



Rochester Birding Association

2019 Field Trips

(As of September 2, 2019)

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- JAN 1**
Tuesday
IRONDEQUOIT BAY OUTLET and DURAND EASTMAN PARK – YEAR LIST JUMP-START
Get started on your 2019 list! We'll look for winter waterfowl at the Outlet then move to Durand Eastman Park where we will stroll Log Cabin Road and Zoo Road looking for finches, waxwings, and resident birds. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in one of the several convenient parking lots on the west side of the outlet at the north end of Irondequoit Bay (end of Culver Road) or at **8:45 a.m.** at the Lake Shore Boulevard parking area between Log Cabin Road and Zoo Road (Parking Lot D) **Dress warmly!**
Leaders: *Norma Platt and John Boettcher 585-671-9639*
- JAN 5**
Saturday
***BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP* -- IRONDEQUOIT BAY, LAKESHORE, GENESEE RIVER OUTLET**
In open areas of water, we'll look for some of the spectacular waterfowl that visit each winter, and with luck even see a few rarities! The spots we visit feature good, close looks with very little walking. Dress warmly as we may be standing outside for some time. Wear boots with good traction. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in one of the several convenient parking lots on the west side of the outlet at the north end of Irondequoit Bay (end of Culver Road). **Bring your spotting scope if you have one, or share ours in turns.**
Leaders: *Tom Nash & Sheryl Gracewski 585-261-6975 and co-leader John Boettcher 585-671-9639*
- JAN 13**
Sunday
LAKESHORE PLAINS WEST
A driving tour of the farm fields and open lands to the west of Rochester, this trip will search for Snow Buntings, Lapland Longspurs, Northern Shrikes, and hawks in the plains and country roads of western Monroe and Orleans counties. If the weather cooperates, we may venture as far as Golden Hill State Park for a look at the lake and a short walk. Dress warmly in layers; bring a snack and a thermos filled with cocoa. We will drive along backcountry roads for a few hours, stopping where we see bird activity. Barring the possible walk at Golden Hill, this trip should be handicapped-accessible. Meet at Braddock Bay State Park parking lot opposite the pavilion on East Manitou Rd. in Greece at **9:00 a.m.** **Extra FRS radios and scopes would be very helpful.**
Leader: *Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and co-leader Robert Buckert*
- JANUARY 12 – 20 (with January 13 as the target date)** is the time for the **NEW YORK STATE WATERFOWL COUNT** organized by the New York State Ornithological Association, Inc. *Bob Spahn (585-671-5690)* coordinates several local teams and would be pleased if other birders would join up.
- JAN 19**
Saturday
***BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP* -- MENDON PONDS PARK SONGBIRD TRAIL**
This trip will be a leisurely winter walk featuring some very close looks at our winter passerines! Bring some sunflower seeds and your camera! Meet at the Visitor's Center on Pond Road near Clover Street at **9:30 a.m.**
Leaders: *Janet Miles 585-787-0507 and co-leaders John Boettcher 585-671-9639*
- JAN 26**
Saturday
AVON AND LIMA RURAL TOUR
We'll search the Nations Road area, looking for Northern Shrikes, hawks, Snow Buntings, and other birds of the fields and farmland in winter. We'll be mostly driving, with frequent stops. – Carpooling would be appreciated! Meet at Tops Plaza in Avon – on Routes 5 and 20, two miles west of I-390 -- at **3:00 p.m.** **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leaders: *Jim Kimball 585-243-0316 and Rick Stevens 585-689-1882*



- FEB 10**
Sunday
NEW! WINTER WATERFOWL AND OTHER POSSIBILITIES
We will meet at Irondequoit Bay Outlet at **8:30 a.m.** to look for Long-tailed Ducks, mergansers, scaup and others that may be present. We will then drive over to Summerville and Charlotte to see what is in the river. If crossbills and redpolls are being seen, we may stop at Durand Eastman Park on the way. Dress for the weather. **Spotting scopes would be very helpful.**
Leader: Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and co-leader Robert Buckert
- MAR 3**
Sunday
BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP -- CHARLOTTE, BRADDOCK BAY, LAKESHORE FIELDS
Warmer weather is on its way and with it, bird activity picks up. We'll check water for ducks, fields for inland birds, and watch the skies for raptors as well. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** at Ontario Beach Park in Charlotte in the northeast corner of the parking lot beside the Genesee River outlet. **Extra spotting scopes would be very helpful.**
Leader: John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leader Cindy Marino 585-454-8051
- MAR 9**
Saturday
HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK
We will gather at Braddock Bay Park and drive to Hamlin Beach State Park where we will be looking for migrating waterfowl as we work our way back east. We will stop at Owl Woods in search of migrating owls. We will end at the Braddock Bay Hawk Watch in hopes of spotting Rough-legged and Red-shouldered Hawks and Bald Eagles. Dress warmly as the lakeshore can be cold this time of year. Meet at **9:00 a.m.** at Braddock Bay Park main parking lot off E. Manitou Road from the Ontario State Parkway.
Leader: Mike Tetlow 585-425-7849 and co-leader Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422
- MAR 16**
Saturday
LAKE SHORE MARSHES EAST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
This extensive driving tour of the large natural area to our northeast always turns up some great birds! We'll look for unusual ducks, late winter birds, and interesting migrants like Fox Sparrows. Bring a snack to munch on to keep your energy up, and dress for the weather! Meet in Webster Plaza at the junction of Route 404 and Hard Road near Starbucks at **7:30 a.m.** **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leader: Kinsley Whittum 585-872-7334 and co-leader Christina Hoh 973-224-7009
- MAR 24**
Sunday
BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP -- OWL WOODS AND HAWK WATCH SITE
We'll look primarily for our smallest visiting owl, the Northern Saw-whet, which returns to this spot on a yearly basis. Long-eared Owls generally put in an appearance, too, although they're quite shy and great at hiding. After the owl walk, we'll head to the Hawk Watch site to learn how to identify raptors on the wing. At this time of year, we might witness spectacular flights of thousands of raptors! Meet in the parking lot on the right side of Manitou Beach Road across from the Owl Woods trail head at **7:30 a.m.** The Owl Woods trails may be wet and muddy in spots. **Boots are STRONGLY recommended – they're almost mandatory!**
Leader: John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leader Greg Lawrence 585-730-2553
- APRIL IS AN EXCELLENT MONTH TO OBSERVE THE HAWK FLIGHT**
Counters gather at the Hawk Watch platform at Braddock Bay Park (exit at East Manitou Road off the Ontario Parkway). Most of the birds are immature Red-tailed Hawks but Broad-winged Hawks, Ospreys, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Goshawks, Kestrels and Peregrine Falcons are also seen.
- APR 12**
Friday
OWL WOODS ("PEAR ORCHARD") WOODCOCK COURTSHIP FLIGHT
This will be an evening trip for woodcock courtship flight. If you've never seen this spectacle, prepare to be amazed: birds call noisily from the ground in grassy fields before spiraling rapidly up high, descending back down in a zigzagging noisy frenzy, only to start the cycle anew. An amazing sight! Meet in the parking lot on the right side of Manitou Beach Road just off the Lake Ontario State Parkway and across from the Owl Woods trail head at **7:00 p.m.** The Owl Woods Trails may be wet and muddy in spots. **Boots are STRONGLY recommended.** Bring a flashlight or head lamps.
Leader: Lucretia Grosshans 585-467-2474
- APR 20**
Saturday
HIGH ACRES NATURE AREA
Over 130 bird species have been observed at HANA including, more than 70 that nest in the diverse habitats found there. During this field trip we expect to see at least 40 species returning to nest or on their way to northern nesting grounds. Our approximately two mile walk will explore about 250 acres at HANA and include some wet spots requiring ankle-high waterproof shoes or boots. We will meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the parking lot on Perinton Parkway approximately 1/4 mile east of the Waste Management offices. The bridge just west of this parking lot has been closed, so plan your route accordingly. Extra spotting scopes would be very helpful.
Leader: Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802 and co-leaders Brian Rohrs and Gayle Lazoration 585-281-9534



- APR 24**
Wednesday
HIGHLAND PARK
We'll be looking for spring migrants and lovely flora. This walk would be gorgeous even without the birds, but it does have birds in abundance! Find out where people have spotted the rarities that do pop up in this urban treasure. Meet on Reservoir Avenue at the Conservatory at **8:00 a.m.** Dress for the weather.
Leader: *Janet Miles 585-787-0507 and co-leader Jeanne Verhulst 585-473-9229*
- APR 27**
Saturday
BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP - LAKESHORE WARBLER HOTSPOTS
The shoreline of Lake Ontario is a haven for migrating warblers and other passerines. We'll look for those early warblers, such as Palm and Yellow-rumped Warblers, to whet our appetites for the weeks to come. We will stop at several areas where these birds tend to congregate in spring. Learn the basics of identifying our most colorful migrants on this trip. We'll be looking for color patterns, song, and the distinctive behaviors to enhance identification skills with these fast-moving beauties. Several trails may be very muddy, so **boots are STRONGLY recommended!** Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the parking lot behind Lakeview Community Church, 30 Long Pond Rd. in Greece (near Edgemere Dr.).
Leader: *John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leaders and co-leader Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422*
- APR 28**
Sunday
BRADDOCK BAY HAWK LOOKOUT
This trip is for the spring hawk flight and migrating songbirds. This is a joint trip with the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Work to identify distant raptors and meet some great new people, too! Meet in the Braddock Bay Park parking lot near the pavilion off East Manitou Road at **9:30 a.m.** or later—coordinate with BOS if time changes.
Leader: *Mike Tetlow 585-425-7849 and Members of the BOS*
- MAY 1**
Wednesday
COBBS HILL PARK
With Spring in full swing, come to one of Rochester's best-kept birding secrets: Cobbs Hill Park's Washington Grove. Colorful warblers and other spring migrants arrive *en masse* at this urban oasis of tall stately trees. We will search for Yellow-rumped Warblers, Black-throated Blue, and Black-throated Green Warblers, Nashville, Black-and-white and Hooded Warblers among others. We will likely hear the flute-like Wood Thrush and see Hermit Thrushes searching the ground for food. Sparrows, orioles, and perhaps a Scarlet Tanager will make an appearance. Washington Grove is one of the best spring birding spots in the area. **Meet at 8:00 a.m.** opposite the reservoir in the grassy area between the road and the woods; use the Highland Avenue entrance, just east of Monroe Ave.
Leaders: *Tom and Jeanne Verhulst 585-473-9229 and co-leader Sue Robertson 585-427-2535*
- MAY 4**
Saturday
TAYLOR MARSH (Joint trip with the Bergen Swamp Preservation Society)
Taylor Marsh is a preserve owned by the Bergen Swamp Preservation Society and located in Ontario County north of Honeoye Lake. It is best known for marsh birds, including both local bittern and Virginia Rail. However, the star attraction is the 2-3 Sandhill Cranes that have been present in this area all year around for many years. They are occasionally heard at Taylor, although seldom seen. Taylor also has brush-shrub and wooded upland habitat with a good variety of spring migrants and breeding birds. An adjacent hay field is home to Bobolinks and meadowlarks. It has a checklist of well over 100 species, and we usually rack up 40-50 in just a couple of hours. From Rochester, take I-390 south to the Avon exit. Turn left onto Routes 5&20 and go east. In the town of Lima, turn right onto Route 15 A and follow it south. Turn left onto Richmond Mills Road (Livingston County Road 41) east. It becomes Ontario County Road 15. Follow County Road 15 past County Road 37 and turn right at the next stop sign onto Allen's Hill Road. (There is no road sign at the intersection.) Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the Taylor Marsh parking area on the west side of Allen's Hill Road just south of Nighan Hill Road.
Leaders: *Lynn Braband 585-436-9388 and Jay Greenberg 585-256-0485*
- MAY 5**
Sunday
FOUR MILE CREEK PRESERVE, WEBSTER
We will meet at **8:00 a.m.** in the preserve parking lot at the SE corner of Lake Rd. and Phillips Rd. in Webster. We will look for spring migrants along the hiking trails. The trails will most likely be muddy, so appropriate footwear is recommended.
Leaders: *Tom & Nancy Poeth 585-872-5344*
- MAY 7**
Tuesday
CAMP BEECHWOOD AND OLGA FLEISHER WILDLIFE PRESERVE
This park, which is on the shoreline of Lake Ontario in Wayne County, should attract warblers, vireos, thrushes and other migrants, and it also boasts a robust Bank Swallow colony. Bring beverages, snacks or lunch if you plan to attend the second part of this trip to the Olga Fleisher Preserve, a bottomland forest and wetland (known locally as Huckleberry Swamp) with an excellent boardwalk and trail. Meet at Webster Park, corner of Lake and Holt Roads at **7:00 a.m.** or at Forman Park in Pultneyville at **7:30 a.m.**
Leaders: *Tom and Nancy Poeth 585-872-5344*



- MAY 8**
Wednesday
ONTARIO PATHWAYS
We'll look for warblers and other spring migrants along this level, rails-to-trails pathway in Ontario County. This well-maintained trail is an established favorite for wildlife viewing and scenic views. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring some cash for a great brunch at the Blue Ribbon after we walk! At times, the weather can be fickle, but we've seen better warblers in the snow on this trip than many trips get on sunny days. Please join us! Meet in the Bushnell's Basin Park and Ride lot (off NY Route 96 just south of Exit #27 from I-490) at **7:00 a.m.** Carpool arrangements may be made before we commute to the trail area parking.
Leaders: *Lynn Bergmeyer 585-576-0422 and Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802*
- MAY 11**
Saturday
ISLAND COTTAGE WOODS, CHURCH WOODS, AND FIRE HOUSE WOODS—WARBLER HOTSPOTS
West Side hotspots are highlighted in this multi-stop trip for migrants of various kinds: from warblers to snipe, we'll show you where to look for spring birds on the west side. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** at the parking area at the intersection of Island Cottage Road and Edgemere Dr. (opposite Schaller's) Boots are **STRONGLY** recommended.
Leader: *Greg Lawrence 227-5837 and co-leader Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802*
- MAY 12**
Sunday
AMY'S POND AND WOODSMITH -- GENESEE LAND TRUST / RBA JOINT TRIP
This is a field trip to the private property of Janet Smith for spring migrants, early nesters and waterfowl. Two adjacent easements make up 187 acres that include two large ponds, mature woodland, and open fields all within 0.5 mi. of Lake Ontario. Past trips have yielded eagles, bitterns, herons, many warblers, Scarlet Tanagers, etc. We'll walk along uneven trails, so bring a walking stick if needed and prepare for a medium-long hike in an outstanding sanctuary open only by special arrangement -- many thanks to GLT! Meet at Webster Park on the West corner of Holt and Lake Roads at **7:00 a.m.** or at Amy's Pond at **7:30 a.m.** To get to Amy's Pond, take Route 104 east to County Line Road. Drive north until it ends at Lake Road. Turn right and travel approximately one mile to 484 Lake Road, Ontario, N.Y. and turn down the long gravel driveway (on the south side of Lake Road) until you reach the marked parking area.
Leaders: *Sheryl Gracewski and Tom Nash 585-261-6975 and co-leader Kevin Farrell 585-748-6919*
- MAY 16**
Thursday
TINKER NATURE PARK
Located in Henrietta, the 68 acre Tinker Nature Park features wide (handicap accessible) trails through a varied habitat of mature forest, swamp, marsh, and meadow. Join us as we search for migrating and nesting birds. Meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the main parking area (at the Tinker Homestead) at 1525 Calkins Road, Henrietta. Dress for the weather.
Leaders: *Tom and Nancy Poeth 585-872-5344*
- MAY 18**
Saturday
POWDER MILLS PARK AND BANC SANCTUARY (Joint trip with Burroughs Audubon Nature Club)
On the east side, Powder Mills Park is a mature woodland park that can be productive for many species of late migrating or nesting warblers and other songbirds. Blue-winged Warblers, Baltimore Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Scarlet Tanagers, Pileated Woodpeckers and Red-tailed Hawks have all nested there in the past couple years. The trip will continue with a visit to the BANC Sanctuary on Railroad Mills Road, where we'll walk the trails round the woodland, wetland and creek habitats. Nesting species there include Eastern Bluebirds, House Wrens, Eastern Phoebe and Screech-Owl, and adjacent tree lines have produced a variety of migrating warblers. Meet at the Powder Mills Park Fish Hatchery parking lot on Park Road at 7:30 a.m.
Leader: *Richard Ashworth 585-381-2189 and co-leaders Tom and Jeanne Verhulst 585-473-9229*
- MAY 19**
Sunday
MANITOU BEACH PRESERVE
Our trip to this lakeside treasure should rack up good numbers of warblers, flycatchers, and other spring arrivals. Owned by the Genesee Land Trust, the Manitou Beach Preserve consists of 5 acres of field and hedgerow, shrub, and cattail wetlands extending into Braddock Bay. Wear waterproof, sturdy shoes and don't forget the bug spray! Meet in the Owl Woods Parking Lot on Manitou Beach Road (Rt. 261) at the Lake Ontario State Parkway at **8:00 a.m.** We will shuttle to the preserve, as parking space is limited.
Leader: *Amy Kahn 585-310-2330 and co-leader Kevin Farrell 585-748-6919*
- MAY 21**
Tuesday
OATKA CREEK PARK
Woods and meadow provide great habitat for nesting species such as Indigo Bunting, Eastern Towhee, Blue-winged Warbler and Field Sparrow. Meet at the park entrance at the intersection of Quaker Road and Union Street in Garbutt at **7:30 a.m.** Take Route 383 (Scottsville—Mumford Road) west 1.5 to 2 miles from its intersection with Route 386 in Scottsville and turn south on Union Street for about 0.5 miles.
Leader: *Judy Gurley 585-582-2349 and co-leader Nick Kachala 585-750-5536*



- MAY 23**
Thursday
THOUSAND ACRE SWAMP
Thousand Acre Swamp is a preserve owned by the Nature Conservancy. It has a bird checklist of 120 species. This easy 2.5-mile walk goes through varied habitats, resulting in a variety of breeding bird species and migrants. The habitats include swampy woods, drier woods, a marshy area, meadows, and a pond. Shorter routes are possible. The entrance and parking lot are on the west side of Jackson Road opposite Penfield Center Road in Penfield. Boots are recommended. Meet in the parking lot at **7:30 a.m.** For more information, including photos and a checklist, go to [http://thegreenjay.com/New TAS Gallery/index.html](http://thegreenjay.com/New_TAS_Gallery/index.html).
Leaders: *Jay Greenberg 585-256-0485 and Richard Ashworth 585-381-2189*
- MAY 25**
Saturday
IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
We will search for Prothonotary Warblers, Yellow-throated Vireos, Cerulean Warblers, and other nesting birds at this local natural treasure. We'll drive to various spots in the Refuge and take an easy walk along one of the very scenic trails. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** at the Brockport Park and Ride on Route 31 (west of Route 19 and Wegmans). For those traveling from the west: meet at the Upper Stafford Marsh Overlook near 5999 Albion Rd, Oakfield, N.Y. at **~7:30 a.m.** It is advisable to bring water and snacks or a picnic lunch since there may be no local resources, and the trip may last into the afternoon.
Leaders: *Tom Nash and Sheryl Gracewski 585-261-6975 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621*
- MAY 26**
Sunday
NORWAY ROAD
This unassuming trip usually racks up one of the longest bird lists of the year. From nesting Cerulean Warblers to Purple Martins along the lake, this trip showcases roadside birding in spectacular fashion! There are no long walks, no rough terrain, and it is totally handicapped accessible. Meet in Ridgemont Plaza in front of Best Buy on Route 104 in Greece (opposite Heritage Dr.) at **7:00 a.m.** **Extra FRS radios and scopes would be helpful.**
Leader: *Greg Lawrence 227-5837 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621*
- JUN 1**
Saturday
CANADICE LAKE
We'll go down the east side of the lake for a variety of nesting passerines, especially warblers and vireos. There will be a short walk at the south end of the lake, but mostly we'll drive and park along the shore. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** at the Rush Town Hall parking lot on the southwest corner of E. Henrietta (Rt. 15 A) and Rt. 251 (Rush-Mendon Rd)
Leaders: *Lucretia Grosshans 585-467-2474 and Diane Henderson 585-334-9400*
- JUN 2**
Sunday
BERGEN SWAMP
A trip to this unique place is by special permit from the Bergen Swamp Preservation Society and will feature nesting birds. The mix of vegetation zones provides secluded nesting habitat for the usual western N.Y. species as well as those more characteristic of the Canadian zone such as Blue-headed Vireo, Hermit Thrush, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Black-and-White, Canada and Nashville Warblers. This is a walking trip of 3–5 miles on variably wet and slippery corduroy trails that must be followed closely for safety reasons and because of the fragile habitat. Sturdy boots (rather than sneakers) are **STRONGLY** recommended and hiking or ski poles may be useful. Massasauga rattlesnakes are **VERY** rarely encountered. Parking at the trailhead is limited, so we will meet in the parking lot of the 7-11 Gas Station at the junction of Routes 33 and 19 at **7:30 a.m.** Drive about 20 miles west of Rochester on I-490 to exit 2. Turn right (west) on Route 33 and go about one mile to the junction with Route 19. Turn left onto Route 19, then make an immediate left turn into the parking lot.
Leader: *Jay Greenberg 585-256-0485 and co-leader Rick Stevens 585-689-1882*
- JUN 8**
Saturday
THE FINGER LAKES NATIONAL FOREST
This field trip is mainly a driving, "stop and go" 10 – 20 mile trip through a series of bird-rich habitats between the lower third of Seneca and Cayuga Lakes. We'll be looking for the resident warblers, vireos, flycatchers, sparrows, Upland Sandpipers, etc. Bring a picnic lunch. Meet in the Bushnell's Basin "Park and Ride" at 6:00 a.m. The meeting site is off Hwy 96 just south of Exit #27 from I-490. **Extra FRS radios and scopes would be very helpful.**
Leader: *Kevin Griffith 225-7004 and co-leader Greg Lawrence 585-730-2553*
- JUN 9**
Sunday
LETCHWORTH STATE PARK
This trip frequently boasts more birds than any other RBA field trip. Of course, it gets an early start! We'll look for birds not frequently seen on other trips, such as Acadian Flycatcher and Barred Owl. We'll do a fair amount of walking--one somewhat steep but short forest trail and a dirt road down to the river level, as well as some roadside birding. Meet at the west side (inside the park near the Rt. 36 entrance) Mt. Morris Dam Overlook parking lot at **5:30 a.m.** Pack a lunch and snacks as the trip will likely last well into mid-afternoon. **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leaders: *Rick Stevens 585-689-1882 and Mike Landowski 585-493-3600*



- JUN 15**
Saturday
NATIONS ROAD FIELDS & FARMS
We will look for nesting bluebirds, Grasshopper and Vesper Sparrows as well as Eastern Meadowlarks, Bobolinks, and woodpeckers. Meet at Tops Plaza in Avon on Route 5 and 20, two miles west of I-390 at **7:00 a.m.** Carpool if possible. **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leader: *Lucretia Grosshans 585-467-2474 and co-leader Rick Stevens 585-689-1882*
- JUN 16**
Sunday
HIGH ACRES NATURE AREA
Our approximately two-mile walk will explore about 250 acres at HANA and include some wet spots requiring ankle-high waterproof shoes or boots. We will meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the parking lot on Perinton Parkway approximately 1/4 mile east of the Waste Management offices. The bridge just west of this parking lot has been closed, so plan your route accordingly. Extra spotting scopes would be very helpful.
Leader: *Dominic Sherony 585-223-7353 and co-leader Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802*
- JUN 22**
Saturday
GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE
We will start near the long house and the meadowlark field and then head down a wide trail through woods, shrub land, wetland, and to an overlook in grassland. The round trip is 1.5 miles and is suitable for most, including knobby tire electric wheel chairs. After we reach the overlook, those who wish can continue for another mile or 2 on the narrower Seneca Trail through field and woods across County Rte. 41 and along a stream to the bobolink field. Meet at **7:00 a.m.** at the Longhouse on State Route 444 (Victor-Bloomfield Road near Boughton Hill Road).
Leaders: *Amy Kahn (RBA) 585-310-2330, Kira Broz (Ganondagan), and June Summers (GVA)*
- JUNE 23**
Sunday
ODONATA SANCTUARY
The 100 acre privately owned Odonata Sanctuary, 20 Parrish Rd., Honeoye Falls, NY 14472 is the former home of Joseph W. Taylor, who was a founder of the American Birding Association and President of Hawk Mountain Association. The Sanctuary participates in the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) that provides nesting acreage for grassland nesting birds such as Eastern Meadowlarks, Bobolinks, and Dickcissels. The Sanctuary is an access point for the observation of migrating birds and Monarch Butterflies and is also home to one of the largest Eastern Bluebird nest box trails in the USA. There are also streams, a pond and woodlands. **Meet at the Sanctuary at 8:00 a.m.** Enter the Sanctuary at 20 Parrish Road. Drive up the long, one-lane driveway until you see a large barn. Please park in the designated area opposite the barn. Following the field trip there will be an opportunity to meet with Joseph Taylor's daughter, Mary Taylor, who has offered to share stories of her father. Her studio is nearby.
Leaders: *Tom Nash and Sheryl Gracewski 585-261-6975 and co-leader Steve Melcher 585-746-8078*
- JUN 30**
Sunday
BARNHART'S CAMP AND KEENEY SWAMP
Travel throughout the diverse landscapes of Northern Allegany County, 20 minutes south of Letchworth State Park. Grassland, woodland, pond and swampland species such as Prairie and Mourning Warblers, Bluebirds, Pied-billed Grebes, and maybe a bittern or two should be seen. This trip generally goes all day so we can see as much as possible! Meet at Shop N' Save in Nunda on Rt. 408 at **7:30 a.m.** Lunch at Barnhart's camp is a trip tradition—they grill the hot dogs! Bring a dish to pass—your choice (but this is optional).
Leaders: *Jerry & Carolyn Barnhart 585-385-4026 and co-leaders Rick Stevens 585-689-1882 and Tom and Jeanne Verhulst 585-473-9229*
- JULY: MANY BIRDS ARE ON NESTS—TIME TO LET THEM RAISE THEIR YOUNG!***
- AUG 3**
Saturday
CONESUS INLET STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Explore this expansive wetland for Virginia Rails and Wood Duck families. We've seen eagles on a reliable basis, Cliff Swallows and more. We will hope for Red-headed Woodpeckers, but they have not been seen recently. Meet at Vitale Park on Route 20 A in Lakeville at **7:30 a.m.** The park entrance is by the Lakeville post office on the south (lake side) of Rt. 20 A and across the street from Smith's Hardware. There's a possibility of a trip extension to the Geneseo Airport area. **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leader: *Jim Kimball 585-243-0316 and co-leaders Christina Hoh 973-224-7009 and Nick Kachala 585-750-5536*
- AUG 11**
Sunday
***BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP* -- MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**
Learn more about the fall migration of shorebirds in this nearby birding treasure. We'll visit key spots you'll want to revisit again and again! Meet in the Bushnell's Basin Park and Ride lot at **1:00 p.m.** The Park and Ride lot is off Route 96 just south of Exit number 27 from I-490. Alternatively, meet up with the group at the first stop, the Montezuma Visitors Center at 2 p.m. **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leader: *John Boettcher 585-671-9639 co-leaders Sheryl Gracewski & Tom Nash 585-261-6975*



- AUG 25**
Sunday
MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
We'll be looking for ducks and shorebirds in migration. Expect to see herons, eagles and possibly falcons. Meet at the Montezuma Visitors Center at **10:30 a.m.** **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be helpful.**
Leader: *Dominic Sherony 585-223-7353 and Mike Tetlow 585-425-7849*
- SEP 7**
Saturday
BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP -- CHARLOTTE AND BADGEROW PARK
We'll be looking for shorebirds, warblers, and other fall migrants in Greece and environs. We'll look for gulls in many plumages and some shorebirds, too at Charlotte Beach. George W. Badgerow Park is a small area that offers good vantage points along pleasant trails, with the occasional surprise rarity. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at Ontario Beach Park in Charlotte in the northeast corner of the parking lot, beside the Genesee River outlet. **Extra spotting scopes would be very helpful.**
Leader: *John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leader Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802*
- SEP 8**
Sunday
MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
We'll be looking for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. Bald eagles and other migrants are likely. Meet at the Montezuma Visitors Center at **2:00 p.m.** **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leaders: *Mike Tetlow 585-425-7849 and Dominic Sherony 585-223-7353*
- ~~**SEPT 14**
Saturday
NEW! BRADDOCK BAY EAST SPIT **This trip was CANCELLED due to high Lake Ontario water levels**
The newly constructed barrier beach off what is known as the East Spit has become a major attraction for migrating shore birds. In order to view them, however, we will need to get to the island by wading across a small channel that can be knee deep water depending on the water level and wave action. Wear boots or water shoes (not barefoot) and shorts or pants that roll up. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** at the parking lot near the end of E. Manitou Road. Exit the Ontario State Parkway at E. Manitou Road exit, pass Braddock Bay Park and turn left at the Westpoint Marina (105 E Manitou Rd, Rochester, NY 14612). Drive slowly through the marina to get to the parking lot at the end of the lane. **Extra spotting scopes would be helpful.**
Leaders: *Greg Lawrence 585-730-2553 and Dick Horsey 585-435-2837*~~
- SEP 21**
Saturday
MONTEZUMA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
We'll be looking for waterfowl and migrating shorebirds. Meet at the Montezuma Visitors Center at **11:00 a.m.** Pack a lunch. **Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leaders: *Mike and Joann Tetlow 585-425-7849*
- SEP 29**
Sunday
GANONDAGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE
We'll meet in the main parking lot off County Road 41/Boughton Hill Road at **9:00 a.m.** The lot is situated below the new museum at 7000 County Road 41, Victor, NY 14564. (From Rt. 444 from Victor, turn right onto Boughton Hill Road and go down the hill. The main parking lot will be on your right.) From there we will carpool down Rt. 41 about 0.5 mi to a small parking area on the left. We will look for sparrows in the brush and other migrating birds near the parking area, and then walk about two miles round trip on the mostly flat Seneca Trail beside fields and in the woods along a stream to the Bobolink field.
Leader: *Amy Kahn 585-310-2330 and co-leader June Summers*
- OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ARE EXCELLENT MONTHS TO OBSERVE THE PARADE OF WATERBIRDS ON LAKE ONTARIO.**
Several experienced birders man the "Lake Watch" beside the Lakeshore Pavilion at Parking Lot number 4 of Hamlin Beach State Park virtually every morning during these months. Visitors are welcome!
- OCT 5**
Saturday
IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
We'll look for migrant ducks, owls, and various passerines in this "get to know Iroquois in autumn" trip. Meet at the Brockport Park and Ride on Route 31 (west of Route 19 and Wegmans) at **11:00 a.m.** For those traveling from the west: meet at the Upper Stafford Marsh Overlook near 5999 Albion Rd, Oakfield, N.Y. at **11:30 a.m.** Bring a lunch and beverages as needed.
Leaders: *Sheryl Gracewski & Tom Nash 585-261-6975 and co-leader Rosemary Reilly 585-748-0802*
- OCT 6**
Sunday
DURAND EASTMAN PARK
We'll be looking for thrushes and other migrants. Durand can be surprising this time of year. This will be an easy two-hour walk along paved roads. Meet in the Lake Shore Blvd. parking lot between Zoo Road and Log Cabin Road (Parking Lot D) at **8:00 a.m.** Dress for the weather.
Leader: *Shirley Shaw 585-385-3907 co-leaders Tom and Jeanne Verhulst 585-473-9229*



- OCT 13**
Sunday
HAMLIN BEACH STATE PARK
We'll start off walking wooded and brushy areas of the park, looking for thrushes, sparrows, and maybe a half-hardy warbler or two. After that, we'll stop by the lake watch to view ducks on the water and in flight, learning about the Lake Watch process as we share scopes. Dress appropriately for cooler weather along the lake, and wear comfortable footwear. Meet at **8:00 a.m.** in Hamlin Beach State Park, Parking Lot 1. Bring a snack or have lunch at Docksiders Pub & Oven on Manitou Beach Road and support a local business that lets us use his dock for viewing.
Leader: *Dominic Sherony 585-223-7353 and co-leaders Sheryl Gracewski & Tom Nash 585-261-6975*
- OCT 19**
Saturday
BATAVIA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
Why a wastewater treatment plant? Open water and a great location mean that this spot appears regularly on the fall birding lists. We will drive on the banks of the ponds, getting out wherever the birds are congregating. Discover the great opportunity this spot (and its helpful staff) offers. **Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Wastewater Treatment Plant** at the end of Industrial Blvd, which is off Pearl St. (Rte. 33) at the western edge of the city of Batavia. From the NYS Thruway I-90 at Batavia, exit 48, go south on Rt. 98 into the city of Batavia. At the second light (candy store), make a right turn onto Pearl St (or Genesee St), which is Rt. 33. Go west approximately 0.5 miles to Industrial Blvd. and make a left. Proceed south past the railroad tracks and straight up the hill and through the open gates to the entrance building of the treatment plant (first building on your left). Or, from Rochester, take I-490 W, to Exit 2 (Rt. 33 west). Follow Rt. 33 west through Batavia; turn left onto Pearl St (Rt. 33), stay right at roundabout, continue on Rt. 33, 0.5 miles to Industrial Blvd, turn left. We will carpool from the Plant offices.
Leader: *Rick Stevens 585-689-1882 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621*
- NOV 2**
Saturday
DURAND EASTMAN PARK
Waxwings, winter finches, and lingering migrants are possible. We may visit Irondequoit Bay to look for waterfowl. Meet in the Lakeshore Blvd. parking lot between Zoo and Log Cabin Roads (Parking Lot D) at **8:00 a.m.** Please dress for the weather.
Leaders: *Tom & Jeanne Verhulst 585-473-9229*
- DEC 1**
Sunday
NIAGARA RIVER
We'll be looking for special gulls and waterfowl. The Niagara River area is famous for the variety and number of gulls in winter. Can you pick out the rarities? This is a joint trip with the Buffalo Ornithological Society. Meet in Charlotte's Ontario Beach parking lot at **7:00 a.m.** or at Old Fort Niagara parking lot at **9:00 a.m.** Bring beverages and lunch for this is an all day trip. We will be crossing into Canada. There is heightened security at the border. Participants MUST bring passports or Enhanced Driver's licenses. Dress warmly and in layers. Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.
Leaders: *Rick Stevens 585-698-1882 and co-leader Cathy Ballard 585-322-2621 and Tom O'Donnell of the Buffalo Ornithological Society (BOS) 716-284-5569 or tmodonnell@roadrunner.com*
- DEC 7**
Saturday
CONESUS LAKE AREA
We'll be looking for Tundra Swans, Canvasback, Redhead and other waterfowl. Meet at Vitale Park on Route 20A in Lakeville at **8:00 a.m.** The park entrance is by the Lakeville post office on the south (lake side) of 20A and across the street from Smith's Hardware. **Extra spotting scopes would be very helpful.**
Leader: *Jim Kimball 585-243-0316 and co-leader Christina Hoh 973-224-7009*
- DEC 8**
Sunday
***BEGINNER BIRDER TRIP* -- NATIONS ROAD**
Sharpen your skills on wintering hawks and Short-eared Owls. Other wintering birds such as Horned Larks, Snow Buntings, and Lapland Longspurs are often present. Meet at the Tops Plaza in Avon on Routes 5 and 20, two miles west of I-390 at **2:00 p.m.** Carpooling strongly advised. **Dress warmly. Extra spotting scopes and FRS radios would be very helpful.**
Leader: *John Boettcher 585-671-9639 and co-leader Rick Stevens 585-689-1882*

