McQuade  
“Chasing the North America Big Year Record”**

If you have ever wondered how someone could possibly see the most birds in North America in one year (while holding a job!), then we have a story for you.

David and Tammy are high school sweethearts who each developed a love for birds and the outdoors as children. In 2012, their life changed forever when they saw the movie: "The Big Year." The idea of counting birds had an incredible appeal to them. The challenge of a year-long scavenger hunt really resonated with them.

They started with a Big Weekend around Lee County, Florida. It didn't take long for it to grow rapidly to County Big Years, then Florida Big Years. Once they realized they could coordinate their work with birding, that changed everything. They expanded to Lower 48 Big Years, ABA and US Big Years, and more recently North America and AOU Big Years. They have been fortunate to finish #1 multiple times in each of these categories. They are also the only birders to see over 700 birds in the US seven years in a row!

While they are proud of their accomplishments doing Big Years, they are even prouder of their contributions to research in understanding bird diversity in the Gulf of Mexico. When they are not traveling or working, they love to venture out on long-range pelagic trips in the Gulf of Mexico on their boat, the McLagic.

David is a former Board of Directors member for the ABA, with Tammy having served on several ABA committees. They are the current administrators for the SW Florida Bird Alert Facebook Group and are annual guides for the Cape Coral Burrowing Owl Festival.

## Cape Cod Bird Club Field Trips—July-September, 2026

### Mary Jo Foti, Coordinator



All are welcome on these free Club walks  
Please email the trip leader if you plan to attend.  
**PLEASE—check the website for updates or cancellations!**

### JULY

#### **Crowes Pasture (DCLT)\*, East Dennis** Wednesday, July 8 – 8 am

From Rt 6A, turn onto School Street and make your first right onto South Street. Meet in the dirt parking lot on the right shortly past the cemetery. This area offers a diversity of habitats including oak and pine woodlands, fields, dunes, beach, freshwater ponds, salt marsh, and tidal creek. We'll also visit a nestbox trail where we're likely to encounter a number of songbird species including Eastern Bluebird, Tree Swallow, House Wren, Baltimore and Orchard Orioles. (high tide 6:00 am)

Leader: Jeff Bryant [five\\_loons@yahoo.com](mailto:five_loons@yahoo.com)

#### **West Barnstable Conservation Area - Barnstable** Tuesday, July 14 – 8 am

From Exit 65 on Route 6, follow signs for Rt 149S - a right turn after exiting the rotary. When you reach Marston Mills Rotary, head west on Race Lane (towards the airport hangar) for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto Crooked Cartway and follow the road until it opens onto a large, dirt parking area. This maze of old dirt roads traverses over 1,100 acres of pine-oak woodlands, interspersed with occasional brushy clearings and a broad power-line cut providing excellent birding throughout the year. The walk includes wider, "cartway" trails as well as some narrow root-strewn paths.

Leader: MJ Foti [maryjo1226@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjo1226@yahoo.com)

#### **Forest Beach Conservation, South Chatham** Saturday, July 18 – 8 am

Take Route 6 to Exit 85 and head south towards Rt. 28. Turn right on Rt. 28 and a left

turn at about .5 miles at Forest Beach Rd. This will take you directly to the beach – parking is free of charge. We'll walk the marsh trail to where it meets Mill Creek and return via the beach, less than a mile round trip. We'll then head towards the overlook where we'll likely view herons, egrets, shorebirds, passerines, gulls, Osprey and Northern Harrier. This is another area with mixed habitat, a nice variety of bird species, and the occasional rarity. *Waterproof footwear/hiking boots recommended.* (low tide 9:22 am)

Leader: Sharon MacDonald [sjbmacdonald@gmail.com](mailto:sjbmacdonald@gmail.com)

#### **Fort Hill and Hemenway Landing, Eastham** Friday, July 24 – 8 am

Meet in the **lower** parking lot on Fort Hill Road. We'll walk the loop trail towards Hemenway Landing to observe songbird and passerine activity, then scan the marsh for incoming shorebirds, herons, egrets and possibly a bittern or rail. Expect 2 miles of easily navigable hard pack trail with mixed elevation. (high tide 8:18 am)

Leader: Jeff Bryant [five\\_loons@yahoo.com](mailto:five_loons@yahoo.com)

#### **Goodwill Park – Falmouth** Wednesday, July 29 — 8 am

Meet at the entrance on Goodwill Park Rd off Gifford Street, about .6 miles north of the Jones Rd/Gifford St intersection. A variety of warbler species, Brown Thrasher, and many nesting songbirds are among the species you can expect in this beautiful woodland habitat.

Leader: MJ Foti [maryjo1226@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjo1226@yahoo.com)

## Cape Cod Bird Club Summer Walks, continued

### AUGUST

#### **Doane Rock and Nauset Bay East, Eastham** Monday, August 3 – 8 am

The walk begins in the parking area beyond Doane Rock which allows us two hours to explore this area of rich, mixed habitat. We'll begin on the wooded trails leading to Nauset Bay East, then stop on the wooden bridge spanning the marsh to observe shorebirds, coastal waterbirds, gulls and terns that gather in impressive numbers during fall migration. Expect to walk about 3 miles of paved and dirt trails. (low tide 9:06 am)

Leader: Ross Sormani [rsormani@yahoo.com](mailto:rsormani@yahoo.com)

#### **Forest Beach Conservation, South Chatham** Wednesday, August 5 – 8 am

Take Route 6 to Exit 85 and head south towards Rt. 28. Turn right on Rt.28 and a left turn at about .5 miles at Forest Beach Rd. This will take you directly to the beach – parking is free of charge. We'll walk the marsh trail to where it meets Mill Creek and return via the beach, less than a mile round trip. We'll then head towards the overlook where we'll likely view herons, egrets, shorebirds, passerines, gulls, Osprey and Northern Harrier. This is another area with mixed habitat, a nice variety of bird species and the occasional rarity. *Waterproof footwear/hiking boots recommended.* (low tide 11:01am)

Leader: Val Freysinger [mannynepepy@gmail.com](mailto:mannynepepy@gmail.com)  
(co-sponsored with Brookline Bird Club)

#### **West Dennis Beach** *Please note later start time.* Saturday, August 8 – 5:30 pm

Meet at the West Dennis Beach parking lot at the far end (nearest the breakwater and Bass River as you are permitted to drive). We will look for lingering, summer-breeding, endangered Piping Plovers and Least Terns, as well as migrating shorebirds. (low tide 5:09 pm)

Leader: Peter Bono [pbono@prba.com](mailto:pbono@prba.com)

#### **Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary (Mass Audubon),\*\* Barnstable**

Monday, August 17– 8 am

Meet in the parking area at 345 Bone Hill Road off Rt. 6A. Long Pasture is a Mass Audubon property with a new Discovery Center, winding trails traversing woodland habitat, a beach and a dock overlooking Cape Cod Bay with panoramic views of Sandy Neck lighthouse. Admission is free for Mass Audubon members; remember to bring your Mass Audubon membership card. Non-members may make a modest \$5 donation. Visit the Mass Audubon website if you wish to enroll; membership will keep you up-to-date on programs at Long Pasture as well as wildlife sanctuaries throughout the state. (low tide 9:43 am)

Leader: Sharon MacDonald, [sjbmacdoald@gmail.com](mailto:sjbmacdoald@gmail.com)

#### **Robert F. Smith Cold Brook Preserve (HCT\*), Harwich**

Thursday, August 27 – 8 am

From Rt. 39 in Harwich, take Bank Street to #203 – the Harbormaster's Workshop. Cold Brook underwent a major ecological restoration project completed in fall 2024 with newly restored and easily accessible trails throughout 66 acres of wetland and surrounding woodland. The intricate pond and trail system provides ideal habitat for a variety of passerines, hawks and waterfowl in addition to otters and other mammals.

Leader: MJ Foti [maryjo1226@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjo1226@yahoo.com)



## Cape Cod Bird Club Spring Walks, continued

### SEPTEMBER

#### **Bells Neck Conservation Area – Harwich** **Tuesday, Sept 1 – 8 am**

Meet at Bells Neck Road at the landing of the West Reservoir with parking in the nearby fenced-in lot. Take advantage of low tide conditions on the East Reservoir, enjoy the marsh overlook at the footbridge and scan the car bridge for raptors, waterfowl and a possible bittern or rail. Expect about 2 miles of walking on varied terrain, sometimes narrow dirt trails with a slightly steep hill leading to the footbridge.

Leader: MJ Foti, [maryjo1226@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjo1226@yahoo.com)

#### **Peterson Farm, Falmouth** **Wednesday, Sept 9 – 8 am**

Meet at Peterson Farm where we will scan thickets looking for flycatchers, vireos, warblers and possibly bobolink. From the intersection of Palmer Ave and Jones Rd, continue south on Palmer Ave which turns into Locust St. Follow Locust St. which turns into Woods Hole Rd. Follow Woods Hole Rd for about .5 mile, turning right onto McCallum Dr - stay right and follow Town of Falmouth Conservation signs to parking.

Leader: Val Freysinger [mannyneppy@gmail.com](mailto:mannyneppy@gmail.com)

#### **Sandy Neck Beach, West Barnstable** **Tuesday, Sept 15 – 8 am**

Head towards Sandy Neck Beach directly off Rt. 6A and park in the main lot near the public facilities. We'll be looking for migrating shorebirds, terns, gulls and perhaps other pelagic species. Once we're finished with the beach, the marsh trail awaits. Expect at least 2-3 miles of walking in soft sand with steep elevation in some spots. *Waterproof footwear/ sturdy hiking shoes recommended.* (low tide 9:09 am)

Leader: Peter Crosson [capecodbirder@gmail.com](mailto:capecodbirder@gmail.com)

#### **Chapin Beach, Dennis**

**Saturday, Sept 19 – 8 am**

From Route 6A, turn onto New Boston Rd across from Dennis Public Market. Drive .2 mi, then slight right onto Beach Street. At the 3-way intersection, take Taunton Ave to Dr. Botero Rd which leads to the parking area. We'll walk along this popular yet secluded beach with nice views of Sandy Neck Lighthouse and Grays Beach. Expect to see shorebirds, terns and gulls gathering in numbers with the falling tide. Forster's Terns occur regularly at this location. Protective, waterproof footwear recommended on this rocky beach. (high tide 6:14am)

Leader: MJ Foti, [maryjo1226@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjo1226@yahoo.com)

#### **Black Beach, Falmouth** **Sunday, Sept 27– 8 am**

Parking is at Chapoquoit Beach - Route 28 to 28A, then turning onto Chapoquoit Rd which leads to the beach parking lot. Join us on this new addition to our walks program as we head out on the high tide looking for migrating shorebirds, terns, gulls, passerines and perhaps some early movement of sea ducks. It's about a 2 mile round trip, with scenic views of Buzzard's Bay and the Great Sippiwissett Marsh. The return trip will be along the bike trail.

Leader: Val Freysinger [mannyneppy@gmail.com](mailto:mannyneppy@gmail.com)

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**Notes:**

**\*HCT – Harwich Conservation Trust,**

**\*DCLT – Dennis Conservation Land Trust**

Please visit your local land trusts to find out more about conservation initiatives happening within local towns. Many organizations offer guided walks and host events throughout the year.

**\*\*Mass Audubon Sanctuaries and Wildlife Conservation Areas:** Mass Audubon is an excellent resource for a wide variety of nature events and programs. They generously allow CCBC to conduct walks at Ashumet Holly and Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuaries. Many thanks. Stay informed and up-to-date on what's happening in your conservation community: <https://www.massaudubon.org>

## Birding Resources — MJ Foti

For additional information on bird clubs throughout Massachusetts, including links to each of their websites, please visit: <https://massbird.org>

*“Bird Observer”* is a New England-based bimonthly journal for birders of all skill levels. This is a nonprofit organization supported by subscribers, and staffed by volunteers. They publish original articles on birding locations, avian populations and natural history, regional rarities, book reviews and field notes, bird sightings, photographs and artwork.

**New England Shorebird Guide**, a photographic guide freely available on the *Bird Observer* website, now covers 37 species of shorebirds that occur in New England, northeastern United States and eastern Canada. The guide is designed primarily as a visual aid on your smart phone that can be used in the field; it can also be installed on your tablet or computer. Access the guide using this link: <https://www.birdobserver.org/Better-Birding/New-England-Shorebird-Guide>.

*New England Shorebird Guide* content was created by Soheil Zendeh. Marsha Salett of *Bird Observer* was the editor. Eric Swanzey, web manager for *Bird Observer* and other Massachusetts birding sites, created the website/app. User help as well as instructions for installing the guide icon on your iPhone or Android phone can be accessed from within the app. Thanks to Jay Dia, Eric Mueller and Paul Bain for providing help instructions for Android phones. The photos in the guide were contributed by many generous photographers.

Many shorebirds arrive in our region in spring heading north and again in late summer when they are moving south. Enjoy them right now!  
— Soheil Zendeh Littleton, MA

## Volunteer Recognition Bird Walk — Peter Fang

Cape Cod Bird Club was very pleased to be able to offer a unique recognition event for our valuable volunteers this season, without whom our Club could not thrive. This treat was an evening tour in search of elusive Eastern Whip-poor-wills at Camp Edwards, Joint Base Cape Cod. We were generously hosted by Jake McCumber, our recent April speaker and Natural Resources and Training Lands Manager. He was assisted by Kathleen Kolva, Community Relations Specialist. The tour began with a view of a spectacular sunset overlooking Buzzards Bay from the highest point on Cape Cod (306’), accompanied by a virtual symphony of sounds from many species including Eastern Towhees and Prairie Warblers. Soon after sunset we started hearing the first Whip-poor-will calls. And the clear moonlit night created perfect conditions for many more “Whips” vocalizing at various locations along our journey. A heartfelt thanks to Jake and Kathleen for a memorable, magical evening, and to our CCBC volunteers for all they do to make our Club special!



## Meet Your Board of Directors

### Peter Fang, President

I am a retired semiconductor engineer who now is lucky enough to regularly bird the exciting regions of Cape Cod/Plymouth and the Ft. Myers/Sanibel areas. I do bird surveys with CCBC Waterfowl, ISS, Nightjars, and Bird-a-thon. I also like to build houses with Habitat for Humanity. I joined the Cape Cod Bird Club 10 years ago and have served on the Board for six years. This will be my fifth year as President, and it has been extremely rewarding working with the amazing people that we have running our Club.



### David Clapp, Vice-President



I have always been a nature person. I worked 35 years for Mass Audubon as a Sanctuary Director. During these years I was able to secure land and endowment funds for many wildlife sanctuaries. I taught at Northeastern University and for Mass Audubon as well. In an overlapping career, I worked for the Smithsonian Institution's travel program, Smithsonian Journeys, for more than 30 years. I have led dozens of trips to the African continent and to all the other continents and many islands. I have been part of the Bird Club for many years.

### Carolyn Kennedy, Secretary and editor of *The Kingfisher*:

A birder since age seven, I now enjoy watching bird behavior, monitoring the Club's nestboxes at Crowes Pasture in East Dennis and training new volunteers each year. I love watching them discover a nestling just exiting an egg or an excited juvenile getting ready to fly. We also monitor a nearby Osprey nest. This project was started in 2004. I serve as editor for four issues of *The Kingfisher* each year. Your input is welcome. My background comes from degrees in biology, environmental conservation and education.



### Natalie Edwards, Treasurer



I was drawn to birding through my son Carl's growing interest. As a biologist, I always appreciated the natural ways of life and living but was astonished when I realized the remarkable species and habitats of birds around Cape Cod. My favorite part of birding, however, is the people – their thoughtfulness, kindness, and curiosity inspire me daily. And what healthier and more life-affirming hobby could there be?

### MJ Foti, Bird Walk Coordinator

I began coordinating walks for the Club in 2018 and enjoy working with a strong community of walk leaders and participants eager to share their time and experiences in our beautiful habitats and landscapes with a diverse group of individuals. I also coordinate the club's annual waterfowl survey first begun in 1973. It presently consists of over 40 volunteers who survey about 350 ponds throughout the region first weekend of December. Participants identify and count all the waterfowl present on each pond. The program has been an incredible success, not only in collecting long-term data on these populations, but in getting people involved and growing our conservation community.



## Meet Your Board, continued



### Peter Bono, Conservation and Education

I am Past President of the Club (2012-14; 2018-2022) and am current Director of Conservation and Education. I am an avid international birder who also enjoys reading (especially British murder mysteries), classical music, and stamp collecting. I am a computer scientist by training and continue to write software on occasion. I, and my wife, Elaine, moved permanently to the Cape in 2005.

### Jeanne Branson, Membership

After many years in finance, I purchased a local garden center and landscaping business and threw myself into it for 20 years. I've been an enthusiastic birder for years and fortunate to have traveled to many international birding locations. However, until I retired about four years ago, I was limited in time for local birding, and it's been a joy to experience. Of course, CCBC has been a huge part of that and my new role with Membership will allow me to get to know many more of you. I also manage to fit in some other interests, such as volunteering to feed baby birds at WildCare, reading, and working in my gardens.



### Michele Burnat, Merchandise



After 32 years as a Manufacturing Engineer in the jet engine industry, I'm enjoying split time between Connecticut and the Cape. Birding has become an even bigger passion over the last ten years, expanding into international destinations. My community efforts are heavily weighted towards bird research, rehab, education, inclusion and food insecurity. I volunteer with two bird banding stations ([Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay](#) and [Wing Island](#)), [SEANET](#), [WildCare](#) wildlife rescue and [Food 4 Kids](#). I became the first [Birdability](#) Captain on the Cape, working on efforts to improve the birding community and outdoors to be more welcoming, inclusive, safe and accessible for everybody.

### Marcy Ashley-Selleck, Technology

Growing up with a father who always put up bluebird boxes, I learned early to appreciate the quiet magic of nest-watching. I became fully immersed in birding after earning the Vermont Centurion Birder patch in 2011, and later deepened my involvement through a 2018 Bird Sound Recording Workshop at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, where one of my field recordings—a Yellow-billed Cuckoo—was selected for inclusion in the Merlin Bird ID and Bird Guide databases. I now support the Cape Cod Bird Club by helping implement its new membership database.



### Gloria Smith, Programs



A bird and outdoor enthusiast since childhood, I joined the CCBC in 2017, the Board of Directors in 2022, and have enjoyed serving as your Programs Director for the past three years. There are so many engaging and informative bird speakers out there! I also volunteer as a trail steward at MA Audubon's Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary, and belong to two additional bird clubs in SW Florida, where I like to migrate in winter. My other longtime obsession is gardening, now with an emphasis on attracting and supporting birds and pollinators.

Please stop and introduce yourself when you see us!

## Cape Cod Bird Club supports Bird Conservation at home and in Western Hemisphere

Last summer, the board of directors reexamined the list of organizations supported by the Club in order to aid their bird conservation activities. Through the generosity of our members we were able to reprioritize the list and add a few new organizations. Among our targets have been countries where our summer birds migrate for the winter and the education of young people. Birds need quality habitat on their wintering grounds in order to return north the following year.

Here are the organizations receiving your support this year:

- Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology
- MA Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
- MA Audubon Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary
- MA Coastal Waterbird Project
- American Birding Association
- Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
- BirdsCaribbean (grant)
- North American Bluebird Society
- Manomet Observatory
- Hurricane Melissa Recovery Fund (one-time donation)
- Monomoy Bird Observatory
- Birdsey Cape Wildlife Center
- WildCare
- Stellwagen Sanctuary Seabird Stewards
- Birdability
- Wing Island Bird Banding Station (grant)

We received the following communication from Lisa Sorenson, Executive Director at [BirdsCaribbean](http://BirdsCaribbean.org):

*“On behalf of BirdsCaribbean, I would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000 in support of our Caribbean Waterbird Census training workshop held in Puerto Rico this past February.*

*As you may know, this workshop almost did not happen after we unexpectedly lost USAID funding. Thanks to the support of generous donors like the Cape Cod Bird Club, we were able to bring together 27 participants from across the Caribbean for a week of hands-on training in waterbird and wetland monitoring, shorebird identification, and conservation.*

*The workshop equipped participants with practical skills in wetland and waterbird monitoring, strengthened professional networks across the region, and inspired many to expand their conservation efforts at home. The knowledge and relationships built during that week will continue to benefit birds, wetlands, and local communities for years to come.”*



Participant comment: *“The workshop highlighted how similar the conservation challenges are across the Caribbean. My favorite part was the opportunity to have discussions with people from different islands and cultures, share experiences, and learn from one another.”*

Another shared: *“I learned how my local monitoring efforts can contribute to regional and global conservation programs through initiatives like the Caribbean Waterbird Census and International Shorebird Survey.”*

Lisa continues, *“Your support helped make these experiences possible. By investing in training and capacity building, you are helping strengthen conservation leadership across the Caribbean and ensuring that important wetlands and waterbirds are monitored and protected for future generations.”*

**JOIN CCBC or RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW.  
Membership year runs from September 1 through August 31.**

Use this form if paying by check. If credit card, <https://capecodbirdclub.org/wordpress/join-online/>

**NEW MEMBERS** may join at any time.

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**Additional donations are much appreciated. Thank you for your support.**

<b>Membership Dues</b>	\$ _____
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<b>General Operating Fund</b>	\$ _____
<b>Total Enclosed</b>	\$ _____

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Name(s)	Email Address**	Year of Birth* (optional)

NOTES: \* Knowing your year of birth helps us design programs to serve you better.

\*\* If we have your email address, we can send periodic, updated notifications in a timely manner regarding speakers, meeting cancellations due to bad weather and so forth. Your email address is not shared with any other organization.

- CHECK HERE** if you would like to save the Club postage and printing expenses by electing to receive *The Kingfisher* newsletter **by email only**. The photos will be in stunning color rather than B&W.
- CHECK HERE** if you would like to be contacted about helping the Club by leading a walk, writing an article, being a guest speaker, or serving on the Board or one of its subcommittees.

**\*\*\*Signature of adult family member of youth member** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with your check made out to **Cape Cod Bird Club** and mail to:  
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- If you prefer to send a check, please use the form on the previous page or download a membership form from the website at <https://capecodbirdclub.org/jwordpress/join-by-mail/> and send it along with your check to: CCBC, PO Box 351, Centerville, MA 02632.

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