

FALL 2025 FIELD TRIP CALENDAR

Alan Devoe Bird Club is pleased to offer the following bird walk schedule through December 2025. 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.

SAT, AUG 30, 2025 HAND HOLLOW CONSERVATION AREA (morning) with HMBC

Coordinator: Marian Sole, 203-710-9096

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 you come 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.

MON, SEP 1, 2025 OLANA (morning)

Coordinators: Bill Cook & Autumn Hopkins, 518-851-2678

Meet 8:00 am in the lower parking lot (Farm Complex) at Olana State Historic Site, Route 9G. Join us on Labor Day 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 and local birder/student, Autumn Hopkins.

SAT, SEP 13, 2025 HELDERBERG ESCARPMENT HAWKWATCH (mid-morning)

Coordinator: Chris Franks, 518-7812-0204

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).

SAT, SEP 20, 2025 NUTTEN HOOK (morning) with HMBC

Coordinator: Frank Smith, 917-254-1237

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.

SAT, OCT 4, 2025 CLERMONT (morning)

Coordinator: Mayuko Fujino, 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. We have had Egrets show up on previous walks. This walk is being organized with the Friends of Clermont.

THU, OCT 16, 2025 ROELIFF JANSEN PARK/BIRDING WORKSHOP (evening)

Coordinator: Marian Sole, 203-710-9096

Meet 7:00 pm in the Roeliff Jansen Community Library conference room, 9091 Route 22, Hillsdale. There will be an introduction to birding in Columbia County with an emphasis on the birds and habitat of the adjacent Roe Jan park.

SAT, OCT 18, 2025 ROELIFF JANSEN PARK (morning)

Coordinator: Marian Sole, 203-710-9096

Meet 8:00 am in the main parking lot located at 116 Old Rte. 22, Hillsdale (Copake Hillsdale Farmers Market). This is the field trip portion related to the Thursday evening presentation. All are welcome. Participation in both the talk & walk is not necessary. We will explore the fields, stream and wood edges of this local and "birdy" park.

SAT, NOV 8, 2025 FRANKLIN MOUNTAIN HAWK WATCH (mid-morning)

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.

SAT, NOV 15, 2025 TOMHANNOCK RESERVOIR (morning)

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.

SAT, DEC 6, 2025 COPAKE LAKE (morning)

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.

SAT, DEC 20, 2025 CHATHAM CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (full day)

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 at noon on 12/23 at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

MON, DEC 22, 2025 SOUTHERN COLUMBIA COUNTY CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT (full day)

Coordinator: Frank Smith, 917-254-1237

Join ADBC for the 6th 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 12/23 at the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

TUE, DEC 23, 2025 COMBINED (Chatham & Southern Columbia County)

CBC COMPILATION (12-2:00pm)

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.