



THE CHICKADEE

Newsletter of the New Haven Bird Club

August 2013

2013 CALENDAR

(See inside for details)

Saturday, August 17, 7:30 am **Jamaica Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Queens, NY**

Saturday, August 24, 8:00 am **Lighthouse Point Bird Walk and Prep for Migration Festival**

September 1 to November 30 **Daily Hawk Watch at Lighthouse Point**

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Saturday, September 21, 9:00 am to noon **Sandy Point "Important Bird Area" Clean Up, West Haven**

Sunday, September 22, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm **Eleventh Annual Migration Festival at Lighthouse Point Park**

Wednesday, October 2, 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walk: Osbornedale State Park, Derby**

Saturday, October 5, 8:00 am **Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale St.Park, Derby**

Thursday, October 10, 7:00 pm **Audubon Connecticut Staff, New Haven as an Urban Refuge for Birds and People**

Sunday, October 13 **THE BIG SIT! ®**

Saturday, October 19, 8:00 am **Hammonasset State Park, Madison**

Saturday, October 19, 8:30 am **Beginner's Bird Walk at East Shore Park, New Haven**

Saturday, October 26, 8:00 am **Branford Supply Ponds, Branford**

November 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 **NHBC 21st Annual Winter Feeder Survey**

NHBC website: www.newhavenbirdclub.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The calendar keeps moving – it's the end of summer, shorebird migration is picking up, raptor migration will be underway shortly and we can be confused by those fall warblers all over again! After a relative lull over the summer it is time for NHBC activities to pick up and a full Indoor and Outdoor schedule will kick off with Frank Mantlik sorting out those confusing fall warblers for us at the

September meeting, followed by a field trip to Woodbridge Community Gardens for Chris Loscalzo and Judy Moore to help us apply Frank's tips and wisdom.

We certainly have a diverse and impressive schedule for the upcoming year and I hope everyone will be able to take advantage of the informative Indoor Programs and participate in as many Outdoor trips as possible. These range from morning outings to local spots to all-day trips to more distant sites and even an overnight trip to Bombay Hook in Delaware. Truly something suitable for everyone's level of interest and birders of all levels – especially beginners – are welcome. Please consult with the Yearbook (great job as usual, Betty) for details about all of these activities.

I would like to make a special appeal for as much participation as possible in our efforts to contribute to our birding environment with clean-up days at local areas. Winie Wirth and Craig Repasz, Conservation Co-chairs have done an excellent job promoting these activities. I hope many of you saw the New Haven Register article covering our "garlic-mustard pull" – very good public relations for our club, indeed.

The Board and I are always interested in your comments and suggestions about our activities. We especially hope that our efforts to improve communications make it easier and more welcoming for all members, new and old. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting and in the field this year.

--Bill Batsford

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Barrie Collins
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NEW HAVEN BIRD CLUB – 2013-2014

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FROM THE BOARD

The next board meeting is Thursday, August 29, at 6:45 pm at the Regional Water Authority in New Haven.

The deadline for submissions to the October newsletter is September 27. Send to Donna Batsford: donnabatsford@gmail.com

If you take pictures of NHBC events or on NHBC trips, please consider sending one to the newsletter to be included with the report. Send them to Donna Batsford at donnabatsford@gmail.com

The New Haven Bird Club is on Facebook.

So log onto Facebook and like the page "New Haven Bird Club." You can post your photos, see other photos, participate in a discussion and check out the upcoming events.

BIRDS IN WORDS

Birds in Words is NHBC's book discussion group for people who like to read about their favorite hobby. Meetings are at 7:00 pm in the 6th floor Conference Room at Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden. *See directions to Whitney Center under Indoor Programs.* Please feel free to attend any of the meetings. All are welcome! If you have any questions, email or call Kris Johnson kriswaxwing99@gmail.com or 203-288-3087.

Watch for an announcement of the book to be read this fall.

Cleanups at Sandy Point Important Bird Area

There are two opportunities this fall to participate in a beach cleanup at Sandy Point IBA in West Haven. Both clean-ups will help prevent predators, attracted by trash, from visiting Sandy Point, one of the most important sites for piping plovers and other beach nesting bird species in the state of CT and a popular birding destination.

The Audubon Alliance for Coastal Waterbirds will host a beach cleanup on Sat. Aug. 17th, 2-5 pm. Latex and leather work gloves will be provided. Park in the Sandy Point parking lot on Beach St. Contact: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, 203-233-0535, cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org.

The New Haven Bird Club will participate in the second beach cleanup on Sat. Sept. 21st, 9 am-noon, as part of the Ocean Conservancy's "International Coastal Cleanup Day." See the description in the Field Trips / Outdoor Events listing.

For both clean-ups, please bring sunscreen and water. Come for all or part of the time.

Thank you for your help!

INDOOR PROGRAMS

Monthly indoor programs start in September and are held on the second Thursday of the month. The social half-hour at meetings begins at 7:00 pm; the meeting and program begin at 7:30 pm. Inclement weather or another emergency may cancel a meeting. For cancellation notices, check TV channels WTNH (New Haven) and WFSB (Hartford). Cancellation notices will also be posted online on ctbird.com. Meetings are at Whitney Center, Cultural Arts Center, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Hamden. The facility is wheelchair accessible.

Directions to Whitney Center

From I-95 North or South: Exit onto I-91 North in New Haven. Take Exit 6 (Willow St.). At end of ramp turn right onto Willow and proceed to the end (Whitney Ave.). Turn right onto Whitney and go approximately 4 miles. Turn left onto Putnam Avenue.

On Putnam go approximately .7 mi, (3 traffic lights) and turn right onto Leeder Hill (AT&T bldg is at that intersection). Go .6 mi. on Leeder Hill to the South Entrance (big sign) of Whitney Center on the left. Turn in and take an immediate left into a raised parking area. Meeting is in the South Building, accessed via the main door of the portico that is in view from the parking lot. Turn right down the hallway. Cultural Arts Center is a short distance on the left.

From I-91 South: Take Exit 6 (Willow St.) in New Haven. At end of ramp, turn right onto Willow and proceed as above.

From Wilbur Cross (Rte. 15) northbound: Take Exit 61 (Whitney Ave). Turn left at end of ramp, go 2.4 mi., turn right onto Putnam.

From Wilbur Cross (Rte. 15) southbound: Take Exit 61 (Whitney Ave. New Haven). At end of ramp go right. Proceed to Putnam.

Thursday, September 12, 2013 — Frank Mantlik Confusing Fall Warblers

This month we're offering a two-part remedy for the "Fall Warbler Blues." These beloved birds awe us in the spring with their thrilling colors and songs, but identifying them can be a very different story in fall migration when these very same species seem like different birds altogether. But help is at hand! Our speaker tonight is Frank Mantlik, one of CT's top birders and skilled bird trip leaders, including many trips led for NHBC. He'll give lessons and tips on handling IDs of these confusing fall birds. A UConn grad, Frank is a widely-published bird photographer, a past president of the COA, and is on its board and Avian Records Committee. He has worked for the US Fish & Wildlife Service and recently retired from the US Postal Service. He now happily has time to bird nearly full-time and leads US and international bird tours for Sunrise Birding (www.sunrisebirding.com). Plus a BONUS! After tonight's instructional lecture, you can further hone your fall warbler skills on a field trip just 2 days later. (See Outdoor Trip description for Sat., Sept. 14)

Thursday, October 10, 2013 — Audubon Connecticut Staff New Haven as an Urban Refuge for Birds and People

Four New Haven Parks are getting a makeover, thanks to the Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge. In partnership with other groups, the NWR has received funding to promote and enhance these parks and other sites deemed Urban Refuges, places the public can go to enjoy and learn about the great outdoors. The areas also provide essential habitat for wildlife. Dur-

ing this evening's program, Audubon Connecticut staff members Michelle Frankel (Conservation Biologist) and Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe (Important Bird Area Program Coordinator) will share details on project activities including habitat improvements, planting of wildlife-attracting gardens at four area schools, developing and training teachers to implement Schoolyard Habitat lesson plans, and engaging the public through interpretive walks, festivals, and citizen science. So keep an eye on the transformation of the 4 local parks: Beaver Pond Park, West River Memorial Park, Dover Beach, and East Shore Park.

Thursday, November 14, 2013 — Barry Van Dusen Travels of a Nature Artist: New England and Beyond

In this richly illustrated talk, nature artist Barry Van Dusen will take us on trips near and far. You'll see spectacular scenery, meet interesting people, and, of course, see some great birds! Barry will share stories and images of his travels to Monhegan Island off the coast of Maine and report on a field painting trip to Acadia National Park. Then he'll introduce us to destinations as diverse as the fenlands of England, the coastal forests of Peru, and a bird migration hotspot in Israel. Barry is an internationally recognized wildlife artist whose articles and paintings have been featured in a wide array of magazines as well as natural history books and pocket guides. Elected a full member of London's Society of Wildlife Artists, his work has been exhibited in many European and US galleries. At the invitation of the Artists for Nature Foundation, he has traveled to Europe, South America, and Asia, working alongside other wildlife artists to raise money for conservation of threatened habitats. He will offer some items for sale, including original watercolors, note cards, and prints.

Notice! Bird Book Tag Sale to Be Held at the November Meeting!

Here's your chance to clean house. Sort through your bird-related and nature-related books (kid's books too!) that you can part with or no longer need, and bring them to the September or October meeting. Tag Sale Coordinator Deborah Zale will collect them. Proceeds from the sale go to the NHBC Conservation Fund.

FIELD TRIPS / OUTDOOR EVENTS

The New Haven Bird Club does not charge trip or leader fees for its outdoor programs, but participants are responsible for the cost of their food, transportation, and entrance fees (where charged), unless prior arrangements are made by the Club. Carpooling is encouraged to avoid parking problems at some destinations and to promote conservation of our natural resources. All levels of birders are invited to all field trips, and every effort is made on all trips to help beginning birders. If you are new to birding or have any special needs, please be sure to let the leader know at the start of the field trip. You can check the Club's website www.newhavenbirdclub.org for trip information and watch for emails sent by the Club or contact trip leaders directly if you have questions about any of their trips.

Cancellation Policy: Inclement weather or another emergency may cancel a field trip. Check the sources listed above or contact the leader of the trip directly if you have any questions about a possible cancellation.

Jamaica Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Queens, NY Saturday, August 17, 2013, 7:30 am

This birding hot spot is a great place to see a wide variety of shorebirds, herons, terns, and migrating passerines. It is a great place for uncommon large shorebirds such as American Avocet, Marbled Godwit, and Buff-breasted, Stilt, and White-rumped Sandpiper. Meet at 7:30 am at the commuter lot in Orange at Rte. 34 and Greenway Road (at Exits 57/58 of the Wilbur Cross Pkwy). We will carpool to the refuge, returning in the late afternoon. Bring lunch, water, and bug spray. Consider a cap and sunscreen, and wear shoes you won't mind getting muddy. Leader: Chris Loscalzo: 203-389-6508 or closcalz@optonline.net.

Lighthouse Point Bird Walk and Prep for Migration Festival Saturday, August 24, 2013, 8:00 am

Ranger Dan Barvir and Arne Rosengren will be the leaders on this bird walk. We'll meet at the Hawk Watch parking lot at Lighthouse Point Park on New Haven Harbor. Then, beginning at 9:30 am, we will perform some light trail maintenance and cleanup. This is a great way both to enjoy looking at birds and to help preserve their habitat. Leaders: Dan Barvir: 203-946-6086 and Arne Rosengren: 203-248-2903.

Daily Hawk Watch at Lighthouse Point September 1 to November 30, 2013

Lighthouse Point on New Haven Harbor is one of the premiere locations in southern New England for observing migrating raptors, as well as a wide variety of songbirds. The watch starts daily at 7:00 am and continues as long as the hawks keep flying. Stop by anytime. Coordinator: Steve Mayo: 203-393-0694 or rsdmayo@sbcglobal.net

First Wednesday Walk: CT Audubon Coastal Center, Milford Wednesday, September 4, 2013, 8:00 am

Join us as we look for shorebirds and terns at this excellent local birding location. We should also find raptors, waterfowl, long-legged waders, and migrating passerines. Ten or more species of shorebirds are possible, including American Golden Plover. Leader: Renee Baade. Contact: Tina Green: 203-247-2660 or tina@renaissancestudios.com.

BONUS! Double your fun! This field trip is tied in with the fall warbler talk given at the club meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12!

Fitzgerald Property and Community Gardens, Woodbridge Saturday, September 14, 2013, 7:00 am

If you got to the monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12, you learned some useful tips on identifying fall warblers. This field trip follows up on that talk by providing an opportunity to apply what we learned while we look for fall warblers and other passerines in the fields and woods of this fine local birding location. Meet at the gravel parking lot at the entrance to the property on Beecher Road, about 2/10 of a mile south of Center Road (Rte 114). Leaders: Chris Loscalzo and Judy Moore. Contact: Chris Loscalzo: 203-389-6508 or closcalz@optonline.net.

Sandy Point "Important Bird Area" Clean Up, West Haven Saturday, September 21, 2013, 9:00 am to noon

The New Haven Bird Club will participate in a beach cleanup at Sandy Point IBA in West Haven as part of the Ocean Conservancy's "International Coastal Cleanup Day," captained locally by Save the Sound/Dr. Bob Marra. The cleanup will help prevent predators, attracted by trash, from becoming accustomed to visiting Sandy Point, one of the most important sites in CT for Piping Plovers and other beach-nesting bird species. Please bring work gloves, sunscreen, and water. Meet at the Savin Rock parking lot on Beach St. (immediately east of Chick's Restaurant/ 183 Beach St., next to the skate park). Come for all or part of the time. Contact: Craig Repasz : 203-230-1697 or crepasz@hotmail.com

Eleventh Annual Migration Festival at Lighthouse Point Park Sunday, September 22, 2013, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

This festive event is sponsored by the New Haven Parks Dept., The New Haven Bird Club, and other fine organizations. In addition to hawk watching, there will be bird banding demonstrations, a live raptor demonstration, bird walks, and other activities. Check the newspaper and the club newsletter for more details. Organizer: Ranger Dan Barvir: 203-946-6086.

First Wednesday Walk: Osbornedale State Park, Derby Wednesday, October 2, 2013, 8:00 am

Join us on a visit to this fine Derby birding site. It has a varied habitat, including freshwater ponds, open fields, and woods. Rarities have been found here, most notably the Western Flycatcher, a first state record, a few years ago. Meet at the Kellogg Envi-

ronmental Center parking, 500 Hawthorne Ave. (across the street from park entrance). Leader: Roy Harvey. Contact: Tina Green: 203-247-2660 or tina@renaissancestudios.com

Kellogg Environmental Center/Osbornedale State Park, Derby

Saturday, October 5, 2013, 8:00 am

Join past president Maria Stockmal on a walk at this fine local birding spot. It boasts a variety of habitats—open fields, woodlands, and ponds. We'll look for fall migrants, including warblers, sparrows, flycatchers, and vireos. Meet at Kellogg parking lot, 500 Hawthorne Avenue, Derby. Leader: Maria Stockmal: 203-488-3876 or m.stockmal@snet.net

THE BIG SIT! ®

Sunday, October 13, 2013

THE BIG SIT! ®, established by the NHBC, has become an international event, with birders taking part on 4 continents. The object is to record as many species of birds as possible in one day from one 17-ft. diameter circle. The circles are located at a number of birding hot spots throughout CT. Join other birders in one of the circles or create your own. You don't have to be a hard core birder to join the fun. Bird Watchers' Digest now runs the event. For details, go to the Bird Watchers' Digest website or contact John Triana: 203-758-7203 or jtriana1@sbcglobal.net.

Hammonasset State Park, Madison

Saturday, October 19, 2013, 8:00 am

Visit one of Connecticut's best fall birding spots, where the abundance of some migrants and sightings of less common species can make for a truly memorable trip. The walking is easy; it is on level ground. Meet at the park entrance. Leader: Florence McBride: 203-288-6777 or j.mcbride@yale.edu.

Beginner's Bird Walk at East Shore Park, New Haven

Saturday, October 19, 2013, 8:30 am

We'll look for songbirds on their fall migration and talk about the importance of parks in developed landscapes as stopover habitats for migrants. We'll search the pines at the park's north end, then visit the Habitat Oases demonstration garden. This walk is geared to beginners, but birders of all levels and families are welcome. Advanced birders will enjoy a day out and can provide support and inspiration to the newcomers. Park entrance is at intersection of Woodward Ave. and Tuttle St. Park in lot north of baseball fields, next to sewage treatment plant. Leader: Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe: 203-630-9640 or cfolsom-okeefe@audubon.org

Branford Supply Ponds, Branford

Saturday, October 26, 2013, 8:00 am

Visit this great local birding spot to look for fall migrants and resident species. A variety of waterfowl can be found in the ponds. There is varied habitat, with woods and shrubby areas. The walking is easy, although it is hilly in some areas. Meet at the Supply Ponds parking lot on Chestnut Street in Branford. Leader: Maria Stockmal: 203-488-3876 or m.stockmal@snet.net

**NHBC 21st Annual Winter Feeder Survey
November 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014**

This is a yearly census to determine the number and frequency of birds visiting feeders in the greater New Haven area. You are invited to watch and record the activity at your feeder at least once a week for the entire time period. Contact: Peter Vitali at 203-288-0621 or vitali_peter_e@sbcglobal.net.

Central CT Birding Tour Field Trip Report

On Sunday, June 30th, about fifteen club members headed north from New Haven to visit several unique birding areas in the central part of the state. Our first stop was at Rentschler Field, where there are extensive grasslands on an old airport runway. We did well there, as we saw and heard a Grasshopper Sparrow and several Eastern Meadowlarks. There were several Killdeer, a Willow Flycatcher, and an Orchard Oriole there, too. Our next stop was at Vibert Road in South Windsor. It wasn't that birdy, but we did see a Warbling Vireo, an American Redstart, and a Red-tailed Hawk there. From there, we went to nearby Station 43, a beautiful freshwater marsh that belies its unglamorous name. We took our usual approach of waiting at the marsh for a Least Bittern to appear. This time, we waited about 20 minutes before a bittern flew (albeit briefly and away from us) from one part of the marsh to another. While waiting, we saw and heard



Indigo Bunting
Photo by Bill Batsford

Green Heron, Wood Duck, Marsh Wren, and Swamp Sparrow as well as several other species. Our last stop was at Northwest Park, an old tobacco farm in Windsor that has been converted into a park. There are large open fields and woods there. We saw several good birds at this location, including Orchard Oriole, Indigo Bunting, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. All in all, we thought it was a fine morning of early summer birding. We'll be revisiting these birding spots in the years ahead.

--Chris Loscalzo

Sandy Point Beginner's Bird Walk Trip Report



On Friday evening Aug. 2nd, 2013, 18 bird watchers, beginners as well as more experienced observers, arrived at the Sandy Point Important Bird Area for the year's first beginner bird walk. Led by IBA Program Coordinator

and NHC Education Chair, Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe, the group learned about the importance of Sandy Point and other barrier beaches as nesting habitat for Piping Plover, Least and Common Terns and American Oystercatcher and as stopover habitat for other shorebird species that nest in the arctic and pass through CT on their journeys south. It was a beautiful evening with temperatures in the low 80's and a moderate breeze that kept the

bugs at bay. Starting from the parking lot, the group observed Barn Swallows and Great Egrets; a little down the trail, we found a Snowy Egret and a Yellow-crowned Night Heron. A few Song Sparrows sang from amongst the high tide bush and a pair of Greater Yellowlegs flew by, landing on the water's edge. As the tide rose, a number of shorebirds congregated on the point.



Shorebirds with American Oystercatchers in the foreground

Heron, Osprey, Herring, Greater Black-backed, Ring-billed and Laughing Gull; Common and Least Tern, Mourning Dove and Pigeons for a total of 25 species.

Participants got great looks at ~10 Black-bellied Plover, ~50 Semipalmated Plover, ~50 Semipalmated Sandpipers, 2 pairs of American Oystercatcher, 1 Willet, ~15 Ruddy Turnstones, 1 Sanderling and 2 Spotted Sandpiper. Other birds observed during the walk included Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue

--Corrie Folsom-O'Keefe

Menunketesuck Flats and River Marsh Field Trip Report

On Sunday, August 11, 2013, about 20 club members went birding at the mouth of the Menunketesuck River and the nearby Salt Meadow Unit of the Stewart McKinney National Wildlife Refuge. We started the trip by walking along the West Beach shore in Westbrook. One of the first birds we saw was one of the rarest (for this time of year): a Common Loon was observed in the sound near the shore. This species is common along the CT coast from October to May but is rare in summer. As we made our way to the "flats," the mudflats and sandbars that are exposed at low tide, we saw a number of shorebirds and terns. There were Black-bellied and Semipalmated Plover, Semipalmated and Spotted Sandpiper, American Oystercatcher, Sanderling, and Ruddy Turnstone. There were also a number of Willets. We were able to observe these closely and determined that several were of the Western race. "Western" Willets are larger and paler than their eastern cousins, with longer legs and bills. We also saw Common and Least Terns on the flats. From our vantage point, we were able to look across the mouth of the river to Duck Island, a heron and ibis rookery. We saw several adult and juvenile Little Blue Heron there. We then headed back to our cars and made the short drive to the Salt Meadow Unit. We hiked the trail there, looking out at the marsh at several points. In the marsh, we saw three Little Blue Heron, one of which was a mottled subadult. There were also Great and Snowy Egrets, a Belted Kingfisher and, of course, Osprey. In the woods, we saw a Red-eyed Vireo, Black-and-white and Blue-winged Warbler, and an American Redstart. Back by the parking area, we saw and heard an Eastern Wood Pewee and were pleased to find a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher. All in all, we saw approximately 50 species. This was a pleasant visit to a new field trip location. We'll be going back there again next year.

--Chris Loscalzo

One in the Air



It is my pleasure to report that the eagle chick on State Street in Hamden has fledged. This happened around July 11th. It went a little bumpy. Every time she (probably female because she is bigger than her mom)

went back to the nest, her mom shoved her out. The parents were probably trying to teach her to perch on a branch like a real bird. There was a lot of drama as they wouldn't feed her in the nest. Lots of vocalization was heard from all 3 birds. She finally got the idea and perched for her supper. She is now learning to fish with her parents. They are using the nest tree group less and less.

The DEEP Wildlife division has called this complete for the year. There are a total of 30 active nests in the State of CT this year. Their goal is 45 to 50 active nests.



It will be interesting to see if the parents come back to the same nest on State Street in Hamden next year. I'm guessing that they will, as nothing succeeds like success. I am also interested to see if the chick nests in a more populated area when she grows up.

--Mike Horn

Lighthouse Point Park Migration Festival Schedule of Events

8:00 am – ongoing	Hawk Watching (mid field viewing area)
8:00 am to 9:30 am	Bird Walk led by Chris Loscalzo
8:30 am to 11:00 am	Bird Banding Demo w/ CT Audubon Society
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Hawk Flight I.D. Workshop CT Ornithological Association
9:30 am to 10:45 am	Children's Bird Walk led by Flo MacBride
9:30 am to 10:45 am	Bird Walk led by Mike Horn
9:30 am to 3:00 pm	Monarch Butterfly Tagging in the Butterfly Garden
11:15 am to 12:15	Horizon Wings – Live Raptor Show
9:00 am to 11:30 am	Lighthouse Tours
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	
12:15 to 1:15pm	Live Bluegrass music by "5 in the Chamber"
11am to 2:30 pm	Ride the Historic Carousel
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	"Skyhunters in Flight" Falconry Demo

Lighthouse Point Park Migration Festival

Celebrating Birds, Butterflies & Dragonflies

Sunday, September 22, 2013

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

(No Rain Date)

A suggested donation of \$5.00 per car is requested
to help fund next year's event



Come celebrate the spectacle and mystery of migration at one of the best places to see migrating wild hawks in New England!

Lighthouse Point Park is a recognized Important Birding Area.

Live Bird Shows featuring Hawks and Owls!

See wild birds up close at banding demonstrations!

Children's activities and fun for the whole family!

Ride the Old-Fashioned Carousel!

Tour the Historic Lighthouse!

Live Bluegrass Music!

Hands-on Butterfly Tagging!

Bird walks and more!





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The date on address labels is your membership expiration date.

NHBC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip +4 _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(Please print clearly in block letters)

Dues:

_____ Individual - \$15

_____ Couple/Family - \$20 # of family members _____

_____ Supporting - \$50 # of family members _____

_____ Student under 18 - Free

_____ Life Membership: A one-time payment of \$300
for 1 or 2 people at same address.

_____ Additional gift to support the NHBC \$ _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to help the club.

Make check payable to New Haven Bird Club and
send to: New Haven Bird Club, PO Box 9004,
New Haven CT 06532-0004

The NHBC membership year is from July 1 to June 30.
New members joining between January 1 and June 30
are given full membership for the rest of the current
year and also for the following membership year.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New Haven Bird Club is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. **All dues and donations are fully tax deductible.** If your employer gives matching grants, please take advantage of the offer. It's free and helps NHBC's program budget.

The Club welcomes everyone irrespective of age, race, gender, sexual preference, or national origin.

If your address, phone or email change, please send that information to the Club address given on the form to the left or contact the Membership Chair, Mike Ferrari: mike.ferrari@att.net or 203.435.5712.

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