

**National Audubon Society
Rockland Chapter #R06**

Membership Application

**2010 RAS Winter, Spring,
Summer Field Trips**

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

Check www.rocklandaudubon.org for updates!

JAN. 1 (Fri)—Birding at Jones Beach, NY

Meet Alan & Della Wells at the Commuter Parking Lot, Rt. 303 N., West Nyack, at 5:45am. Enjoy the first sunrise of the New Year and jumpstart your year list at Jones Beach and Point Lookout. 845-942-5751

JAN. 3 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the Piermont Pier entrance. Over by 10am. 845-358-3659

JAN. 10 (Sun)—Winter at Congers Memorial Park.

Meet Matt Beckerle at 10am at the main parking lot of Congers Memorial Park (6 Gilchrist Rd.). Check out the variety of trees and birds along the eastern edge of Congers Lake and more. Path is wheelchair-accessible, flat and paved. 845-735-5411

JAN. 16 (Sat)—Pelham Bay Park

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

JAN. 19 (Tue)—Winter Waterfowl Count

Meet Carol Weiss at 9am at the ball field parking lot at the Piermont Pier entrance. Walk the pier to count the ducks and from there, drive north through the county to count waterfowl. Stops will be made wherever there is open water, and to warm up. Please call Carol if you can help with this *statewide count*. Results are reported to the NYSDEC. Date will be changed for bad weather. 845-358-3659

JAN. 30 (Sat)—Winter Birding in Orange County

Meet Jim Previdi at 2pm at the Commuter Parking Lot, Rt. 303 N., West Nyack, for carpooling. See raptors and field birds. Northern harriers and short-eared owls are usually sighted just before sunset. Should return by 6:30 p.m. 845-942-8448

FEB. 6 (Sat)—Hook Mountain Hike

Meet Vince Plogar at 9am at Landing Road near the Rockland Lake firehouse. Hike the Long Path above the Hudson to see what is around. 845-596-8924

FEB. 7 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

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

FEB. 12 (Fri)—Owl Prowl at Stony Point Battlefield

Meet Della and Alan Wells at 7:30pm at the main parking lot at the end of Battlefield Rd., accessed from Park Rd. off Rt. 9W in Stony Point. Search for the resident Great Horned and Screech Owls. 845-942-5751, or Battlefield office at 845-786-2521.

FEB. 14 (Sun)—Rockland Lake State Park

Meet Della and Alan Wells at 9am at the flagpole in the North Pool parking lot. Look for late wintering ducks. Great for beginners. Over by 11:30am. 845-942-5751

FEB. 21 (Sun)—Croton Point Park

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

MARCH 7 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the Piermont Pier entrance. Over by 10am. 845-358-3659

MARCH 13 (Sat)—Woodcocks at Kakiat Park

Meet Della and Alan Wells at 5:30pm at the Kakiat parking lot, Rt. 202 opposite Viola Elementary School, Suffern. Bring a flashlight. 845-942-5751

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

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

APRIL 11 (Sun)—The Celery Farm, Allendale, NJ

Meet Alan & Della Wells at 9am at the Commuter Parking Lot, Route 303 N., West Nyack, for carpooling. Great for beginners, may be wet underfoot. Look for waterfowl and very early spring migrants. Over by noon. 845-942-5751

APRIL 18 (Sun)—A Spring Stroll at Mt. Ivy Swamp

Meet Veronika Krause at 10 am 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

APRIL 24 (Sat)—Spring Bird Walk at Stony Point Battlefield

Meet Della and Alan Wells at 8am at the main parking lot at the end of Battlefield Rd., accessed from Park Rd., off Rt. 9W in Stony Point. Stroll through this historic site on the Hudson River and search the woodlands for spring neo-tropical migrants. Over around 10:30am. 845-942-5751 or Battlefield office, 845-786-2521

APRIL 25 (Sun), Doodletown for Early Migration

Meet Carol Weiss at 7am at the pull-off on Rt. 9W just north of the Iona Island causeway, south of Bear Mountain. First warblers of spring! Some uphill walking. Bring snack, over by noon. 845-358-3659

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PHONE, E-MAIL ADDRESS (to be used only by Rockland Audubon for membership questions)

- USA: 1 Year —\$20
 Canada: 1 Year —\$45
 International: 1 year —\$50

Your gift to Audubon is tax deductible except for the \$7.50 fair market value of Audubon Magazine.

Note: Please allow 4-6 weeks for the arrival of your first issue of *Audubon* magazine

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

National Audubon Society

MAIL FORM WITH CHECK TO:

RAS Membership (Attn: Karen D'Alessandri)
45 Camp Hill Road
Pomona, NY 10970

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.

APRIL 29 (Thu). A Weekday Evening Walk at Doodletown

Meet Elyse Fuller at 6pm at the pull-off on Rt. 9W just north of the Iona Island causeway, south of Bear Mountain. Look for spring migrants. Some uphill walking. Over around dark. 845-351-2893

MAY 2 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the Piermont Pier entrance. Over by 10am. 845-358-3659

MAY 14 (Fri evening) to 15 MAY (Sat evening)—BIG BIRD DAY fundraiser—see RAS *Observer* for details.

JUNE 2 (Wed)—Evening Walk at Piermont Pier

Meet Carol Weiss at 6pm at the ball field parking lot at the Piermont Pier entrance. Over by 10am. 845-358-3659

JUNE 5 (Sat)—Galeville Airport During Nesting Season

Meet Della & Alan Wells at 7am at the Park and Ride Lot on Rt. 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

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

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

JUNE 13 (Sun)—Doodletown for Beginners

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

JUNE 20 (Sun)—Dragons and Damsels of Rockland County

Meet Alan and Della Wells at 9am at the Park-and-Ride Lot, Rt. 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 (a short drive followed by a short hike). Bring water, snack, binoculars (preferably close focus), and camera to capture these photogenic subjects. If rain or overcast weather is forecasted, please call to confirm. 845-942-5751

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

Meet Carol Weiss at 8am at the ball field parking lot at the Piermont Pier entrance. Over by 10am. 845-358-3659

AUG. 1 (Sun)—First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

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

AUG. 15 (Sun)—Birds and Cameras at Jamaica Bay

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

Monthly Nature Programs

Programs are open to the public, donations accepted.

Meetings are held at:

Rockland Country Day School gymnasium

34 Kings Highway, Congers, NY 10920

NEW TIME for Friday evening programs:

Gather at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and conversation. Formal program begins at 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 5—Environmental History: The Mouth of the Croton River

—**Scott Craven's** illustrated talk covers the geologic, natural and cultural history of the lands and waters at the convergence of the Croton and Hudson. The talk will explore the connection between Teller's Point and Roger Tory Peterson, credited with developing the modern field guide format for observing the natural world.

MARCH 5—Birds and Climate Change: Ecological Disruption in Motion.

Sean Mahar, Director of Gov. Relations for Audubon NY, will show how winter distributions of North American bird species are shifting northward and inland, correlated to higher winter temperatures. Find out how to help advance critical measures, improve backyard habitats and help birds adapt to a changing climate.

APRIL 9—A Naturalists Journey

Follow storyteller/naturalist **Chuck Stead** along his journey of social ecological awareness. With a hunter's boyhood, he now reads the landscape of 'grown-up' learning as one might track prey—with the realization that tracks are being left for others to find. This eco-autobiography entertains and educates. It will leave you with a greater sense of how place-based knowledge is more earned than learned.

MAY 7—Annual Meeting followed by presentation: Newfoundland: Rugged Land, Wild Sea, Strong People.

Using images, music and story, **Capt. Hugh Carola**, program director at Hackensack Riverkeeper, will conduct a virtual journey to this amazing land at the Eastern most edge of North America. Enjoy photos of wildlife from red squirrels to humpback whales, birds & wildflowers of all descriptions.

JUNE 4—Winter Birds of Florida

Enjoy the splendor of Florida's winter wildlife with **Sam Fried**, owner of Flights of Fancy Adventures of Bloomfield, Conn., creator of fabulous birding vacations for enthusiasts. The presentation will highlight birds that make Florida their winter home and rarities sighted on his most recent trips there.

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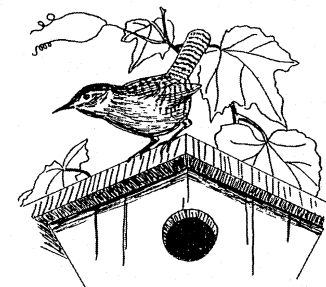
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