

# Hampshire Bird Club, Inc.

## Fall Field Trip Schedule, 2010

*Please register with the field trip leader(s) and check this schedule's information when a phone number is given. The Field Trip Chair (Michael Locher – 413-585-5864) is always looking for new trip ideas and leaders.*

*The Hampshire Bird Club recommends carpooling whenever possible, and suggests that all riders share equally the per-car cost of 50¢ per mile, as well as tolls and parking. See the "Field Trip Guidelines for Participants" (September newsletter or on the Website).*

*Some trips have been marked with an asterisk (\*), which indicates that they are good trips for beginning birders. All trips have been coded as Easy (E) or Moderate (M) to give a rough indication of the pace and/or terrain. However, check all information with the trip leaders.*

### SEPTEMBER

**\*Saturday, September 18. East Meadows: Migrating Warblers.** Morning. Bob Bieda looks for fall migrants (including the elusive Connecticut Warbler) in Northampton's East Meadows. Meet at the commuter parking lot off Rte. 9 (Old Ferry Hill Rd.) 1/2 mile west of Exit 19 off I-91 at 7:30 a.m. Call Bob (413-527-2623) for more information. (E)

**Saturday, September 25. Central Quabbin.** All day. Tom Gagnon and Larry Therrien search for southbound birds, late season flowers, butterflies, and mammals. This trip is limited to 10 participants who are Hampshire Bird Club members. Call Tom (413-584-6353) well in advance to register and get meeting information. (M)

### OCTOBER

**Friday, October 1 to Sunday, October 3. Cape Cod Weekend. Scott Sumner & Val Miller**  
Cape Cod in the fall- you bet! The Cape is one of the finest birding locations in New England, add in the fall colors and crisp autumn air and you've got the makings of a terrific weekend. Our trip will take us from the elbow in Chatham down to Provincetown. Participants will be responsible for their motel rooms, food and transportation to and from the cape. This trip is limited to twelve, you must be a member of the Hampshire Bird club and the only fixed cost will be the club's insurance fee, which for this trip would be 20.00 dollars.

We hope to encounter, several species of waterfowl, Common and Red-throated Loon, a couple species of Shearwaters, Herons and Egrets, lingering Shorebirds, Common and Forster's Terns, and of course many species of landbirds (Vireo's, Warblers, Sparrows etc).

In the past we have had Eurasian Wigeon, Rough-legged Hawk, and Broad-billed Hummingbird on this trip. You never know what the outer cape will hold! Also, depending on birding reports and weather conditions at the time, we may take a whale watch out of Provincetown! For more information or to sign up, contact Scott: [president@hampshirebirdclub.org](mailto:president@hampshirebirdclub.org), or call 256-5438.

**Saturday, October 2. Graves Farm (Williamsburg). Half day. Geoff LeBaron** birds his home turf. Graves Farm is one of the prettiest places to bird in our neck of the woods and has a variety of interesting habitats. Plus, you can always go for lunch at Big Mamou, or stop for ice-cream at the Williamsburg General Store on the way home.

Please contact Geoff LeBaron ([programs@hampshirebirdclub.org](mailto:programs@hampshirebirdclub.org); 413 268 9281) to register.

**Friday, October 29. Saw-whet Owls.** Evening. Janice Jorgensen and Sue Emerson will join Strickland Wheelock and crew at Lookout Rock in Northbridge, MA for an evening of netting and banding Saw-whet Owls. Visitors help check the nets for owls every 45 minutes, then observe as crew members weigh, measure, and band the owls. Visitors often participate in releasing the owls. Bring a camera to record a great evening in the outdoors and, with luck, an owl or two. More info. will be available at the September meeting. This trip is limited to 12 participants and costs \$20. For information and to register call Sue Emerson (413-584-6736) and to reserve a place send a non-refundable check for \$20 payable to "HBC" to Janice Jorgensen (HBC; 150 River Drive; Hadley, MA 01035). (E)

## NOVEMBER

**Sunday, November 7. Berkshire Lakes: Migrating Waterfowl.** All day. Tom Gagnon goes to the lakes and ponds of Berkshire County to find ducks and other migrating waterfowl. There may be a side trip to Blueberry Hill if hawk-watching conditions seem favorable. Meet at Stop & Shop in Northampton at 6:15 a.m. Call Tom (413-584-6353) to register and get more information. (E)

**Saturday, November 13. November. Plum Island.** All day. Geoff LeBaron heads to one of Massachusetts' premier birding spots to see what's flying along the coast. Call Geoff (413-268-9281) to register and get meeting information as the date approaches. (E)

**Saturday, November 20. East Quabbin.** All day. Tom Gagnon and Larry Therrien go to the east side of the reservoir to see what they can find. You must be a Hampshire Bird Club member to go on this trip. Call Tom (413-584-6353) well in advance to register and to get meeting information. The rain/snow date is Sunday, November 21. (M)

### \*NON HBC TRIP\*

#### **Seabird and Whale-Watching Cruise**

#### **From Plymouth Harbor**

**Sunday, September 12, 2010. 10 am - 6 pm**

**Cost: \$90 - \$100.**

Join the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) for an all day marine excursion to view seabirds, whales, dolphins, basking sharks and ocean sunfish along the Mass coast. Guided wildlife commentary by Wayne Petersen (MA Audubon Society), and others. Travel aboard the "Tails of the Sea", a 110' luxury commercial whale-watching vessel owned and operated by Captain John Whale Watching and Fishing Tours ([www.captjohn.com](http://www.captjohn.com)). Includes plankton tow, chumming for seabirds, nature raffle.

Tickets: Pre-Sale \$90 and then \$100 after August 31, 2010. Go to [www.necwa.org](http://www.necwa.org) to download a registration form. Space is limited to ensure lots of viewing room along the rail. Group rates available. For more trip information, call Krill at 508-566-0009.

This trip is an annual fundraising event for New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA) and supports marine wildlife education, research and conservation in the New England area.

#### Special Hotel Offer from Hampton Inn & Suites, Plymouth, MA

Stay at Hampton Inn & Suites in Plymouth Saturday night for only \$89 plus tax. Included is Hampton's "On the House Hot Breakfast" on Saturday morning as well as shuttle bus service to the boat! Call Hampton Inn & Suites at 1-508-747-5000.