

## Bird Walks for Beginners

*These special walks are meant to introduce new birders to the hobby, including bird identification, binocular use and mobile apps. Birders of all experience levels are welcome.*

Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or sarahann71880@gmail.com

**January 27 (Saturday)**

**Safe Harbor Dam/Observation Road (Conestoga)**

Meet at 9 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Dam Parking Lot

**March 2 (Saturday)**

**Middle Creek WMA**

Meet at 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center Parking Lot

**April 7 (Sunday)**

**Riverfront Park (Marietta)**

Meet at 4 p.m. near the pavilion off Vinegar Ferry Road

**October 12 (Saturday)**

**Chestnut Grove (Conestoga)**

Meet at 9 a.m. at the main parking lot off Chestnut Grove Road

## Christmas Bird Counts

*Take part in citizen science and the tradition of counting birds in established 15-mile circles that goes all the way back to 1900. Contact the count coordinator to participate or be paired with an experienced counter needing help.*

**SoLanCo Count – December 15 (Sunday)**

Coordinator: Derek Stoner  
(484) 723-3348 or derekstoner@hotmail.com

**Lancaster Count – December 22 (Sunday)**

Coordinator: Barbara Hunsberger (717) 575-3712 or phunsberger@comcast.net

**CBC4Kids – December 22 (Sunday)**

**1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

*\* Special event with Lancaster County Parks \**

Coordinator: John Lahr (717) 205-3030 or johnlahr324@gmail.com

**Lititz Count – December 29 (Sunday)**

Coordinator: Ted Nichols II  
(717) 856-3851 or tanicholsii@gmail.com

## Habitat Improvement Workdays

*These workdays are held with the Lancaster Conservancy and are focused on improving bird habitat on their preserves through efforts such as the removal of invasive species. Refreshments, tools and gloves are provided!*

Contact: Sarah Gotwols  
(717) 940-3804 or sarahann71880@gmail.com

**March 9 (Saturday) 9 a.m. - Noon**  
*Climbers Run Nature Center*

**November 16 (Saturday) 9 a.m. - Noon**  
*Climbers Run Nature Center*

## 2024 Programs

*Presented at our 7 p.m. monthly meetings at locations specified on front of the brochure*

**January 11** – Amber Wiewel (Hawk Mountain) – Third Pennsylvania Breeding Bird Atlas

**February 8** – Exploring the North Museum's Ornithological Collection and Member Social with Refreshments!

**March 14** – Dr. Todd Underwood (Kutztown University) – Migration patterns and overwintering locations of Veeries in South America

**April 11** – Laurie Goodrich (Hawk Mountain) – Chasing Broad-winged Hawks from Canada to Colombia: Ecology of a Long-Distance Migrant

**May 9** – Patti Barber (PGC) – Current conservation concerns of American Goshawk in Pennsylvania

**June 13** – David Brown – Hawk Watching 101

**July 11** – Summer Picnic with Update from Lancaster Conservancy

**August 8** – Tracie Young (Raven Ridge Wildlife Center) – Birds of Prey

**September 12** – Andy Wilson (Gettysburg College) – Ears in the Sky: Using Drones to Study Songbirds

**October 10** – Mary Birdsong (Erie Bird Observatory) – Piping Plovers at Presque Isle... A Love Story!

**November 14** – David LaPuma from Cellular Tracking Technologies – What's the Frequency, Kenneth? How new technology is linking community science and ornithological research around the world.

**December 12** – Stefan Karkuff (PGC) – PGC Initiatives for Recovering PA's Birds

## *Lancaster County Bird Club*

*Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

*Founded December 8, 1937*

Dedicated to observing and preserving our community's native bird life.



## **2024 Programs and Field Trips**

Club meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Monthly meetings locations are:

North Museum of Nature and Science  
400 College Ave, Lancaster  
(September through March)

Middle Creek WMA Visitor's Center  
100 Museum Road, Stevens  
(April through June)

Climbers Run Nature Center  
226 Frogtown Rd, Pequea  
(July and August)

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult. For further info – including membership details – visit us at: [www.lancasterbirdclub.org](http://www.lancasterbirdclub.org)

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[www.instagram.com/lancasterbirdclub](http://www.instagram.com/lancasterbirdclub)

## LCBC Board of Directors

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## 2024 FIELD TRIPS

All participants must register with the trip leader by 6 p.m. the day before the trip unless otherwise noted.

**January 20 (Saturday)**

**Riverfront Park (Marietta)**

Meet at 10 a.m. near the pavilion off Vinegar Ferry Road. Leader: Emily Broich (717) 333-9146 or [emilybroich@gmail.com](mailto:emilybroich@gmail.com)

**February 24 (Saturday)**

**River Watch (Columbia)**

Meet from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Columbia Crossing River Trails Center Deck. Leader: Ted Nichols and members with scopes. (717) 856-3851 or [tanicholsii@gmail.com](mailto:tanicholsii@gmail.com)  
\*no registration necessary\*

**February 24 (Saturday)**

**Middle Creek Waterfowl Watch**

Meet at 8 a.m. at stop #1 along Kleinfeltersville Road. Leader: Craig Boyhont (717) 368-5986 or [cboyhont@gmail.com](mailto:cboyhont@gmail.com)

**March 9 (Saturday)**

**Middle Creek Woodcock and Waterfowl Watch**

Meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center Parking Lot. Leader: John Lahr (717) 205-3030 or [johnlahr324@gmail.com](mailto:johnlahr324@gmail.com)

**March 16 (Saturday)**

**Birding the Susquehanna (Wrightsville)**

Meet at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of the John Wright Restaurant along the Susquehanna River in York County. Leader: Derek Stoner (484) 723-3348 or [derekstoner@hotmail.com](mailto:derekstoner@hotmail.com)

**April 6 (Saturday)**

**Memorial Lake (Lebanon County)**

Meet at the Middle Road Parking Lot at 7 a.m. Leader: Jonathan Heller (717) 940-6067 or [jonathan.heller@comcast.net](mailto:jonathan.heller@comcast.net)

**April 13 (Saturday)**

**Safe Harbor Park (Conestoga)**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts. Leader: Kim Morelock (717) 471-0787 or [motherunitof5@aol.com](mailto:motherunitof5@aol.com)

**April 15 (Monday)**

**Shenk's Ferry (Conestoga)**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts to carpool for this wildflower-centered birding walk. Leaders: Warren & Nina Wolf (717) 284-2663 or [wolfers@aol.com](mailto:wolfers@aol.com)

**April 20 (Saturday)**

**Safe Harbor & Chestnut Grove (Conestoga)**

Meet at 8 a.m. at the Safe Harbor Park Tennis Courts. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or [fledge19@verizon.net](mailto:fledge19@verizon.net)

**April 27 (Saturday)**

**Octoraro Reservoir (Kirkwood)**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Spruce Grove Parking Lot and Boat Launch. Leader: Larry Bernhardt (717) 314-1461 or [sjbernhardt@verizon.net](mailto:sjbernhardt@verizon.net)

**May 4 (Saturday)**

**Warbler Walks**

**Chickies Rock County Park**, Meet at 7 a.m. at Breezy View Overlook. Leader: Roger Stoner (717) 393-9030

**Middle Creek** - Meet at 7 a.m. at the Visitor Center Parking Lot. Leader: Doug Anderson (717) 203-2482 or [douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com](mailto:douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com)

**Pumping Station Road**, Meet at 8 a.m. at the parking lot at US 322 and Pumping Station Road. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or [fledge19@verizon.net](mailto:fledge19@verizon.net)

**May 5 (Sunday)**

**Northwest River Trail (Bainbridge)**

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Bainbridge Boat Launch. Leaders: Warren & Nina Wolf (717) 284-2663 or [wolfers@aol.com](mailto:wolfers@aol.com)

**May 11 (Saturday)**

**Conewago Recreation Trail (Elizabethtown)**

Meet at 6:30 a.m. at Olde Trolley Line Park off Beverly Road. Leader: Larry Bernhardt (717) 314-1461 or [sjbernhardt@verizon.net](mailto:sjbernhardt@verizon.net)

**May 12 (Sunday)**

**Millport Conservancy (Lititz)**

Meet at 7 a.m. Leader: Doug Anderson (717) 203-2482 or [douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com](mailto:douglas.anderson58@yahoo.com)

**May 18 (Saturday)**

**Susquehannock State Park (Drumore)**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Hawk Point Parking Lot at the far end of State Park Road. Leader: Larry Bernhardt (717) 314-1461 or [sjbernhardt@verizon.net](mailto:sjbernhardt@verizon.net)

**May 19 (Sunday)**

**Birding Juniata County (Members Only, limit 8)**

**registration required and varying departure options exist, contact trip leader.** Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or [fledge19@verizon.net](mailto:fledge19@verizon.net)

**Sunday, June 23 (Sunday)**

**Fernduff Preserve & Bald Eagle Road (Drumore)**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Preserve on Wildlife Preserve Road. Leader: Ted Nichols II (717) 856-3851 or [tanicholsii@gmail.com](mailto:tanicholsii@gmail.com)

**July 13 (Saturday)**

**Conoy Wetlands Nature Preserve (Prescot Rd)**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the Prescot Rd Parking Lot. Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or [sarahann71880@gmail.com](mailto:sarahann71880@gmail.com)

**July 18-22**

**Puffins and Birding Acadia**

**(Members Only – Limit 12)**

Maine all-inclusive birding adventure guided by Seth Benz and operated by Schoodic Institute. Fee required with trip starting in Winter Harbor, ME. Trip leader and registrar: Ted Nichols II (717) 856-3851 or [tanicholsii@gmail.com](mailto:tanicholsii@gmail.com).

**August 10 (Saturday)**

**Clark Nature Preserve (Pequea)**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the parking lot. Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or [sarahann71880@gmail.com](mailto:sarahann71880@gmail.com)

**September 7 (Saturday)**

**Chestnut Grove (Conestoga)**

Meet at 7 a.m. at the main parking lot off Chestnut Grove Road. Leader: Larry Bernhardt (717) 314-1461 or [sjbernhardt@verizon.net](mailto:sjbernhardt@verizon.net)

**September 15 (Sunday)**

**Pumping Station Road (West of Brickerville)**

Meet at 8 a.m. at the parking lot at US 322 and Pumping Station Road. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or [fledge19@verizon.net](mailto:fledge19@verizon.net)

**September 22 (Sunday)**

**Ironville Park Raptor Watch (Columbia)**

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking lot off Prospect Road. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or [fledge19@verizon.net](mailto:fledge19@verizon.net) \*no registration necessary\*

**September 28 (Saturday)**

**Noel Dorwart Park (Lancaster)**

Meet at 8 a.m. at the Good Drive Parking Lot. Leader: John Lahr (717) 205-3030 or [johnlahr324@gmail.com](mailto:johnlahr324@gmail.com)

**September 29 (Sunday)**

**Habitat Hayrides at Middle Creek for National Hunting and Fishing Day**

Hayrides departing from the Visitor Center with bird guides from LCBC and Quittapahilla Audubon held throughout the day from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Rain cancels this offering. \*no registration necessary\*

**October 5 (Saturday, rain date October 6)**

**Middle Creek Explorer Series Fall Migration Bird Walk Ending at the Big Sit**

Meet at the Visitor Center at 8 a.m. Leader: Craig Boyhont (717) 368-5986 or [cboyhont@gmail.com](mailto:cboyhont@gmail.com)  
\*no registration necessary\*

**October 5 (Saturday, rain date October 6)**

**BIG SIT at Middle Creek WMA**

Complete details in newsletter and on website. All day activity, come and go as you wish. Leader: Bruce Carl (717) 368-4824 or [hrdabrd@gmail.com](mailto:hrdabrd@gmail.com)  
\*no registration necessary\*

**October 20 (Sunday)**

**State Game Lands 220 (Reinholds)**

Meet at 8 a.m. at SGL 220 Parking Lot located along Swamp Church Road. Leader: Derek Stoner (484) 723-3348 or [derekstoner@hotmail.com](mailto:derekstoner@hotmail.com)

**November 8 to 11 (Friday to Monday)**

**Delmarva Coast & Chincoteague NWR**

**(Members Only - limit 18)** Leader: Ted Nichols II (717) 856-3851 or [tanicholsii@gmail.com](mailto:tanicholsii@gmail.com)

**Saturday, December 7 (Saturday)**

**Chestnut Grove (Conestoga)**

Meet at 8 a.m. at the main parking lot off Chestnut Grove Road. Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or [sarahann71880@gmail.com](mailto:sarahann71880@gmail.com)