



Mid-September 2021

\* \* \* **ANNOUNCEMENTS** \* \* \*

**MONTHLY PROGRAMS AT RUTLAND LIBRARY ARE ON AGAIN!**

On the autumnal equinox, which falls on September 22<sup>nd</sup> this year, the Club will resume monthly in-person educational programs. Kicking off the season is Princeton artist Barry Van Dusen, and we're really looking forward to his lively and beautifully-illustrated talk. Great programs have been lined up for October and November, too. We're optimistic and crossing our fingers for circumstances allowing us to go forward. Health guidelines and requirements of the library as well as state mandates will be followed.



We recommend that all who choose to attend are vaccinated. If protocol for indoor events is the same as when this newsletter is being written, masks may be required; and/or we can open the meeting room windows as well as take advantage of the large space to allow social distancing.

Unfortunately, while we were able to offer remote viewing on the ZOOM platform when guest speakers were in front of their own computers, we currently don't have the technical ability to offer the monthly programs via ZOOM. If you or someone you know can help set this up, contact [warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com](mailto:warerivernatureclub@yahoo.com) .

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### ATHOL BIRD & NATURE CLUB

## EARLY BIRD BIRDING WITH JEFF JOHNSTONE

Fridays at 7:30 a.m.

September 24<sup>th</sup>

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

Join Jeff for this look at our local fall migrating birds.

A meet-up location will be decided from where the group will head out to explore the North Quabbin area for fall migrants and regular resident birds. These are great opportunities for the novice birder to learn from one of our best field naturalists.

Come for as long as your schedule allows. Severe weather cancels.

Call to reserve your spot: Jeff Johnstone, 978-249-9052.



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PRINCETON OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE--PRINCETON HIKES!

## SENIOR HIKE AT

## LEOMINSTER STATE FOREST

**Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 a.m.**



This hike of about 3 miles will take the group past the pretty Crow Hill Ponds and maybe up to the bottom of the Crow Hill cliffs.

To register: [TrailAroundPrincetonMA@GMail.com](mailto:TrailAroundPrincetonMA@GMail.com)

WARE RIVER NATURE CLUB

# HOME AND AWAY: WANDERINGS OF A NATURE ARTIST

with Barry Van Dusen

Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 p.m.

Rutland Public Library, 280 Main Street, Rutland



In this illustrated talk, nature artist Barry Van Dusen will take us on trips around the corner and across the globe. Come along to see some spectacular scenery, meet some interesting people, and, of course, see some good birds! Barry will share his experiences as Artist-in-Residence at several museums and botanic gardens around New England. We'll then accompany him and a team of international artists as they travel to far-off destinations with the Artists for Nature Foundation-- the fenlands of England, the coastal forests of Peru, and a bird migration hotspot in Israel. Finally, we'll visit Maine, with stops at the Rangeley Lakes region and Acadia National Park.

*Barry will be offering for sale original watercolors, notecards, and prints.*

*Barry W. Van Dusen is an internationally recognized wildlife artist living in central Massachusetts. His articles and paintings have been featured in Bird Watcher's Digest, Birding, and Yankee magazines, and he has illustrated a variety of natural-history books and pocket guides.*

*In 1994, Barry was elected a full member of London's Society of Wildlife Artists. His work has been exhibited regularly in the prestigious Birds in Art Exhibition (Wausau, Wisconsin), as well as in many galleries in the United States and Europe. At the invitation of the Artists for Nature Foundation, Barry has traveled to Spain, Ireland, England, Israel, India and Peru, working alongside other wildlife artists to raise money for conservation of threatened habitats.*

FORBUSH BIRD CLUB

## BIRDING

### NEW BRAINTREE AND VICINITY

Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> 7 a.m.

Leader: Rodney Jenkins (508-757-5010)

We will explore this beautiful rural area for early-fall migrants. Meet at the Winimusset Wildlife Management Area parking lot on Hardwick Rd./Ravine Rd. between Route 67 (New Braintree) and Route 32 (Hardwick).

Waterproof footwear is advised for walking in wet grass. Please register with the leader by 5 p.m. on September 25<sup>th</sup>.



*Photo by Alan Rawle*

FORBUSH BIRD CLUB

## BIRDING BOLTON FLATS WMA AND VICINITY

Sunday October 3rd 7 a.m.

Leader: Kevin Bourinot

(978-376-1498) [kevin.bourinot@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.bourinot@gmail.com)

In late September, the weedy fields attract a wide variety of species.

Meet at the parking lot on Route 117

in Lancaster, ¼ mile west of the junction of Route 117 and 110.

Please wear waterproof knee-high boots.

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## CRANBERRY HIKE STERLING

Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>  
11 a.m.

Leader: Karen Rossow

An easy hike of about 3 miles, down to a cranberry bog by the Wachusett Reservoir in Sterling.

To register: [TrailAroundPrincetonMA@GMail.com](mailto:TrailAroundPrincetonMA@GMail.com)



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2021 Northeast Wildlife Trackers Conference**

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