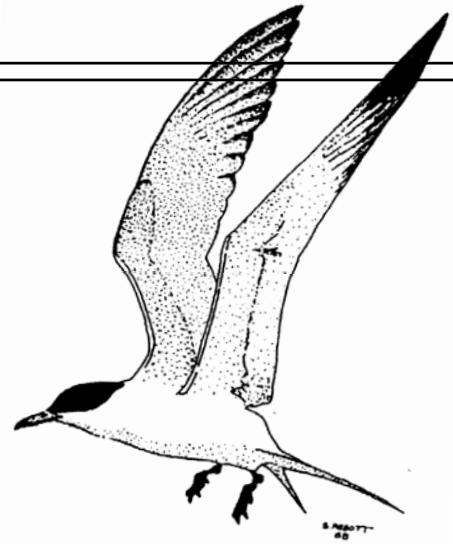


SEACOAST AUDUBON

A Chapter of New Hampshire Audubon

Newsletter

July through December 2008



Programs

The Seacoast Chapter meets monthly on the second Wednesday. Refreshments are served at 7 PM, and the meetings begin at 7:30. The public is welcome free of charge. Meetings are held at the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne State Park, Route 1A, Rye, NH. **Wheelchair accessible.** For more information on Chapter Programs, please contact: Terry Bronson at (603) 929-1745, tbbirds@comcast.net or Dan Hubbard, (603) 332-4093 danielhubbard@peoplepc.com. **Cancellations will be announced on WOKQ, 97.5 FM.**

July 9, Our Annual Summer Picnic—6 pm: Bird Walk, 7 pm, picnic. Bring your own beverage and a food dish to share. Photos, stories, and other fun. Bird walk will be held, weather permitting.

August 13, Venezuela—7 pm: Bob Fox and Dana Duxbury-Fox will present a program on Venezuela birding and other interesting aspects of that country.

September 10, Bicknell's Thrush NH—7 pm: Dr. Steve Hale of UNH will talk to us about Bicknell's Thrush in NH. We also conduct our annual (short) business meeting prior to the program

October 8, Bolivia—7 pm:

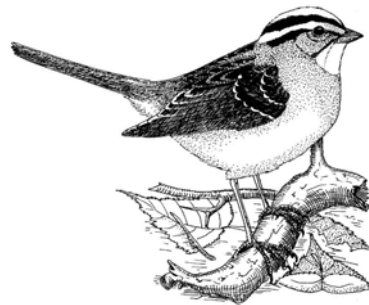
Bolivia is off the beaten path, but has a tremendous variety of birdlife. Photographer Sam Fried will be our guide to this seldom-visited country.



November 12, Bald Eagles—7 pm: Come learn about the status of Bald Eagles in NH with Chris Martin, NH Audubon's raptor biologist.



December 10, Alpine Birding—7 pm: Alpine in NH means the physically challenging White Mountains. Dave Govatski has hiked and snowshoed there for many years, and will tell us all about alpine birding in NH.



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Refreshments are served Prior to each meeting. Contact Nancy Nelson at 929-1745 to help. Volunteers are always appreciated

Field Trips

Unless otherwise noted, field trips often last through noon, so please bring a lunch. Carpooling is encouraged. For directions and information call the field trip leaders whose phone numbers can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

JULY

Odiorne Point State Park—Wednesday, July 9th, 6PM
NHA Seacoast Chapter 3rd Annual Summer Pot-luck Picnic
Join your Audubon friends at this summer evening picnic on the sea. Weather permitting, we'll do a nature walk around Odiorne. Meet at the park picnic area. Bring a dish to share, a non-alcoholic beverage, and your favorite birding stories.

AUGUST

Plum Island / Newburyport, MA

Date, Time, and Meeting Location to be announced at:
<http://mysite.verizon.net/lmedlock/seacoast-chapter.html>
Join Sue McGrath as she leads a walk for the Seacoast Chapter in Newburyport. The group will tour coastal Newburyport and Plum Island in search of migrating shorebirds.

SEPTEMBER

Fall Beginner Bird Walks

Join NHA Seacoast Chapter as we visit four different habitats of the seacoast area. Although these walks are geared for the beginner, birders of all levels of expertise are encouraged to participate and share their experiences. Children are gladly welcomed with an adult. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars, insect repellent and sunscreen. Most trips start at 8 AM and last for about 2 hours. Walks are free and open to the public.

Saturday, September 6—Pickering Ponds

8 AM Pickering Rd. Rochester, NH
Habitat: Waste water treatment facility and swampy scrub. Meet leader Dan Hubbard at Pickering Ponds. For directions and information call Dan at 332-4093.

Sunday, September 14th—NH Seacoast

8 AM Leader Terry Bronson
Meeting place to be announced at:
<http://mysite.verizon.net/lmedlock/seacoast-chapter.html>
or contact Terry at tbbirds@comcast.net

Saturday, September 20th, Blue Job Mountain Hawkwatch

Meet trip leader Mark Hatfield at 9AM Blue Job. Watching generally lasts until mid afternoon but as always also dictated by weather. Bring water, lunch, snacks, bird viewing equipment, and clothing appropriate for hanging about on an exposed site.
Contact Mark Hatfield at 659-0705 for more information.

Saturday, September 27th—Odiorne Point State Park 8AM

Join trip leader Ann Ablowich as she explores this diverse coastal park in search of fall migrants.
For information contact Ann at: napap@comcast.net

OCTOBER

October 4th—Odiorne Point State Park Annual Fall Migration Watch 8 AM to Noon

Join leader Steve Mirick for this annual "falcon" watch. Hopefuls for this trip include, Peregrins, Merlins, Kestrels, and other fall migrants. Meet at the kiosk.
Contact Mark Hatfield at 659-0705 for more information.

Snow Goose Migration

Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area, Addison, VT
Details to be announced at:
<http://mysite.verizon.net/lmedlock/seacoast-chapter.html>

NOVEMBER

Southern Coastal Maine *Date to be announced*

Meet at Perkins Cove at 8:30 AM
Join leader Ann Ablowich and guest guide as they start at Perkins Cove and make their way south studying winter sea ducks. Dress warmly for this trip!
Contact Ann for details at: napap@comcast.net

DECEMBER

109th Christmas Bird Count —Field participants and feeder watchers of all levels of experience are welcome to the Christmas Bird Count (CBC). If you are interested in taking part of this time-honored experience, please contact compilers for details and assignments. Field participants should be prepared for a long day of birding by bringing snacks, lunch, drinks, and clothing suitable for the weather. All participants are invited to attend the compilation event at the end of the day when observers report and tally bird records from their assigned areas.

Seacoast CBC

Saturday, December 20th

Contact compiler Dave Donsker, 603-964-6382 or at: ddonsker@comcast.net. A compilation gathering will take place at the Urban Forestry Center, Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., with the pot-luck starting about 5:30 p.m. Bring your own paper plates, cups, and eating utensils along with an appetizer, side dish, or dessert.

Lee/Durham CBC

Saturday, December 27th—Compiler Steve Mirick at smirick@comcast.net. Compilation location and time to be determined.

Field trips will only be canceled due to extremely bad weather. If you have a question about cancellations, call the field trip leader.
Program cancellations will be announced on WOKQ, 97.5 FM.

A Message From our Chapter President Dave Blezard

The Seacoast Chapter is currently going strong. Our finances are solid due to some generous donations and Terry's big-year fundraiser. We have excellent programs month to month. The field trip roster is growing and getting more diverse. It is your board that makes this possible, but we cannot do it alone.

During the past year, we have had two long-time board members (and past presidents), Ann Ablowich and David Donsker, step aside from the board. My thanks to them for all of their work over the past many years! While we do still have several other board members and a full set of officers, we want to think ahead to make sure things stay that way. That means we are looking for new people who want to be involved. At our annual meeting in September, we will elect new officers for the next year. It also is a great time for new people to join the board. Maybe you just want to help with the planning. Maybe you want to take on a formal role like organizing field trips. Whatever your interest, please let me or other board members know. Being on the board involves attending one meeting a quarter and perhaps a bit of work in between time.

We also welcome anyone who wants to help out with the Chapter in other ways. Whether you would like to help lead a trip or you know someone who could give a program at a meeting, we do welcome your input and involvement. This is YOUR Chapter. Help make it be what you want it to be.

Seacoast Science Center upcoming events

BioBlitz! September 20, 2008

Join the Seacoast Science Center on Saturday, September 20, 2008 as scientists, field naturalists and backyard enthusiasts come together to conduct the Science Centers sixth annual BioBlitz! Like extreme scavenger hunters, they will scour 135-acres and seven different habitats to record data on as many different species in the park as possible in one day.

BioBlitz! 2008 Tentative Schedule

6am · Birding
8am · Freshwater Pond
9am · Rocky Shore
10am · Uplands and Insects
11am · Forests and Mammals
12pm · Special Program
1pm · Salt Marsh
2pm · Animal Tracking Program
3pm · Biodiversity Program
6pm · Final Data collection

Music-by-the-Sea Concert Series

Kick back with your friends and family on Thursday evenings this summer and hear some of the hottest bands in New England during our Music-by-the-Sea Concert Series. You can enjoy hot off-the-grill fare, relax to a scenic sunset by the shore or dance the night away! And, best of all, you can visit the Center and Nature Store anytime during the evening. Concerts are held under our festive tent in inclement weather. So, bring your dancing feet and beach blankets and chairs, rain or shine. All concerts begin at 6pm; gates open at 5pm for dining. Alcohol may not be brought in to the park or concerts. Tickets are required and can be purchased at the Center prior to all concerts. Center members receive special discounts.

Seacoast Science Center Programs

There is always something new to see and do at the Seacoast Science Center. Whether you choose to explore on your own or participate in a visitor or group program, our naturalists are ready to guide you on your learning adventure!

The technology at the core of our new Gregg Interactive Learning Studio allows us to deliver an array of innovative learning experiences and distance learning programs, on-site or at your facility.

All of the Center's exhibits and programs are developed to appeal to a wide range of ages, backgrounds and learning styles. There is something for everyone!

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers play a vital role in helping us meet our demands throughout the year, but are especially crucial during the spring, summer and fall. The volunteer experience offers participants the ability to develop knowledge and skill in a supportive environment. There are on going educational opportunities along with many other benefits.

We are always seeking individuals who want to lend a hand. All volunteer applicants are required to submit a written application. Through a personal interview, we match your areas of interest with the opportunities at the Center. Volunteers coming aboard will receive an orientation, which may include preliminary or on-the-job training prior to your assignment. We welcome applications from individuals of diverse age, experience, ethnicity and physical ability.

For more information on these programs or to see a complete listing of upcoming events and activities please visit the Seacoast Science Center, visit their web site at: seacoastsciencecenter.org, call them at 603-436-8043 or email: Info@seacentr.org





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Maine	(207) 781-2332
Vermont	(802) 457-2779

Seacoast Audubon Web Site

<http://mysite.verizon.net/lmedlock/seacoast-chapter.html>

The Center for Wildlife (207) 361-1400

The Center for Wildlife is a non-profit rehabilitation and education facility which handles 1,400 injured, ill and orphaned wild birds, mammals and reptiles annually. Because of the high risk of rabies, the Center does not handle fox, raccoons or skunks. The CFW operates 365 days a year and is run by three full and part-time staff and many volunteers. They are located on Mountain Road in York, ME. The CFW is not open to visitors, but does make exceptions to small groups at certain times of the year. Support comes through grants, donations and membership.

The deadline for written contributions and original artwork for the **Next Newsletter** will be **November 1, 2008**. Contributions will be gratefully accepted and included as space allows. *Thank you for your help!*

Executive Board

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For information on joining the Audubon Society of NH and belonging to the Seacoast Chapter please call one of our board members or visit our web site for an application.



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