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Canada Geese (photo by Sandi Jones)

President's Message

By Chris Wilcox

I hope that all our members had a wonderful summer full of adventures and exciting birds. As autumn settles over Connecticut, we are once again treated to one of nature's most awe-inspiring events, the great fall migration. Each crisp morning brings new

visitors to HAS's sanctuaries as well as to our own backyards: warblers pausing to refuel in backyard shrubs, flocks of geese tracing across the sky, and raptors catching thermals as they journey south. It's a time that reminds us of the delicate balance that sustains these travelers and of our shared responsibility to protect the habitats that guide them on their way.

Migration is not just a spectacle; it's a vital pulse in the life of our planet. The same woodlots, meadows, and coastal refuges that we cherish locally are essential rest stops on the long routes that birds have followed for millennia. Yet these stopover sites are increasingly threatened by development, light pollution, and climate change. As members of the Hartford Audubon Society, we have the power to make a difference through citizen science, local advocacy, and everyday choices that make our landscapes more bird friendly.

This season, I encourage each of you to take time to experience migration firsthand. Join us on one of our walks, participate in our bird counts, or simply step outside early in the morning with a pair of binoculars and an open heart. Let the movement of these birds remind us of both the fragility and resilience of nature and inspire us to renew our commitment to conservation at home and beyond. Together, we can ensure that future generations will continue to look up and marvel at the miracle of migration.

Wishing you a season full of discovery and connection,

Chris Wilcox

President, Hartford Audubon Society



New Greenstone Hollow Bench (photo by Chris Fisher)

Welcome New Members

Margaret and Dean Boissoneau

Kensington

Stephen King

Enfield

Johanna Briggs

East Granby

Nancy Sheldon

South Windsor

Terry Cummings

Avon

Deanna Smith

Manchester

Eleanor Heydt

West Hartford

Amy Tencza

Glastonbury

2025 HARTFORD CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

By Jay Kaplan, Compiler

Hartford Christmas Bird Count

The 2024 Hartford Christmas Bird Count (CBC) will be held on Sunday, December 14th. December 14th is early in Audubon's Count Period, so we will be on the lookout for lingering songbirds and late migrants this year! Unfortunately, the State of Connecticut is now allowing Sunday hunting on private property with landowner permission, so please take appropriate precautions if you plan to travel to areas where hunting is permitted. Hunting is not permitted within 40 yards of marked trails.

For those new to birding or to the Christmas Bird Count, this is the longest running of all citizen-science surveys. The Count was begun in 1900 as an alternative to the Christmas hunt during which thousands of birds were shot for dinner or merely for sport. Christmas

Bird Counts provide valuable information on trends in bird populations over time. The objective of the Count is to census all birds within a seven and one-half mile radius of Hartford's Old State House on a single day. As such, all of Hartford, West Hartford and East Hartford are within the Count circle, as well as portions of Windsor, Bloomfield, Avon, Farmington, Newington, Wethersfield, New Britain, Rocky Hill, Glastonbury, Manchester and South Windsor. Participants may count birds for an hour in their own yard if they live within the Count circle. Or, they may join a small team that may venture into the field for part or all of the day, scouring reservoir lands, agricultural fields or parks and woodland areas. Some birders even go out at night or in the early morning hours in an attempt to call in owls. All birds that are seen or heard may be counted. All individual birds rather than just species of birds are counted. Three days prior to and three days following the Count Day make up what is known as Count Week. Birds seen during the Count Week, but not on Count Day, are considered "Count Week" birds and are noted as to species, but are not added to the total.

The Harford Count is divided into 12 areas, each with a captain. Captains will be announced on the HAS Facebook page and/or web site. The areas include:

Area #1 South Windsor (Station 43 and surrounding area)

Area #2 South Windsor (upland areas)

Area #3 Manchester

Area #4 Glastonbury

Area #5 Wethersfield/Rocky Hill

Area #6 Hartford

Area #7 Newington

Area #8 Avon/Farmington

Area #9 West Hartford

Area #10 Bloomfield

Area #11 Windsor

Area #12 East Hartford

Please contact the captain of the area in which you might be able to help well in advance of the Count. Captains are responsible for making certain areas are covered. We ask that you do not cover an area without letting the captain know so as to make certain areas are not doubly covered or to make certain they are within the Count circle.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any questions concerning the Count. It can be great fun and you might be surprised at what can be found during a day of December birding in the Greater Hartford area. Our results are submitted to Audubon along with those of more than 2,000 other Counts held across North America. Following the Count, a summary of the Hartford Christmas Bird Count results will be published in The Crest and be available on the web site.

Good Birding!

HARTFORD AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD NOTES

June - August 2025

by Jamie Meyers

The summer started off a bit warmer than usual and definitely drier – June’s precipitation was about half the normal. That precipitation would be made up with a much wetter than normal July, especially near the end of the month. August ended the period with the beginning of an extended dry that began to raise mild drought concerns. Temps were a bit lower than usual but it’s high summer so it was still quite pleasant.

Suffield Wildlife Management Area has on occasion provided local birders with some interesting birds in early summer. This year was no exception, with the discovery of a singing male Blue Grosbeak on June 6 (RR et al.). Most reports were of one, or possibly

two singing males, and breeding was not proven there though possible. The last report was from July 12. Certainly not nesting, a pair of Black-bellied Whistling-Ducks, Hartford County's second ever record, showed up at Veteran's Park in Berlin, where they were enjoyed by many during their very short stay (JH et. al.). Two Glossy Ibises were at Glastonbury Meadows on the unexpected date of June 20 (BA).

Sightings of good shorebirds and waders picked up as the lazy, hazy days of summer progressed. 8 Glossy Ibises were at Vibert Road in South Windsor on July 13 (JK/PCi). Given the general scarcity of that species in our area and the timing, it's reasonable to speculate that the 7 birds seen at Rocky Hill Meadows from July 15 – 22 (m.ob.) were from that same group. Short-billed Dowitchers were difficult to find, as always. A bird seen in Rocky Hill Meadows on July 11 was early (DM). The only other that I'm aware of was along the Connecticut River in East Windsor on August 2 (BG). That sandbar, which featured an expanse of exposed mud since the river was fairly low, proved to be a popular destination for birders, especially when at least 2 Baird's Sandpipers showed up on it on August 19 (DB/SG). They were seen off and on through August 30. A Buff-breasted Sandpiper was at Rocky Hill Meadows on August 18 (JM). 8 American Golden-Plovers, a good number in our area were there on August 29 (CH), but did not stay long. A Stilt Sandpiper was a good find on the Hockanum River in East Hartford on August 30 (BG). A Little Blue Heron, one of an unusual number seen regionally, was a welcome sight for many at Mill Woods Pond in Wethersfield from July 25 – 31 (LL et al.). While there were several Glossy Ibis reports in early August from the river valley, one at Simsbury Farms Golf Course on August 3 was at a particularly noteworthy location (BKe/JKe).

While September would produce some solid passerine reports, there weren't so many this time around. The best was of at least one, and likely more, Red Crossbills from Hartland from August 14 – 27 (BG et al.). This species was unusually widespread to our north during the period but barely reached our area. A few others were in Litchfield County as well. A Yellow-bellied Flycatcher in a Windsor Locks yard on August 18 was a good find (PD). A Lincoln's Sparrow in the Farmington Meadows on that same date was nearly a month early (GH). A couple Purple Martins were on the move in Enfield on August 4 (PD). Glastonbury Meadows produced a robust total of 3 Dickcissels on the earlyish date of August 21 (BA). Another was at Nod Brook Wildlife Area in Avon on August 27 (DL). An Olive-sided Flycatcher was at McLean Refuge in Granby on August 25 (CH). It felt like a weak season for Common Nighthawk. The best showing I am aware of

was that of 26 birds noted from Canton on August 30 (DB). Waterfowl sightings will likely abound in the next edition of these notes, so I will end with two out of season reports. A Common Goldeneye was on Connecticut River at South Windsor on the well unexpected date of July 21 (DG/JG). Two Green-winged Teals lingered at very nearby Vibert Road on June 8 (PD). One never knows!

Observers/reporters: Bill Asteroides (BA), Debbie Bishop (DB), Paul Cianfaglione (PCi), Andrew Dasinger (AD), Paul Desjardins (PD), Bill Generous (BG), Sue Gowan (SG), Darcy Gransinger (DS), Jacob Gransinger (JS), James Hayes (JH), Connor Hogan (CH), Jay Kaplan (JK), Bill Kelly (BKe), Jonas Kelly (JKe), David Lawton (DL), David Mathieu (DM), Jamie Meyers (JM), Robert Rimkowski (RR)

Please send reports to Jamie Meyers, 4 Sexton Hollow Road, Canton, CT 06019 or e mail them to me at sunnyctredbird@gmail.com. While I review some statewide rare bird reports to augment these notes, the best way to ensure your sightings are recorded and attributed correctly are to send them directly to me. I do not comb through eBird!

Essay



Barred Owl (photo by Joan Heffernan)

The Intellectuals

By Abby Wolcott

There is something about intellectuals. We happened to grow up playing with lots of kids in the neighborhood. But one family seemed to have had a little more brain power than the rest of us and we should have seen the signs. As we raced in and out of houses and through back yards, their house was the one with the chess set at the ready and bookcases overflowing. Classical music might be wafting down the stairs and every one

of the kids played an instrument and played it well. Outside, badminton was their sport of choice with its origins in India, and its wily shuttlecocks. We'd get lured into playing a match or two and really were out of our element with such refinement. If we were lucky, the intellectuals would take pity on us and let us score a few points or they might take our minds off of our defeat by launching into the history of the game back to the good old days in 19th century India, when it was known as Poona. They knew a lot about everything.

As we got older, instead of having wiener roasts over an open fire, this family planned elaborate progressive dinners, and we meandered from house to house for each course. They all drove classic, imported cars, sometimes with the tops down back while the rest of us were crammed into station wagons. The intellectuals took acting classes and were involved in the school drama club while we were trying to figure out which team gave us access to the dreamiest boys. They knew all the words to the cult classic Rocky Horror Picture Show and even convinced us to dress up at Halloween and give out candy in vintage black evening gowns purchased at the thrift shop. They sure had more panache that we did.

When there was a lull in the action, we could count on them to host a séance in which they communicated with some of their deceased, probably also intellectual, relatives. This was a very serious matter and we would gather around their dining table, dim the lights and connect with the dead. A question would be posed, and we would await a sign as an answer. That might come in the form of a slamming cupboard door, a flickering candle, a sudden big draft of wind. If necessary, the intellectuals could interpret the nuances, and many decisions were made around the table after conferring with the deceased. Sometimes, after our seances were over and our bellies were stuffed with cosmopolitan food, we would saunter out to their open-air barn and fall asleep under the stars. As we nodded off, I wondered if the intellectuals were going over prime numbers in their head or thinking about the magna carta. My mind was a blank slate, and as I lay there, I was tuned into a pair of owls that were calling to each other. It was comforting and something I could understand.

It's hard to remember what kind of owls were hooting, maybe the barred with his "who cooks for you?" call in the dark. As birds go, they seem to fit the bill of the intellectuals

with their large brown eyes and striped plumage. They roost on branches and can be seen throughout these parts if one is patient, and quiet in the woods. And on those days when I am lucky enough to hear one calling or even better, I see one at the Lewis Farm Sanctuary in the pine grove, I feel like it is a sign. Now if only the intellectuals were around the corner to interpret it for me.

Local Connections

Fostering Sustainability and Community in Keney Park: Ebony Horsewomen of Hartford

Recently, Will and I had the opportunity to attend a birthday celebration at the newly-opened Black Boots event venue on the campus of the non-profit organization, Ebony Horsewomen Incorporated (EHI).

We, like many of you, have spent a substantial amount of time birding in Hartford, yet had never heard of this wonderful organization which abuts Keney Park. EHI was founded by Mrs. Patricia Kelly in 1984, “to uplift Black women through equine culture” (<https://ebonyhorsewomen.org/history>). Will and I were privileged to speak briefly with Mrs. Kelly, and we were excited to learn that HAS shares many of their values. Safe, clean places to enjoy nature, and a mission to educate folks about the significance of caring for our environment are important to us all.

One of EHI’s ongoing successes is their Junior Mounted Patrol program, empowering boys and young men from Hartford and surrounding towns to become leaders in their communities, as well as environmental stewards. Students in this program learn horsemanship, and act as volunteer rangers in Keney Park. Several young rangers spoke with our group about their time riding through the park, monitoring the trails, helping pick up trash, and chatting with park visitors.

Ebony Horsewomen also offers programs for girls and young women, therapeutic riding, and riding lessons by appointment to the general public. To learn more about this incredible organization, visit <https://ebonyhorsewomen.org/>.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabrielle Bugden

Poetry Corner

The Crest's Poetry Corner will feature bird and nature- related pieces by Connecticut poets. To submit your own poetry or recommend a local poet, email Gabrielle Bugden at gvonp27@gmail.com.

Pileated Woodpecker

*I hear him before I see him, as
you hear, inland, the ocean drumming.
Then, like a wave whose benthic black
and spume white knocks the cliffs, oncoming*

*dinosaur survival, sunset
topped, he's landing. Watching me
as I watch him, he puts me down
as harmless, turns, and pounds his tree.*

Drivers don't notice. Cars roar past

as beasts once thundered past, now gone

like forests sold from under Ivory Bills.

Hungry, he hammers on.

Beverly Greenspan

Field Trip Reports



Dickcissel (photo by Bill Asteriades)

Greenstone Hollow Work Party

August 19, 2025

Trip Leader: Chris Fischer

Many thanks to the volunteers who responded to the call and came out to trim back the sides of the trails at Greenstone Hollow Nature Sanctuary. After that, Doug Beach and I mowed everything and the place is in great shape for a pleasant summertime birding walk. And while birds tend to be quiet in summer, I did manage to find a very cooperative young male American Redstart in the Chickadee Woods. So come out and enjoy your sanctuary!

Hilltop Farm Trip Report

September 3, 2025

Trip Leader: Joan Heffernan

Once upon a time, there was an elementary school librarian who retired and found she missed the chattering of little children and the camaraderie of the teaching staff. She reached out to a local nonprofit to connect with people, nature, and to stay physically active. The location is just 1.5 miles from home and an easy commute. Thus began my volunteer tenure at Hilltop Farm in Suffield, CT. I help create and maintain several of our bird-friendly and pollinator gardens (HAS helped with grants) and oversee the Community Garden. I lead this bird walk every year to connect with others in the birding world and to share this property, which has been a vital part of Suffield's history and now a significant part of my retirement.

Today I led a group of 12, including my husband Tom. All were Hartford Audubon members. Some had visited the property before, others had not. (The Creamery may have had something to do with that.) We were fortunate to have beautiful weather with blue skies, puffy clouds, and a temperature in the low seventies, accompanied by no humidity. I started our walk by admitting I needed everyone's help to identify birds, as my visual acuity is a bit impaired by cataracts that will soon be removed. I also mentioned

that bird calls are not my specialty, even before being diagnosed with hearing loss. But what an understanding group they were! The Hartford Audubon insists you do not have to be the best birder to lead a walk. Share your enthusiasm and knowledge, and the camaraderie of the group will fill in the blanks. This group did just that! We identified 27 species and maybe two yellow warblers in the goldenrod.

We began our walk heading east from the red barn. Gray Catbirds started us off, and goldfinches, hairy and red-bellied woodpeckers, and eastern wood-pewees soon appeared along with cedar waxwings. To the north, on a dead tree, sat a Cooper's Hawk and some northern flickers. At the bottom of the hill, we followed the wooded trail and slowly approached the inland pond, where one great blue heron and two green herons were across the water. Blue jays, crows, mourning doves, and Carolina wrens provided background chatter when things got quiet. We backtracked through the woods. Some ventured down to the riverbank and saw an osprey flying across the river. We returned to the open field where tobacco was harvested just last week, and the fields are brown and barren now. We walked parallel to the river, spotting robins and a cardinal along the way. We ventured up the hill with a ruby-throated hummingbird and turned right toward the boardwalk, where warbling vireos were high atop the canopy singing. Above the pussy willow arch on the boardwalk, more waxwings were spotted. The fields, now covered with goldenrod and joe pye weed, were summer breeding grounds for bobolinks, meadowlarks, and red-winged blackbirds. We only saw one blackbird today and two tree swallows in this area. We headed west and walked the road by the community garden, seeing goldfinches and song sparrows. One of our gardeners said it was a banner day for hummingbirds this morning, but I think they took an early lunch, as we did not see any while there. Up the hill again, a northern mockingbird was spotted on a post. We visited the Bird and Pollinator Garden (also HAS funded). A grackle, a starling, and a turkey vulture can be included in our observations.

You are familiar the saying, "The early bird catches the worm." I may have to change it to, "The late bird catches the worm." After everyone had left and we were packing the car, I spotted a flock of eastern bluebirds in the black cherry tree behind us. Sure enough, one of them was on the ground catching a worm!



White-crowned Sparrow (photo by Bill Asteriades)

Great Pond Trip Report

September 11, 2025

Trip Leader: Annette Pasek

A Group of five met up this morning for an 8 a.m. walk at Great Pond Preserve, Glastonbury. No winds to speak of and no rain, not a drop, 70 degrees. Noting here the two very birdy locations, the entrance and the pond itself. The entrance recorded any and all warbler species seen, the pond had four species of shorebird and egret and phoebe. A small kettle pond west of the entrance had a Red-tailed hawk that looked to be a dark morph. All in all a nice list.

Keney Park Trip Report

September 16, 2025

Trip Leader: Annette Pasek and Al Gatti

Twelve birders showed up at the Woodland Street entrance which is the western portion of Keney Park. In the past we have birded the eastern portion of the park; so, this was a new experience for all. We had beautiful Fall weather and varying habitats including woodland, grass land areas and the pond area.

The highlight of the trip was seeing the yellow-billed cuckoo within 10 minutes of the bird walk. He hung around among several trees for a good 10 minutes; so, we all got great views. Barry Marsh also captured some great pictures with his telephoto camera.

Rocky Hill Meadows Trip Report

September 24, 2025

Trip Leader: Paul Cianfaglione

On Saturday, September 20th, fifteen bird watchers gathered at Ferry Park in Rocky Hill for the start of a bird walk into the Rocky Hill Meadows. This walk is focused primarily on the comings and goings of southbound shorebirds, especially Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Baird's Sandpiper and American Golden-Plover, species which prefer and share similar drier habitats.

The trip got off on the right foot with fantastic looks at an adult Red-shouldered Hawk perched high, on the top snag of a dying tree. Also noted at the time was a Purple Finch calling overhead.

To reach the meadows, one has to pass through a small dense woodland, and then over a stream. From here, the road skirts a row of mature trees that border extensive

farmland. It was at this juncture where we located a number of actively feeding migrant birds. Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Eastern Wood-Pewee and Scarlet Tanager were all observed.

Birders also noticed a lot of bird movement around the fruiting vines of Virginia Creeper. Eastern Bluebirds, American Robins and Gray Catbirds fed feverishly on their berries, as did a few Red-eyed Vireos. Sharp eyes also detected the presence of an uncommonly seen Philadelphia Vireo!

The woodlands were also great for spotting woodpeckers. Our group recorded five species, Red-bellied, Downy, Hairy, Pileated, and Northern Flicker.

The dirt road leading out into the meadows is nicely bordered on both sides by weedy plants and short shrubs. Birds that were flushed up into the tops of these plants allowed close up views at both Savannah Sparrow and Palm Warblers.

Another bird that allowed us close up views was a Northern Harrier, which flew off the ground and circled us on a number of occasions. What a treat!

As the temperatures began to rise, so did the sightings of different kinds of hawks. Both Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks kept our attention as they relentlessly harassed American Crows in a distant tree line. Meanwhile, an Osprey circled overhead, and a Peregrine Falcon was spied in pursuit of a flock of blackbirds.

Our journey into the heart of meadows continued for another mile or so. As luck would have it, a flock of three American Golden-Plover were incredibly found resting, right near the edge of freshly cut sod, one of the target species of our trip. American Golden-Plover's nest in northern Canada and winter in southern South America. For many on our walk, the plover was a life bird!

From this point, we retraced our steps and headed back toward Ferry Park. Along the way, we added American Kestrel, American Pipit, a flyover Greater Yellowlegs and Pectoral Sandpiper.

Our trip tallied a total of 52 bird species.

Greenstone Hollow Trip Report

September 27, 2025

Trip Leader: Chris Fisher

Hi Everyone – we had 15 folks show up for the bird walk/property tour at Greenstone Hollow this morning. We had a beautiful day for the walk but the birding was on the quiet side. However with some sharp eyes in the group we managed to come up with 24 total species. We had good looks several times of Eastern Phoebes and lots of Blue Jays, Cedar Waxwings and a Northern Flicker. Other highlights included a Black-and-white Warbler on the south side of the road and at the very end of the trip as we returned from the north side, we had wonderful looks at a cooperative American Redstart and not so wonderful looks at a very shy Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Here's our bird list.

Glastonbury Meadows Trip Report

September 27, 2025

Trip Leader: Andrew Dasinger and Bill Asteriades

Ten birders joined us for the HAS walk in Glastonbury Meadows on Saturday, September 27, from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Walking the riverside trail leading south from behind town hall was relatively uneventful, though we all paused to admire an adult Bald Eagle perched across the river. As we entered the expansive farm fields, an early morning mist hung over the landscape and dew droplets defined the many spider webs in the grass. The sun quickly burned off the mist, followed by rising temperatures that had many of us shedding layers later to avoid overheating! Soon after seeing our first Lincoln's Sparrow

in the roadside brush (total of 5 for the day) we came upon a pocket of birds in the tall trees along the river. Getting good views was difficult, but our persistence was rewarded with glimpses of several warbler species, a Warbling Vireo, and an Eastern Wood Pewee. We spent the bulk of our time walking slowly up and down the weedy vegetable fields, flushing numerous sparrows (dominated by Savannahs), Bobolinks, Indigo Buntings, Palm Warblers, and Common Yellowthroats. An Orange-crowned Warbler was an exciting find, appearing briefly in the weeds right in front of the group. Another nice surprise was a flock of 8 Brant flying southbound high overhead. We've found this species on only 6 occasions in the Meadows (post 2002; all flyovers). Overall, it was a relatively quiet morning in the Meadows for late September, but we recorded a nice variety of birds, with over 50 species for the trip.

Raymond Brooke Preserve Trip Report

October 4, 2025

Trip Leader: Gabrielle and William Bugden

After a minor hiccup involving an incorrect street address, twenty intrepid birders gathered on a spectacular fall morning, their vehicles nearly filling the tiny parking lot of Raymond Brook Preserve. What a turnout, from both participants, and Mother Nature!

Though certainly not disappointing, birding throughout much of the Preserve was a bit slow. Highlights included Eastern Towhee, Black-Throated Green Warbler, three Purple Finch, and a very cooperative Monarch butterfly. We were also treated to a plethora of Cedar Waxwing, Gray Catbird, Blue Jay, and White-Throated Sparrow. Some glimpsed a Yellow-Rumped Warbler. Notable misses for the location were all other warblers, Eastern Bluebird, and Turkey Vulture.

As we walked, Amateur Historian Will provided lessons on past and current land use issues of Raymond Brook and adjacent properties. We admired the two Pollinator Pathway gardens, and many of us swapped native planting and conservation tips.

Almost half the group then reconvened for breakfast around the corner at The Flour Girl Café, where we continued our conversations, this time with coffee.



Clay-colored Sparrow (photo by Bill Asteriades)

Farmington River Trip Report

October 11, 2025

Trip Leader: Mike Rosano

October 11th Farmington River Park bird walk in Bloomfield. The walk started at 8:00am and ended at 11:30am. The weather was perfect. Sunny and a comfortable temperature.

Twenty-two species of birds were seen or heard by ear.

Paul Carrier Hawk Watch

September 17, 19, and 20, 2025

Trip Leader: Joan Lupacchino and Rich Nieman

This year's hawk watch was interesting. What we have learned from the Hawk Migration Association that the lack of a jet stream contributed to the low numbers. We feel that the broad-winged hawks migrated west of our location again. Other New England sites had low numbers as well. We look forward to next year's watch with the hope of seeing more hawks.

Rich and I would like to thank the following members who made the trip to West Hartland: Jon Ward, Paul Desjardins, Zellene Sandler, Dave Zomick, Jeff Olmstead, Heather Kelsey, Ann Wesley and Andrew Smith. Hope to see HAS members again next year.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 9:00am to 1:30pm

1 Bald Eagle

11 Broad-Winged

1 Red-Shouldered

1 Red-Tailed

1 Sharp-Shinned

Friday, September 19, 2025 9:00am to 1:30pm

2 American Kestrel

71 Broad-Winged

5 Sharp-Shinned

Saturday, September 20, 2025 9:00am to 2:00pm

2 American Kestrel

3 Bald Eagle

6 Broad-Winged

4 Sharp-Shinned

3 Red-Tailed

For more info on trip reports, click the button below!

[HAS Trip Reports](#)

Upcoming Events

Nov 8-9 Long Island, NY Bird Trip

Peter Stephan: stephraf@aol.com 860-729-8374 T

Nov 11 Monthly Meeting Bird-The Christmas Bird Count History and Future

1018 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT

For info about the speaker, contact:

Alison Wilcox: Speakers@HartfordAudubon.org 860-707-5907 T

Nov 18 Wildlife Series –Bobcats in CT

Alison Wilcox: Speakers@HartfordAudubon.org 860-707-5907 T

Dec 6 Hartford Crow Roost

Sylvia Halkin: halkin@ccsu.edu 860-985-7343 T

Dec 9 Annual Holiday Meeting

1018 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT

Contact Mona Cavallero at mcavallero1@comcast.net for details on sharing your photos.

Audrey Staropoli: Audrey@hartfordaudubon.org 860-961-6330 T

Dec 14 Christmas Bird Count All Day

Jay Kaplan: jaybrd49@aol.com 860-693-0157 / 860-707-5246 T

Big January (all month)

Sarah Faulkner: sffaulkner@comcast.net 860-543-1280 T

Jan 3 Station 43 Beginners Bird Walk

Jon Ward: jward88787@aol.com 860-416-3958 T

Jan 13 Monthly Meeting Bird- Senator George P. McLean and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

For info about the speaker, contact:

Alison Wilcox: Speakers@HartfordAudubon.org 860-707-5907

January 17-18 Cape Ann & Newburyport, MA

Wendy Parsons: flowers76@sbcglobal.net 860-471-3700 T

Fran D'Amico: frandamico525@yahoo.com 203-237-2734

Jan 24 Hartford County Boat Launch Tour

Paul Cianfaglione: pgcianfaglione@gmail.com 860-836-3443 T

Al Gatti: algatti22@gmail.com 860-916-7142 T

Feb 8-9 Cape Cod, Mass Tour

Peter Stephan: stephraf@aol.com 860-729-8374 T

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