



New Jersey Young Birders Club

2016 Fall Field trip schedule



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To register for upcoming trips or join the club (it's free!) go online to njudubon.org/njyoungbirders or contact Sam Wilson at sam.wilson@njudubon.org.

September 24
Glenhurst Meadows
9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Leaders: Carole Hughes and Kelly Wenzel
Glenhurst Meadows is the best location in Somerset County for fall landbirds, including woodpeckers, thrushes, vireos, warblers, and sparrows. Be prepared for possibly wet walking and/or muddy trails.

October 9
Sandy Hook 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Leaders: Scott Barnes and Linda Mack
October is the peak time at The Hook for short-distance migrants, including falcons, woodpeckers, thrushes, and sparrows. Some late-season warblers should be in evidence as well. Sandy Hook is known for vagrants and rarities, so one never knows exactly what to expect...come and find out!



September 17 & 18

Cape May-gration Special Event

Fall Migrants Workshop 1st walk at 4:00p.m. Saturday
with Michael O'Brien and Richard Crossley

This workshop is meant for young birders that want to take their bird identification to the next level. Tough shorebird identification, tricky fall warblers in flight, and nocturnal flight calls challenge even the experts and this weekend workshop will be about learning how to develop these field skills. A better name for this might be the 'Cape May September Sampler' where we are at peak diversity for songbirds (and sometimes incredible numbers!), still seeing late migrating and juvenile shorebirds, getting into the swing of hawk migration, and much more. Have a notebook ready because this workshop will be led by the experts; birders, authors, and tour leaders, Richard Crossley and Michael O'Brien. This is not a birding weekend you want to miss!

Program is free but lodging is not provided. Pre-registration is required. Contact Sam Wilson at 609-898-8848 or sam.wilson@njudubon.org for more info or to register

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November 19
Island Beach State Park 9:00am-1:00pm

Leaders: Scott Barnes and Linda Mack

The waters off Island Beach can be teeming with scoters, loons, and gannets at this time of year, plus the scrub-shrub habitats and bayside waters attract bay ducks, raptors, and sparrows at this scenic park. This is also a great time of year to be on the lookout for western and southern vagrants.



December 4
Brigantine 1:00pm-4:30pm

Leaders: Sam Wilson and Margeaux Maerz

Brigantine can be productive at any time of year but winter offers the chance for skeins of geese, tundra swans, and an abundance of waterfowl. If we have time we will head over to Mott's Creek to look for Harriers, Rough-legged Hawks and Short-eared Owls.

October 22
Cape May-gration Part II 8:30a.m.-3:00p.m.

*Fall Migrants at peak season
with Scott Barnes and Sam Wilson*

There is no better place to see fall migration than Cape May. This is a special youth birding event for birders 11 years and older. This all day program will be led by Sam Wilson and Scott Barnes of New Jersey Audubon and is free thanks to sponsorship by Zeiss Sports Optics. Pre-registration is required to attend. After registration you will receive more information on meeting location and what to bring. This is a drop off program but parents may meet up with us in the afternoon for a visit to convention hall to see Autumn Weekend exhibitors.