



The Call



Winter-Spring 2022

The "circle" of life brings new species to the Big Sit!

Merrymeeting Audubon's 10th annual *The Big Sit!* took place between dawn and dusk on October 10, 2021 at Wharton Point in Brunswick. At this locale, a circle is centered around the monument rock overlooking Maquoit Bay.

A circle—17 feet in diameter, to be exact—is the observation center from which avid birders and curious passers-by will try to identify as many avian species as possible in the surrounding area. Of course there are certain guidelines to follow. Rule #1: observers must see or hear species while *remaining inside the circle*. These are the only observations that can be counted. Rule #2: If a bird is seen or heard, that can't be reliably identified (because of distance or obstacles), someone may leave the circle to get more accurate confirmation.

However, new species seen or heard *while outside the circle* cannot be counted unless someone *inside the circle* sees or hears it too.

Hazy sun, light southerly winds, and temperatures in the 50's to 60's provided great conditions for birding. The 12-hour effort produced 65 species, which resulted in the 3rd highest total at Wharton Point. Of the 65 species, two (a Lesser Scaup and an Eastern Meadowlark) were identified for the first time in ten years.

Many thanks go out to all who took part in the effort.

Gordon Smith

President's Perch

I believe we are all glad to leave 2021 behind us, and look forward to 2022, hoping for more chances to spend time together in the natural world, or attend one of our great speaker programs. I am happy to report that last Fall's speaker presentation by Bob Duchesne, as well as our bird walks, were well-attended. I think we all have missed these in-person events.

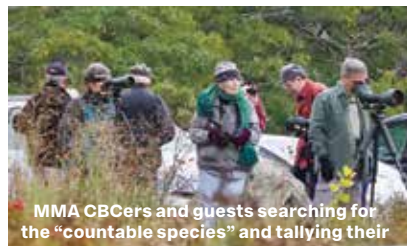
The biggest news in our area is the extended stay of a visitor from



northeastern Asia. The *Steller's Sea Eagle* has been viewed by hundreds of birders from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Texas, and all over the east coast. This eagle is a very large raptor (around 20 pounds with an 8-foot wing span) which has been seen in the eastern United States for awhile. A very rare treat, hopefully, many of you will still get to see it.

We are currently planning a full set of field trips and speaker programs this Spring, and hope that they can happen safely. April is our annual meeting, when we elect our officers and board members. We always welcome new board members, so if you would be interested in taking an active role in the Merrymeeting Audubon Chapter, please consider joining our board. Contact me or any of our board members listed in *The Call* for more information. Also, for more details about the annual meeting, please refer to the back page of this newsletter.

Our annual Christmas Bird Counts were successful! Luckily, the weather cooperated on December 18th for the West Bath-to-Boothbay trek. We observed 79 species on the this count. Highlights included: Winter and Carolina Wrens, Savannah Sparrow, Iceland Gull, Common Grackle, Dovekie, Pintail, Peregrine Falcons, and Ruffed Grouse. Such good luck weather did not follow us on the Brunswick-to-Freeport trip January 2nd. It was a cool, rainy day. We didn't see a lot of unusual species, but we noted a Mockingbird and Purple Sandpipers. The best view of the day was a Bald Eagle sitting just 15 feet above our heads as we looked out on the bay. We didn't notice him until we were leaving, but he didn't seem to mind our presence.



MMA CBCers and guests searching for the "countable species" and tallying their

Every CBC is different—weather conditions, folks attending, species counted. These events are still important to the birding world, and a wonderful source of fun and excitement! You never know what surprises are in store for



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FRONT PAGE: THE STELLER'S SEA EAGLE: WESTON BARKER; **PAGE 2:** THE ATLANTIC PUFFIN, CICADA, HERRING GULL, RED SQUIRREL, LONG-TAILED DUCK, NORTHERN PARULA, AND SMOOTH GREENSNAKE: WESTON BARKER; **PAGE 3:** SNOWY OWL, LEAST FLYCATCHER, BAIRD SANDPIPER, BOBOLINK: DONNA SALKO; CLAY-COLORED SPARROW, RED-BREADED Merganser: JOHN BERRY; HUMMINGBIRD, MERLIN, DUNLIN: JAY STORMER; **PAGE 4:** JEFF WELLS: UNKNOWN; BOREAL FOREST: JEFF WELLS; GOLDEN PLOVERS: MICHAEL BOARDMAN; **PAGE 6:** BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER: JOHN BERRY; SANDERLINGS, SEMIPALMATED PLOVER: DONNA SALKO.

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the intrepid birders. Hopefully by next winter COVID and OMICRON will have waned, good weather will bless both trips, and species sightings will be plentiful! See you next time! Happy birding!

George Sergeant

Experiences of a lifetime for MMA scholarship campers

Weston Barker—Hog Island Teen Camp



Atlantic Puffin by Eastern Egg Rock



Emerging Cicada on Hog Island



Herring Gull on Monhegan



Fred the Red Squirrel at Hog Island

Weston Barker, recipient of an MMA summer-camp scholarship took these photographs during his two-week teen camp at Hog Island. Thanks to many generous donors, young people like Weston can enjoy similar opportunities to explore their passion for nature, environmental sustainability, and



Long-tailed Duck on Hog Island



Northern Parula on Hog Island



Smooth Greensnake on Monhegan

My second year at Hog Island was quite different from what I anticipated! I'd registered for the 2020 program, but COVID-19 caused all camp programs to be cancelled.

Merrymeeting Audubon graciously extended my scholarship for the 2021 camp, in hopes that the pandemic might be over. Despite the enormous difficulty of figuring out how to keep everyone safe, Audubon re-opened the camps in 2021 and I returned in July to the familiar sights, sounds, and faces of Hog Island in Bremen, Maine.

Complying with pandemic protocols, the camp staff implemented some changes. They merged the two teen birding camps into one. The protocols also precluded the usual van trips and shared living quarters (despite the large number of campers, there was ample housing with a bedroom for each individual).

We spent most of our time participating in hikes, lectures, and on-site activities guided by the

camp leaders. Last, but not least, the amazing kitchen staff kept us well-fed, three meals a day.

The COVID protocols preempted our on-site visit to the famous Eastern Egg Rock this year, but we still made a boat trip out to Monhegan Island.

On Monhegan, we walked through the village, trails, and woods in search of birds, and documented breeding behaviors for the Maine Bird Atlas. From atop the rugged cliffs, facing the expansive Gulf of Maine, we observed a distant flock of Great Shearwaters on the water, and a Minke Whale surfaced several times. On returning to Hog Island, we had close-up views of a single Great Shearwater, and a pair of Northern Gannets flying by.

The most plentiful species in transit from island to island, were the Wilson's Storm-petrels. Dozens of them emerged from the thick fog and flew low over the water, some of them trailing the boat. These tiny seabirds

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Theodore Forcier—Tanglewood Leadership Camp

Nostalgia has a certain smell. Any place with strong memories or stories develops a unique scent, one that can only be experienced again through return. Tanglewood has this scent for me— a mix of trees, fire, food, and most of all, community.

My arrival at *Tanglewood for Leadership 1* camp, started with us gathered in a circle around a campfire. Each time new campers arrived, we would greet them, stating our name, preferred pronouns, and a random icebreaker fact. Once everyone was present, we set up tents, unpacked, discussed routines, responsibilities, and upcoming adventures.

Despite the foreboding weather outlook, our trips were outstanding! From climbing Mount Batty to flipping canoes, we had a blast working together, making the most of our time. Halfway into our session, we camped at Fire Island, a beautiful beach escape. Every adventure put us in touch with nature, strengthened our resolve to take care of our world, and reinforced our bond as a group.

On our second to last full day, we were challenged by the counselors to spend 7 hours in the woods, with no human contact. I finished two books, filled an entire SD Card with vlogs, contemplated the meaning of existence (easy), and then contemplated myself (hard).

Our two weeks ended with bittersweet goodbyes, hugs and handshakes, not to mention a few tears. Though I felt a little melancholy about the departure, I was equally excited to finish the summer off and head into high school, ready to be a steward for nature, and equality.

Thanks to my Merrymeeting Audubon's camp scholarship, I enjoyed the chance to experience those amazing two weeks. The scholarship taught me so much about the importance of conservation, environmental impact, and teamwork. I intend to pay forward my gratitude by sharing my enthusiasm, and proving myself a leader among my peers. Tanglewood is such a special place that I hold close to my heart, and I look forward to returning each year.

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migrate to Maine from the southern hemisphere, where the seasons are reversed from our seasons here. They probably departed their southern breeding grounds after nesting, and came north to enjoy our summer.

Back on Hog Island, we kept busy with daily bird challenges, made the short hop to the mainland for a bird-banding demonstration, and some short hikes to search for breeding birds. By chance, we even met the legendary Dr. Steve Kress, founder of the monumental *Project Puffin* that restored Maine's population of Atlantic Puffins and other seabirds on Eastern Egg Rock and elsewhere.

One of the best parts of Hog Island camp is interacting with other young birders (in my age group) from all over the country, some with years of birding experience, and others who are just beginning.

Thanks to scholarships from MMA, I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years at Hog Island. My experience has been amazing each time! I hope to keep returning to Hog Island for as long as I can, or perhaps attend the National Audubon's Costa Rica teen week!

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Our heartfelt gratitude to you for sponsoring children and teachers through the Chuck Huntington Camp Scholarship program in 2020 and 2021. Your generosity made possible summer camp adventures that changed many lives, enhancing the joys of learning in and about the natural world in these pandemic years. Many friends of Carol Jack, our avid birding friend and former board member of many years, also made donations to the scholarship fund in her memory. We would also like to recognize Jay Stormer, a present board member, who has kindly donated funds from the sales of his beautiful woodcut prints.



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Annual Meeting

Monday, April 25th 7:00 p.m.

Curtis Memorial Library
Brunswick, ME

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as per Brunswick ordinance


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because its red, white, and blue colors reflect the
Cuban flag.



CUBA

Guest Speaker: Derek Lovitch

"Birding Cuba: From Che's Cave to Zapata's Swamp"



Upcoming Field Trips and Nature Programs

(See the full trip descriptions inside)

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 26

Monday, February 28

Work at Hamilton Sanctuary

[Board Meeting & Public Program](#)

MARCH

Saturday, March 5

Saturday, March 26

Monday, March 28

Salisbury Beach & Plum Island

Reid State Park

[Board Meeting & Public Program](#)

APRIL

Sunday, April 24

Monday, April 25

Saturday, April 30

Green Point Farm WMA

[Annual Meeting & Public Program](#)

Work at Hamilton Sanctuary

MAY

Sunday, May 1

Sunday, May 8

Sunday, May 15

Sunday, May 22

Sunday, May 29

Capt. William Fitzgerald Recreation & Conservation Area

Androscoggin River Trail

Green Point Farm WMA

Kate Furbish Preserve

Shorebird Sunday

JUNE

Sunday, June 5

Saturday, June 25

Capt. William Fitzgerald Recreation & Conservation Area

Work at Hamilton Sanctuary

JULY

Sunday, July 31

Shorebird Sunday

AUGUST

Sunday, August 14

Sunday, August 28

Shorebird Sunday

Shorebird Sunday

Can you identify these birds if you see them on a field





Field Trips & Nature Programs 2022

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Please Take Note:

If inclement weather (rain/snow/ice/strong winds/extreme temperatures) is predicted, the Field Trip might be cancelled. Please check our website (<https://merrymeeting.maineaudubon.org>) or call the Trip Leader before venturing out.

Possible COVID Restrictions:

For all upcoming field trips, Maine and/or federal CDC outdoor guidelines then in effect will be followed. However, if you have any symptoms of illness, please stay home.

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26,
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Work Morning at Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath

As conditions allow, we will be pruning apple trees, removing invasive plants and doing trail maintenance. Directions: Take the New Meadows exit off US Route 1 in West Bath. Turn left onto New Meadows Road and go straight ahead to the traffic signal at Bath Road. Proceed across Bath Road onto Foster's Point Road and follow it nearly to the end. You will see the Sanctuary sign and a parking area on the right. If you plan to participate, please contact the Sanctuary manager, **Glenn Evans**, at 443-9652 prior to the day, for planning purposes.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28,

Board Meeting: 5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Location: Curtis Memorial Library, Morrell Room, Brunswick.

Public Program: 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. *

* please note this program will be offered in ZOOM. This is the link you want to click to register: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_6ICulJRCTyeS1Rv_R4yilQ.

Program: Jeff Wells, The Biggest Bird Conservation Story You've Never Heard - the Boreal Forest of North America



One of the world's last, large intact forest regions is the Boreal Forest of North America, stretching from Alaska east to Newfoundland. Supporting between one and three billion birds, the Boreal Forest is aptly named North America's "Bird Nursery". Few people know that some of the world's largest land conservation actions, to protect birds and their habitats, are underway in the Boreal. Led by Indigenous governments and communities, they are forging new, exciting partnership and stewardship models. Much of the migratory and winter bird life of Maine comes from the Boreal Forest. National Audubon's Boreal Conservation program is working to conserve the Boreal Forest through some innovative, collaborative models with Indigenous peoples, and through modern research with partners like the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Jeffrey V. Wells, Ph.D., is the Vice-president of Boreal Conservation for the National Audubon Society. His career can only be described as prolific and prestigious. In 1998, Jeff published "Important Bird Areas in New York State", a highly acclaimed handbook to determine the highest-priority bird conservation areas, for use by state and federal agencies, land trusts, and others.

Jeff spent the subsequent decades accruing extensive experiences with Audubon, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (where he continues as an

Associate of the Lab), the International Boreal Conservation Campaign and Boreal Song Initiative. He is an active birder, and for 12 years was a member of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Sapsuckers birding team, which won the prestigious World Series of Birding in 2001 and 2002. His birding expertise comprises much of North America (Northwest Territories to Mexico), the Lesser Antilles, Aruba, Bonaire, and Curaçao. He and his wife, Allison Childs Wells, have created the websites www.arubabirds.com and www.bonairebirds.com, additionally co-authoring several, significant books on birds and conservation issues.



MARCH

SATURDAY, MARCH 5,
7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (APPROXIMATE)

Field Trip: Salisbury Beach and Plum Island

Join the search for late winter birds on this all-day outing to coastal New Hampshire and Massachusetts. First stop is Salisbury Beach State Park, where we will look for ducks, loons, grebes, and Short-eared Owls. Then on to Newburyport and Plum Island to see Iceland and Glaucous Gulls, Snowy Owls, Snow Buntings, and more waterfowl. Dress warmly and bring lunch. The number of vehicles is limited on this trip. Morning meeting location to be decided. Please call **John Berry** at 632-7257 to reserve your spot.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26,
9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

**Field Trip: Reid State Park,
Georgetown**

Reid State Park is a magnificent site in late winter/early spring. We'll search for all manner of coastal waterbirds, including scoters, grebes and loons, as well as Sanderlings and Purple Sandpipers.

◆ Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Park's main parking lot overlooking The Lagoon.
FMI John Berry 632-7257.

MONDAY, MARCH 28,

Board Meeting: 5:30 P.M.- 6:30 P.M.
Public Program: 7:00 P.M.- 8:00P.M.

*Location: Curtis Memorial Library,
Morrell Room, Brunswick.*

**Program: Michael Boardman,
"Drawing the Arctic"**



In spring of 2019 North Yarmouth wildlife artist Michael Boardman was selected to be the artist in residence for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He was flown to the coastal plain of the refuge in June to spend 2 weeks at the Canning River Bird Camp, helping the ornithologists there study all the migrating birds breeding on the tundra. Michael will share his unique experience in an extreme environment, with plenty of artwork and sketches and stories. He'll also talk about where these arctic breeders migrate from, and how the movements of these birds connect Maine to Arctic Refuge.

APRIL

SUNDAY, APRIL 24,
7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**Field Trip: Green Point Farm WMA,
Dresden**

Expect a wide variety of early spring migrants in the woodlands, fields, and wild rice flats of this diverse State Wildlife Management Area. We'll walk easy paths, farm roads and open fields (up to 2 miles).

◆ Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Green Point Farm by the green shed off Route 128. **FMI** Gordon Smith 449-8206.

MONDAY, APRIL 25,

Annual Meeting: 5:30 P.M.- 6:30 P.M.

Public Program: 7:00 P.M.- 8:00P.M.

*Location: Curtis Memorial Library,
Morrell Room, Brunswick.*

**Program: Derek Lovitch, "Birding
Cuba: From Che's Cave to Zapata
Swamp"**

Just before the pandemic shut down travel in 2020, Derek and Jeannette travelled to Cuba on a birding trip and will share photos and stories from the trip.

Derek Lovitch has made a career out of his lifelong passion for birds. He and his wife, Jeannette, own and operate Freeport Wild Bird Supply, a retail store that caters to birders of all levels. The store serves as a vehicle for Derek to continue sharing his enthusiasm for birding, birds, and bird conservation.

Derek and Jeannette founded the Bradbury Mountain Raptor Research Project. They are active with many birding and conservation issues in Maine. Yet, he still finds to time to bird just about every day—whether as a Senior Leader for WINGS, guiding for private clients, or simply working on his local patch list. Hardly a day goes by when he isn't in the field.

Derek's first book, *"How To Be a Better Birder"*, was published in March 2012 by the Princeton University Press. His second book, *"Birdwatching in Maine"*, has just been published (May 2017) by the University Press of New England. He was also the "Tools of the Trade" Department Editor for *"Birding"* magazine for 6 years, and his writing has also appeared in *Birder's World*, *Bird Observer*, *Bird Watcher's Digest*, *NJ Audubon*, and *Winging It*.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30,
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Work Morning at Hamilton

Sanctuary, West Bath

As conditions allow, we will be removing invasive plants and doing trail maintenance. Directions: Take the New Meadows exit off US Route 1 in West Bath. Turn left onto New Meadows Road and go straight ahead to the traffic signal at Bath Road. Proceed across Bath Road onto Foster's Point Road and follow it nearly to the end. You will see the Sanctuary sign and a parking area on the right. If you plan to participate, please contact the Sanctuary manager, **Glenn Evans**, at 443-9652 prior to the day, for planning purposes.

MAY

SUNDAY, MAY 1,
7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**Field Trip: Capt. William Fitzgerald
Recreation and Conservation Area /
Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park,
Brunswick**

We'll explore these two Town-owned properties for early spring migrants. The "Fitzgerald Preserve" is one of the few sandplain grasslands remaining in Maine. We'll walk easy sandy paths (up to 2 miles) exploring this unusual natural area. Following, we'll visit the nearby Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park on the Androscoggin River.

◆ Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the iron gate at the end of Lindbergh Crossing Road (off Old Bath Road), 1.3 miles northeast of the Bath Road/Old Bath Road intersection. **FMI** Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, MAY 8,
7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**Field Trip: Androscoggin River Trail,
Lisbon**

We'll walk an easy paved path (up to 3 miles) along the river to observe spring migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Sabattus River boat launch parking lot off Route 196 at Frost Hill Avenue. **FMI** Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, MAY 15,
7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**Field Trip: Green Point Farm WMA,
Dresden**

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and wild rice flats of this diverse State Wildlife Management Area. We'll walk easy paths, farm roads and open fields (up to 2 miles). Meet at 7:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 22,
7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Kate Furbish Preserve (West), Brunswick

We'll search for spring land migrants, as well as waterbirds in Harpswell Cove. Expect to walk easy paths on former Navy security roads (up to 2.5 miles).

◆ Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the trailhead off Merriconeag Road in Brunswick Landing across from the golf course clubhouse. Parking is expected to be available in a new parking lot (to be paved in early spring) off Merriconeag Road opposite the trailhead entrance. **FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.**

SUNDAY, MAY 29,
7:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Field Trip: Shorebird Sunday - Wharton Point, Brunswick



Black-bellied Plover

Join us for our inaugural "Shorebird Sunday" as we search for shorebirds and late spring land migrants at Wharton Point (Maquoit Bay) in Brunswick. We will be observing (a scope is very helpful) the shorebirds foraging on the mudflat as the incoming tide forces them closer to shore.

◆ Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Wharton Point (head of Maquoit Bay) at the intersection of Maquoit Road and Woodside Road. **FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.**

JUNE

SUNDAY, JUNE 5,
7:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Field Trip: Capt. William Fitzgerald Recreation and Conservation Area / Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park, Brunswick

We'll explore these two Town-owned properties for breeding birds. The "Fitzgerald Preserve" is one of the few sandplain grasslands remaining in Maine. We'll walk easy sandy paths (up to 2 miles) exploring this unusual natural area. Following, we'll visit the nearby Bay Bridge Landing Wetland Park on the Androscoggin River.

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

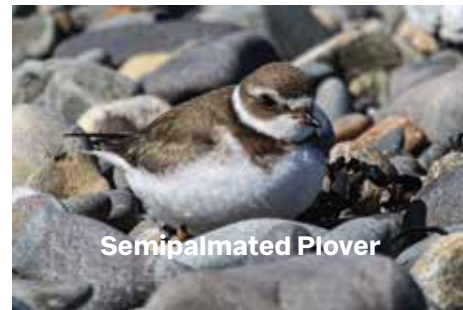
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JULY

SUNDAY, JULY 31,
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Field Trip: Shorebird Sunday - Wharton Point, Brunswick



Semipalmated Plover

Join us for "Shorebird Sunday" as we search for shorebirds at Wharton Point

(Maquoit Bay) in Brunswick. We will be observing (a scope is very helpful) the shorebirds foraging on the mudflat as the incoming tide forces them closer to shore. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Wharton Point (head of Maquoit Bay) at the intersection of Maquoit Road and Woodside Road. **FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.**

AUGUST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14,
9:15 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.

Field Trip: Shorebird Sunday - Wharton Point, Brunswick



Sanderlings

Join us for "Shorebird Sunday" as we search for shorebirds at Wharton Point (Maquoit Bay) in Brunswick. We will be observing (a scope is very helpful) the shorebirds foraging on the mudflat as the incoming tide forces them closer to shore. Meet at 9:15 a.m. at Wharton Point (head of Maquoit Bay) at the intersection of Maquoit Road and Woodside Road. **FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28,
8:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

Field Trip: Shorebird Sunday - Wharton Point, Brunswick

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