

## Announcing Fall 2024 Trip Calendar

*The Alan Devoe Bird Club is pleased to offer the following bird walk schedule through December 2024. These walks are free and open to the public of all birding abilities whether novice, expert, or just curious and want to get outside. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Walks last about 1.5-2 hours but participants can leave earlier. Please note start times and contact specific trip coordinator or Chris Franks at 518-781-0204 with any questions.*

### **AUG 31, 2024 OLANA (morning)**

**SAT**

**Coordinator: Bill Cook**

**518-851-2678**

Meet 8:00 am at the main parking lot at the top of the long driveway near the house at Olana State Historic Site, Route 9G. Join us on Labor Day Weekend for an exploration through Olana's artist-designed landscape while keeping eyes and ears open for local birds. Learn more about local bird species, habitats, and behaviors with Dr. William Cook, Professor Emeritus at Columbia-Greene Community College and the Curator of C-GCC's Natural History Museum.

### **SEP 7, 2024 HAND HOLLOW CONSERVATION AREA (morning) with HMBC**

**SAT**

**Coordinator: Chris Franks**

**518-781-0204**

Meet 8:00 am at the parking lot. From the intersection of Route 22 and 20 in New Lebanon, take US20 4.5 miles to CR 9. Take CR9 south 1.2 miles and turn west (right) into a parking lot just past the pond.

Columbia Land Conservancy owns and manages 433 acres at Hand Hollow Conservation Area for the protection of wildlife and open space. The property has an active beaver pond and two lakes, and trails that pass by ponds, creeks, wet meadows, and a hemlock ravine. We will be looking for migrant songbirds as well as lingering residents. Joint trip with Hudson Mohawk Bird Club.

### **SEP 14, 2024 HELDERBERG ESCARPMENT HAWKWATCH (mid-day)**

**SAT**

**Coordinator: Marian Sole**

**203-710-9096**

Meet 10:00 am at the Hawk Watch (overlook parking lot) of John Boyd Thacher State Park (Voorheesville). Migrating Broad-wing Hawks use the warm air thermals along the escarpment. Other birds of prey may include; Osprey, Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, and Cooper's Hawk. We will be submitting our count data into the Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA)

**SEP 21, 2024 NUTTEN HOOK (morning) with HMBC**  
**SAT Coordinator: Kathryn Schneider**

Meet 8:00 am in the parking area by the pavilion, which is west of the railroad tracks, and the buildings on Ice House Road. Ice House Road is off Route 9J in Stuyvesant. Nutten Hook is part of Stockport Flats, a Hudson River Estuarine Research Reserve. The area includes the remains of the largest icehouse on the Hudson as well as an ¼ mile loop trail bordering the river. Bald Eagles and fall migrants are expected.

**OCT 5, 2024 CLERMONT (morning)**  
**SAT Coordinator: Marian Sole 203-710-9096**

Meet 8:00 am at the parking lot of the Clermont State Historic site. 1 Clermont Avenue, Germantown, 12526. Fall migrants and Waterfowl on the Hudson will be on the schedule. We have had Egrets show up on previous walks. This walk is being organized with the Friends of Clermont.

**OCT 12, 2024 OVERMOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AREA (morning)**  
**SAT Coordinator: Frank Smith 916-254-1237**

Meet 8:00 am at the parking area west of Route 22 on Catapano Road before the intersection with Overmountain Road. Explore this large CLC property. Sparrows, grassland birds, migrants, and a nice mix of habitat await our visit.

**OCT 26, 2024 SIEGEL-KLINE KILL (morning)**  
**SAT Coordinator: Joan Scheu 845-702-7564**

Meet 8:00 am in the main parking lot located at 1452 CR 21 in Ghent. This is another new walk for the Club in 2021. This walk has been organized with Columbia Land Conservancy. Siegel-Kline is a 55-acre conservation area host to large sycamore trees, fields, stream, and flood plain forest.

**NOV 09, 2024 FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN HAWK WATCH (mid-morning)**  
**SAT Coordinator: Chris Franks 518-781-0204**

Meet 10:00 am. I-88 westbound, take Exit 15. Turn left at the bottom of the ramp, and right again at the light by McDonalds. Turn left at the fourth traffic light (0.7 mile) onto Southside Drive. Turn right onto Swart Hollow Road (0.8 mile). Follow Swart Hollow Road for 1.5 miles and take sharp right turn to Grange Hall Road. Driveway to parking is on left (0.2 mile). There is a kiosk by a barn and trail to watch

is on the left. Dress warmly, bring a bag lunch, and carpool if possible. Franklin Mountain is renowned for migrating Golden Eagles and is staffed by volunteer counters.

**NOV 16, 2024 TOMHANNOCK RESERVOIR (morning)**

**SAT Coordinator: Naomi Lloyd (HMBC) 518-596-5964**

Meet 8:30 am in Pittstown. Reservoir parking lot is at the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and NY Route 7 at the west end of the causeway. Bring a scope if you have one. We look for waterfowl and possible shorebirds. We will carpool from the main parking area where possible as we make several stops around the reservoir. This walk is joined with the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club.

**DEC 7, 2024 COPAKE LAKE (morning)**

**SAT Coordinator: Marian Sole 203-710-9096**

Meet 9:00am at the intersection of County Route 7 and Lake View Road (Copake Lake). We will search for fall migrant waterfowl. An eared Grebe has been sighted on previous trips. We have several Club members that frequent Copake Lake in the Fall and should have updated information for the walk.

**DEC 14, 2024 CHATHAM CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (full day)**

**SAT Coordinator: Chris Franks 518-781-0204**

Join ADBC as we conduct the Chatham circle Christmas Bird Count. Contact Chris Franks if you would like to join one of the designated sector groups. Count tally will be on 12/17 at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

**DEC 16, 2024 SOUTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (full day)**

**MON Coordinator: Frank Smith 917-254-1237**

Join ADBC for the 6th year of this new Christmas Bird Count (CBC) circle. Contact Frank Smith if you would like to join one of the designated sector groups. Count tally will be on 12/17 at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

**DEC 17, 2024 COMBINED (Chatham & Southern Columbia County) CBC COMPILATION (12-2:00pm)**

**TUE Coordinator: Marian Sole 203-710-9096**

Join us for a Christmas Bird Count compilation. We compare sightings & stories while sharing pizza, coffee, and holiday cookie exchange. Tally will be from 12:00-2:00pm at the Kinderhook Memorial Library at 18 Hudson Street, Kinderhook NY. If attending, kindly let us know (call or email us at [info1@alandevoebirdclub.org](mailto:info1@alandevoebirdclub.org)) to ensure we order enough pizza. We'll order extra so don't worry about being a late show.