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Message from the President July 2025

Dear Members and Friends,

Back in the 90s, my home birding turf was the North Woods of Central Park. I much preferred this relatively serene part of the park to the busy Ramble, which always seemed to be teeming with tourists and overrun by birders—even back when birding wasn't quite so popular as it is today. My favorite stretch of North Woods habitat was The Loch. I rarely ran into another birder there, but I did see the same photographer almost every morning. His name was Cal Vornberger. He didn't know the first thing about identifying birds, but Cal was an accomplished photographer and professor of digital photography at a local college. Often he'd wave me over and ask me to look through his viewfinder to help ID a bird he just shot. "Wow! That's a hooded warbler!" ...

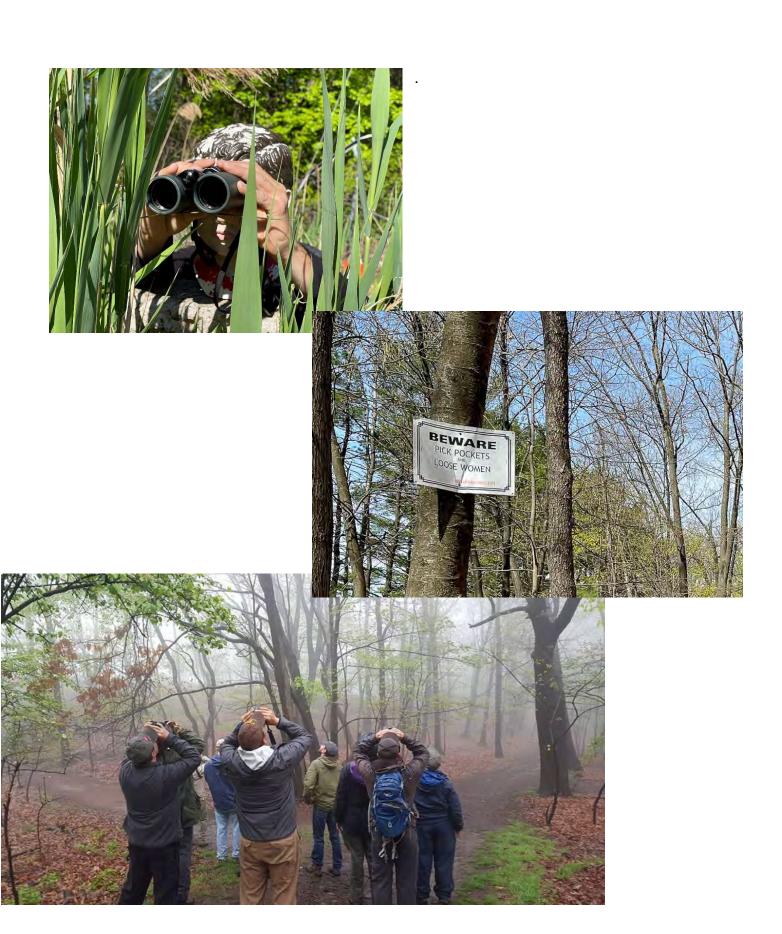
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Continuation of President's Note

At first I thought he was pulling my leg, just to see my reaction. But turns out he really had no idea what he was photographing.

Fast forward to just a few years later. I'm in a Barnes and Noble on the Upper West Side, and there on display, as soon as you enter, was a stunning coffee-table book published by Harry N. Abrams, entitled *Birds of Central Park*, by Cal Vornberger. He



eventually published a second book of photography, *Birds of New York City*. Over the years, Cal's birding skills had greatly improved, and he became a fixture in the Central Park birding community, teaching nature and landscape photography workshops for the Central Park Conservancy. I just looked him up, hoping to find a link to Cal's work and to reach out and see how he was doing. Sadly, I discovered that Cal had passed away after triple bypass surgery in 2017.

One of the reasons I'm bringing up Cal Vornberger now has to do with a recent Montclair Bird Club photo workshop at Mill Creek Marsh. The former MBC president and *Broadwing* editor Sandy Sorkin asked if I would like to participate, even though he knew quite well I'm not a bird photographer (though I do absolutely love taking photos of birders looking at birds). I jumped at the opportunity to tag along with him and Ric Cohn. Frankly, it's hard to say no to any Montclair Bird Club field trip, especially one so close to my home in Upper Montclair. My plan was to let Sandy and Ric deal with the photography instruction while I would help find birds for everyone to shoot.

The morning was a huge success. Birds were plentiful, especially for late June. And many species, including both Barn and Tree Swallows, were extremely accommodating, some of the



juveniles perching nearby for minutes at a time. As a birder with binoculars, you often tend to take the importance of proximity for granted—especially when the subject you're trying to focus on is flapping its wings in mid-air. And I can't even begin to imagine the frustration of trying to capture a fleeting glimpse of the dozen or so Marsh Wrens, which seemed to be vocalizing from every stand of reeds. The morning gave me a newfound appreciation for the challenges of photographing birds. It wasn't enough to merely FIND the birds. The real struggle was finding birds willing to cooperate.

You'll find a complete field report from the trip on page 12. In the meantime, I'm including a few photos I shot during the trip. Guess I'm now officially expanding my repertoire to include not only birders looking at birds, but also birders taking photographs of birds.





Northern Gannet

The Montclair Bird Club 2025 Bird of the Year photo by Sandy Sorkin



Montclair Bird Club September Meeting

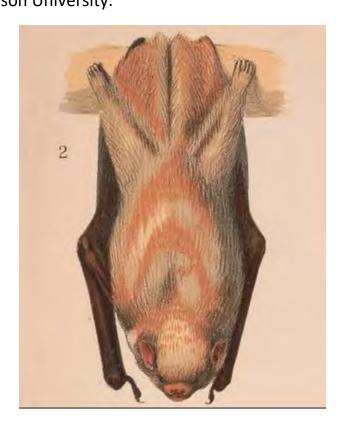
Wednesday, September 10th, 2025, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom

September 10: Getting to Know New Jersey's Bats

A lecture by Dr. Melissa Ingala —7:30 pm on Zoom.

Get to know the winged neighbors you might not even notice: Bats! Dr. Melissa Ingala will present a fun and informative evening about the roles bats play in northeastern forests, aspects of their lifestyle and habits, threats facing them, and ways you can get involved to support bat conservation efforts.

Melissa R. Ingala is an assistant professor in the department of biological sciences at Fairleigh Dickinson University.



Montclair Bird Club September Virtual Bird Walk

Thursday, September 18th, 2025, 7:30 p.m., on Zoom





Join us for our monthly Virtual Bird Walk (VBW) on September 18th at 7:30 pm (Eastern time). If this is your first time at a VBW, welcome. Way back when during Covid, the VBW's were a way in which we could all get together via Zoom and share pictures of some of our favorite local walks that we were still able to get to. Since then, MBC decided to continue the VBW's in order to give Members and Friends an opportunity to share images with one another. Currently, each VBW has a theme; for September 18th, it is

"White Birds". The theme is always up to your interpretation. In this case, perhaps the image you have is an all white or predominantly white bird - that's great! Or maybe, you have chosen a bird with "white" in the name. Up to you!

There are two ways in which you can show your images. If you are familiar with sharing your screen in Zoom, then just have your pictures ready when it is your turn (we request you let Sandy know ahead of time if you plan on showing pictures). 20 is a suggested maximum. If you don't want to share your screen, then you need to email your images to Sandy Sorkin at least three days ahead of time and he will prepare them for the VBW. You should reach out to him for instructions on what size the images should be. His email is

<u>montclairbirdclub100@gmail.com</u>. Remember, VBW's are for all Members and Friends to attend - not just our wonderful photographers!

What's your biggest local list?



Local for Rick Wright is Clarks Pond, an active green area along the Third River behind Bloomfield Middle School. His local list is an impressive **150** species as of 19 April 2025.

eBird Clarks Pond Essex, US-NJ

Year-round, All years
162 Species All birders

538 Checklists

eBird 20 April 2025 1. Rick Wright 150 2. Sanford Sorkin 123 3. Lindsay McNamara 109 4. Alison Beringer 106 5. Benita Fishbein 100 6. Richard Cohn 70 7. Fred Pfeifer 59 8. Cheryl R 58 9. Howie Erichson 54 10. Sam E

Upcoming Field Trips

Great Piece Meadows (Lincoln Park) 9/13



Saturday, September 13: A Piece of the Great Piece

Meet at 8:00 am at <u>Centennial Park on</u> <u>Pine Brook Road</u>, Lincoln Park, New Jersey.

Although it is in many ways a typical suburban town, much of Lincoln Park is wetland that cannot be developed. Thus, a large portion of the town's square mileage is green space, offering many excellent birding opportunities. The town is home to Great Piece Meadows, a remnant wetland of Glacial Lake Passaic, which attracts numerous migrants. Centennial Park, a small "pocket" park at the edge of Great Piece Meadows, probably has more bird species per square foot (including Morris County's first Ash-throated Flycatcher) than any other location in the area. Another section of Great

Piece is known as Two Bridges, at the confluence of the Passaic and Pompton Rivers. We hope to see a variety of migrating songbirds and raptors as well as resident and lingering breeding birds such as the wood duck, great crested flycatcher, yellow-throated vireo, wood thrush, and rose-breasted grosbeak.

Please bring binoculars, a sunhat, insect repellent, water and a snack. There is a port-o-john in Centennial Park. If you plan on joining us, contact Ivan Kossak at ivankossak@gmail.com to RSVP or to get more information.

Chimney Swift Watch (Buzz Aldrin School, Montclair) 9/8



Montclair Chimney Swift Roost

Monday, September 8th, 2025

6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Rain date: Monday, September 15th

Leader: Evan Cutler

For decades, Buzz Aldrin Middle School in Montclair has played host to one of the most fascinating fall birding spectacles in all of New Jersey. Each evening, flocks of Chimney Swifts fill the sky, feeding on flying insects, until suddenly, one by one, they dive into the school's chimney—where they will roost until the next morning. This is a terrific opportunity to watch this spectacle close-up. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair, as well as a snack or beverage. We'll meet on Norwood Avenue between Lorraine Avenue and Bellevue Avenue, next to the rear parking lot of the Upper Montclair Branch of the Montclair Public Library. There is a strong possibility these birds may choose NOT to return this year—or leave early. We will send out an alert if the event is cancelled or moved to a nearby roost (there are several active roosts in Montclair).

Field Trip Reports



Garrett Big Day

Big Day at Garret Mountain Reservation, Woodland Park, NJ

May 10, 2025 with Fred Pfeifer Report by Beni Fishbein, with photos by Fred Pfeifer

The morning of Saturday, May 10, was 50 degrees, with a stiff wind that made it feel much colder. Brrr! Five of us joined the usual early-morning- spring-migration crew on the cliff overlook to catch the birds as they came in from their overnight migration. We were rewarded with gorgeous views of an orange-colored male scarlet tanager and of a yellow female, among others.

At 8:00, we greeted seven more participants in the Great Meadow Parking Lot and headed through the woods, which we hoped would be less windy (not) and more birdy than the windy ridgetop. The woods were, indeed, filled with bird song, but seeing the birds was another matter. With the trees fully leafed out and the wind strong, it was nearly impossible to see little warblers and vireos as they skittered through the moving leaves. We did manage to get our eyes on a black-throated blue warbler, a veery, and Swainson's and gray-cheeked thrushes, which were graciously close to the ground.

A stop at the garden yielded brief but close looks at a black-throated green warbler, a rose-breasted grosbeak, a magnolia warbler, and a high-up but quite visible ruby-throated hummingbird. We moved from the garden to the vernal ponds by the Equestrian Center,



hoping for a northern waterthrush: no luck, but we did see two wood ducks, which was fortunate, as they were our only wood ducks for the day.

Walking back along the ridge, we came across a group of five ravens hanging out at eye level on the cliffside, which seemed unusual. Closer examination of photos revealed that three of them had loose, downy belly feathers, suggesting that they were juveniles. Ravens are known to nest on cliffs, and it is possible that these were recently fledged birds with

their parents.

Farther down the ridge, we stopped at an area that was dense with bird song. So thick was the song that I and several others found ourselves unable to pick out any one song at all. Birds could be seen flitting around, but were frustratingly unidentifiable. After several half-second glimpses of various warblers, patient waiting finally paid off with sightings of a worm-eating warbler. Well worth the effort!

Many of our group departed at this point, but a few die-hard people continued down to the pond. A Wilson's warbler had been seen by the boathouse earlier, but sadly it was not re-found. Farther into the woods, a screech owl peeked out of a tree cavity just in time for some to see it. Warbling and red-eyed vireos, Baltimore orioles, and many species of warblers filled the air with song as we walked around the pond, and happily, some were even seen. By 1:30, only Fred Pfeifer and I were left. We finished walking around the pond, adding a spotted sandpiper to our list, and called it a wrap. Another wonderful Big Day at Garret done!



A total of 70 species were seen or heard. Since Big Day is a fundraiser for NJ Audubon, this participant, and hopefully others, will be making a donation to them as well as to Friends of Garret Mountain.

Canada goose

Wood duck

Mallard

Mourning dove

Chimney swift

Ruby-throated hummingbird

Spotted sandpiper

Great blue heron

Black vulture

Turkey vulture

Osprey

Broad-winged hawk

American robin

House sparrow

House finch

American goldfinch

Chipping sparrow

White-throated sparrow

Eastern towhee

Baltimore oriole

Red-winged blackbird

Brown-headed cowbird

Common grackle

Ovenbird

Worm-eating warbler

Black-and-white warbler

Tennessee warbler

Nashville warbler

Common yellowthroat

American redstart

Cape May warbler

Northern parula

Magnolia warbler Blackburnian warbler

Yellow warbler

Chestnut-sided warbler

Blackpoll warbler

Black-throated blue warbler Yellow-rumped warbler

Prairie warbler

Black-throated green warbler

Scarlet tanager Northern cardinal

Rose-breasted grosbeak Red-shouldered hawk

Red-tailed hawk
Eastern screech-owl
Red-bellied woodpecker

Hairy woodpecker Northern flicker Pileated woodpecker Eastern wood-peewee

Least flycatcher Eastern kingbird Eastern phoebe

Great crested flycatcher

Warbling vireo Red-eyed vireo

Blue jay

Common raven Tufted titmouse Tree swallow

Rough-winged swallow Northern house wren European starling Gray catbird

Veery

Gray-cheeked thrush Swainson's thrush Wood thrush



Fairview Farms big day

Big Day at Fairview Farms, Bedminster, NJ

May 10, 2025 by Deb DeSalvo

It was a tad windy and cool, but the sun was out, and the birds didn't seem to mind too much.

Four of us began by birding in the parking lot of the 170-acre property, then took off for the pond area, woodlands, and open meadows. We heard many more species than we saw, but what we did see was lovely. The first migrant we saw was a hunting least flycatcher, perching, flying out, perching again. We also had a good look at a prairie warbler, singing his little heart out. And we were treated to a nice view of an osprey flying low and slow. The vocal treats included a great crested flycatcher, white-throated vireo, wood thrush, and Wilson warbler. Of course, we wished that we had seen or heard a few more, but isn't that always the case when you get together for a birding adventure? We tallied 46 species in just about two hours:

Canada goose

Duck sp.

Mourning dove Chimney swift Black vulture Turkey vulture

Osprey Cooper hawk

Red-bellied woodpecker Downy woodpecker

Northern flicker (yellow-shafted)

Least flycatcher Eastern phoebe

Great crested flycatcher

Eastern kingbird White-eyed vireo Yellow-throated vireo

Red-eyed vireo

Blue jay American crow

Tufted titmouse
Tree swallow

Blue-gray gnatcatcher

Northern house wren

Carolina wren Gray catbird Eastern bluebird Hermit thrush Wood thrush American robin House finch

American goldfinch Chipping sparrow Field sparrow

White-throated sparrow

Song sparrow
Eastern towhee

Red-winged blackbird Brown-headed cowbird

Ovenbird

Common yellowthroat
American redstart
Yellow warbler
Prairie warbler
Wilson warbler
Northern cardinal

Cold Brook Farm



Cold Brook Farm Tewksbury Township, New Jersey

May 17, 2025 by Deb DeSalvo, with photos by Hillary Leonard and Deb DeSalvo

Eleven people made the trip to Tewksbury to bird in the boonies. Many had been to our farm before, but there were a few new faces, which was wonderful. It is always nice to share our beautiful part of the world with others and to see it through their eyes.

From our farm, we walked from our farm over the river and through the woods. Yes, just like the song, though grandmother's house was not our destination. Our goal was to get to our neighbor's farm, where expansive open fields are home to many bobolinks. The walk was long and threatened to be even longer as we stopped to wait for the white-eyed vireo to show itself or for the indigo bunting to come out from its leafy perch. Their vocalizations were

delightful, but we knew that if we lingered, we might not have time to see the bobolinks. We had to keep moving or it would end up being an eight-hour birding day.

Once we entered the open farm fields, we saw four brown thrashers vying for territory. Purple martins were abundant, and as we made our way to the taller grasses, we saw the distinctive buffy heads of two male bobolinks. Though they were distant, everyone got good views as the males engaged in short flights showing off their white wing patches and buffy heads.

On the way back, we finally got a nice view of the singing indigo bunting, and a high-up, badly lit look at the white-eyed vireo. We had been hearing the raucous cawing of crows for a while now and decided to see what, if anything, they were mobbing. Following the cawing, we saw nothing until some of us caught a quick glimpse of a great horned owl speeding away from those harassing crows. What a rare and special thing! There has been a nesting pair in our woods for a few years now.

Once we were back on our property, we spied a Baltimore oriole, a pewee, and a nuthatch going in and out of its nest in a 15-foot-tall snag. For many of us, the highlight of the day was what came next: It's hard to beat an owl and bobolinks, but just as we were crossing over the brook, a female common merganser and eleven ducklings were startled and high-tailed it down the brook as fast as their little feet and wings could take them.



We tallied 62 species for the day, including many nesting and breeding birds. We were quite pleased with the number of species we saw and heard, but surprised by some notable absences—like no yellow-rumped warbler, no chickadee, and no fish crow.

Nevertheless, the day was wonderful, full of delights and surprises, good conversation and a walk of 3+ miles. Here are some of what the group considered the highlights of the day:



Meeting new friends, seeing the orioles, the feeling of connectedness to the earth, watching brown thrashers, hearing bobolinks, experiencing the vast farmland and the views it offered, witnessing the owl speeding through the trees, enjoying a beautiful place, and feeling lucky to share it with such lovely people.

Birds:

Common merganser—female with 11 babies
Mourning dove
Chimney swift
Ruby-throated hummingbird
Killdeer
Great blue heron
Black vulture
Turkey vulture
Bald eagle

Red-tailed hawk
Great horned owl
Red-bellied woodpecker
Downy woodpecker
Northern flicker
American kestrel
Eastern wood-pewee
Willow flycatcher
Great crested flycatcher
Eastern kingbird

White-eyed vireo Yellow-throated vireo

Warbling vireo Red-eyed vireo

Blue jay

American crow Common rven Tufted titmouse

Tree swallow

Purple martin Barn swallow

White-breasted nuthatch

Blue-gray gnatcatcher

Northern house wren Carolina wren

European starling
Gray catbird
Brown Thrasher
Northern mockingbird

Eastern bluebird

Veery

Wood thrush

American robin
Cedar waxwing
House sparrow
American goldfinch
Chipping sparrow
Field sparrow
Song sparrow
Eastern towhee

Bobolink

Eastern meadowlark Baltimore oriole Red-winged blackbird

Ovenbird

Blue-winged warbler Common yellowthroat

Northern parula Yellow warbler Blackpoll warbler Northern cardinal

Rose-breasted grosbeak

Indigo bunting

Butterflies: (Thanks to Lee for helping with the identification)

Tiger swallowtail Black swallowtail Cabbage white

Monarch

Eastern tailed-blue Red-spotted purple Pearl crescent Horace's duskywing

Sterling Forest Trip Report



Photo: Evan Cutler

Sterling Forest State Park, Rockland County, New York

June 1, 2025:

by Evan Cutler

Mother Nature threw a bit of a snafu into this year's trip to Sterling Forest. Our biggest concern in the search for the golden-winged warbler is usually the number of ticks on the powerline cut at the end of Ironwood Road. Ticks were indeed plentiful (I pulled at least ten off my pants), but the much bigger issue this time was the stream that crosses the path between the parking area and the northern section of the powerline. Usually, there are some wooden planks to help keep your feet dry. But recent heavy rains had washed the wood away and the water was thigh-high, making the northward trek impossible without hip waders or an inflatable boat. So we

turned around and followed the power line in the opposite direction. Blue-winged warblers were plentiful, and we heard one mystery bird that in all likelihood was a Lawrence's or Brewster's warbler, but never got eyes on it. We did have great looks at a black-billed cuckoo on the woodland edge east of the cut, a lifer for several in the group.

With the morning still young, we jumped back in our cars to caravan to nearby Laurel Meadow Ponds. The plan was to look for the cerulean warblers that Ivan Kossak had spotted earlier in the morning before meeting up with us. That turned out to be a good call: we found two ceruleans relatively low in the trees along the road just before the parking lot. The pond area itself was very birdy. On future trips, we'll definitely try to include a visit to the trail between the two ponds.

After a lunch break at park headquarters, we decided to try one more time for golden-winged warblers. We returned to Ironwood Road and walked the same stretch of powerline. Though

we struck out again, it was a lovely walk, and we continued to hear what was perhaps a goldenwinged x blue-winged hybrid.

Two things I learned from this trip. One: try to start the walk much earlier; some of these nesting warblers get much quieter as the morning progresses. And two: always keep an inflatable raft in the car, just in case. Or at the very least, a pair of floaties.

Species seen (thank you, Fred Pfeifer and Ric Cohn)

Canada goose 9

Wood duck 2

Common merganser 1

Wild turkey 5
Mourning dove 2
Black-billed cuckoo 1
Yellow-billed cuckoo 2

Ruby-throated hummingbird 1 Double-crested cormorant 1

Great blue heron 1 Black vulture 1 Turkey vulture 6 Red-tailed hawk 3

Red-bellied woodpecker 2 Great crested flycatcher 5

Red-eyed vireo 5 American crow 2 Common raven 2 Tufted titmouse 2 Barn swallow 3 Tree swallow 4 Bank swallow 1

White-breasted nuthatch 1 Blue-gray gnatcatcher 5

Gray catbird 8
Cedar waxwing 17
American goldfinch 6
Chipping sparrow 2
Field sparrow 2
Baltimore oriole 2
Orchard oriole 1

Brown-headed cowbird 2
Blue-winged warbler 9
Black-and-white warbler 4
Common yellowthroat 4
American redstart 7
Yellow warbler 4
Cerulean warbler 2
Chestnut-sided warbler 2
Northern cardinal 2

Indigo bunting 2

Red-winged blackbird 2

Mill Creek June



Mill Creek Marsh Secaucus, NJ

June 29, 2025 By Sandy Sorkin

Birds and Photography at Mill Creek Marsh, with Sandy Sorkin and Ric Cohn

This walk had been scheduled for a very rainy Saturday, but fortunately, our Sunday rain date brought perfect weather for birding and photography. Though that rescheduling reduced the group to six participants, it was still an enlightening experience as the club tried out this new field trip model, comprising two components: Sunday's walk with binoculars and cameras was followed by a Zoom session Wednesday evening to discuss our images, camera settings, and image processing. The success of both components demonstrated that this combined field trip model is viable and that the Zoom follow-up is at least as valuable as our time in the field.

We selected Mill Creek Marsh as the location for this trip because the basically circular path allows us to keep the sun over our shoulders so that no one is forced to shoot directly toward the sun. As photographers, we still had to contend with exposure adjustments when birds flew overhead.



There was nothing unusual among these sightings, but it is worth noting some of the challenges we faced in photographing the birds.

The single goldfinch flew by quickly and perched at considerable distance. A good telephoto lens allowed a reference shot, but not a photograph that we would want to print, project, or add to a portfolio. No one in the group was shooting with a tripod, which is an essential component for heavy telephoto lenses that might require additional stabilization. Walking, rather than shooting from a stationary position, makes carrying a camera mounted on a tripod, binoculars around your neck, and a scope on its own tripod extremely difficult.



The pair of cedar waxwings were directly overhead in poor light and obscured by branches. It was a challenge to get the camera to focus on the birds and not the branches.

Marsh wrens add an additional dimension of photographic complication. They like to hide in tall grass,

where you hear them but can't see them. And then, without any warning, they hop up to perch momentarily on a phragmites stem that is itself probably obscured by other tall stems swaying in the wind. The good news is that we still got some wonderful pictures.

The barn swallows and tree swallows were very accommodating, facing the sun and patiently waiting for us to take pictures and adjust settings.

We did not have opportunities to photograph any raptors.

We hope to make field trips on this model a regular event, and plan to schedule another combined walk in the fall.

The species count for the day was 31:

Canada goose 6
Mourning dove 15
Laughing gull 1

American herring gull 2

Forster's tern 2 Great egret 5 Warbling vireo 1

Northern rough-winged swallow 3

Marsh wren 15
Gray catbird 2
American robin 50
House sparrow 15
American goldfinch 1
Baltimore oriole 1
Common grackle 4
European starling 6

Mallard 12

Chimney swift 1 Ring-billed gull 40

Great black-backed gull 2

Snowy egret 1

Northern flicker (yellow-shafted) 1

Tree swallow 30 Barn swallow 10 Carolina wren 1

Northern mockingbird 4

Cedar waxwing 2 House finch 2 Song sparrow 2

Red-winged blackbird 30

Northern cardinal 1

Mill Creek July



Mill Creek Marsh Secaucus, NJ
July 28, 2025
by Beni Fishbein. Photos by Sandy Sorkin and Beni Fishbein

The weather service warned that a heat advisory would be in effect at 11:00 am, but that didn't deter the 9 of us who met at 8:30 hoping to witness the spectacle of thousands of semipalmated sandpipers stopping over at Mill Creek Marsh on their migration to South America. Our walk was timed to catch the rising tide. At first, while the tide was still out, the birds were spread across the broad mudflats, feeding frantically as they walked through the mud leaving adorable little footprints in their wake. As the tide flowed in, the birds moved to higher ground, eventually congregating in groups of tens and hundreds atop the exposed cedar stumps in the pools. It is an amazing phenomenon to see and hear. At one point, all the sandpipers rose up and swirled in flocks, twittering frantically and racing away from the pool. We searched the sky, knowing that this meant a raptor was nearby, but we didn't find one. One minute, two, three, four minutes went by, then, suddenly, a peregrine falcon appeared in the

sky. Soaring and twisting, it appeared to be hunting, but we didn't see it catch anything. How did the sandpipers see and recognize the peregrine when it was so far away? Good question.

Another favorite at Mill Creek Marsh this time of year are the snowy egrets, which hang out in good numbers. With breeding plumes still in place, they are beautiful to behold and fun to watch. We were quite taken with one clever individual, which situated itself right at the inflow of water and snatched up a bounty of tiny fish as they flowed by, gobbling them down effortlessly. It seemed to have figured out the exact right place to be at the exact right time.

Among the masses of semipalmateds, we found a single western sandpiper. Whoo-hoo! Some of us were able to get decent looks at this uncommon (for northern NJ) sandpiper with rufous in its wings and on its cheeks and crown before it disappeared into the assembled crowd of Semipalms. By the time we finished, at 11:30, it was blazingly hot. Worn out but happy, we left the marsh, grateful for our air-conditioned cars.



36 species were seen or heard:

Canada goose Tree swallow
Mallard Barn swallow
American black duck Marsh wren
Mourning dove Carolina wren
Rock dove European starling

Semipalmated plover Gray catbird

Greater yellowlegs Northern mockingbird

Least sandpiper American robin
Western sandpiper House sparrow
Ring-billed gull House finch

Laughing gull American goldfinch

Double-crested cormorant Song sparrow

Snowy egret Red-winged blackbird
Great egret Brown-headed cowbird

Osprey Common grackle
Downy woodpecker Yellow warbler
Peregrine falcon Northern cardinal
Willow flycatcher Bank swallow



Halifax Road, Mahwah New Jersey June 8, 2025 By Mike Yellin. *Photos by* Mike Yellin

It was a beautiful, bright, cool June morning when 6 members of the Montclair Bird Club met in the parking lot of Continental Soldiers Park to begin our hike around the Halifax Road birding hotspot. The hotspot is named after the road that leads to a small dirt parking lot adjacent to the Ramapo River, just before a private entrance to the Polo Club. In addition to the Ramapo River, the area includes Lake Henry and hiking trails through forest and meadows, all at the base of the Ramapo Mountains.

After a light dousing of our shoes and pants with tick repellent, we set off. Walking clockwise around Lake Henry, the first birds seen were a family of wood ducks, 13 babies and momma wood duck (later, we saw a separate family for a total of 20 Wood ducks). Next up was a shy, singing yellow-throated vireo who did not make a visual appearance. That wasn't the case for the green heron sitting on a log in the lake or the bald eagle that swooped in low overhead. We emerged from the Lake Henry path near Halifax Road and then proceeded to head further north, with the river and woodland on our left and meadows on the right. There were many common grackles in a distant tree. It was a delight to spot orchard and Baltimore orioles, indigo buntings, ruby-throated hummingbirds, and a yellow warbler along the way. The highlight was



watching the aerial dueling between a red-tailed hawk and a Cooper's hawk, which apparently ended amicably, or at least in a draw, as each flew their separate way.

In total, the group heard and/or observed a total of 52 bird species.



Canada goose Wood duck

Mourning dove Yellow-billed cuckoo

Ruby-throated Killdeer

humming bird

Double-crested cormorant
Great blue heron
Osprey
Great blue heron
Turkey vulture
Cooper hawk

Bald eagle
Red-shouldered hawk
Red-tailed hawk
Red-bellied woodpecker
Pileated woodpecker
Eastern wood pewee
Great crested flycatcher
Yellow-throated vireo
Cooper hawk
Red-shouldered hawk
Belted kingfisher
Downy woodpecker
Northen flicker
Eastern phoebe
Eastern phoebe
Red-eyed vireo

Warbling vireo Blue jay

American crow Tufted titmouse



South Mountain Reservation

South Mountain Reservation West Orange, NJMay 24, 2025
by Alex Bernzweig

Spring is the time of year when many birders in this part of the world shift their focus to the highly anticipated arrival of 30-plus species of wood warblers migrating north from the Neotropics. Whether we find them as they arrive in breeding habitat or just catch a glimpse of them on their way to the far north, the ritual of walking a wooded path and taking in the sights and sounds of these brilliantly colored birds never seems to get old.

On the morning of May 24, 14 of us explored South Mountain Reservation, a favorite of mine that doesn't usually get much birding coverage. The weather was not particularly enticing, about 60 degrees with strong gusts out of the west, so expectations were low. We started from the main parking lot on Crest Drive and walked to Summit Field, a decision that paid off quickly and well. As we stood in the middle of this small field with large oak trees on either side of us, we watched dozens of warblers and other songbirds flying back and forth to feed on hatching insects. The American redstart was the most abundant species here, but we were also treated to decent views of Blackburnian, bay-breasted, chestnut-sided, magnolia, blackpoll, and a late yellow-rumped warbler.

We moved deeper into the woods and stumbled on a thrush that looked to me like it might be a Bicknell thrush, which, according to eBird, would have been a first record for the reservation and the county. Unfortunately, the visual features of the Bicknell thrush and the more common



gray-cheeked
thrush overlap
significantly, and
they are reliably
identified only by
sound or by inhand
measurements;
our bird did not
vocalize, so we
left it unidentified.

We moved on to the trail around the large deer exclosure. In this more heavily wooded area, we

heard fewer warblers, but overall bird activity greatly increased. Red-eyed vireos were singing in every direction, Swainson and wood thrushes hopped through the leaf litter, and we found a lingering white-throated sparrow. A pair of common ravens noisily pursued a red-tailed hawk just over the canopy. We enjoyed hearing these mortal enemies squawking their disapproval at each other.

Once we had finished this loop, some members of the party had to leave. The remaining birders moved on to the Tulip Springs boy scout area to look for more species. I am often able to find a waterthrush or sometimes a spotted sandpiper along the fast-flowing creek, but on this day we did not have such luck. We did enjoy watching a young male Baltimore oriole collecting nesting material, and we had brief views of a Canada warbler.

We then took a short walk to Orange Reservoir to add some easy birds, such as the double-crested cormorant and osprey, to our list. We finished the morning with 52 species, 11 of them warblers. It's always rewarding and memorable to explore these areas and enjoy the wildlife with like-minded companions. Looking forward to next year!

We spotted 52 species:

Canada goose Mallard Ruddy duck Mourning dove Chimney swift
Double-crested cormorant
Great blue heron
Turkey vulture

Osprey

Red-tailed hawk

Red-bellied woodpecker
Downy woodpecker
Hairy woodpecker

Pileated woodpecker Northern flicker

Eastern wood pewee Great crested flycatcher

Eastern kingbird Warbling vireo Red-eyed vireo

Blue jay

American crow Common raven Tufted titmouse Tree swallow

Northern rough-winged swallow

Barn swallow

White-breasted nuthatch Blue-gray gnatcatcher European starling Gray catbird Swainson thrush Wood thrush American robin

Cedar waxwing White-throated sparrow

Song sparrow Baltimore oriole

Brown-headed cowbird

Common grackle

Black-and-white warbler Common yellowthroat American redstart Magnolia warbler Blackburnian warbler Chestnut-sided warbler Bay-breasted warbler Yellow-rumped warbler

Canada warbler Blackpoll warbler

Black-throated green warbler

Northern cardinal

Great Swamp



Great Swamp NWR, Basking Ridge, NJ August 9, 2025 By Deb DeSalvo. Photos by Ric Cohn.

As a relatively experienced birder, it is rare when I find it difficult to ID a bird. I am not speaking of fall warbler ID, which gets me frazzled EVERY year. I am speaking of the bird on the tree, across the field, way far away, that looks so much like a raptor, but really may not be a raptor, but if it isn't a raptor, WHAT the HECK is it?

That happened. And there were a few of us (experienced birders) convinced that a very hulking and imposing mourning dove on a snag was a bad-ass raptor. This kind of thing makes birding ever more challenging. We looked and looked and questioned and discussed. And then, Mike burst all our bubbles with a zoomed-in photograph. And just like that, a mourning dove was just a mourning dove. Silly birders.

There were ten of us that day. The weather was pleasant not too hot for August. We took a leisurely stroll along the White Oak Trail. We had good views of several species-purple martin,



chimney swift, black and white warbler, common yellowthroat, eastern towhee, eastern bluebird, song sparrow.

We lingered by the hummingbird feeders and got a great view of a ruby-throated male, a few females and a few young, zipping, zigging, zagging, and zooming. Those little birds really do overcompensate for their size by being quite territorial. Apparently, there are certain rules at the feeder and if you are a hummingbird, you better know the rules.

After the feeder spectacle (we saw 6 hummers at one time), we ventured to the stream area past the small perennial garden. Other than many song sparrows, we saw very little. By that time, it



was late morning, and the birds were hiding in the cool, not showing themselves much.

Three of us ventured to the other boardwalk area afterward and were treated to a few wood ducks, a gray tree frog (not a bird!), and a great-crested flycatcher.

34 Species for the day:

Wood duck Mourning dove Chimney swift

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

Great blue heron Green heron Turkey vulture Black vulture Hawk sp.

Red-bellied woodpecker Downy woodpecker Northern flicker Eastern wood-pewee Red-eyed vireo

Red-eyed vireo Tufted titmouse Purple martin Barn swallow White-breasted nuthatch Blue-gray gnatcatcher Northern house wren Carolina wren

European starling
Gray catbird

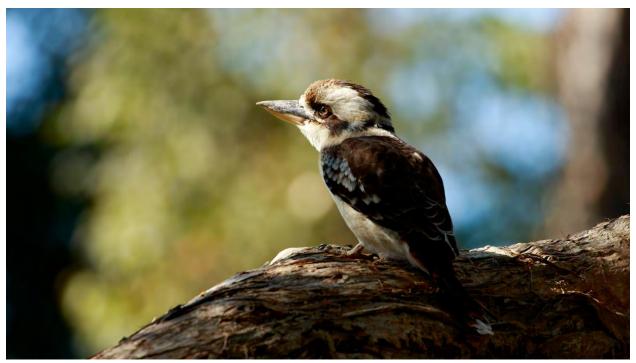
Northern mockingbird

Eastern bluebird
American robin
American goldfinch
Chipping sparrow
Field sparrow
Song sparrow
Eastern towhee
Common grackle

Black and white Warbler Common yellowthroat



Science Corner



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Scientists find male bird that laid an egg

A male bird that recently laid an egg has left scientists with more questions than answers. A new study from Australia examining 500 birds from five different species identified 6% that had biological traits opposite to their genetic sex markers. This suggests that sex determination may be more complicated than drawing blood samples or using DNA found in dropped feathers. More research is needed to determine if this is a naturally occurring phenomenon or a result of environmental toxins.

Full article from Popular Science



Credit: Sandy Sorkin

New Jersey may lose its state bird to climate change, environmental report says

The goldfinch, the state bird of New Jersey, may no longer summer in our state if temperatures continue to rise. Summers would be too hot for the goldfinch if they rise to the predicted 3 degrees Celsius, forcing them north for breeding when their plumage is at their brightest. The National Audubon society is asking individuals and lawmakers to address climate change, plant native, and save energy.

Full story at Northjersey.com



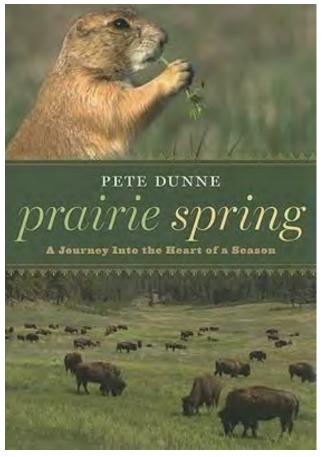
Credit: Sandy Sorkin

Why are there so many birds?

The rapid rise of new species after a mass extinction event may seem counterintuitive, but scientists believe they have cracked the code to understand how this occurs. A group of geneticists led by Jacob Berv of the University of Michigan used statistical models to examine DNA from both modern birds and ancient DNA. These models predicted that large changes in DNA would have occurred around these large extinction events, suggesting that sudden shifts in the environment may have more impact upon DNA than previously thought. When Longrich, a paleontologist and evolutionary biologist who also studied this evolutionary jump, was asked about this new hypothesis he had this to say: "I would not bet my life that this phylogeny is correct. But I would bet you a beer it is—it's like that level of confidence."

Full article from Popular Science

Book Review



MBC Book Club Inaugural Meeting by Beni Fishbein

The Montclair Bird Club Book Club met for the first time on Wednesday, April 30. Six of us assembled on line to discuss *Prairie Spring,* by Pete Dunne. After introducing ourselves, we decided how the Book Club should run and then launched our discussion of the book itself.

Prairie Spring is a travelogue, history, and science book wrapped into one. It details Pete and Linda Dunne's trip to some of the remaining prairie sites in the Midwest and West: Rowe Sanctuary in Nebraska, Pawnee National Grassland and Pawnee Buttes in Colorado, Milnesand (pronounced Mill-in-sand, believe it or not) in New Mexico, Comanche National Grassland in Colorado, Custer State Park in South Dakota, and Little Big Horn Battlefield National Monument in southeast Montana.

Dunne's book opened my eyes to the complexities of the prairie, a landscape I am largely unfamiliar with. He discusses the devastating impact of the elimination of the bison and of fire suppression. I learned that 60 to 80% of a native prairie grass is actually below the soil, which explains how the prairie quickly regenerates after a fire. Among

other historical discussions, the book explores the fascinating science and history of the Dust Bowl. Of course, Dunne also introduces some of the more interesting birds of the prairie, including lesser prairie chickens, sandhill cranes, chestnut-collared longspurs, and lark buntings. On a silly note, he introduces the concept of the "chicken twister"—the craziness that ensues when every birder in a van tries to see *the* bird from the best and only vantage point. Been there, done that!

Our next meeting is October 21st at 7:30pm where we will be discussing Amy Tan's *The Backyard Bird Chronicles*. If you'd like to join the MBC Book Club, please write montclairbirdclub1920@gmail.com.

Other Letters and Stories



Saved by the Bird

By Rick Wright

It was a dark and stormy night, but the morning that followed was surprisingly pleasant, with blue skies and a light breeze to make the midsummer heat nearly bearable. Ric Cohn and I were enjoying a walk through Newark's Branch Brook Park July 14 when we paused to watch a gang of gray catbirds and American robins taking fruit; as we turned to continue our stroll, a different bird flashed in to perch above our heads: a great crested flycatcher. As charismatic as it is



common, this species is always worth a second look, especially at close range and in the open. We were admiring the heavy-based bill, the handsomely patterned rectrices, and the puffy crown when suddenly there came a series of loud percussive pops close by—and an enormous dead limb crashed onto the sidewalk just a few feet ahead of us, shattering as it hit the ground. Thank you, Mr. Myiarchus!

The Ocean City, New Jersey, Heronry

by Hillary Leonard





When I was a young birder in the mid-90s, egrets, herons, and glossy ibis showed up for a number of years in great numbers at Marian P. Armacost Park in Avalon, creating a pop-up heronry where they displayed their breeding plumes and thrilled birders. I frequently visited the park to see the spectacle, and one day I brought my little point-and-shoot Canon Sure Shot Owl film camera with me. I took lots of photos and sent them off in the mail, as we probably all did back then.

I really thought I had done well with my pictures, but when the envelope with the developed photos arrived, the birds looked like white specks in a sea of green. I showed the photos to my then-boss, Ed, who patiently looked at them and said, "We have to get you a better camera." As a college student majoring in history, I had no idea what that meant: it's probably a good thing, as I likely wouldn't have been able to afford it. But that was the moment I realized I wanted to photograph birds as well as look at them.

Fast-forward 30 years. On Memorial Day, I made an early morning journey to the well-known heronry next to the

Ocean City Welcome Center, where, unlike in the 1990s, the displaying and nesting birds now include white ibis. I was armed with another Canon, this time the R7 and RF 100–500mm lens. Part of the point of my trip was to allay the concerns of birders who might be unsure whether the two-hour trip each way from Montclair is worth it.

Herons, egrets, and ibis begin showing up here in mid-April, when



the trees are not yet in full leaf and views of the birds are unobstructed. But the birds are easy to see in May, too. According to the staff at the welcome center, they are present through August, their numbers starting to thin out as September approaches.

Apparently, there has always been a heronry in this spot, going back to before the 2012 replacement of the Route 52 causeway with the \$400-million-dollar structure there now. Back in the old days, the welcome center occupied a trailer-like building with no real opportunity to view the birds.

The new center seems to have been built to optimize the public's ability to see the birds. Like the roadway, the center is elevated, with access by an offramp from the causeway. There is



good parking, and a sidewalk overlooks the heronry. Clean public restrooms are available when the center is open.

From the sidewalk's elevated vantage point, you can simply stand and look over the railing. The birds are quite close, and sometime a 500mm zoom lens is too much! For safety, the sidewalk is bordered by a partial wall; it's not



excessively high, but I did see other photographers using one-step stools for a slightly better view. I almost wished that I had brought one, too, but I am of average height and didn't feel too hindered.

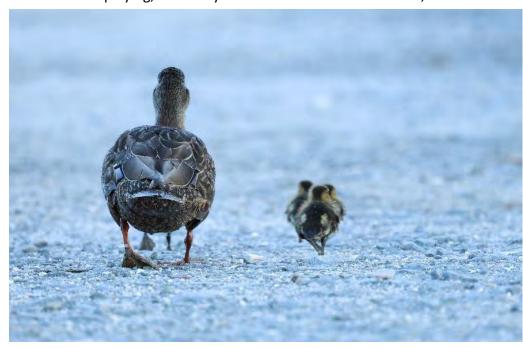
Once you have had your fill of seeing the birds from the overlook, a ramp leads down to a path where you can walk

beneath the causeway for an eye-level experience of the birds. You get incredibly close views of white ibis chicks begging for food. The more selective great egrets and night herons build their nests deeper in. I also saw little blue herons, snowy egrets, and glossy ibis, but didn't see any nests or nesting behavior of those species.

Along this path, I saw other birds with young, including two pairs of American oystercatchers, each with two young; a pair of Canada geese with several young; and two mallard mothers, each with several ducklings.

The white ibis are the first to lay their eggs, and their young were very far along in their development. A few great egrets were still displaying, but many were hunkered down on nests,

with a few clutches starting to hatch. I saw both black-crowned and yellow-crowned night herons gathering sticks for their nests, which were built deeper in the heronry and much harder to see.



I was very happy to have made the trip to the colony and to have finally fulfilled my life-long dream of photographing these birds, which no longer look like white specks in a sea of green!



Greener JC Urban Ecology Research Internship | Summer 2025

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The GreenerJC Summer 2025 urban ecology research internship has taken flight, with six students from McNair Academic High School and County Preparatory High School participating. As they learn how to ID the migratory and shorebirds of Jersey City, they'll also be conducting their own research projects.

So far, 5 sessions have been hosted; the GreenerJC walks are each 2 hours long and take place along either Caven Point at Liberty State Park—a protected wildlife area—or at Lincoln Park West Wetlands and Nature

Trails. Through these two locations, interns are able to explore the biodiversity of both the Hudson Estuary and the Hackensack River, witnessing the differences in habitat and monitoring how these differences might affect the populations of birds at each area.

Some notable sightings:

Great Blue Herons **Great Egrets Snowy Egrets** Herring Gulls Killdeer Barn Swallows Red-Winged Blackbirds Mallard Ducks Gadwalls Least Sandpipers Common Terns Laughing Gulls Ring-Billed Gulls American Oystercatchers Tree Swallows **Black Skimmers** Yellow-Crowned Night Herons European Starlings
Marsh Wrens
Greater Yellowlegs
Yellow Warblers
Double-Crested Cormorants
Common Yellowthroats











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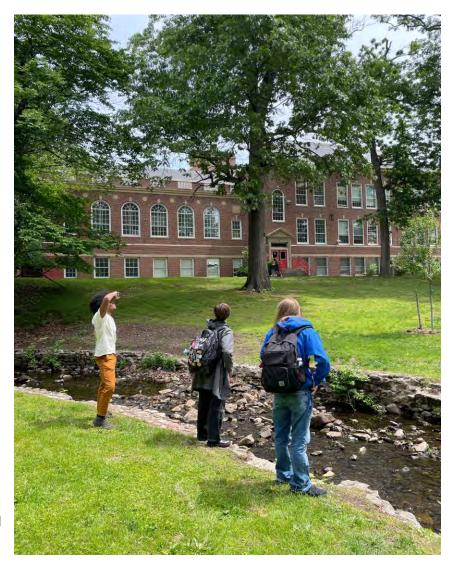




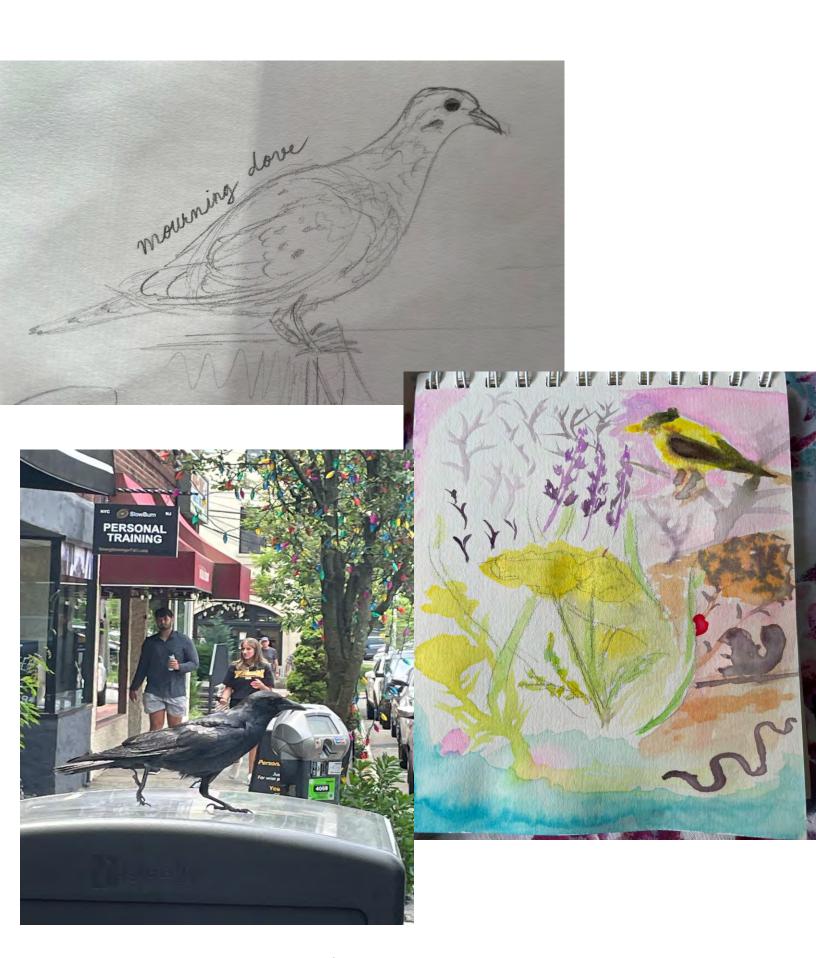
Greetings from the Montclair High School Bird Club

In the fall of 2022, 16-year-old Ezra Siegartel founded the Montclair High School Bird Club. With a little encouragement and guidance from members of the Montclair Bird Club, Ezra was able to find a faculty advisor and recruited more than a dozen students to join the club. Ezra is now in college, but the club is still going strong. This past year, Leo Fitzpatrick took over as leader of the club. Here's a quick note from Leo, who was kind enough to share some photographs taken this past school year.

We went on two field trips
 (to the Meadowlands both
 times), plus a bunch of
 unofficial weekend walks
 and meetups at Bonsal,
 Brookdale, Garret
 Mountain, Hilltop, Mills, and
 Eagle Rock Reservation.



 We played around with some online stuff, like Rosemary Mosco's Bird and Moon comic, spectrograms, All About Birds, Merlin, and Youtube.



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Montclair Bird Club Meeting History

Celebrating 105 Years



New Members

2024

February

Samuel Crespo Clifton, NJ

March

Peter A. Axelrod Berkeley Heights, NJ Sharon Gill Bloomfield, NJ

April

Howard Spaeth Glen Rock, NJ

May

Todd Sloane Little Falls, NJ

June

Dena Ressler Teaneck, NJ

July

Molly Cody Montclair, NJ

September

Christina Gilham Montclair, NJ
Becky Meister Woodcliff Lake
Danica Stitz Montclair, NJ
Tom Mulligan Montclair, NJ

Sulima Elemam Montclair, NJ
Saeid Amiri Montclair, NJ
Susan Amiri Montclair, NJ
Becky Meister Woodcliff Lake, NJ
Warren Harper Montclair, NJ

Warren Harper Tsiona Butvinik

Charles & Diana Martin

October

Mike Cucka Montclair, NJ
Michael Sheldon Langley, WA
Ellie Sheldon Langley, WA
Sulima Elemah Montclair, NJ
Tom Mulligan Montclair, NJ
Beth Wolsten Clifton, NJ

November

Caroline Derozier &

Oguz & Ozsahin Montclair, NJ

2025

January

Karen Moyle Montclair, NJ

April

Stefanie Alfonso Bloomfield, NJ

This list includes new members, returning members, and additions from our Friends roster.

Virtual Bird Walks

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2021		
January	7	International Birding and New York City
February	8	International Birding
March	9	Member Birding
April	10	Shore Birds
May	11	Local Birding
June	12 13	Member Birding
July August	13	Birding Costa Rica Identify a Bird by Its Eyes
September September	15	Birds and Water
October	16	Birds with Masks
November	17	Winter Birds
2022		
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February March	20	Signs of Spring
April	21	Birds Eating or Black & White Birds
May	22	Local Birds
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2024

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2025

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Upcoming VENT Tours

ventbird.com

France Brittany in Fall October 4–12, 2025

Texas South Texas in Style January 5–18, 2026

Texas VENT 50th Anniversary Celebration April 19–24, 2026 **Italy** Birds and Art in Apulia and Matera April 28–May 8, 2026

France Birds and Art in Provence May 9–17, 2026

Scotland Scotland in Style May 28–June 7, 2026

Nebraska The Sandhills and Pine Ridge June 11–21, 2026

Spain Birds and the Solar Eclipse in Asturias August 8–17, 2026

Germany Birds and Art in Berlin September 19–28, 2026

France Brittany in Fall October 1–9, 2026



2020

May An Online Quiz, with Rick Wright.

June A Walk on Pipeline Road, by Sandy Sorkin.

July The Real James Bond, by Jim Wright.
August An Online Quiz, with Rick Wright.

September Manakins and Microbes, by Jennifer Houtz.

October Bizarre Breeding Behaviors of Tropical Cuckoos, by Christine Riehl.

November Dispersal in Young Peregrine Falcons, by Elise Morton.

December An MBC Story Slam, by Pamela Olsen.

2021

January Modern-Day Exploration in the Tropics, by Dan Lane.

February Winter Raptors, by Giselle Smisko.

March Damselflies and Dragonflies: The Other White Meat, by George Nixon. April Wolf Natural History and Tourism in Yellowstone, by Paul Brown.

May Sandhills and Saw-whets, by Matthew Schuler. June Magnificent Namibia, by Linda Woodbury.

September Raptors, by Wayne Quinto.
October Watershed, by Hazel England.
November Build-a-Bird, with Rick Wright.

2022

January A Tale of Many Penguins, by Ardith Bondi.

February Oh! Canada, by Chris Sturm.

March Tracking the Migration of New Jersey Birds Using the Motus Network,

by Cailin O'Connor.

April Spotlighting Voices in Bird Conservation, by Mardi Dickinson.
May 101 Great Birds from Around the World, by Mark Garland.

June Members Meeting.

September Exploring the Big Bend in Southwest Texas, by Donna Traylor.

October Build-a-Bird II, with Rick Wright.

November On Safari: Botswana and South Africa, by Ric Cohn.

2023

January America's Iconic Birdman: Frank Chapman, by James Huffstodt.

February A Bird Club in San Diego, by Rick Wright.

March The Peregrine Project, by Wayne Quinto.

April Piping Plovers on the Rockaway Peninsula, by Chris Allieri.

May Basic Ornithology, by Phil Echo.

June Members Meeting.

September Build-a-Bird III, with Rick Wright.

October Finding W. H. Hudson, The Writer Who Came to Britain to Save the

Birds, by Conor Mark Jameson

November Attracting Screech Owls, by Jim Wright

November Birding and Conservation in Italy, by Marcos Valtriani

2024

January Panama, by Rick Wright

February The Spectacular Staging of the Whimbrel on the Texas Coast,

by Sam Wolfe – YouTube

March Looking for the Goshawk: The Lost Raptor, by Conor Jameson

April The Life of the Whooping Crane, by Paityn Bower

May Birds of Colombia, by Deborah Bifulco

June Members Meeting

September History of Woodcocks, by Peter Axelrod October Birding While Indian, by Thomas Gannon

November Through the Looking Glass: Reflections of a Grateful Birder,

by Kevin Karlson

2025

January Audubon Redrawn, by Roberta Olson

February Declining Shorebird Numbers, by Soheil Zendah

March Hummingbirds of the Western United States, by Steve Bouricius

April Birds, Gods, and Humans, by Alison Beringer

May Night Sky, by George Nixon

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