

National Audubon Society Rockland Chapter #R06

Membership Application

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E-MAIL ADDRESS (required for electronic newsletter)

1 Year —\$20

2 years —\$35

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National Audubon Society

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ROCKLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.
P.O. Box 404
New City, NY 10956-0404

Your name will be added to Rockland Audubon's member list upon receipt of payment. If you do not wish your name to be made available to other select organizations, check here.


BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Receive *The Observer*, RAS newsletter detailing walks and meetings and featuring articles of local interest
- Membership in one of America's leading nature and environmental organizations, the **National Audubon Society**
- Subscription to *Audubon*, one of America's most beautiful nature and conservation magazines
- Opportunity to travel with experienced naturalists worldwide with NAS Nature Odysseys
- Be heard as part of one of the strongest grassroots networks—with more than 500 chapters

2012 RAS Field Trips

Note: Please call trip leader 24 hours in advance if you plan to join the group at the field trip site, rather than the designated meeting place. See www.rocklandaudubon.org for updates.

Audubon in the Parks

Audubon in the Parks is an initiative with Audubon New York and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation to advance bird conservation in State Parks. The Lower Hudson Valley's many State Parks and Historic Sites play an important role in the RAS mission of promoting the appreciation and conservation of birds and nature. Whether used for field trips, bird surveys, nest box locations, or simple recreation, our State Parks and Historic Sites are an asset to RAS and the entire community. To highlight this partnership, RAS is proud to offer an Audubon in the Parks series of walks.  = Audubon in the Parks event

JAN 1 (Sun)—Birding at Jones Beach, NY

Meet Della and Alan Wells at the Commuter Parking Lot, Rte. 303 North, West Nyack, at 5:45am. See the first sunrise of 2012 and start your new year list. 845-942-5751

JAN 8 (Sun)—Second Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the pier. Prepare for cold and wind and expect to see an unusual bird or two. 845-358-3659

JAN 14 (Sat)—Pelham Bay Park

Meet Jim Previdi at 8am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Rte. 303 North, West Nyack, for carpooling. Search for owls and waterfowl in this wild(er) corner of the Bronx. Dress warmly, bring snack and hot drink. Return by early afternoon. 845-942-8448

JAN 20-22 (Fri, Sat, & Sun)—Winter Overnight

TBA 845-942-8448

FEB 4 (Sat)—Winter Birding in Orange County

Meet Jim Previdi at 2pm at the Commuter Parking Lot, Rte. 303 North, West Nyack, for carpooling. See raptors and field birds. Northern Harriers and Short-eared Owls are usually sighted just before sunset. 845-942-8448

FEB 5 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Veronika Krause at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the pier. Over by 10am. 845-359-9294

FEB 17 (Fri)—Owl Prowl at Stony Point Battlefield

Meet Jim Previdi at 7:30pm at the main parking lot at the end of Battlefield Rd., accessed from Park Rd. off Rte. 9W in Stony Point. Search for the resident Great Horned and Eastern Screech-Owls. 845-942-8448 or Battlefield office 845-786-2521

FEB 18 (Sat)—Rockland Lake State Park

Meet Elyse and Tom Fuller at 8am at the North Pool parking lot. Look for late wintering ducks. Great for beginners. Over by 11:30am. 845-351-2893

FEB 19 (Sun)—Croton Point Park

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Rte. 303 North, West Nyack, for carpooling. Look for wintering birds and possible rarities on the Westchester side of the Hudson. 845-358-3659

MAR 4 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Peter Johnson at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the pier. Over by 10am. 914-261-2895

MAR 10 (Sat)—Woodcocks at Kakiat Park

Meet Jim Previdi at 5:30pm at the Kakiat parking lot, Rte. 202 opposite Viola Elementary School, Suffern. Bring a flashlight. 845-942-8448

MAR 18 (Sun)—Morning Stroll at Kakiat Park

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the Kakiat parking lot, Rte. 202 opposite Viola Elementary School, Suffern. 845-358-3659

APR 1 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the pier. Check the pier and river for early migrants. Over by 10am. 845-358-3659

APR 8 (Sun)—The Celery Farm, Allendale, NJ

Meet Alan & Della Wells and Peter Johnson at 9am at the Celery Farm parking lot on Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NJ. Great for beginners, may be wet underfoot. Look for waterfowl and very early spring migrants. Over by noon. 845-942-5751 or 914-261-2895

APR 15 (Sun)—A Spring Stroll at Mt. Ivy Swamp

Meet Veronika Krause at 9am at Pomona Middle School parking lot on Pomona Rd. Look for Marsh Marigolds and Chipping Sparrows along the railroad embankment. Over by noon. 845-359-9294

APR 20 (Fri)—A Weekday Walk at the Celery Farm

Meet Elyse Fuller at 9am at the Celery Farm parking lot on Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NJ. Look for early spring migrants. Over by 11:30am. 845-351-2893

APR 27 (Fri)—A Weekday Walk at the Elk Pen

Meet Elyse Fuller at 9am at the parking area for the Elk Pen section of Harriman State Park off Arden Valley Rd. 0.3mi east of Rte. 17. Eastern Bluebirds, Prairie Warblers, and Field Sparrows are possibilities at this unique field habitat. Over by 11am. 845-351-2893

APR 29 (Sun)—Doodletown

Meet Carol Weiss at 7am at the pull-off on Rte. 9W just north of the Iona Island causeway, south of Bear Mountain. Expect warblers, vireos, and northbound passerines. Over around noon. 845-358-3659

MAY 3 (Thu)—An Evening Walk at Tallman State Park

Meet Tom Fuller at 6pm at the south entrance parking lot on Rte. 9W about one mile south of the main entrance to Tallman State Park for a bird walk. Over by dark. 845-351-2893

FIELD TRIPS and NATURE PROGRAMS

MAY 4 (Fri)—A Weekday Walk at Doodletown

Meet Elyse Fuller at 9am at the pull-off on Rte. 9W just north of the Iona Island causeway, south of Bear Mountain. Great time of year for warblers and other migrants. Some uphill walking. Over by 11:30am. 845-351-2893

MAY 6 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Veronika Krause at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the pier. Over by 10am. 845-359-9294

MAY 10 (Thu)—Evening Bluebird Walk at Kennedy Dells

Meet Tom Fuller at 6pm at the far lot closest to the trails. Wear long pants as there may be an opportunity to look inside nest boxes. Over by 8pm. 845-351-2893

MAY 11 (Fri)—A Weekday Walk at Ironwood Drive

Meet Elyse Fuller at 9am at the cul-de-sac at the end of Ironwood Dr. in Tuxedo. This section of Sterling Forest State Park can be good for Golden-winged Warblers, Indigo Buntings, Prairie Warblers, and other shrubland species. Over by 11am. 845-351-2893

MAY 18 (Fri eve.) to MAY 19 (Sat eve.)—BIG BIRD DAY

Annual fundraiser—see RAS Observer for details.

MAY 26-28 (Sat-Mon)—Birding Delaware on Memorial Day Weekend (3-day Trip)

Call 845-942-5751 for details.

JUN 2 (Sat)—Galeville Airport during Nesting Season

Meet Della & Alan Wells at 7am at the Commuter Parking Lot on Rte. 9W in Stony Point (just south of Hogan's Diner). The abandoned airport, now administered as the Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge, is a hotspot for grassland birds. 845-942-5751

JUN 3 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Peter Johnson at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the pier. Over by 10am. 914-261-2895

JUN 10 (Sun)—Doodletown for Beginners

Meet Della and Alan Wells at 8am at the pull-off on Rte. 9W, south of Bear Mountain, just north of the Iona Island causeway. Practice bird ID and binocular use. Some uphill walking. 845-942-5751

JUN 17 (Sun)—Dragons & Damsels of Rockland

Meet Alan and Della Wells at 9am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Rte. 9W in Stony Point (just south of Hogan's Diner) for carpooling. Learn to identify common dragonflies and damselflies at Lily Pond in Harriman State Park (short drive followed by short hike). Bring water, snack, binoculars (preferably close focus). Camera optional. Call to confirm if rainy or overcast. 845-942-5751

JUN 20 (Wed)—Solstice Hike at Sterling Forest S.P.

Meet Tom Fuller at 5pm at the cul-de-sac at the end of Ironwood Drive in Tuxedo. Celebrate the longest day of the year with a brisk, 4-mile hike to Sterling Lake on a mostly level woods road. Bring water. Biting insects are possible. Over by dark. 845-351-2893

JUL 1 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the pier. Check the pier and river for summer residents. Over around 10am. 845-358-3659

AUG 5 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Veronika Krause at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the pier. Over by 10am. 845-359-9294

AUG 12 (Sun)—Birds and Cameras at Jamaica Bay

Meet Alan and Della Wells at 7:30am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Rte. 303 North, West Nyack, for carpooling to this birding hot spot. Alan's group will photograph shorebirds and Della's group will not. Full day trip. 845-942-5751

Monthly Nature Programs

First Friday of the Month

Doors open at 7pm for refreshments

Program starts at 7:30pm

See description for location!

FEB 3—Back from the Brink of Extinction and Beyond

Darcy Love, Visitor Program Manager, International Crane Foundation

Location: Congers Community Center, Congers Lake Memorial Park, 6 Gilchrest Rd., Congers, NY 10920

MAR 2—Birding by Ear

Lorrie Pallant, RAS Education Committee

Location: Street Community Center, 31 Zukor Rd., New City, NY 10956

APR 6—Hummingbirds: Feathered Gems

Gina Nichol, Naturalist, Sunrise Birding, LLC

Location: Historical Society of Rockland County, 20 Zukor Rd., New City, NY 10956

MAY 4—Members Participation Night

Rockland Audubon Society members

Location: Congers Community Center, Congers Lake Memorial Park, 6 Gilchrest Rd., Congers, NY 10920

JUN 1—Warblers of Eastern North America

Sam Fried, Flights of Fancy Adventures, LLC

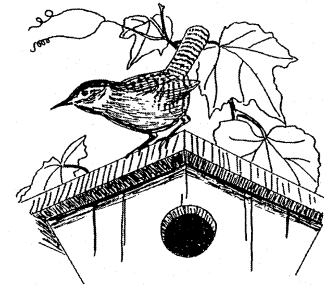
Location: Congers Community Center, Congers Lake Memorial Park, 6 Gilchrest Rd., Congers, NY 10920

Programs are open to the public. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

An all-volunteer chapter of the National Audubon Society, Rockland Audubon Society's mission is to promote environmental conservation and foster an appreciation of birds and nature through education programs and activities.

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