



The Call

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Fitzgerald Preserve: a treasure trove for nature lovers

The Capt. William Fitzgerald Recreation and Conservation Area, (unofficially named Fitzgerald Preserve by local birders), comprises 64 acres and is one of the very few sandplain grasslands in the State of Maine. It's located off Old Bath Road, and is owned by the Town of Brunswick.

In addition to its natural appeal, it boasts a bit of historical renown. The access road to the property, Lindbergh Crossing, is named for Charles Lindbergh who made fuel stops here on his flights enroute to his wife's family's summer compound on North Haven. More recently in the 1950's and 1960's, the U.S. Navy owned the property and used the site for the installation of a large communication antenna array.

Fitzgerald Preserve is host to rare plants and animals not common to Maine. For birders, the Preserve offers habitat to unusual nesting and migratory birds. Perhaps the rarest bird presumed to be nesting on the property is the **Clay-colored Sparrow**. An active singing bird was present during the spring and summer of 2015.

Other uncommon birds that breed on the property include Prairie Warbler, Field Sparrow and Eastern Towhee. Birders could be treated to

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Coming this summer. . . .

MMA offers exciting new family birding program with "Sneaky Pat Challenge"

Attention young beginning birders! This summer, Maine Audubon's Merrymeeting Chapter will offer two **new** family birding programs for 3rd– 5th grade students, who consider themselves beginning birders, and their parents. The programs take place at Maine Audubon's Hamilton Sanctuary in West Bath, ME on two Saturday mornings: **July 23rd** and **30th** from **7:30–10:30 a.m.** Participation is limited to **8** children and their parents per session. Youngsters should bring jeans and a cap with visor.

The highlight of the program will be a chance for the youngsters to literally have a "bird feed from their hand" through the help of "Sneaky Pat", a scarecrow-like birdfeeder. Those interested in taking the challenge will have the thrill of a lifetime. Participants will also locate, observe, and identify birds from the variety of habitats at Hamilton Sanctuary: field, forest, tidal cove, and freshwater pond.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Merrymeeting Bay Trust, Hamilton Sanctuary's 96 acres will be improved for observing birds. Bird feeders, baths, nesting boxes, and nesting platforms will be added to the Sanctuary this spring. Trust funding will also support "Sneaky Pat" and its associated bird blind.

Leading the program will be Merrymeeting Chapter members assisted by two enthusiastic high school students, recipients of Merrymeeting Audubon scholarships to attend National Audubon's Hog Island and Hurricane Island summer programs. These students will also film participants – with their consent – feeding birds from their gloved hands for a digital presentation to be shown at the Chapter's upcoming Annual Meeting.

With continued interest, the program will be re-offered in following years. For more information about registering for the program, contact **Glenn Evans** at 443-9652 or e-mail **warnerevans20@yahoo.com**. Spread the word to beginning birders you know!

Hamilton Sanctuary lies along Foster Point Road in West Bath, a little over 3 miles from the Foster Point Road, State Road intersection. Its recently doubled 2.5 miles of trails allow visitors to access a previously inaccessible peninsula.

Glenn Evans

Merrymeeting Audubon Chapter

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MMA scholarship awardee to study island ecology on Hurricane Island

Mt. Ararat junior, **Lindsey Pappa**, has been awarded a \$1000 scholarship from Merrymeeting Audubon to attend a week-long program in island ecology at the Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership*.

Lindsey will join other teenagers in mid-August to help a team of experienced scientists conduct daily data collection and analysis on the island, which is located ten miles off the coast of Rockland. She will learn to forage for edible foods, study the impact of invasive species, and observe first-hand the effects of climate change on the plant, bird, and sea life of the island. In addition, there will be time for sailing, rock climbing in the island’s granite quarry, and help with food preparation and cleanup chores.

Lindsey is fascinated by marine biology and coastal ecosystems and has studied at the Coastal Studies for Girls school in Freeport. In her application to Merrymeeting Audubon she stated, “I have always been interested in science and I love the opportunity this hands-on learning experience will offer. It’s also great to be surrounded by people who are passionate about what they are doing.”

Lindsey will be the first student to attend the Hurricane Island program with a Merrymeeting Audubon scholarship. This unique opportunity was made possible by the generous contributions of chapter members and supporters. We look forward to hearing about Lindsey’s adventure when she returns to Mt. Ararat next Fall.

** Hurricane Island, home to the Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership, is located two miles southwest of Vinalhaven. It provides experiential, hands-on education programs and research opportunities focusing on marine sciences, human ecology, sustainable living technology, citizen science initiatives, and leadership in environmental stewardship for all ages from middle school to adults.*

Steve Spear

“**The love of wilderness is more than a hunger for what is always beyond our reach; it is also an expression of loyalty to the earth, the only home we shall ever know; the only paradise we ever need — if we only had the eyes to see.**”

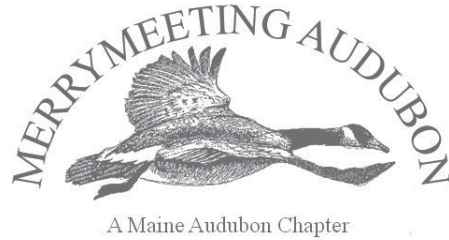
Edward Abbey

And the winners are. . . .

Merrymeeting Audubon Scholarship recipients! At MMA’s Annual Meeting & Dinner (*Tuesday, April 26*), we traditionally include a silent auction where guests peruse a wonderful array of items with accompanying bid sheets. Then the fun begins as bidders try to outbid each other for desired items.

All of the money raised by the auction goes to the Scholarship Fund, which supports schooled-aged children, teenagers, and teachers wishing to attend summer camps at Bryant Pond, Tanglewood, Hog Island and Hurricane Island.

Chapter members are welcome to donate services or items to the auction, as well as stimulate the bidding competition at the annual meeting. Participating in the silent auction is a great way to help young people experience the joy of a summer camp in Maine. If you would like to donate services or items, please contact Ted Allen at 729-8661 or beanallen79@gmail.com.



Upcoming Field Trips and Nature Programs

(See the full trip descriptions inside)

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| 15 Bradley Pond Warbler Series | 16 | 17 | 18 Green Point Farm | 19 | 20 Viles Arboretum | 21 Morse Mtn. & Seawell Bch. |
| 22 Evergreen Cemetary & Capisic Pond | 23 | 24 Bradley Pond Warbler Series | 25 Florida Lake | 26 | 27 | 28 Thorne Head |
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Field Trips & Nature Programs 2016

www.maineaudubon.org/merrymeeting

April

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

Field Trip: Waterfowl of Bowdoinham

Join Merrymeeting and York County Audubon on this outing to Brown Point in Bowdoinham in search of early waterfowl migrants. The area has been a good site in the past for unusual species such as Eurasian Wigeon and Eurasian Green-winged Teal, as well as more common treats such as Snow Goose, Northern Shoveler, Northern Pintail, and Blue-winged Teal.

➤ Meet at the Bowdoinham Town Landing at 12:30 p.m.

Trip is dependent on the ice being out. Please check www.maineaudubon.org/merrymeeting for trip status updates; or call Stella Walsh at 807-3679 on Friday.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 7:00 P.M.

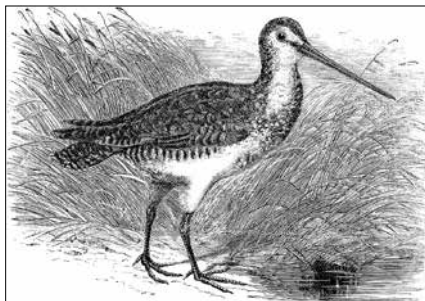
Board Meeting hosted by Ted Allen

Directions: call 729-8661.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Field Trip: Scarborough Marsh

On this annual welcome-to-spring outing we hope to see Brant and other migrating waterfowl. Wilson's Snipe, sandpipers, herons, egrets, Glossy Ibis, and sparrows. Bring lunch or a snack.



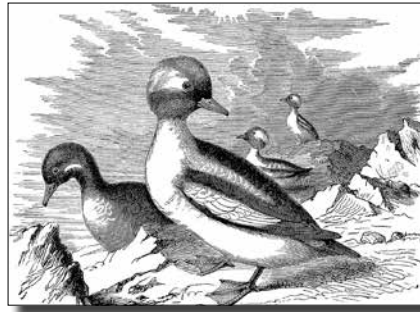
Wilson's Snipe

➤ Meet at the Bath CVS at 7:00 a.m. or at the Brunswick Hannaford at 7:20 a.m. FMI call Maurice Dauphin at 389-2585.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Field Trip: Reid State Park

Reid State Park includes habitats for coastal waterfowl, freshwater ducks, and marsh birds. We also expect to see early migrants in the woodlands and open areas of the park. Bring a lunch or a snack.



Buffleheads

➤ Meet at the Bath CVS at 8:30 a.m. to carpool; or at the Park bathhouse parking lot at 9:00 a.m. FMI call Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Field Trip: Brunswick Landing

Among the grasslands and forests we can expect to find early returning migrants.

➤ Meet at the parking lot inside the entrance off Bath Rd. at 7:30 a.m. FMI call Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 6:00 P.M.

Annual Meeting, Dinner & Silent Auction. Guest Speaker: Dr. Thomas Danielson on Vernal Pools

Dr. Danielson will speak to us about the importance of vernal pools to the ecosystems of Maine. Vernal pools, the beginning of spring life in Maine, provide habitat for many varieties of plants and animals. Please join us for this fascinating evening with an exceptional naturalist.

◆ Please mail in your check to reserve a spot. See the back page of this Call.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Field Trip: Whiskeag Creek, Bath

Join Merrymeeting Audubon and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT) to explore Whiskeag Creek where it empties into the Kennebec River at Thorne Head. The targets for this trip include: Canada Geese, Black Ducks, Mallards, Blue and Green-winged Teal, Common Mergansers, as well as early arriving songbirds.

➤ Meet at the Bath CVS at 7:30 a.m. or at Sewall Woods on Whiskeag Road at 8:00 a.m. FMI call Ted Allen at 729-8661.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

Work Day: Hamilton Sanctuary

Clear trails, repair erosion damage, remove invasives and spruce up the memorial garden. We will also be putting up new bird boxes. Call Glenn Evans at 443-9652 if you plan on coming.

May

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 P.M.

Board Meeting, hosted by Ted Allen

Directions: 729-8661.

SUNDAY, MAY 8 AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Field Trip: Florida Lake, Freeport

While small by State standards, this undeveloped pond is Freeport's largest freshwater body. It provides prime waterfowl and wading bird habitats, and a stopover point for many migratory species. American Bittern, a species of special concern in the northeast, breeds in the area, a rich mix of forested wetlands, seasonally flooded shrub-swamps, and aquatic vegetation.

➤ Meet at the Brunswick Hannaford at 7:00 a.m. To carpool, call Doug Suitor at 841-1951 for Sunday; or Ted Allen at 729-8661 for Wednesday.

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 9 - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Birding with Kids Curtis Farm Preserve, So. Harpswell

This field trip is in conjunction with the

Harpwell Heritage Land Trust, which owns the Curtis Preserve. It is a first-hand experience for children to learn the basics of birding, with opportunities to practice.

➤ FMI call John Berry at 632-7257.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Field Trip: Crystal Spring Farm, Brunswick

This trip is run jointly by MMAS and BTLT. This walk is through a variety of habitats, including fields, forests, and ponds. We hope to see sparrows, Bluebirds, Bobolinks, and several species of warblers.

➤ Meet at Crystal Spring Farm on Pleasant Hill Road in Brunswick at 7:30 a.m. FMI call Ted Allen at 729-8661.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Field Trips: International Migratory Bird Day

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day at River Point in West Falmouth with the Biodiversity Research Institute. Activities include guided bird and nature walks, bird banding demonstrations, a learning trail with stops staffed by BRI naturalists, as well as activities for children. Join the fun. Pack a picnic lunch and meet at the Brunswick Hannaford's at 6:45 a.m. FMI contact Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SUNDAY, MAY 15 AND TUESDAY, MAY 24

Field Trips: Bradley Pond Warbler Series, Topsham

These two relatively easy walks pass through a conservation easement surrounding a privately-owned working farm. The easement includes varied habitats. We'll focus on migrating land birds: warblers, flycatchers, blackbirds, vireos, sparrows, and an occasional raptor.

➤ Meet at the Brunswick Hannaford at 7:30 a.m. or at Bradley Pond, 2nd parking lot at 8:00 a.m. FMI call Gordon Smith at 725-0282 for Sunday; or Ted Allen at 729-8661 for Tuesday.

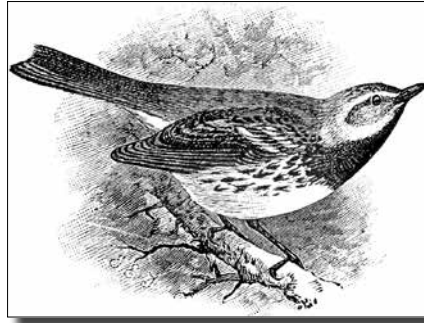
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Field Trip: Green Point Farm, Dresden

Expect a wide variety of migrant birds in

the woodlands, fields, and wild-rice flats of this diverse area. Warblers and other woodland birds, sparrows and other field birds, waterfowl, and raptors may be seen on this walk. Waterproof footwear is recommended.

➤ Meet at Bath CVS at 6:30 a.m. to carpool; or at Green Point Farm by the green shed, at 7:00 a.m. FMI call Carol Jack at 729-0220.



Black-Throated Green Warbler

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Field Trip: Viles Arboretum, Augusta

The 224-acre arboretum includes woods, fields, and ponds that are easily reached. A twenty-warbler day is not uncommon in May. Wetland species found in May include Sora and Virginia Rails.

➤ Meet at the kiosk in the Arboretum parking lot at 7:30 a.m. or meet at the Brunswick Hannaford at 6:30 a.m. to carpool. FMI call Doug Suitor at 841-1951.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Field Trip: Morse Mountain & Seawall Beach, Phippsburg

The Bates-Morse Mountain Conservation Area is a great spot for migrants and nesting woodland birds. We will also see shorebirds, gulls, and nesting Piping Plovers.

➤ Meet at the Brunswick Hannaford parking lot at 7:00 a.m.; or at Morse Mountain parking lot, off Rte. 216 in Phippsburg, at 7:30 a.m. FMI call Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Field Trip: Evergreen Cemetery and Capisic Pond, Portland

Evergreen is one of the best places in southern Maine to see a wide variety of songbirds at very close range, particularly warblers.

➤ Meet at the Brunswick Hannaford at 6:15 a.m. FMI call Doug Suitor at 841-1951.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Field Trips: Bradley Pond Warbler Series, Topsham

See Trip Description for **May 15**.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Field Trips: Florida Lake, Freeport

See Trip Description for **May 8**.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Field Trip: Thorne Head, Bath

This trip is run jointly by MMAS and KELT. Thorne Head overlooks Whiskeag Creek (*see April 30*) and is located on the Maine Birding Trail. The preserve is rich in vireos and warblers. The paths provide easy walking under a canopy of mature trees.

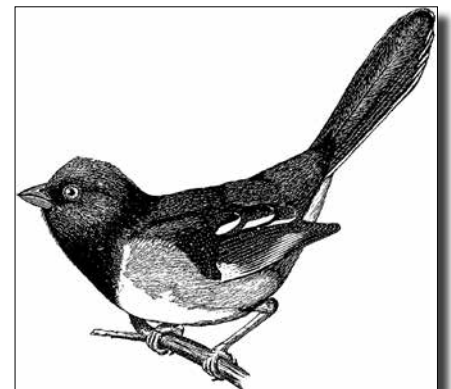
➤ Meet at Bath CVS at 7:30 a.m. to carpool; or at the Preserve parking lot at the north end of High Street at 8:00 a.m. FMI call Ted Allen at 729-8661.

SUNDAY, MAY 29 & SUNDAY, JULY 10

Field Trips: Capt. William Fitzgerald Recreation and Conservation Area, Brunswick

These two easy walks proceeding along sandy paths are on one of the few sand-plain grasslands remaining in Maine. Join us as we explore this rare natural area for Prairie Warblers, Eastern Towhees, Field Sparrows, and the rare Clay-colored Sparrow. On the July 10 trip, ripening blueberries may be in abundance.

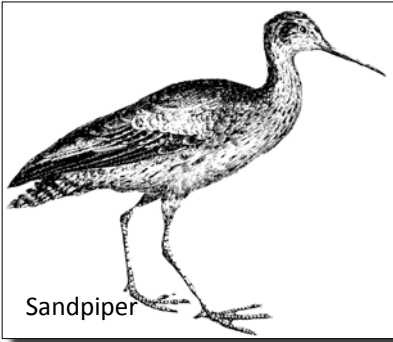
➤ Meet at the iron gate on Lindbergh Crossing Road at 6:30 a.m. From Cook's Corner



(Male) Towhee



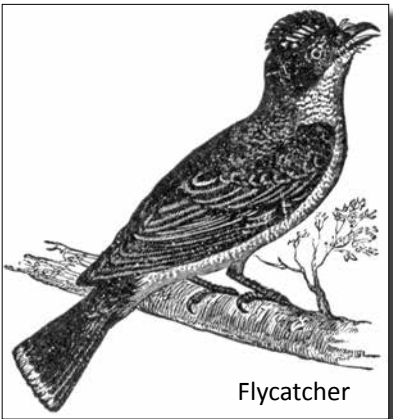
Virginia Rail



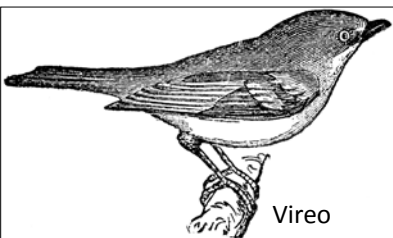
Sandpiper



American Bittern



Flycatcher



Vireo

intersection, take Bath Road to the stoplight at Low's. Turn left (northeast) on Old Bath Road, go approximately 1.3 miles and look on your right for Lindbergh Crossing (identified by a street sign). Park along the road before the iron gate. FMI call Gordon Smith at 725-0282.

June

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Field Trip: Cathance River Preserve, Topsham

We will walk the trails looking for Towhees, sparrows, warblers, woodpeckers, and other birds. Wildflowers, ferns, and mosses grow in the moist woods by the river. Take Rte. 196 and turn into the Highland Green Community on the north side of the highway. Drive in about 1/2 mile and meet in the parking lot of the golf course, on the left, at 7:00 a.m. FMI call Andrew Gilbert at 329-7525.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Field Trip: Brownfield Bog

This is a pristine wetland of almost 6,000 acres located along the Saco River. Its various habitats are bursting with wildlife. Bring a lunch and bug repellent!

➤ Meet at Brunswick Hannaford at 6:00 a.m. FMI call Doug Suitor at 841-1951.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Field Trip: Hidden Valley Nature Center, Jefferson

Enjoy a kettle bog, Dyer Pond, and miles of woods trails.

➤ Meet at Bath CVS at 7:00 a.m. FMI call Gordon Smith, 725-0282 or Jack Collins, 373-0336.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 8:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Work Day: Hamilton Sanctuary

Cut back trails and remove invasives. Help prepare Sanctuary for the family birding program. Please call Glenn Evans at 443-9652 if you plan on coming.

July

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Field Trips: Capt. William Fitzgerald

Recreation and Conservation Area, Brunswick

See Trip Description for **May 29**.

SATURDAYS, JULY 23 & JULY 30

Field Trip: Hamilton Sanctuary; Family Birding Program and the "Sneaky Pat Challenge"

This program is geared for 3rd to 5th grade students who are beginning birders, and their parents. Participants will have the opportunity to observe resident summer birds at Hamilton Sanctuary, and to have birds light upon their gloved hands to eat birdseed. Participants should have jeans and a visored cap for the "Sneaky Pat Challenge". *See the article in this "CALL" for more information.*

➤ Meet at Hamilton Sanctuary parking area at 7:30 a.m. Registration is limited. To register or for more information contact Glenn Evans at 443-9652 or e-mail warnerevans20@yahoo.com.

August

TUESDAY AUGUST 2, 5:00 P.M.

Board Meeting hosted by Glenn Evans
Directions: call 443-9652.

“*During all these years there existed within me a tendency to follow Nature in her walks.*”

John James Audubon

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Beginning birders want to know. . .

Question: On the suet feeder I notice black and white woodpeckers. Some are quite a bit larger than others and some have a red mark on the back of their heads. Are the larger birds males? Please explain.

Answer: You are actually seeing two different species of woodpeckers, **Hairy Woodpeckers**, and their smaller, more common look alike, **Downy Woodpeckers**. While it can be difficult to distinguish the two species, there are several ways. The Hairy Woodpecker is significantly larger than the Downy. This is a useful guide when they appear at a feeder in your yard, where perceived size is not a problem because of distance. If you have the typical suet feeder that holds suet cakes, the Downy Woodpecker is about the size of the wire frame; the Hairy's body, being almost 50% larger, is about the size of the feeder, and the tail is often bent under the cage.

To identify them away from your feeder, the Hairy has a much heavier, longer, more chisel-like bill, its length about the same length of its head. The Downy's bill is short and stubby, much shorter than the length of its head.

The red mark you see on the head appears on the male birds. Often different between the two species, the mark on the Hairy might be split into two lateral spots, while this does not occur on the Downy. Otherwise male and female look alike. If you get a good look at the tails of the birds, the outer tail feathers on both are white, but the Downy Woodpecker has black spots or bars on its outer feathers.

The calls of the two birds are similar, but the calls of the Hairy are more robust and lower pitched than the Downy, both in their call and rattle.

There are behavioral differences that also might help you identify the birds when away from feeders. The Downy Woodpecker is often found in mixed flocks with other birds such as Chickadees and Nuthatches, while the Hairy rarely joins a mixed flock. The Downy is more acrobatic and often hangs from small branches while the Hairy is usually found on larger trees.

Incidentally, the Hairy received its name from the more hair-like feathers in the white stripe on its back, while those on the Downy are soft white feathers. Unfortunately this won't help in identification unless the bird is in your hand.

John Berry and Karen Carlisle

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possible visits at Fitzgerald from birds nesting at other sandplain grasslands in Maine, e.g. the Vesper Sparrow and Eastern Meadowlark. Since the Fall of 2014, a total of 112 species have been identified at this Preserve by local birders.

To maintain the property as a sandplain grassland, prescribed burns must be done every few years to eliminate invasive plants, scrubby growth, and forest trees. However, Pitch Pine, a scraggly evergreen tree resistant to fire and a natural inhabitant of sandplain grasslands, is found scattered around the Fitzgerald Preserve. During July and August, wild blueberries can be found in profusion in areas that have been burned in the last several years.

If you would like to visit the Fitzgerald Preserve, check out the **Field Trip on May 29** (*page 5 of this newsletter*). If you would prefer to come on your own, directions are in the Trip description. Please park off to the side of the road to avoid blocking the entrance gate. Walk by the gate and down a paved forest road to the property entrance. Please stay on the sand paths around the property and avoid trampling grassland habitat. Also, please be aware the property might be temporarily closed during prescribed burn activity in early spring or late fall.

Gordon Smith

MMA seeks to broaden board membership: could it be YOU?

Are you a birder? Interested in wild-life conservation issues? Like to help young folks pursue environmental interests? Develop fresh ideas for field trips and nature programs? Then joining the Merrymeeting Audubon (MMA) board of directors is for you!

Every year at our annual meeting we call for nominations of people like

you to share their time and talents to enhance the club's diverse offerings.

Our major activities include stewardship of two local sanctuaries; advocacy of conservation-related programs and legislation; promotion of citizen science (offering young people exciting summer camp experiences); monthly presentations with guest speakers;

field trips and nature programs; and discovering new sites and methods for following environmental changes affecting birds and their habitats.

If you would like to join us for eight meetings a year, please contact our nominating committee: John Berry (632-7257) or Doug Sutor (841-1951).

Ted Allen



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IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE DINNER, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO THE **MERRYMEETING AUDUBON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**. MAIL YOUR DONATION TO: MMA SCHOLARSHIP FUND, C/O STEVE SPEAR, 9 LIVERNOIS DRIVE, TOPSHAM, ME 04086. THANK YOU.

**Tuesday
April 26
6:00 p.m.**

**St. Charles Borromeo Church
132 McKeen Street, Brunswick
Reservations must be received
by April 19th.**

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