

NJ AUDUBON BIRDING FIELD TRIPS IN ESSEX COUNTY

WINTER 2022 URBAN OASIS FIELD TRIPS THURSDAY MORNING FIELD TRIPS



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. We will look for resident and over-wintering birds as well as scenic vistas. Many of these trips are to Essex County parks, the first county parks system created in the United States. Dave will set an easy pace, and most of the trails are on level and wide paths. Hikes take place unless trails are impassable due to snow or ice; heavy rain or snow cancels. Registrants will receive a confirmation call/e-mail in the event of a cancellation. Pre-registration is required. Payment may be made via credit card. Walk-ins are not permitted. To register, please contact the Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary at 908.396.6386.

Essex County Weequahic Park Thursday, January 6

8:45am to 11am

Visit an Essex County oasis while searching for wintering ducks, gulls and passerine birds. All can be viewed along an easy trail around the lake. Enter the park at Meeker and Empire Streets, Newark, then bear left and continue to the large parking area on the south side of the lake. **Fee: \$10 NJA members/\$15 non-members**

Essex County Hatfield Swamp Thursday, January 20

8:30am to 11am

Take a journey into the frozen swamp to search for winter visitors that call the heart of western Essex County home. Meet at Stop & Shop, 875 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell. **Fee: \$10 NJA members/\$15 non-members**

Essex County Hilltop Reservation Thursday, February 10

8:30am to 11am

Take a leisurely winter hike while looking for winter wildlife, especially field and forest birds. Meet at Mountain Avenue and Courter Lane, North Caldwell. **Fee: \$10 NJA members/\$15 non-members**

Essex County Weequahic Park Thursday, March 10

8:45am to 11am

Visit an Essex County oasis while searching for wintering ducks, gulls and passerine birds. All can be viewed along an easy trail around the lake. Enter at Meeker and Empire Streets, then bear left and continue to the large parking area on the south side of the lake. **Fee: \$10 NJA members, \$15 non-members**

Essex County Hilltop Reservation Thursday, March 24

8:30am to 11am

Take a leisurely winter hike while looking for winter wildlife, especially field and forest birds. Meet at Essex County Hilltop Reservation, Mountain Avenue and Courter Lane, North Caldwell. **Fee: \$10 NJA members, \$15 non-members**

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Essex County Riker Hill Art Park and Becker Tract

Saturday, January 29

8:30am to 11am

Walk through old farm fields to discover overwintering field birds. Hike along the ridge at Riker Hill for great views and a look at woodland birds. Meet at the Environmental Center, 621B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland. **Fee: \$10 NJA members/\$15 non-members**

Troy Meadows

Saturday, February 19

8:30am to 11:30am

Search the edges of the swamp for wintering birds. Be prepared for muddy or icy conditions. Meet at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland. **Fee: \$10 NJA members/\$15 non-members**

Hatfield Swamp

Saturday, February 26

8:30am to 11am

Take a journey into the frozen swamp to search for winter visitors and early spring migrants that call the heart of western Essex County home. Footing could be icy or muddy depending on the weather. Meet at Stop & Shop, 875 Bloomfield Avenue, West Caldwell. **Fee: \$10 NJA members/\$15 non-members**

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