The Cape Cod Bird Club meets on the second Monday of each month, September through May, at 7:30PM at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 RTE 6A, Brewster, MA.

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What a Winter!!!
   Snowy Owl at West Dennis Beach

President’s Message

A Route of Evanescence
With a revolving Wheel –
A Resonance of Emerald –
A Rush of Cochineal –
And every Blossom on the Bush
Adjusts its tumbled Head –
The mail from Tunis, probably,
An easy Morning's Ride –
   --Emily Dickinson, 1880

Dickinson's poem, about a hummingbird, challenges us to appreciate the way that nature can encourage us to slow down, stop all that working and thinking, and just look. We may not be stopping to smell the roses—or even snap photos of them with our smart phones—but at the very least we can notice how cool it is that hummingbirds can fly backwards and flap their wings up to 90 times per second!

So, get out and take one of the CCBC's many scheduled bird walks this spring. Come to our meetings in April and May to share your sightings and enjoy birding-related tales. Don't forget to put Sept 19-22, 2014, on your calendar and plan to participate in the second annual Cape Cod Bird Festival. Registration starts in April, so keep an eye out on the CCBC website. And, volunteer to help out with the Festival.

Finally, in February, we obtained our IRS status as a tax-exempt non-profit organization, so your donations to the scholarship fund, the bird festival, and our general operations are tax-deductable.

Good birding!

Peter Bono
Cape Cod Bird Festival 2014  By Diane Silverstein

SAVE THE DATES!
Friday, September 19 – Monday, September 22, 2014

- Headquarters at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, Hyannis

Registration to open April 15, 2014—check the website:
http://www.capecodbirdclub.org/bird-festival/cape-cod-bird-festival/

Plans for the Festival are rolling along with trips planned, workshops scheduled, and the Vendor Marketplace coming together.

This year we are featuring a number of last year’s popular trips and, in addition, have a few full-day trips. Trips include: Falmouth area hotspots, the Outer Cape, our full day Pelagic, and a post-Festival trip to Cuttyhunk Island, where rarities like the Lazuli Bunting from the west might be seen!

You know by now that our Featured speakers are David Sibley at the Friday night pizza social and Greg Miller at Saturday night’s dinner banquet. David will speak on “The Psychology of Bird Identification.” There will be Sibley guides for sale along with a book signing. Greg will talk about his North American Big Year experience, where in one year of birding he identified more than 700 species. You might have read the book or seen the movie The Big Year; Greg was portrayed by actor Jack Black.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of this Festival, and we are greatly appreciative of those of you who wish to volunteer. One project that needs your help is researching bird clubs and Audubon centers throughout the country. Gerry Cooperman is heading this project and will advise you of a quick way to go about this. If you’re willing to adopt a state or two, this project will get completed in a timely fashion. Contact me at birder526@comcast.net or 508-364-7050 for more information.

Diane

CCBC SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Cape Cod Bird Club is pleased to announce that it has awarded to Madaket Nobili and Shannon Adams full tuition scholarships for one week sessions this summer at National Audubon's Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens program conducted at Audubon's Hog Island Camp in Bremen, Maine.

Madaket, the daughter of Nick and Moira Nobili of Eastham, will be 14 when Camp begins and will graduate this spring from Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School. She has worked as an intern on the Dolphin Fleet Whale Watch, is an avid birder, and has already accumulated an impressive life list of birds she has seen locally.

Shannon, the daughter of Patricia Adams of Bourne, is 17, a high-honor student at Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, where she is in the Environmental Science and Technology program. She, too, has been a long time bird watcher and views ornithology as an important component of biology and ecology—professional fields she hopes to enter.

—Ned Handy
Club Trips, Spring 2014 — Michael Dettrey, Trip Coordinator

All are welcome to join us on these free club trips. Leaders appreciate a call or e-mail. For additions or changes, please check our website.

www.capecodbirdclub.org
Suggestions: Dress for weather; bring:
● Binoculars
● Water
● Spare car keys.
● Camera / scope
● Bird Club stick chair

► Sunday - April 20th - 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM - Mary & Ashley Keleher –

Birding with Kids! South Cape Beach - Mashpee

Meet in the "Town Beach" parking lot. From the Mashpee Rotary take Great Neck Road South to Great Oak Road. Follow Great Oak Road to the "All Beaches" sign and turn left. Follow all the way to the end and turn left to parking area. Bring a kid and we'll walk the path and beach area to look for a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds and maybe a raptor or two.

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

► Tuesday - May 6th - 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Michael Dettrey- Ryder Conservation Area - Sandwich

Meet in the parking area on Cotuit Road approximately 2 miles south of Quaker Meetinghouse Rd. We’ll explore this 243 acre conservation area with 5 miles of hiking trails winding through groves of 100 year old Holly, Beech and Pine Trees looking for spring migrants and nesting songbirds. Past highlights for the area have included Prothonotary Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, White-eyed Vireo and Swainson's Thrush.

Leader: Michael Dettrey;
swanpondside62@aol.com or 774-212-7080

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Membership

Welcome to our New Members

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Not a member yet, check our website for a membership form:
http://www.capecodbirdclub.org/join/

Photos

MEMBER PHOTOS: Judith Davis and Jamie Gilson (age 11) had several bird photos juried in the Cape Cod Viewfinders exhibit in February at the Creative Arts Center, Chatham. Jamie’s Red-breasted Nuthatch was in the Winter *Kingfisher*.

Greater White-fronted Goose, Chatham by Charlie Martin (above) and Judith Davis (below); Red-shouldered Hawk, Falmouth, by Charlie Martin. Great Blue Heron by Judith Davis.
Trips cont'd;

[SPRING TRIPS  Continued from, p. 3]

► Monday - May 19th - 5:30 AM - 1:00 PM -
   Michael Dettrey - Mt. Auburn Cemetery -
   Cambridge

Meet in the Hyannis Commuter Lot to carpool be-
cause parking at the cemetery is "first come first
serve". Please arrive 15 minutes early to meet and
coordinate. Warblers and passeresines should be
peaking here, at this beautiful and historic landmark
in a wonderful botanical park. A late lunch nearby
could be an option; otherwise brown bag your
lunch. Please RSVP if you plan on joining us. The
trip is limited to 12 people. Call in early and please
review the rules for visiting Mt. Auburn Cemetery
(http://mountauburn.org/visit/tips-for-your-visit/)
since it is an active burial site.

Leaders: Michael Dettrey & Diane Silverstein;
         swanpondside62@aol.com or 508-364-7050.

► Monday - May 19th - 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM -
   Stephanie Paventy - Brewster State Forest

Meet in the parking lot of the Brewster Police
Department, which is on the east side of Rt. 124
(north of Route 6 and south of Tubman Road). We
will walk along the cemetery access road and
along the Bike Trail in the Forest. We'll be looking
for resident and migrant passeresines--flycatchers,
thrushes, vireos, warblers, tanagers, and orioles. In
the recent past, a male Summer Tanager was resi-
dent here; we'll see if he has returned. Easy and
level walking. Please contact the leader if you plan
to join the walk. Heavy rain will cancel.

Leader: Stefanie Paventy, stefpav@gmail.com

► Tuesday - May 20th - 8:15 AM - 12:00 PM -
   Greg Hirth - Falmouth

Meet at the parking lot for Goodwill Park
(entrance off Gifford Street approximately 0.6
miles north of Jones/Gifford intersection.) We'll
look for migrant and nesting songbirds then con-
tinue onto the Crane Wildlife Management Area to
look for raptors and open space specialties.

Leader: Greg Hirth, geohawk_1@yahoo.com or
         508-457-4356.

► Monday – May 26th - 5:30 AM - 12:00 PM -
   Michael Dettrey -Wompatuck State Park -Hingham

Meet at the Stop and Shop on Route 6A in Sandwich.
The State Park, formerly a munitions depot during
World War II, is now a relatively large tract of wood-
land and wetland habitats that is a wonderful stopover
for migrating songbirds and a nesting locale for a wide
variety of birds. We'll bird until the latter portion of
the morning and be done by noon to beat the traffic.
Watch the weather reports and call/email to check on
the status of the trip. Leader: Michael Dettrey; email:
         swanpondside62@aol.com or 774-212-7080.

► Monday - June 9th - 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Diane
   Silverstein - West Harwich Conservation Area

Meet at Bell's Neck Road at the landing of the West
Reservoir. We will explore some hidden, regularly un-
explored mixed woodland area and some large, open,
old cranberry bogs for flycatchers. Late migrating pas-
serines and warblers would be nice to find. You may
want to put on some insect repellant and/or long, light
quick drying clothing.

Leaders: Diane Silverstein & Michael Dettrey;
         birder526@comcast.net or 508-364-7050.

► Monday - June 23rd - 6 AM - 10 AM - Michael
   Dettrey - Nickerson State Park

Meet at the first parking lot at the entrance of the park.
We will walk a loop trail looking for any interesting
late warblers or passeresines. We may even get our feet
wet at one of the kettle ponds here also we will enjoy
butterflies, dragonflies and plant life. You may want to
put on some insect repellant and/or long, light quick
drying clothing and watershoes.

Leaders: Michael Dettrey & Diane Silverstein;
         swanpondside62@aol.com or 508-364-7050.
**APRIL 14: Shorebirds and Rice – Market Trapping of Sandpipers and Plovers in Guyana, South America—Peter Trull**

Piping plovers have been nesting on Cape Cod for thousands of years, are endangered, and produce spirited reaction from many off-road enthusiasts trying to enjoy the outer beaches during nesting season. Where do we find the balance between recreation and species conservation? How do we enjoy the beaches while still protecting vulnerable wildlife? Several species of sandpiper and plover that nest on Cape Cod and that use the area as a migratory stopover are eaten for food in some South American countries.

Peter Trull, an ornithologist who has studied the market trapping and human consumption of different shorebird species in South America, is our guest speaker for April. Willets, Greater Yellowlegs, Black-bellied Plovers, and Whimbrels are just some of the species that South American families have shared with Trull. However, to the surprise of many the endangered Piping Plover does not migrate or winter past the shores of the southern U.S. or proximate coastal islands. So where did the phrase “Piping Plovers taste like chicken” actually come from? Trull will reveal the answer and share his views about the conservation measures needed to strike a balance on the Cape’s outer beaches. Be ready for a lively, provocative presentation and beautiful photos.

Peter Trull holds a Master’s Degree in Education and has been involved in marine research since 1976. He directed Mass Audubon’s Coastal Seabird Program from 1976 to 1986 during which time he conducted research on the market trapping of common terns and shorebird species in Guyana, South America. He has made more than 2,000 whale watching trips related to education and population studies under the auspices of the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies since 1992. He was Education Director of the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, as well as the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies, and presently teaches 7th Grade Science at the Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School in Harwich, MA. He has written five books related to Cape Cod natural history.

**MAY 12: Albatross, Petrels and Sharks, Oh My! Salt Water New Zealand**

**Birds at the Bottom of the World: Pelagic Seabirds of New Zealand—David Clapp**

The cool, highly oxygenated coastal waters of New Zealand are rich in life of all sorts; the bird life is extraordinary. There are petrels, storm-petrels, a few gulls and terns, and especially albatross of all sizes and sorts. David and Fran spent some time with these birds and will share their travels and images at the May meeting.

David Clapp works with Smithsonian Journeys (the Smithsonian Institutes travel program) as a naturalist and lecturer worldwide. He retired from Mass Audubon in 2005, after a 35-year career with that organization, including as Director of its South Shore Sanctuaries. David also consults on environmental matters and has a smallish safari company that operates mostly in northern Tanzania. He has led about 30 East African safaris. David lives on the Cape and is the former Programs Coordinator for the Cape Cod Bird Club.
NEST BOX NEWS

2013 Nest Box Activity  by Judith Bruce

In 2013, the nest boxes monitored by volunteers of the Harwich Conservation Trust fledged 288 birds: 77 Eastern Bluebirds, 124 Tree Swallows, 72 House Wrens, 10 Black-capped Chickadees, and 5 Tufted Titmice. A total of 79 nest boxes are located on three fields owned by the town of Harwich or HCT: Bank Street Bogs, Thompson’s Field, and Texeira. Thanks to the staff of HCT for their support for this program, to co-coordinators Kelly Sattman and Joanna Schurmann, and to the following volunteers, most of whom have been monitoring boxes since the inception of the program in 2006: Janet DiMattia, Terry Gavin, Karen Goggins, Arlene Hedlund, Nancy Hipp, Shirley Knowles, Tab Mills, Gerry O’Malley, Nan Poor, and Don Scott.

Orleans Conservation Trust set up a nest box trail of 8 boxes on White’s Path in Orleans last summer. This trail fledged three Tree Swallows, 4 Eastern Bluebirds, and 6 Black-capped Chickadees. A great start! The trail at White’s Path may be expanded or a second trail started this year. Anyone interested in volunteering to monitor an Orleans nest box trail may contact Kris Ramsay, kramsay@orleansconservationtrust.org, OCT Administrator.

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AT THE ANNUAL CCBC MEETING ON MAY 12, 2014

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508-375-9421 pbono@prba.com

Paul and Marilyn Schlansky sell our festival t-shirts at the CCBC table at the Mass Audubon annual Birders Meeting at Bentley University on Saturday, March 8.
The Cape Cod Bird Club, Inc.
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