

Putnam Highlands Audubon Society Bird Walks & Field Trips

PHAS continues its resolution to provide a more regular schedule of programs, including bird walks, educational programs, field trips, and guest lectures. These programs are intended to appeal to a wide range of interests and ability levels. A monthly event that we hope will interest birders of all ability levels and those interested in the greater conservation mission of Audubon is a monthly walk at Constitution Marsh Audubon Marsh and Sanctuary in Garrison.

Sunday, March 7 – 8:00 am – Piermont Pier, Piermont (sponsored by Rockland Audubon Society)

First Sunday Walk at Piermont Pier

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

Saturday, March 13 – 9:00 am – Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary

Monthly Bird Walk at Constitution Marsh

Meet at the Constitution Marsh nature center for a birding walk at the center followed by a walk out to the boardwalk. The walk to the boardwalk includes a moderately difficult hike up and over a short rocky ridge. Leader: TBD

Sunday, March 14 – 12:00 am – Taconic Outdoor Education Center, Fahnestock State Park

Birding for Late Winter Visitors and Early Spring Migrants

We will meet at the parking lot of the Taconic Outdoor Education Center (TOEC) and walk the trails down to the duck pond in search of late winter visitors and early spring migrants. Bring binoculars. This event is planned to coincide with the TOEC's Maple Sunday Pancake Breakfast and Sap-to-Syrup program happening from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Leader: TBD

Saturday, March 27 – 10:00 am – Galeview Airport and Shawangunk (pronounced "SHON-gum" by many locals) Grasslands

Birding the Shawangunk Grasslands National Wildlife Refuge

Meet at the visitor parking lot at Shawangunk NWR. For driving directions see <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/shawangunk/directions.htm>. We hope to see wintering grassland birds (snow bunting and horned lark), late wintering raptors (Northern Harrier), and other interesting birds to include a potential for short-eared owls. For more information see

the Shawangunk NWR website at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/shawangunk/index.htm>.

Leader: Pete Charbonneau

Saturday, April 10 – 09:00 am – Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary

Monthly Bird Walk at Constitution Marsh

Meet at the Constitution Marsh nature center for a birding walk at the center followed by a walk out to the boardwalk. The walk to the boardwalk includes a moderately difficult hike up and over a short rocky ridge. Leader: Pete Charbonneau

Saturday, April 17 – 10:00 am – Lake Mahopac and Croton Falls Reservoir

Birding for Ducks and Early Warblers

Details TBD on PHAS website: <http://www.putnamhighlandsaudubon.org>

Saturday, May 1 – 2:00 pm – Doodletown, Bear Mountain State Park

Birding Doodletown

We will meet at the trailhead to Doodletown (just south of Bear Mountain State Park along route 9W) at 2 pm. Park along route 9W just north of the driveway to Iona Island. Leader: Pete Charbonneau

Saturday, May 8 – all day – PHAS Birdathon

More information coming soon – check the PHAS website at <http://www.putnamhighlandsaudubon.org/> for information on how to participate and/or make a pledge.

Saturday, May 15 – 9:00 am – Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary

Monthly Bird Walk at Constitution Marsh

Meet at the Constitution Marsh nature center for a birding walk at the center followed by a walk out to the boardwalk. The walk to the boardwalk includes a moderately difficult hike up and over a short rocky ridge. Leader: Pete Charbonneau

Other events sponsored by PHAS and neighboring Audubon chapters:

Putnam Highland Audubon Society: <http://www.putnamhighlandsaudubon.org/>

Bedford Audubon Society: <http://www.bedfordaudubon.org/events.html>

Rockland Audubon Society: <http://www.rocklandaudubon.org/>

Saw Mill River Audubon Society: <http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/>

Orange County Audubon Society: <http://www.orangecountynyaudubon.com/trips.asp>

Dutchess County Ralph T. Waterman Bird Club: <http://www.watermanbirdclub.org/>