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Fall 2018 Programs

BIRDING FIELD TRIPS IN ESSEX COUNTY

Led by Dave Hall, Associate Naturalist

Field trips are designed for ages 12 and up. Have you ever wanted to “bird watch” but didn’t know where to begin? Would you like to find some of the hidden gems in Essex County? Let New Jersey Audubon be your guide. Summer is the time to see, hear and learn about the species of birds that nest in Essex County. Walks encourage beginners and challenge experts. *Registration is requested for all programs.* Please call 908.396.6386 for more information and to register unless otherwise noted.

Birding in Troy Meadows

Saturday, September 8, 2018

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Led by Dave Hall. Troy Meadows in East Hanover is an excellent place to encounter ducks, herons, and marsh birds, plus migrating passerines. Park at the Environmental Center and We will carpool to the trail head.

Meeting Location: Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Montclair Hawk Watch Open House

Thursday, September 20, 2019

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Facilitated by Dave Hall. Join NJ Audubon's official Hawk Counter in spotting and identifying hawks as they move through the ridges of the Watchung Mountains. Park along Edgecliff Road (just off of Bradford Avenue in Cedar Grove) and look for the pathway to the stairs. The stairway is steep, but worth the effort. Bring a hat, water and a folding chair.

Meeting Location: Montclair Hawk Watch, 40 Old Quarry Rd, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Cost: FREE

Birding in Essex County South Mountain Reservation

Saturday, September 22, 2018

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Led by Dave Hall. At the peak of the fall migration, we will search for passerines, raptors, and maybe a few waterfowl. Meet at the Turtle Back Zoo parking lot where we will carpool to various locations within the park.

Meeting Location: South Mountain Reservation, Turtle Back Zoo, Northfield Ave, West Orange, NJ 07052

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Urban Birding in Essex County Branch Brook Park**Thursday, October 11, 2018****8:30 AM to 11:30 AM**

Led by Dave Hall. Take a leisurely walk in this Olmstead-designed park in Newark. This is an amazing place for migrating birds including thrushes, wrens, waterfowl and more. Meet at the Cherry Blossom Visitor's Center at the north end of the park.

Meeting Location: Cherry Blossom Visitor's Center, Branchbrook Park Drive between Mill St and Grafton Ave, Newark

Cost: FREE

Go Birding at Essex County Becker Farm**Saturday, October 13, 2013****8:30 AM to 11:00 AM**

Led by Dave Hall. The woods and meadows at this former dairy farm attract an excellent diversity of southbound migrants in the fall. There is also the opportunity to climb up the ridge to overlook the Passaic River Valley. Meet at the Essex County Environmental Center and carpool to the entrance.

Meeting Location: Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Essex County Grover Cleveland Park Birding Field Trip**Thursday, October 18, 2018****8:30 AM to 11:00 AM**

Led by Dave Hall. This is a great time for woodland birds. We will visit this beautiful Essex County park and also explore a nearby reserve in Essex Fells. Meet at the tennis courts located on Brookside Avenue near Gould Place.

Meeting Location: Grover Cleveland Park, Brookside Ave., Caldwell, NJ, Brookside Ave., Caldwell, NJ

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Enjoy Birding Essex County Hatfield Swamp**Saturday, October 27, 2018****8:30 AM to 11:00 AM**

Led by Dave Hall. Migrants might include many southbound birds, and some winter arrivals. Footing might be muddy, depending on the weather. Meet in the Stop & Shop parking lot.

Meeting Location: Hatfield Swamp, Stop & Shop, 875 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ 07006

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Troy Meadows Birding Field Trip**Thursday, November 1, 2018****8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

Led by Dave Hall. Troy Meadows in East Hanover is an excellent place to encounter ducks, herons, and marsh birds, plus migrating passerines. Join us on a walk through the marsh to see what late migrants and residents we can find. Meet at the Essex County Environmental Center and we will carpool to the trail head.

Meeting Location: Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland, NJ

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers

Birding Walk at Essex County Hilltop Reservation

Thursday, November 15, 2018

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Led by Dave Hall. Explore edge and meadow habitats for fall migrants with an easy walk through the reservation. Meet in the parking area next to the ball field.

Meeting Location: Hilltop Reservation, Mountain Avenue Field, Mountain Avenue and Courter Lane, North Caldwell, NJ 07006

Cost: FREE

Annual Canoe Brook Reservoir Count

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Led by Dave Hall. NJ Audubon has been granted access to New Jersey American Water reservoirs, one of the best places in Essex County for wintering waterfowl. We may catch a glimpse of hawks and perhaps a Bald Eagle. Pre-registration is required for this field trip.

Register here: <https://canoebrook2018.eventbrite.com>

Map and directions provided after registration.

Meeting Location: NJ American Water, Short Hills. Details given after registration.

Cost: \$10 members, \$12 nonmembers

Essex County Becker Farm Birding Walk

Thursday, November 29, 2018

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Led by Dave Hall. The woods and meadows at this former dairy farm attract an excellent diversity of southbound migrants in the fall. There is also the opportunity to climb up the ridge to overlook the Passaic River Valley. Meet at the Essex County Environmental Center and we will carpool to the trail head.

Meeting Location: Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers