

Alan Devoe Bird Club

First Half 2026—Field Trip Schedule

JAN 11, 2026

EAGLE COUNT (morning)

SUN

Coordinator: Marian Sole, 203-710-9096

Meet 9:00 am at Stuyvesant Landing (off 9J intersection of CR-26A and Riverview Street). We will carpool and make stops along the Hudson River. Dress warmly and bring scopes if you have them. This count is part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project to determine the health and patterns of Bald Eagle populations.

JAN 18, 2026

WATERFOWL COUNT (42nd annual)

SUN

Coordinator: Chris Franks, 914-987-9397

Meet 9:00 am at Stuyvesant Landing (off 9J intersection of CR-26A and Riverview Street). We will carpool and make stops along the Hudson River. Dress warmly and bring scopes if you have them. This count has been held every year since 1955 (except '68-'72) for monitoring New York wintering waterfowl.

FEB 14, 2026

GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT with Columbia Land Conservancy (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Frank Smith, 917-254-1237

Meet 9:00 am-11:00 am at Ooms Conservation Area (480 Rock City Road, Chatham). CLC will lead this local count established by National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology in 1998 as the first online citizen-science bird project.

FEB 21, 2026

EICHYBUSH – SHRIKE SEARCH (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Drew Hopkins, 518-653-4387

Meet 9:00 am at Lindenwald parking lot on Route 9H. We will look for Northern Shrike on Eichybush Road in Kinderhook. Northern Harrier and Rough-Legged Hawk are more likely than Northern Shrike. A juvenile shrike was sighted on Eichybush during 2020's Christmas Bird Count.

MAR 7, 2026

COPAKE LAKE (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Marian Sole, 203-710-9096

Meet 9:00 am at the intersection of County Route 7 and Lake view Road (Copake Lake). We will search for spring migrant waterfowl. Common Loon, Grebe, Mergansers, Teals and others are potential species.

Mar 14, 2026

VOSBURGH SWAMP WMA w/HMBC (Greene County, morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Alan Mapes, 518-817-1512

Meet 8:00 am at the Four-mile Point Preserve parking lot on Four Mile Point Road. From Mansion Street in the Village of Coxsackie, go South on State Route 385 (Washington Ave), approximately 2.5 miles to a left turn onto Four Mile Point Road. Proceed to the bottom of the hill – parking area is straight ahead where the road takes a 90-degree bend to the right. We will look for resident birds and early migrants, Eastern Phoebe, Brown Creeper, Kinglets, and Fox Sparrow. The trail also provides access to views of the Hudson River and ponds for waterfowl.

APR 11, 2026

WILSON POWELL SANCTUARY w/Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Kathy Schneider, 518-248-8665

Meet 8:00 am at main parking lot off Hunt Club Road. Located off County Route 13, one mile southwest of the intersection of CR 13 and the Old Albany Turnpike (Old Chatham Village Square), take Pitt Hall Road, then a left on Hunt Club Road. Sanctuary entrance is on the right. The Sanctuary is owned & managed by the Alan Devoe Bird Club. Over 200 species including 20 warblers, have been recorded for this property.

APR 18, 2026

Churchtown Dairy Farm Field Sketch Workshop & Walk (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Eric Losh, 304-676-6519

Meet 9:00 am in the Welcome Center, 357 County Route 12, Hudson NY, 12534. Participants will learn the basics of bird drawing and some techniques for sketching in the field. We will then practice our new skills as we explore the property of Churchtown Dairy Farm. The program is expected to last two hours. Bring a pencil and something to draw on, such as a field pad or sketchbook. This workshop is designed for adults; however, children are welcome with adult supervision. Group size is limited so please email eric.losh@gmail.com if interested.

May 9, 2026

Olana (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Frank Smith, 917-254-1237

Meet 8:00 am at the lower parking lot (by the large barn and pond) at Olana State Historic Site, Route 9G. Join us for this very popular (birders & birds) walk through Olana's artist-designed landscape while keeping eyes and ears open for spring migrants and breeding residents.

MAY 16, 2026

CENTURY RUN (full day)

SAT

Coordinator: Sue Senecah, 518-210-3027

Join Alan Devoe Bird Club members and friends as we try to see and hear over 100 species in one day. Potluck lunch and tally at Sue Senecah's (435 Bushnell Road, Chatham) the following day (Sunday May 17th) at 4:00 pm. This is our Club's main fund-raising event of the year. Please consider participating and/or sponsoring a birder.

May 17, 2026

Rail Trail with NYS Young Birders (morning)

SUN

Coordinators: Marian Sole & Autumn Hopkins, 203-710-9096

Join ADBC and the NYSOA Young Birders as we search for warblers along the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. Cerulean Warblers have been sighted on this stretch in past seasons. Meet 7:30 am at the trail designated parking area on Under Mountain Road, off Route 22 in Copake NY. If you come from the South on Route 22 turn right 9.1 miles from Millerton. If you come from the North on Route 22, Under Mountain Road is on the left 8.8 miles from Hillsdale town center.

May 23, 2026

P.S. 21 Center for Contemporary Performance (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Mayuko Fujino, 347-237-0935

Meet 8:00 am in the main parking lot at 2980 Route 66, Chatham. We will be joined by members of the Feminist Bird Club as we explore the trails & property around PS 21 and the adjacent Crellin Community Park.

MAY 30, 2026

Sky High Farm (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Sarah Workneh, 312-545-5361

Meet 8:00 am at 1131 County Route 7 in Ancram (the former Sigler Farm). This will be our second public walk at Sky High Farm. The team at Sky High Farm has been busy working on sustainable farming techniques. We are excited to survey the evolving bird life in the fields and border habitat.

JUN 6, 2026

CLERMONT (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Nancy Bruno, 518-610-2137

Meet 8 am at the parking lot for the Clermont State Historic Site. One mile north of Tivoli off Route 9G. . Fields, gardens, woods, and river views. Come see why this is one of our more popular walks.

JUN 13, 2026

OOMS (morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Joanie Scheu, 845-702-7564

Meet 8:00 am at the first (lower) parking lot at 361 State Route 23, Claverack. This property offers beautiful views, trails, and “birdy” habitat. We will be looking for grassland species including Bobolink and Meadowlarks.