

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Curtis Farm Preserve/Mitchell Field, South Harpswell

We will explore Curtis Farm Preserve for fall land migrants, as well as shorebirds in Basin and Curtis coves. Expect to walk on easy trails. Following, at Mitchell Field we will walk a gravel woods path and view Middle Bay. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Curtis Farm Preserve lower parking lot off Basin Point Road. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge (southern coastal Maine)

The Rachel Carson Refuge was established to protect estuarine and salt marsh habitat in southern coastal Maine for migrating birds. We will search for fall migrants at several Refuge Divisions: Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Rachel Carson Administrative Headquarters parking area, 321 Port Road in Wells. After walking the Carson Trail, we will drive to several locations. There will be some walking on level ground. Directions: Take I-95 to Exit 19 (Wells). From Exit 19, turn left onto Route 9/109. At the stop light, turn left onto Post Road (Route 1 North). Just past the Maine Diner, turn right onto Port Road (Route 9) and follow for approximately 3/4 mile. Turn right into the refuge entrance. FMI Glenn Evans 443-9652.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Androscoggin River Trail, Lisbon

We will walk an easy paved path (up to 3 miles) along the river to observe fall migrants. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Sabattus River boat launch parking lot off Rt. 196 at Frost Hill Avenue. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Brunswick Landing Perimeter Trail, Pine Street Entrance

We will be on the lookout for fall woodland and grassland migrants. Also, we'll be searching the skies for southbound raptors. We'll walk paved/gravel roads and easy paths (up to 3 miles). Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Brunswick Landing Perimeter Trail, Pine Street entrance. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Green Point Farm WMA, Dresden

We will search for fall migrants in the woodlands, fields and wild rice flats of this diverse State Wildlife Management Area. We will walk paths, farm roads and open fields (about 2 miles). The grassy fields may be wet/dew-covered. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Green Point Farm by the green shed off Rt. 128. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

OCTOBER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 8:00 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 fall migrants. The "Fitzgerald Preserve" is one of the few sand-plain 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 8:00 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, OCTOBER 8, DAWN TO DUSK

Field Trip: The Big Sit!, Wharton Point (Maquoit Landing), Brunswick

Join Merrymeeting Audubon for this fun event. We will be staking out a 17 foot diameter circle, and from within the circle we will attempt to observe/hear all birds in the surrounding area. Observation/listening will begin at dawn and continue until dusk. Anyone is welcome to join The Big Sit! at any time during the day and stay as long as desired. Meet at Wharton Point (head of Maquoit Bay) at the intersection of Maquoit and Woodside roads. FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206. **Please note: If the predicted weather for October 8 is not favorable, this event will take place the previous day, on Saturday, October 7. Please check our website for updates.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 9:00 AM. - 12:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Work Morning at Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath

As conditions allow, we will be pruning, 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

Field Trip: Androscoggin Riverwalk, Topsham

Join us as we walk an easy paved path along the Androscoggin River. We will be looking for fall migrants along the river and surrounding woodland. Our walking route (up to 2 miles) will take us from the Black Bridge and Swinging Bridge, past overlooks of the hydroelectric dam and Fort Andross, to the Bowdoin Mill and overlooks of the lower Androscoggin River. Meet at the parking lot at the entrance to the Swinging Bridge off Bridge Street in Topsham. If this space is full, there are alternative small parking areas, one on the Brunswick side of the Swinging Bridge (off Mill Street) and the other in Topsham off Summer Street (overlooking the hydroelectric dam). FMI Gordon Smith 449-8206.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Hermit Island, Phippsburg

Join co-leaders John Berry and Gordon Smith as we explore this birding mecca, where the current count is at 236 species. We will be walking (up to 3 miles) in a variety of habitats, from sandy beaches to rocky headlands to woodland paths. Directions: From Bath, take Rt.209 (High Street) south into Phippsburg. Continue south on Rt.209 (also known as Main Road) until the Rt.209/Rt.216 intersection. Continue south on Rt.216 (Small Point Road) for approximately 3 miles. Turn right onto Head Beach Road at the Hermit Island sign. Proceed for approximately ¼ mile to the Hermit Island parking lot (on the other side of the fence). Please do not park along Head Beach. FMI John Berry 632-7257 or Gordon Smith 449-8206.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23,

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.

Guest Speaker: Nick Lund, *Bird Safe Windows and Legislative Updates.*

Nick is Maine Audubon's Advocacy and Outreach Manager, a co-founder of the BirdSafe Maine project, and author of books including the *"American Birding Association's Field Guide to the Birds of Maine"*.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29, 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Field Trip: Waterfowl at Sabattus Pond, Sabattus

John Berry will lead this trip to Sabattus Pond. In the Fall, this pond hosts concentrations of migrating waterfowl, including hundreds of Ruddy Ducks, as well as scaup and mergansers. Meet at Martin's Point Park in Sabattus. From the intersection of Rt.9 and Rt.126, take High Street north approximately .4 mile to Elm Street. Turn right on Elm Street and proceed .2 mile to Lake Street. Turn right on Lake Street and proceed to the Park at the end of the street. FMI John Berry 632-7257.

DECEMBER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

Field Trip: Waterfowl Walk, Giant Stairs, Bailey Island

Join John Berry for a look at the winter waterfowl of eastern Casco Bay from one of Harpswell's most scenic locations. Directions: From Harpswell Islands Road (Rt.24), turn left onto Washington Avenue. Proceed approximately .1 mile to a small parking area for 4 or 5 cars at All Saints by-the-Sea Chapel. If this lot is full, proceed down Washington Avenue to additional parking at Harpswell Heritage Land Trust's McIntosh Lot Preserve. FMI John Berry 632-7257.