

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 25 (Saturday)
Safe Harbor Dam/Observation Road (Conestoga)

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

March 1 (Saturday)
Middle Creek WMA

Meet at 3 p.m. at the Visitor Center Parking Lot

April 6 (Sunday)
Riverfront Park (Marietta)

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

May 10 (Saturday)
Flory Park (Lancaster)

Meet at 8 a.m. at the Clark Pavilion, use the park entrance off Greenland Drive *

September 14 (Sunday)
East Lampeter Township Community Park (Lancaster)

Meet at 4 p.m. at the Lions Pavilion adjacent to the park's main parking area off Hobson Road *

October 11 (Saturday)
Chestnut Grove (Conestoga)

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

* In partnership with East Lampeter Township

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

CBC4Kids – December 20 (Saturday)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
* Special event with Lancaster County Parks *
Coordinator: John Lahr (717) 205-3030 or johnlahr324@gmail.com

Lancaster Count – December 21 (Sunday)
Coordinator: Barbara Hunsberger (717) 575-3712 or phunsberger@comcast.net

Lititz Count – December 28 (Sunday)
Coordinator: Ted Nichols II
(717) 856-3851 or tanicholsii@gmail.com

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2025 Programs

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

January 9 – Dan Ardia, Franklin & Marshall College - *Avian Conservation in an Urbanized Fragmented Landscape: Evolving Techniques and Developing Partnerships*

February 13 – *Exploring the North Museum and Member Social with Refreshments!*

March 13 – Heidi Shiver, President, Bird Town Pennsylvania, LLC - *Bird Town Pennsylvania: Creating Livable Communities Through the Lives of Birds*

April 10– Shelly Eshleman, Willistown Conservation Trust- *Bird Migration in Lancaster and Beyond*

May 8 – Mandy Talpas, Hawaii Bird Tours - *Avifauna of Hawaii: Birds on the Brink*

June 12 – Mercy Melo, Pennsylvania Game Commission - *American Kestrel Research*

July 10 – Jon Kauffman, PSU Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center - *Life in a Nestbox of American Kestrels and Barn Owls*

August 14 – Michael Moore - *Unconfusing Fall Warblers*

September 11 – Rachel Pennell, Pennsylvania Game Commission - *Talkin’ Turkey: Wild Turkey Projects in Pennsylvania*

October 9 – Haley Keff, Pennsylvania Game Commission - *Returning Northern Bobwhite Quail to Pennsylvania*

November 13 – Matthew Young, Finch Research Network - *Finch Irruptions, Finch Feeding, and the Stokes Guide to Finches of the United States and Canada*

December 11 – Jeff Larkin & Students, Indiana University of Pennsylvania - *An Update on Recent Ornithology Research Projects at IUP*

Lancaster County Bird Club

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Founded December 8, 1937

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



2025 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 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

Follow us at:
www.facebook.com/lancasterbirdclub
www.instagram.com/lancasterbirdclub

2025 FIELD TRIPS

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

January 18 (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

February 8 (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
no registration necessary

February 22 (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

March 8 (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

March 15 (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

April 5 (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

April 12 (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

April 14 (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

April 19 (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

May 3 (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

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

May 4 (Sunday) *Northwest River Trail (Bainbridge)*

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Prescot Road parking lot. Leaders: Warren & Nina Wolf (717) 284-2663 or wolfers@aol.com

May 10 (Saturday) *Muddy Run (Holtwood)*

Meet at 7 a.m. at the last parking lot on the left, past the Ryan Observatory. Leader: Larry Bernhardt (717) 314-1461 or sjbernhardt@verizon.net

May 11 (Sunday) *Millport Conservancy (Lititz)*

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

May 17 (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

May 18 (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

Sunday, June 22 (Sunday)
Ferncliff 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

July 12 (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

August 9 (Saturday)
Clark Nature Preserve (Pequea)
Meet at 7 a.m. at the preserve's main parking lot off House Rock Road
Leader: Sarah Gotwols (717) 940-3804 or sarahann71880@gmail.com

September 6 (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

September 14 (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 *no registration necessary*

September 21 (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

September 27 (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

October 11 (Saturday, rain date October 12)
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
no registration necessary

October 19 (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

November 9 (Sunday)
Conewago Recreation Trail (Elizabethtown)
Meet at 8 a.m. at Olde Trolley Line Park off Beverly Road. Leader: Carl Groff (717) 471-9969 or fledge19@verizon.net

Saturday, December 27 (Saturday)
Middle Creek Winter Bird Walk
Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center
Leader: Ted Nichols II (717) 856-3851 or tanicholsii@gmail.com



Special Members-Only Trip Opportunities

Members should stay tuned to upcoming newsletters and club e-mails regarding dates and sign-up information for our annual trip to Chincoteague and the Eastern Shore as well as other possible overnight / travel opportunities for members farther afield!