

Alan Devoe Bird Club

Fall 2026 Trip Calendar

ADBC is pleased to offer the following bird walk schedule through December 2026. These walks are free and open to the public of all birding abilities whether novice, expert, or just curious. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Please note start times and contact specific trip coordinator or Chris Franks at 518-781-0204 with any questions.

AUG 30, 2026 HAND HOLLOW CONSERVATION AREA (morning) with HMBC

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Coordinator: Joanie Scheu

845-702-7564

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. If coming from Chatham, head east on Route 295 and turn left onto CR 9. Go 5.1 miles on CR 9 and turn left just after the merge with CR 34 into the parking lot.

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 5, 2026 OLANA (morning)

SAT

Coordinators: Eric Losh and Meghan Ryan

304-676-6519

Meet 8:00 am in the lower parking lot (Farm Complex) at Olana State Historic Site, Route 9G. Join us 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.

SEP 12, 2026 HELDERBERG ESCARPMENT HAWKWATCH (mid-morning)

SAT

Coordinator: Chris Franks

518-781-0204

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 to the Hawk Migration Association (HMA). This is also the State Park's HawkFest day so there will be plenty of other Hawk related tables/booths to visit.

SEP 19, 2026 NUTTEN HOOK (morning) with HMBC**SAT Coordinator: Kathy Schneider****518-248-8665**

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 3, 2026 CLERMONT (morning)**SAT Coordinator: Mayuko Fujino & Autumn Hopkins****347-237-0935**

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. Organized with the Friends of Clermont, this walk offers river views, fields, woods, and gardens.

OCT 10, 2026 MAWIGNACK PRESERVE (morning)**SAT Coordinator: Nancy Bruno****518-610-2137**

Meet 8:00 am in the main parking lot .7 miles down Snake Road (#52) in the Town of Catskill. Parking is limited. There is additional parking across the street at a ball field or if coming from Columbia County consider carpooling. Mawignack is a 144 acre preserve property which runs along a portion of the Catskill Creek and contains a section of old rail bed. This is a new walk on our calendar.

Oct 24, 2026 Taghkanic Community Forest (morning)**SAT Coordinator: Will Yandik****518-821-3131**

Meet 8:00 am in the parking lot. Formal address is 685 County Road 11, Craryville, NY. The parking lot is at List Bypass on Road 11, Taghkanic (GPS coordinates 42.135739, -73.656614). This is a newly opened 500+ acre property with co-stewardship provided by a Committee comprised of volunteer community members and Columbia Land Conservancy. Come explore and bird this exciting property with Will Yandik (CLC board member, farmer, & ornithologist).

NOV 07, 2026 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 the trail to the Hawk 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 14, 2026 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 19, 2026 CHATHAM CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (full day)

SAT

Coordinator: Chris Franks

518-781-0204

Join ADBC as we conduct the Chatham circle Christmas Bird Count. This is the 126th annual count in conjunction with National Audubon. Contact Chris Franks if you would like to join one of the designated sector groups. Count tally will be at noon on 12/22 at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

DEC 21, 2026 SOUTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (full day)

MON

Coordinator: Frank Smith

917-254-1237

Join ADBC for the 7th year of this new CBC circle. Contact Frank Smith if you would like to join one of the designated sector groups. Count tally will be at noon on 12/22 at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

DEC 22, 2026 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) to ensure we order enough pizza. We'll order extra so don't worry about being a late show.