



The Kingfisher

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Cape Cod Bird Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month, September thru May, at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Natural History, 869 Rte 6A, in Brewster, MA.

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President's Message

"Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come." --Thomas Carlyle

After a somewhat cool and extended spring, we may be experiencing summer: long, lazy days with hummingbirds, orioles, and catbirds coming to the garden, the resident birds bringing their unruly fledglings to the feeder. Yet, by mid-July, we begin to see the return of the Arctic-breeding shorebirds, and, by mid-August, the first warblers begin to pass through on their way south. Swallows mass and begin to move out; whip-poor-wills go silent and leave. We often get western strays appearing in late summer and I find Massbird and CapeCodBirds listservs a great resource for rarity reports.

By September, our Club will be very busy hosting the first ever Cape Cod Bird Festival on Sept 13-15: see Diane Silverstein's article for an up-to-date status report. We are particularly proud of our Saturday evening event: the dinner and lecture with Pete Dunne--internationally renowned birding raconteur and writer. For our Club Members we have waived the Registration Fee, to those attending the Dinner on Saturday Night only. For only \$50 per person, members can join us for dinner with this renowned speaker. We fully expect it to sell out and recommend sending in your Registration Form in right away.

We welcome new members to the Board of Directors: Ned Handy, Vice President; Michael Dettrey, Field Trips Director; and Eldon Ziegler, Merchandise Director. Fran Ziegler is our new Assistant Treasurer. She will help us make the transition as we separate out

the membership-related duties of the Treasurer from the fiduciary duties. We thank outgoing Vice President, Ron Ayotte, and outgoing Directors, Mary Keleher and Roger Jenks, for their loyal service to the Club.

This is the last issue of The Kingfisher put together by our Editor, Christine Hight. She deserves our gratitude for all her hard work in keeping the Club members informed and educated about the Club activities and events. Judith Davis is our new Kingfisher Editor and will dive right in with the next issue. Please give Judith your full support as she assumes this important role.

Next year, I hope to put in place a mechanism for active communication with Club members in between meetings and issues of The Kingfisher. Let's start by sending me your email address at info@capecodbirdclub.org or include the address with your membership renewal. Special thank you to our volunteer webmaster, Terry Gavin. She is doing an amazing job keeping our Club's website (www.capecodbirdclub.org), current and in outstanding order. Thank you, Terry.

I look forward to seeing you at the festival.

Sincerely,

Peter Bono

1st CAPE COD BIRDING FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2013

**Sponsored by the
Cape Cod Bird Club**

Details inside.

Festival Fever

Diane Silverstein

Cape Cod Bird Festival September 13 – 15, 2013



Festival Fever is picking up! Registrations are rolling in from places near and far. But have **YOU** registered yet? **We really want our Club's birders to be a part of the excitement.** Sign up to enjoy birding at hotspots that are new to you! Register for our pizza social on Friday and for workshops on Saturday! Visit the Festival Marketplace to shop among talented vendors who are artists, jewelers, carvers and photographers. Spend Sunday on the absolutely best priced pelagic to Nantucket Shoals. Visit our website at www.capecodbirdclub.org for all details and the Festival registration form.

NOW, continue reading about a **SPECIAL discounted** \$20 registration fee available only for Cape Cod Bird Club members!

We are especially excited about having **Pete Dunne**, birder extraordinaire, author, and engaging speaker as our Festival's special guest. Not only is he leading a bird trip to South Beach, and presenting a workshop on the "Art of Pishing", but he is the keynote speaker at our Saturday night dinner. And, do we have a terrific offer for you! For those who can't participate in the daily festival activities, but wish to come to Pete's dinner, sign up right now -until July 15 and we'll waive the \$20 registration fee. Let's welcome Pete Dunne to Cape Cod with a large and rousing crowd from the Cape Cod Bird Club!

Register for the dinner today using the enclosed form below. Mail it in with your payment to Cape Cod Bird Festival, PO Box 704. Harwich, MA 02645.

You are cordially invited to dinner on Saturday night, September 14
with special guest, Pete Dunne!

SPECIAL DINNER OFFER!

For Cape Cod Bird Club members only!

Reserve your seat at \$50 per person by July 15 and the \$20 per person registration fee will be waived!

Yes, I want to attend the Pete Dunne dinner on Sat., Sept. 14, 2013.

Name(s) _____

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Please reserve _____ seats at \$50. per person. Total enclosed: _____

Select your Entree: # _____ Chicken Breast with Cranberry Sage Stuffing

_____ Baked Cod with Sherry Crumb Topping, or # _____ Vegetarian Option

Trip Coordinator**Michael Dettrey**

Hi,
My name is Michael Dettrey and I am the newly elected Field Trip Coordinator for the Cape Cod Bird Club, (CCBC),. I would love to show you around the 'Cape' birding hotspots at this time of year. I am a past member of New Jersey Audubon Society & Cape May Birding Observatory. My wife, Diane Silverstein and I have birded many areas around North America since we left New Jersey, some 14 years. We found Cape Cod to be one of our favorite birding spots and enjoy our life here! The CCBC's book, 'Birding Cape Cod' is in its 9th printing from On Cape Publications (Brian Gambel) which we had a hand in updating when my wife was President of the club. Please check it out for more info about the 'Cape'!
Cheers,
Michael

**Sunday - June 23 -
9:30AM - 12:30PM**

Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary

We will take a nice hike out to the beach on this beautiful protected 1100 acre Mass Audubon property. Along the way we will look for some the sanctuary's jewels and marvel at its diverse habits, some globally threatened. The green (Platinum awarded) Nature Center's building & Exhibit Hall itself is worth the small entrance fee. (free for Mass Audubon members) Please meet at the back half of the nature center's parking lot. The address is 291 State Highway Route 6 (off West Rd.) in South Wellfleet.

Leader: Michael Dettrey
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swanpondside62@aol.com

**Monday - July 1
7:30AM - 9:30AM
Bell's Neck Road
West Harwich**

Conservation Lands

We will check out the West Reservoir for any water birds, in this tidal influenced marsh pond and walk some of the trails for any for early morning land birds. I will show you some areas rarely visited so there might be some bushwhacking, if people are up to it. Bring insect repellent. We will meet in between both reservoirs near the boat landing. Rain cancels.

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**Tuesday - July 16
7:15AM - 9:30AM
Morris Island**

(early shorebirds) & LBJ's

We will lookout for shorebirds and enjoy the breath taking views of our ever changing barrier islands. As we walk down the bluffs (via stairs) to the beach as the tide ebbs here and scan for interesting birds on this Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge we will return wanting more! Bring water, sunscreen or hat and be prepared to walk 2 miles or so and your feet will get wet. We'll meet on the causeway to Morris Island.

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**Saturday - August 3
7:30AM - 9:30AM**

Morris Island Shorebirds

Hopefully the shorebirds have begun their migration and they are building up their fat reserves as they make their monumental

flight to South America from here (non-stop) soon. This one of the best views on Cape Cod as we look out to the South Beaches and Monomoy Islands, from the Morris Island Beaches and the Monomoy NWR lookout. Our walk down to the beach will be made as the tide floods, this time so be prepared for beach conditions. We will finish our 2 mile walk up through the trails and enjoy the globally threatened beach and shrub-land habitat of Bearberry, Rosa Rugosa and Bayberry. We'll meet on the causeway to Morris Island.

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**Sunday - August 4
7:00AM - 9:00AM
Falmouth Bike Path
Birding with Kids!**

We'll walk approximately 2 miles round trip along the bike path towards Oyster Pond to look for a variety of land birds, swallows, shorebirds, herons and raptors. Meet in the parking lot of the Shining Sea Bike Path on Locust Street. Rain cancels.

Leaders:
Mary & Ashley Keleher
508-477-1473
maryeak@yahoo.com

**Saturday August 10
5:00PM-7:00 PM
West Dennis Beach**

Meet at the West Dennis Beach parking lot at the far end--all the way to the breakwater and the Bass River. We'll look for the resident endangered Piping Plovers and Least Terns. We'll also hope to find migrating shorebirds on the mud flats and

*See the website for more
walks and events
www.capecodbirdclub.org*

Trips Cont'd

maybe a few early passerines in the dunes. Rain cancels. If you plan to attend, please contact the leader.

Peter Bono

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Wednesday - August 28 - 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Scusset Beach Area Tree Swallows & Migrants

Evening walk for LBJ's* (little brown jobs), Warblers & other Passerines. But mostly, we will 'Sit 'n Stay' bird watch in awe of the Tree Swallow gatherings or staging for migration. These birds will travel "South of the Border" for the winter. Their roosting follies, called Murmuration, in the thousands is something to see at dusk before they set down in the marshes or trees. Meet at the Scusset Beach Parking Lot at the end. Rain cancels.

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**Sunday - September 8
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM**

Long Pasture

Confusing Fall Warblers and Such!

An early morning walk to the beach through the woods for some who like to challenge themselves. Beginners welcome for this peak migration venture. Past walks, here at Mass Audubon's Long Pasture Sanctuary (LPS) at Bonehill in Barnstable, have been proved fruitful and this seldom visited location is a Cape Cod jewel. Meet at the small LPS parking lot, at the first curve, coming in off 6A onto Bonehill Road. Rain cancels.

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Program Coordinator - Mark Faherty

September 9, 2013

Anne-Marie Runfola

"Sighting! Surveying Seabirds on Stellwagen Bank"

Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, a wild area teeming with life, rich in history, and lying just off the coast of Massachusetts between Cape Ann and Cape Cod supports 575 known species, including 53 species of summering, wintering, or migrating seabirds. Due to its significance as a feeding ground, the sanctuary's central feature—Stellwagen Bank—was designated an Important Bird Area by Mass Audubon in 2001. Despite the variety and numbers of seabirds present in the sanctuary, our knowledge of their lives is at best fragmentary. In 2011, staff and volunteers set out to uncover more about the sanctuary's seabirds by studying them where they spend most of their lives — at sea. This presentation will showcase some of the sanctuary's magnificent seabirds, share research results, and will describe how local citizens can contribute significantly to scientific research.

As Volunteer Coordinator for NOAA/Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Anne-Marie Runfola developed the organiza-

tion's first comprehensive volunteer program, including the Stellwagen Sanctuary Seabird Stewards (S4) initiative. This pioneering longitudinal study invites citizen scientists to work with researchers to collect valuable data for both the sanctuary and a comprehensive East Coast seabird database. Before moving to Cape Cod in 2010, Anne-Marie served for seven years as Education Director, then overall Deputy Director of the Bronx River Alliance in New York City where she helped the community use the river as a living classroom, ran citizen science monitoring and restoration programs, and oversaw the development of an organization-wide volunteer program. Anne-Marie holds a B.S. in Corporate Communications with a focus on instructional design and media from Ithaca College, and an M.A. in educational and cognitive psychology and instructional technology from Columbia University, Teachers College, with a focus on science education. She serves on the boards of several organizations, including the Coonamessett River Trust in Falmouth, MA.

Birding Trips Needed!

There are so many beautiful sights on Cape Cod & The Islands to visit and/or to bird. I am looking for CCBC members and past leaders to lead walks & other birding related activities. Consider hosting a Sit 'n Stay feeder watch, a walk at your favorite location, or go Hawkwatching. Is Birding 101 or an Owl Prowl up your alley?.. Please contact me at: swanpondside62@aol.com or call (856) 631-8287 with your ideas. We can set a date and put your activity in the next newsletter, 'The Kingfisher' -
Michael Dettrey, CCBC Field Trip Coordinator/ Director

Welcome to our new members!!

- Peggy Sagan & Mike Simons of Waban
- Mary Lou McKenna of Harwich
- Dan Logan of Fairhaven
- Stephanie Ellis of Orleans
- Nancy Polydys of Dennisport
- Carole A. Nellis of Centerville
- Mark Elliott of Barnstable
- Bob Wilds of Mashpee
- Jack & Linda Darbyshire of Brewster
- Nadine Sullivan of Hyannis
- Suzanne S. Davis of Mashpee
- Muriel Thomas of Centerville
- Robin Fryer of Marston Mills
- Mary Beevers of Dennis
- Gisely Souza of Forestdale
- Stefanie Paventy of Onset
- Lynn Miller of Chatham
- Roz Diamond & Mike Hartnett of Eastham
- Jefferson Dexter of Yarmouth Port
- John Goodchild of Sandwich

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be your newsletter editor. I thoroughly enjoyed the chance to meet all of you fabulous birders. Thanks to you, Orioles are at my front door eating homemade grape jelly out of my handmade jelly feeder, my inbox is filled with wonderful pictures like this warbler, and I am beginning to bird by ear. Thank you, Judith, for taking the reins and I hope you will have fun with this.
Warmly, Christine



Prarie Warbler Photographer: Charlie Martin

Membership Renewal Form

This half-page can be used as your Membership renewal form. By filling it out and mailing it this summer, you will save the club the expense of sending you a renewal notice. Dues are due by September 1, 2013, and will expire on Aug. 31, 2014. New members may join at any time. Thank you for renewing on time.

- Individual Membership \$15.00
 - Family (Household) Membership \$22.00
- Donations always appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Scholarship Fund \$ _____ Gift to Club \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please return this form with your check made out to Cape Cod Bird Club and mail to:
Cape Cod Bird Club, Attn: Membership, PO Box 485, Centerville, MA 02632

Name(s)	M/F	Email Address	Approx. Age (check one)
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Household Address: _____

Household Tel. No.: _____



*Cape Cod Bird Club
PO Box 485
Harwich, MA 02645*

Cape Cod Bird Festival
Registration Form enclosed!
Register today!

No computer ~ Check it out!

See special offer for members only!

The Cape Cod Bird Club, Inc.

An organization whose members are interested in the protection and conservation of the bird life and natural resources of Cape Cod.

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Ned Handy	Vice President
Charlie Martin	Treasurer
Peter Flood	Secretary
Fran Ziegler	

Directors

Eldon Ziegler	Diane Silverstein
Judith Davis	Jane Martin
Michael Dettrey	Mark Faherty

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Nominating Committee Chair ~ TBA