

The Broadwing



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Message from the Editor June 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

June is the month for the annual Members Meeting. On the 14th you will have an opportunity to relive a little of last year with your pictures.

The slate of officers for 2023-2024 can be found on page 4. At the June meeting, members will be asked to vote on the slate.

And the news keeps coming. We are jumping into the modern age with Venmo. Your dues letter this year will have a QR code. Scan it with your phone and you can pay your dues and save a stamp. All the instructions will be in the email. If you prefer writing a check and using the post office, you have that alternative.

The Broadwing will return in September.

Sandy

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Next club meeting: Wednesday, June 14, 2023
The member's Meeting will be on Zoom.
Virtual Bird Walk: Thursday, September 21, 2023

Carnivorous pitcher plants may use tempting aromas to lure prey to their death.

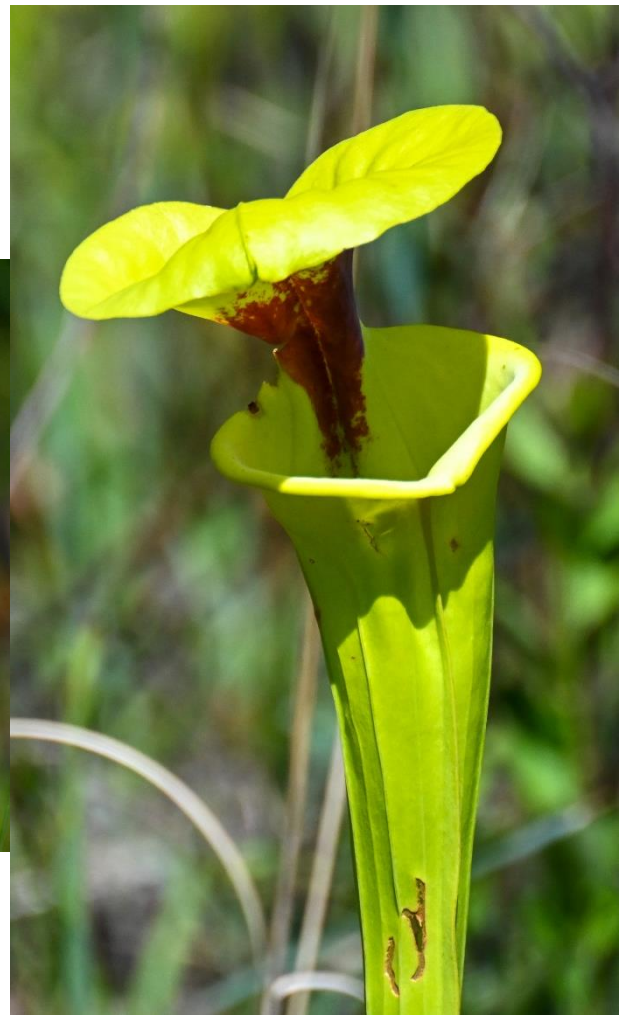
The odors may be sweet, but deadly if you're a wasp.

BY [LAURA BAISAS](#) | PUBLISHED APR 24, 2023

[Carnivorous plants](#) come in a variety of shapes and colors—and it's often their looks that help them attract their prey. However, these floral tricksters may use a different sense to attract their dinner: smell. A [small study published this month in the journal *PLOS One*](#) found evidence that different species of *Sarracenia*, a genus of North American pitcher plant, produce scents that are directed at certain groups of prey.

Full article: [PopSci](#)

Photographs from a pitcher plant bog.
By Sandy Sorkin



Montclair Bird Club
2023 Bird of the Year
Belted Kingfisher



2023 Winning Bird
Photo Credit: Ric Cohn
Picture taken at Garret Mountain Reservation

2023 New Montclair Bird Club Members

January

Monica Cardoza	Ridgewood, NJ
Susan & Michael Monaghan	Montclair, NJ
Anil & Seema Nerurkar	Wayne, NJ

February

Karen Nikeson	Edgewater, NJ
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March

Grace Friend	Montclair, NJ
Camille Gutmore	Nutley, NJ
Christie Morganstein	Randolph, NJ

April

Hillary Leonard	Montclair, NJ
Kathrine McCaffery	Maplewood, NJ
Kathy & Bob Wilson	Newton, NJ

May

Michael Yellin	Montclair, NJ
Amanda & A.J. Tobia	Rockaway, NJ

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2023-2024 Voting will take place at the June 2023 Members Meeting

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World Series of Birding



The Big Sit, Mills Reservation, May 13, 2023—The Montclair Broadwings

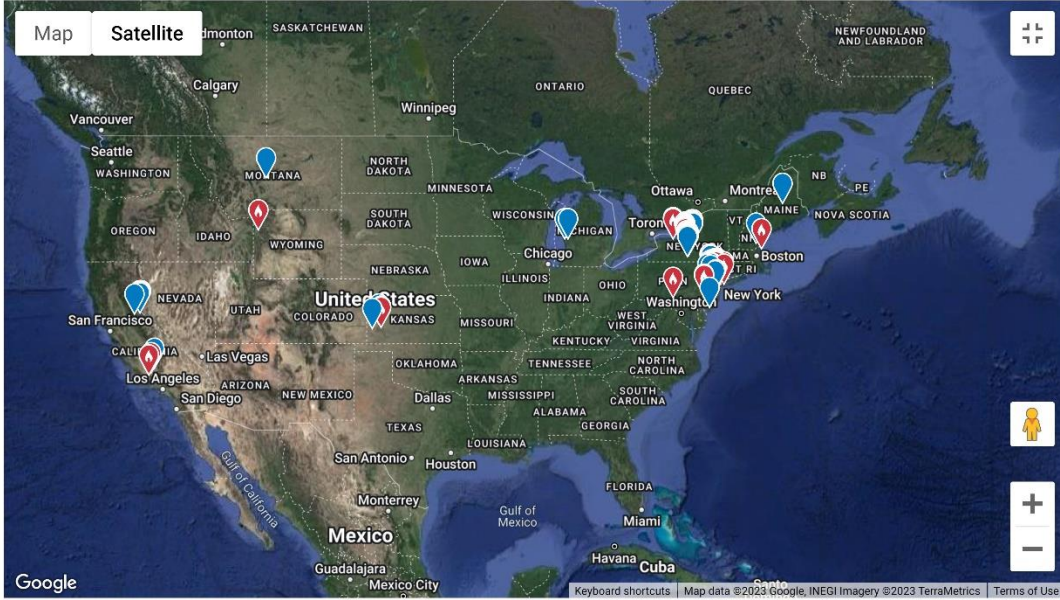
2023 World Series of Birding New Jersey Audubon Ambassador Teams Results as of Monday, May 15, at 5 pm

Finish	Team	Species	Amount Raised
1	The Wandering Tattlers	160	\$ 49,752
2	Fight'n Femelschlagers	132	\$ 24,438
3	CMBO Century Run	189	\$ 21,117
4	Montclair Broadwings*	390	\$ 9,621

*The Montclair Broadwings had team members in 6 countries and 11 US states.

World Series of Birding: Where We Were

The Montclair Broadwings



Coast to Coast



MONTCLAIR BROADWINGS EXCEL IN THE WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING

On May 13, the Montclair Broadwings had the highest species count of any team participating in New Jersey Audubon's World Series of Birding. The official team of the Montclair Bird Club—the Broadwings—tallied 390 species for the day (a California Towhee was added after the reporting deadline (but we counted it anyway). In addition, the Broadwings have so far raised \$9,621 to support the scientific and educational mission of the Montclair Hawkwatch. We also raised more funds than any other Ambassador team that had no New Jersey Audubon staff members. There is still time to make a donation to support the Montclair Hawkwatch [here](#).

It was a remarkable day of birding and friendship and fond memories, with sightings and photos shared at ebird. Over 40 Broadwings joined the kettle from six countries and 11 states to compile this incredible list of sightings—and to honor the late Else Greenstone, who coordinated the hawkwatch for more than three decades. These included several former hawk counters whom she had mentored, family in Denmark and Italy, and many friends from around the world.

Sightings ranged from a California condor and flammulated owl in California to a black tern in New York, greater flamingos in Venice to 15 New Zealand species and a black guillemot in Scotland—and of course a wonderful photo of a beautiful turkey vulture submitted from Kansas. For a complete list of birds counted see <https://ebird.org/tripreport/124247>.



Photo by Andrew Burmester



Photo by David Brown

Special thanks to the Montclair Bird Club for sponsoring the Broadwings—to the many people who generously donated to support the Hawkwatch—to the birders and lovers of birds who went out and counted for Else—and to Ah-Pizza in Montclair for providing needed nourishment for those on the Big Sit in Mills Reservation.

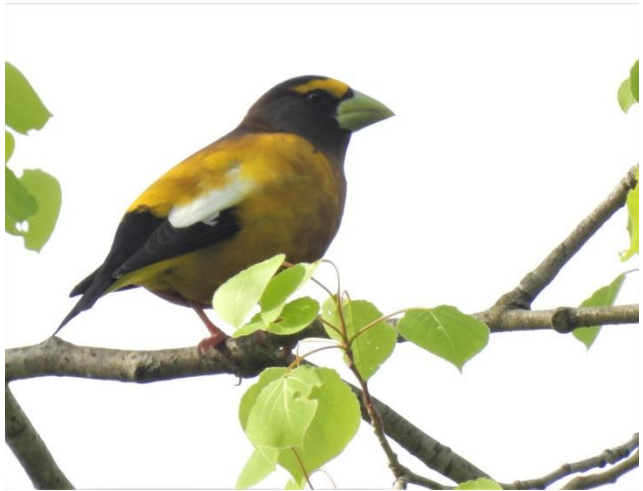
The 41st World Series of Birding—May 11, 2024—anyone planning a birding trip to Costa Rica on that date? Just kidding (or am I?)

Wayne Greenstone
Captain, Montclair Broadwings

World Series of Birding Pictures



Wilson Phalarope, Chris Payne



Evening Grosbeak, Dan Lane



Grey-cheeked Thrush, Fred Pfeifer



Black Tern, Dan Lane



Flamingoes, Maria Iaderosa

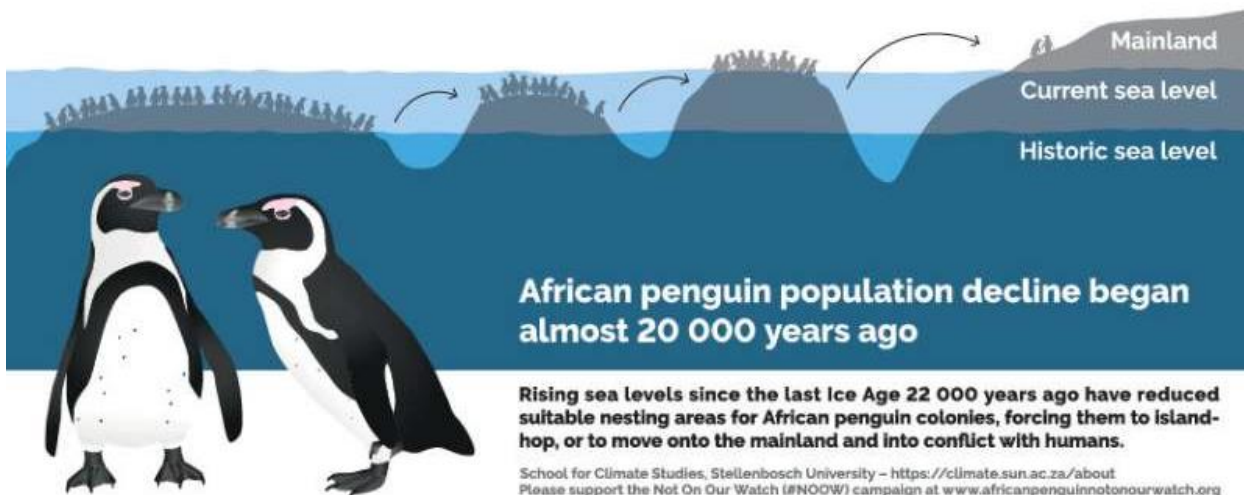
Parrots taught to video call each other become less lonely.

United States study got owners to train their pets to contact other birds using a touchscreen tablet.

Pet parrots that are allowed to make video calls to other birds show signs of feeling less isolated, according to scientists.

The study, which involved giving the birds a tablet that they could use to make video calls, found that they began to engage in more social behavior including preening, singing and playing. The birds were given a choice of which “friend” to call on a touchscreen tablet, and the study revealed that the parrots that called other birds most often were the most popular choices.

The full story: [Parrots](#)



African penguins: Climate refugees from a distant past?

by Taylor & Francis

Imagine the view from the western coastline of southern Africa during the Last Glacial Maximum (LGM) over 20,000 years ago: In the distance you would see at least 15 large islands—the largest 300 square kilometers in area—swarming with hundreds of millions of marine birds and penguin colonies.

Now imagine sea levels rising up to a hundred meters between 15,000 to 7,000 years ago, gradually covering these large islands until only small hill tops and outcrops remained above water. Over the past 22,000 years, this has resulted in a tenfold reduction in suitable nesting habitat for African penguins, sending their population numbers into steep decline.

PHYS.ORG, Full story: [Penguins](#)

The Wizardry of ID: Swallows

by Rick Wright

This new illustrated feature is meant to introduce readers of the Broadwing to some different approaches to the identification of common species in the Bloomfield and Montclair area. We hope that members and friends will contribute their own brief tips, tricks, and shortcuts to recognizing our birds.

Back color, tail shape, head pattern: those are the classic Petersonian field marks most of us have been taught to concentrate on when identifying our swallows. But what if, as is usually the case, the birds are moving too fast or too far away for an easy assessment of the under tail coverts or the ear surround?

Happily, the four commonest swallows in our area—the tree, barn, northern rough-winged, and bank swallows—also have distinctive flight habits that can at least hint at an identification at almost any distance. The tree swallow, chunky and short-winged, has fast, almost frantic wing beats, given in a rapid burst with long soaring pauses in between; soaring birds often turn very tight circles in the air before flapping again. Northern rough-wingeds seem to float rather than fly, the slow, shallow beat of the wing subtly pushing the body up and back; the effect is almost phoebe-like.

The bank swallow is often identifiable on its diminutive size alone. Even when that isn't apparent, the very powerful, deep beat of the pointed wings and rapid course corrections in flight can make these tiny birds easy to pick out in a mixed flock. Barn swallows, perhaps the most familiar, though certainly not the most common, of our hirundinids, are among the most muscular fliers of any American bird; the wing beats are rather shallow, but the wing tip is pulled far back on each stroke, and the bird's path through the air combines long, powerful straightaways with

lavish, equally fast curves and swoops.

If you haven't noticed these differences before, go out one afternoon to a ballfield or wetland to watch the swallows. You'll quickly see that each species has its own distinctive flight style, a flight style easy to learn and easy to remember if you're just aware of it.



Bank Swallow



Barn Swallow



Northern Rough-winged Swallow

Migrant Trap
V
Æneas Faber

The traditional midnight gathering that followed the big day turned out pretty much as we'd expected. Tired as we all were, spirits were nonetheless high as the teams arrived at the club's modest headquarters, The Cave, and chalked their totals onto the blackboard. Thanks less to their superior birding skill than to a disregard of speed limits even more flagrant than Tuck's, Les Ospina's group showed up with a more than respectable total of 168, only three shy of the all-time county record. They had even come up with a least bittern, my long-time "nemesis bird" and an exceedingly scarce species around Averna, or for that matter anywhere in the state, with only a single more or less reliable site in a marsh near Whiteshog.

But as expected, our black-throated gray was still far and away the best rarity any team turned up all day. Dorothy blushed charmingly as expensive glasses of cheap champagne—Cold Duck, what else? — were raised in her honor, and we all parted amid reminders of the next club meeting and field trip. I had thought that Do might need a lift home, but I suppose that I was glad to see her getting ready to leave with Anne; from across the room, each smiled at me, furtively, I thought, and in turn, each, it seemed, when she thought the other wasn't looking.



I went into the tiny kitchen to help finish with the clean-up. Phoebe, who still maintained an almost proprietary pride in The Cave and its furnishings years after donating them to the club, was carefully drying glasses; as she handed them to Tuck and me, we put them neatly into the tall metal cupboards that had once held her father's egg collection. Phoebe thanked us, and as she gathered up her things, quietly asked me to pay her a visit the next afternoon: "At a reasonable hour, of course; I know you too well to expect you to sleep late on a mid-May morning, but a nap after lunch wouldn't hurt any of us. Why don't you come by around three-thirty? There's something we need to talk about." Phoebe, like the rest of us, had been awake for nearly twenty-four hours, but she was obviously still alert enough to catch the suspicion that crossed my face; she laughed, and to reassure me, added, "Don't worry, Andy, it's business; I promise not to so much as mention your little love triangle!" The smile froze on Phoebe's face, and I turned to see Anne standing in the kitchen door, waiting to say good night.

To be continued

Montclair Bird Club Field Trip Reports

Paulinskill Wildlife Management Area

Monday, April 24, 2023

On Monday, April 24, six members joined leader Karyn Cichocki on a field trip through the Paulinskill River Wildlife Management Area/Hyper Humus in Lafayette, NJ. After meeting in the parking lot, we walked along the Paulinskill Rail Trail and then entered Hyper Humus. We were treated to many American goldfinches feeding in the tops of flowering trees as well as yellow warblers, which were abundant in the area. Looking along the trail, we spied a very large and fat raccoon waddling down the middle of the trail. At ponds 1 & 2 we were treated to a pair of adult eagles circling and landing in the trees along the pond as well as four blue-winged teal in flight and then spotted again, along with wood ducks in pond 2. At the back pond, a double-crested cormorant was seen and while walking back to the parking lot via the Sussex Branch Trail we were surprised to see a bear and her small cub in the woods.

What was surprising was that no eastern Phoebes were seen. Other sightings were gray & red squirrels and the following butterflies: cabbage white, common sulphur, tiger and black swallowtails, mourning cloak, and pearl crescent. It was a wonderful outing! 39 species were either heard or seen:

Canada goose	Mute swan	Wood duck
Blue-winged teal	Mallard	Mourning dove
Virginia rail	Double-crested cormorant	Great blue heron
Turkey vulture	Bald eagle	Red-tailed hawk
Red-bellied woodpecker	Downy woodpecker	Hairy woodpecker
Northern flicker	Blue jay	Tufted titmouse
Rough-winged swallow	Tree swallow	Barn swallow
Ruby-crowned kinglet	Blue-gray gnatcatcher	House wren
Carolina wren	European starling	Gray catbird
American robin	Chipping sparrow	White-throated sparrow
Song sparrow	Swamp sparrow	Eastern towhee
Red-winged blackbird	Brown-headed cowbird	Yellow warbler
Palm warbler	Northern cardinal	



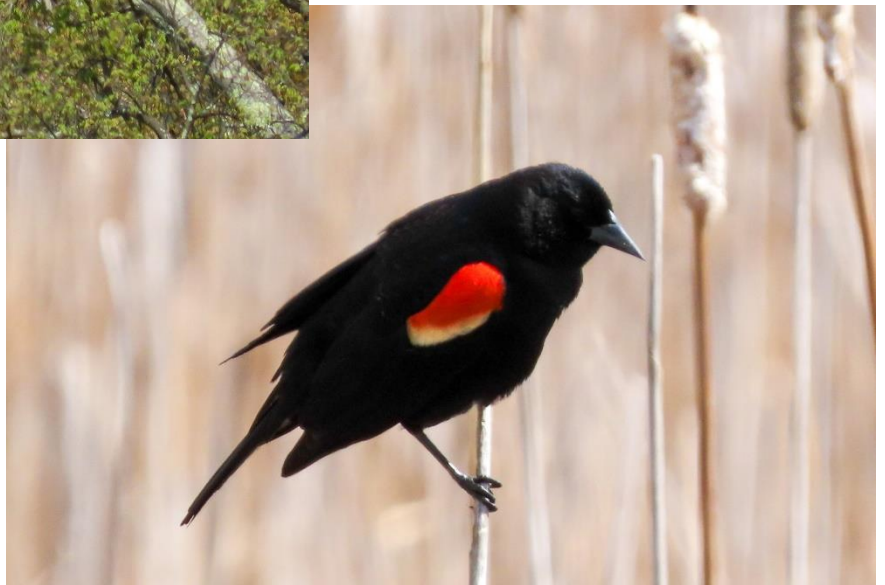
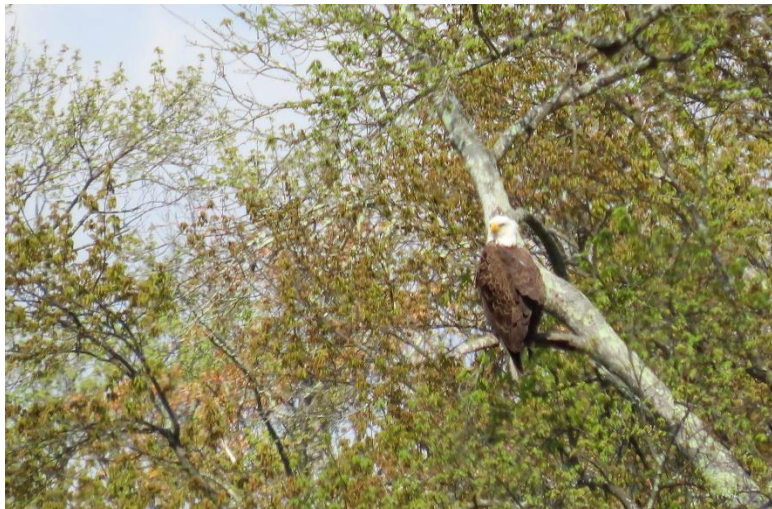
Black bear and cub in the woods.



Pearl Crescent



Tiger Swallowtail



Central Park Meetup

May 4, 2023

In spring migration, Central Park, in the middle of Manhattan’s concrete and bustle, can be positively dripping with birds. Unfortunately, it was not so on the cool and drizzly day we visited. Five of us trooped in from NJ, meeting up with Ardith Bondi and her birding friend Peter to see what the park had to offer. Areas we explored included The Lake, Hershhead and the Ladies Pavilion area, Tupelo Meadow, Maintenance Meadow, the Ramble (the Evodia Feeders, The Point, The Oven, The Rustic Shelter aka The Summerhouse), Shakespeare Garden, and Tanner Spring. At that point it was 11:30 and starting to rain for real, so we took a break and had a delicious Mediterranean lunch at one of the many restaurants along Columbus Avenue.



After lunch, several of us took the subway up to Central Park West and 103rd Street to visit the Loch in the North Woods area of the park. There we hoped to see Flaco, the Eurasian Eagle Owl escapee, but he was not at his usual roost and could not be found. We did, however, add a few species to the day’s list.

For this birder, who hadn’t been in Central Park in at least 10 years, it was a revelation and pleasure to see the park. Much work has been done to restore and upgrade the park’s infrastructure and flora since I was last there. Graceful bridges straddle the park’s many waterways and inviting pathways lined with decorative fencing lead you through thick woods dotted with native plantings. It is truly a haven. I recommend you go visit soon. Thirty-eight species seen or heard.

Canada goose	Gadwall	Mallard
Rock pigeon	Mourning dove	Spotted sandpiper
Double-crested cormorant	Black-crowned night-heron	Great egret
Red-tailed hawk	Red-bellied woodpecker	Downy woodpecker
Northern flicker	Blue-headed vireo	Warbling vireo
Blue jay	American crow	Ruby-crowned kinglet
White-breasted nuthatch	Blue-gray gnatcatcher	House wren
European starling	Gray catbird	Veery
Hermit thrush	Wood thrush	American robin
House sparrow	White-throated sparrow	Red-winged blackbird
Common grackle	Ovenbird	Northern waterthrush
Black-and-white warbler	American redstart	Northern parula
Magnolia warbler	Northern cardinal	







Cold Brook Farm, Tewksbury, NJ

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Sunshine, perfect temperatures, and loads of bird songs greeted 14 of us as we assembled in front of Deb and Jason DeSalvo's home. We were immediately met by several eastern bluebirds posing prettily on nearby fence posts and barn and tree swallows swooping in and out around us. Highlights of the day included multiple Baltimore orioles, good looks at an orchard oriole, brown thrasher, singing yellow warblers, and common yellowthroats. The group got to observe several bird-on-bird and bird-on-human interactions. We watched as a male and female Baltimore oriole engaged in a well-coordinated attack on a fish crow. The two orioles triangulated their positions whenever the crow perched and then persistently assaulted it from above and below as it flew. Bluebirds were raising their chicks in one of the many nest boxes around Deb and Jason's property. Deb stole a look into the box, much to the alarm of the male bluebird, who swooped and dove incessantly above her as she peeked inside. Photos of Deb peeking in and the nestlings are below.

In all, 42 species were seen or heard:

Mourning dove	European starling
Chimney swift	Gray catbird
Ruby-throated hummingbird	Brown thrasher
Great blue heron	Eastern bluebird
Black vulture	American robin
Turkey vulture	Cedar waxwing
Broad-winged hawk	House sparrow
Red-tailed hawk	American goldfinch
Red-bellied woodpecker	Chipping sparrow
Northern flicker	Field sparrow
Eastern wood-peewee	Song sparrow
Great crested flycatcher	Eastern towhee
Warbling vireo	Orchard oriole
Blue jay	Baltimore oriole
American crow	Red-winged blackbird
Fish crow	Brown-headed cowbird
Tree swallow	Common grackle
Barn swallow	Common yellowthroat
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	Yellow warbler
House wren	Northern cardinal
Carolina wren	Indigo bunting





Coming Field Trips

Negri-Nepote Native Grassland Preserve

260 Skillmans Lane, Somerset, NJ (use this address for GPS)

Saturday June 3, 2023, 8AM–12PM

(Trip cancels if it rains.)

In the midst of Franklin Township, the 164-acre Negri-Nepote Grassland Preserve offers a sanctuary of restored native grasses and plants that attract a variety of breeding and migratory birds. In fact, eBird lists 115 species seen at the preserve in June. We hope to see its specialty, the grasshopper sparrow, as well as other nesting birds such as eastern meadowlark, orchard oriole, common yellowthroat, yellow warbler, American kestrel, and blue grosbeak. The preserve also includes a small wetland area that can attract shorebirds and waterfowl.

There is no restroom on-site. There is a bathroom at the QuickChek on the right immediately after you exit Route 287 at Exit 10.

We will be walking on open, flat trails. Bring a sunhat and sunscreen, water, a snack, binoculars, and a scope if you have one. Email mbcoutings@gmail.com for more information.

Let's Go Birding in Nassau County, Long Island, New York!

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 (rain date: Wed. June 28)

Nickerson Beach Park, Lido Beach, NY, and Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, Oceanside, NY

Meet at 8:30 am in the Nickerson Beach Park parking lot in Lido Beach, New York. Before 9 am, nonresidents can enter for free, but from 9 am to 5:30 pm, nonresidents must pay a \$37 nonresident fee to enter.

Nickerson Beach is the first stop on this exploration of two Long Island hotspots. In June, Nickerson Beach is known for its nesting colonies of common terns, least terns, black skimmers, American oystercatchers, and piping plovers. Sanderlings, in breeding plumage, are usually found running in and out of the waves, and with good luck, a gull-billed tern or two may show up. The large freshwater pond by the parking lot is often a feeding spot for both night herons, egrets, and glossy ibis, while terns and skimmers fly in and out to bathe and drink. After enjoying all the delights of Nickerson Beach, we will drive about 20 minutes to Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, a tidal salt marsh where we hope to see clapper rails, purple martins, osprey, Forster's terns, willets, and other sandpipers, great and snowy egrets, and tree swallows. A forested patch in the preserve often hosts warblers, flycatchers, butterflies, and sparrows. And of course, lots of dragonflies inhabit the marsh. Birds feeding in the beautiful grasses of the marsh make for many attractive photographic opportunities.

Bring binoculars, a scope if you have one, lunch in a cooler (there are picnic tables at both locations), sunscreen, sunhat, bug repellent, and good walking shoes. We will be walking on sandy but level paths. There are restrooms at both locations.

GPS address for Nickerson Beach: 880 Lido Boulevard, Lido Beach, NY. Directions to Nickerson Beach : <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/2802/Nickerson-Beach-Park> (click on link on the righthand side for online directions). Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area: <https://sites.google.com/view/marine-nature-study-area>.

Contact us at mbcoutings@gmail.com with any questions and to coordinate carpooling.

Mill Creek Marsh

3:00 pm, Sunday, July 30

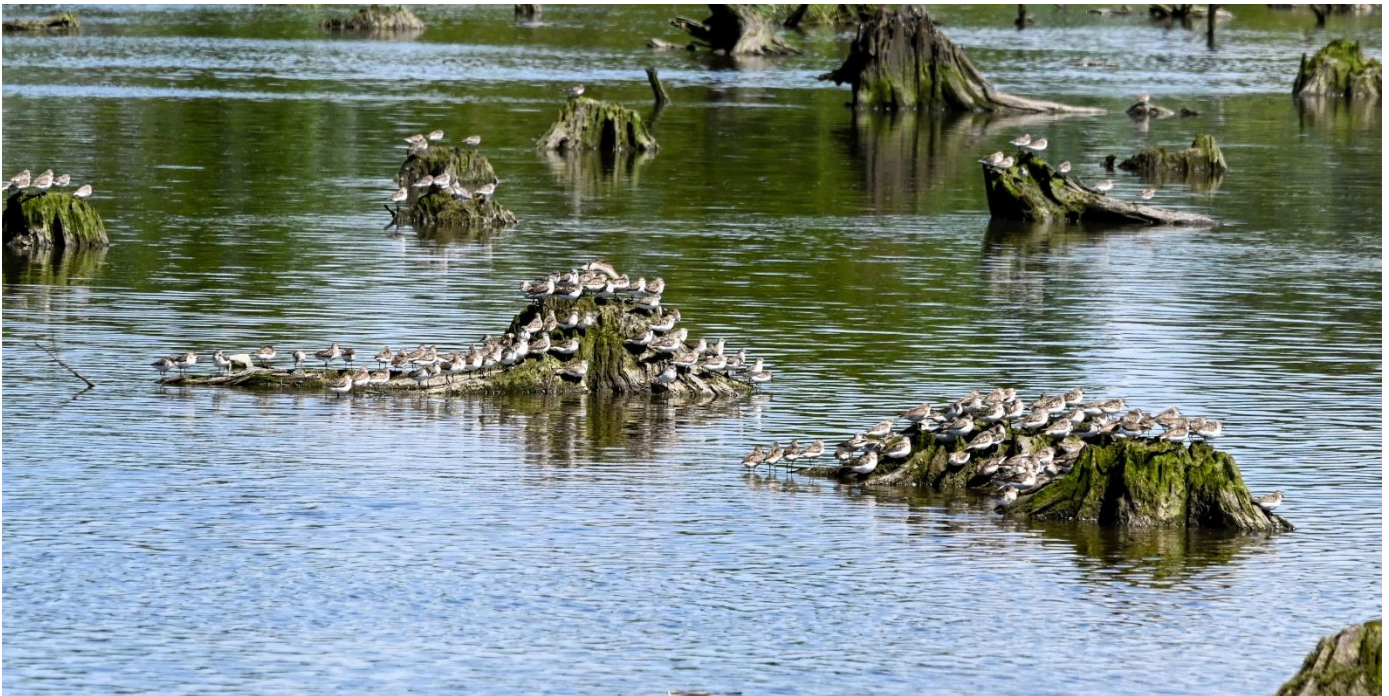
With Rick Wright.

In the event of rain, this trip will be canceled; please check the website the evening before.

Less than a month after the last northbound semipalmated sandpipers have left us, the first returning birds appear. Their numbers slowly increase through July, then explode in the last days of the month, when many thousands of adult semipalmateds gather at high tide on the ancient cedar stumps of Mill Creek Marsh. Presenting the most impressive wildlife spectacle in our area, these birds are often joined by lesser numbers of least sandpipers, greater and lesser yellowlegs, solitary sandpipers, and short-billed dowitchers, and there is always the possibility of a surprise rarity.

Meet in the parking lot at Bob's Discount Furniture, Secaucus, at 3:00 pm (directions at MontclairBirdClub.org). We will walk a leisurely mile on wide, level trails, finishing before sunset. The shorebirds are often very close to the path on the rising tide, but binoculars or a spotting scope will give you the best views. If you want to bone up on your shorebird identification in advance, we recommend the *Stokes Beginner's Guide to Shorebirds* or O'Brien et al., *The Shorebird Guide*.

Dress for what may well be hot and humid weather; a broad-brimmed hat and sunscreen are de rigueur. Insects are rarely a problem here, though there may be a mosquito or two if the day is unusually calm. Bring plenty of water and a snack; restrooms are available in the adjacent strip mall.



Virtual Bird Walks

2020

July	1	Local Birding
August	2	Backyards and a Marsh
September	3	Backyards and Trips
October	4	Member Birding
November	5	Member Birding
December	6	Member Birding

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	Member Birding
July	13	Birding, Costa Rica
August	14	Identify a Bird by Its Eyes
September	15	Birds and Water
October	16	Birds with Masks
November	17	Winter Birds

2022

January	18	Personal Choice
February	19	Color
March	20	Signs of Spring
April	21	Birds Eating or Black & White Birds
May	22	Local Birds
September	23	My Summer
November	24	Bird Pairs
December	25	A Trip

2023

January	26	Winter
February	27	A Month in a Birder's Life
March	28	Egrets, Herons, and Wading Birds
April	29	Woodpeckers
May	30	Small Birds
June		Members Meeting, no Virtual Bird Walk
July		Summer vacation, no Virtual Bird Walk
August		Summer vacation, no Virtual Bird Walk
September		Theme: What I Did on My Summer Vacation

Montclair Bird Club Meetings

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 Greenstone.
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	Member's Meeting.
September	Exploring the Big Bend in Southwest Texas, by Donna Traylor.
October	Build-a-Bird, 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 Greenstone
April	Piping Plovers on the Rockaway Peninsula, by Chris Allieri
May	Basic Ornithology by Phil Echo
June	Members Meeting

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This is also the slate of officers for 2023-2024

From the Editor's Desk

Please feel free to email any items you would like included in future issues of *The Broadwing*. Please include pictures and any other news that will entertain or educate our members.

Sandy

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Upcoming VENT Tours

VentBird.com

Colorado	A Summer Stay in Estes Park	June 18–24, 2023; June 17–23, 2024
Colorado	Northeast Colorado	June 24–27, 2023; June 23–26, 2024
Germany	Birds and Art in Berlin	September 28 – October 7, 2023
Italy	Venice and the Po Delta	October 7–15, 2023
Israel	Birds and Culture in the Holy Land	November 3–15, 2023
Nebraska	Sandhill Cranes and Prairie Chickens	March 15–22, 2024
Alabama	The Gulf Coast and Dauphin Island	April 21–26, 2024
Greece	The North of Greece	May 5–20, 2024
Scotland	Wild Scotland	May 26 – June 27, 2024
Spain	Birds and Art in Asturias	August 28 – September 6, 2024

**VICTOR
EMANUEL
NATURE
TOURS**

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No June Virtual Bird Walk
But plenty of pictures at the regular Zoom meeting.
The next Virtual Bird Walk will be in September 2023

For Virtual Bird Walks, you are welcome to display your own images or forward them to Sandy at MontclairBirdClub100@gmail.com, to be included in a group PowerPoint.



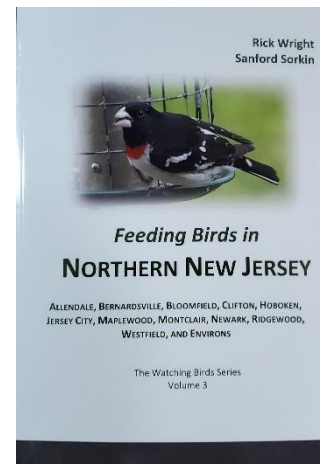
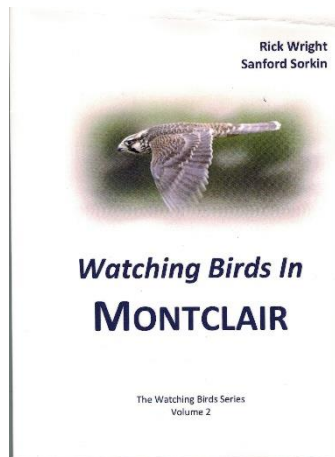
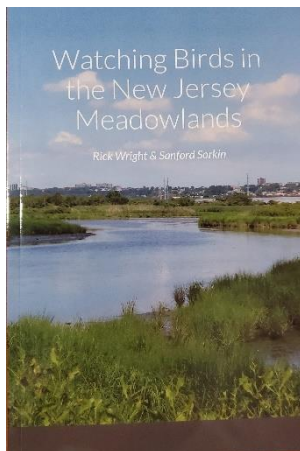
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