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UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION'S
2026 INTRODUCTION TO BIRD IDENTIFICATION, ECOLOGY & HABITATS COURSE

Weekly Online Lessons: March 7 – May 29 (on your own schedule)

Optional Field Trips: April 4 – June 27

Course Instructor: **Matt Tarr** (Online Lessons & Trip Leader)
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Course objective: This is an online and field-based course. Online lessons are designed to improve your ability to accurately identify common songbird and songbird-like (e.g., woodpeckers) bird species encountered throughout New Hampshire. Optional field trips to various forest, shrubland, field, wetland, and suburban habitats will teach you how to identify any bird species we encounter during each trip. Through a combination of online and field instruction, you will gain a better understanding of the habitats where you can expect to encounter each bird species and the specific things you can do on your land to attract and benefit birds.

Specific learning outcomes

By completing the online lessons and participating in field trips, you will improve your ability to:

- Identify common bird species based on species-specific characteristics of size & shape, plumage color patterns, songs & calls, habitat, behavior, and seasonal geographic range.
- Predict what bird species will occur in different habitats.
- Identify things you can do on your land to attract and benefit a variety of bird species.

Who is this course for?

Anyone interested in improving their ability to identify birds by sight & sound and in learning more about bird ecology and the habitats birds require. This class is appropriate for beginners with little or no previous birding experience and for experienced birders who want to sharpen their birding skills and learn more about bird ecology and habitats. Many students of this course enroll again to continue practicing and improving their birding skills!

Prerequisites for getting the *most* out of this course:

- Interest in improving your ability to identify birds by sight and sound.
- Commitment to complete weekly online lessons that average from 1 to 2.5 hours each week.
- Commitment to practice identifying birds by sight & sound as often as possible during the course.
- Participating in birding field trips offered as part of this class or by other birding groups, as frequently as your schedule allows.

Required course equipment:

- *Peterson Field Guide to Birds of Eastern and Central North America 7th edition (2020)**
- Binoculars*
- Outdoor clothing appropriate for standing and slow walking over terrain indicated for each field trip, water & food necessary to sustain you through the entire length of each trip, insect/tick repellent, and sunscreen as needed.

*After registering for the course you will receive a link to the online course folder with the following resources:

- **Some Notes About Field Guides** (this will answer questions you might have about whether you need to purchase a new field guide)
- **Binocular Ins & Outs With Tips for Purchasing New Binoculars** (this provides helpful guidance for how to select binoculars and set them up to work their best)
- **An Audio Guide To Identifying New England Birds By Ear. Volume I: The Songbird Songs & Calls You Should Learn First.** Matt Tarr, UNH Cooperative Extension 2025.

Course Co-Sponsors

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COURSE FORMAT & EXPECTATIONS

This course includes a combination of online-lessons and optional field trips designed to provide you with the most effective methods for identifying songbirds and songbird-like birds you are likely to encounter in New Hampshire.

ONLINE LESSONS

- Online lessons include a combination of audio and video lessons that will be e-mailed to you at the beginning of each week of the course beginning March 6, 2026.
- **There is no specific meeting time for online lessons; you complete these lessons on your own schedule.** Weekly lessons require 1 to 2.5 hrs/week and are in parts so you don't need to complete them all in one sitting. To get the most out of the class, I encourage you to complete each lesson by the end of the week it is assigned to not fall behind due to the amount of material covered in the course. Birding field trips will regularly review birds introduced in online lessons.
- **A total of 50 bird species will be introduced in online lessons** (see the *Weekly Online Lesson Schedule* below). Each weekly lesson provides detailed instructions for how to identify 2 to 6 new bird species by sight & sound, as well as the habitat needs and basic ecology of each species.
- Weekly online quizzes include a combination of audio recordings, photos, and videos of birds. Quizzes are designed to help you practice your bird ID skills and identify where additional practice will be most helpful.
- Beginning the week it is introduced, you will have continuous access to the material contained in each online lesson until January 1st, 2027.

WEEKLY ONLINE LESSON SCHEDULE

The following topics and bird species will be covered in each weekly online lesson:

Online Lesson Week 1 (March 7 – March 13)

- Week 1 Quiz - Let's Get Started Bird Quiz!
- *Birding Basics Lesson: Size & Shape*
- *Birding Basics Lesson: Introduction to the Peterson Field Guide and Grouping Birds by Size & Shape*
- *Species Identification Lesson: American Crow, Common Raven*

Online Lesson Week 2 (March 14 – March 20)

- Week 2 Quiz (covering Week 1 material)
- *Birding Basics Lesson: Introduction to Using Color Pattern to ID Birds*
- *Birding Basics Lesson: Introduction to Bird Songs & Calls*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Black-capped chickadee, Tufted titmouse, Northern Cardinal*

Online Lesson Week 3 (March 21 – March 27)

- Week 3 Quiz (Covering Week 1-2 material)
- *Birding Basics Lesson: What Birds Can I Expect Here?*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Red-winged blackbird, Common grackle, European starling*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Blue jay*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Mourning dove*

Online Lesson Week 4 (March 28 – April 3)

- Week 4 Quiz (Covering Week 1-3 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: Red-breasted nuthatch, White-breasted nuthatch, Brown creeper*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Dark-eyed junco, White-throated sparrow*

Online Lesson Week 5 (April 4 – April 10)

- Week 5 Quiz (Covering Week 1-4 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: House finch, Purple Finch*
- *Species Identification Lesson: American goldfinch*

Online Lesson Week 6 (April 11 – April 17)

- Week 6 Quiz (Covering Week 1-5 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: Song sparrow*
- *Species Identification Lesson: House sparrow*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Eastern phoebe*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Eastern bluebird*

Online Lesson Week 7 (April 18 – April 24)

- Week 7 Quiz (Covering Week 1-6 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: Downy woodpecker, Hairy woodpecker*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Pileated woodpecker, Northern flicker*

Online Lesson Week 8 (April 25 – May 1)

- Week 8 Quiz (Covering Week 1-7 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: Yellow-bellied sapsucker, Red-bellied woodpecker*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Black-and-white warbler, Ovenbird, Eastern towhee*

Online Lesson Week 9 (May 2 – May 8)

- Week 9 Quiz (Covering Week 1-8 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: Chipping sparrow, Pine warbler, Swamp sparrow*
 - Peterson Birding by Ear: Chippers & Trillers
- *Species Identification Lesson: Baltimore Oriole*

Online Lesson Week 10 (May 9 – May 15)

- Week 10 Quiz (Covering Week 1-9 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: Hermit thrush, Wood thrush, Veery*
 - Peterson Field Guides “Birding by Ear: Thrushes”
- *Species Identification Lesson: American Robin, Rose-breasted grosbeak, Scarlet tanager*

Online Lesson Week 11 (May 16– May 22)

- Week 11 Quiz (Covering Week 1-10 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: Blue-headed vireo, Red-eyed vireo*
- *Species Identification Lesson: Black-throated green warbler, Black-throated blue warbler*

Online Lesson Week 12 (May 23 – May 29)

- Week 12 Quiz (Covering Week 1-11 material)
- *Species Identification Lesson: Gray catbird, Northern Mockingbird,*
- Species Identification Lesson: **Chestnut-sided warbler, Yellow warbler, Common yellowthroat**

Optional Final Online Quiz (Week of May 30)

- Final Cumulative Quiz (Covering Week 1-12 material)

COURSE FIELD TRIPS

- Field trips are not required, but you are encouraged to participate in as many as you can.
- Field trips will visit a variety of forest, shrubland, field, wetland, and suburban landscapes. All course trips occur in NH unless noted otherwise. This year we are also offering trips in MA, ME, and VT!
- Field trips provide an ideal opportunity to practice your learned skills on real birds in their habitat and with an instructor pointing out specific features to look and listen for. Most students who have taken this course report their ability to identify birds increased the most as a result of participating in the field trips.
- During field trips we will look specifically for the bird species covered in online lessons, but we'll discuss tips for how to identify *any* birds we encounter. **We observed over 120 bird species during course field trips in 2025.**
- To help ensure an effective student-to-instructor ratio, field trips are limited to the first 10 to 18 people who register for the trip. Each trip is led by the course trip leader listed for each trip in the trip schedule.
- Each trip has a *Trip Rating* that is based on the difficulty of the terrain we cover during the trip.
Trips are rated 1-4 as follows:
 - (1) **Stationary** trips occur primarily at a fixed location and involve little or no walking during the trip
 - (2) **Smooth-walking** trips occur on roadways or smooth, wide trails
 - (3) **Uneven-ground or narrow trail** trips require walking on uneven surfaces (e.g., exposed rocks or roots, boardwalks, steep trail sections) or on narrow trails where brushing against vegetation can't be avoided
 - (4) **Off-trail** trips require some walking through forest, shrubland, or field without a trail.

Wheel chair-accessible trips are indicated with a "WC" after the Trip Rating (e.g., "2-WC") and they are highlighted in orange on the trip schedule.

- **If you require wheel chair-accessible trips, please contact Matt ASAP prior to Feb 3rd to confirm that specific trips meet your accessibility needs and to register for your trips.**
- Any student registered for Online Lessons with Field Trips can sign up for wheel chair-accessible trips if there are spaces available when you register for your trips.
- **You must preregister for every trip you would like to attend.** Due to limited space and high demand for field trips, trips are only open to course participants who have registered for Online Lessons with Field Trips.
 - You can register for UP TO FOUR trips scheduled for Trip Weeks 1-6
 - You can also register for UP TO FOUR trips scheduled for Trips Weeks 7-12
- Participating in *any* field trip will expose you to the risk of coming in contact with ticks. If you participate in a trip, please assume that you have picked up ticks and do a thorough tick-check immediately after participating the trip.
- Your course registration fee allows you to participate in course field trips for free – but please see the trip cancellation policy below:

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

By registering for course trips you acknowledge that you agree to the following course Trip Cancellation Policy:

- **You will be charged a \$15 cancellation administration fee for any trip you register for but don't attend.**
This is the policy regardless of when, or the reason why, you cancel or don't attend a trip you registered for.
 - If you miss a trip and choose to not pay the cancellation fee, you will be removed from all future trips so other students have the chance to participate in the trips you reserved.

Please check your schedule carefully before registering for trips – and please plan to attend every trip you register for.

WEEKLY COURSE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

**When you register for the class you can register immediately
for a total of UP TO FOUR trips scheduled for Trip Weeks 1-6**

Note:

- **Wheel chair-accessible trips are highlighted in orange.**
 - **If you require wheel chair-accessible trips, please contact Matt ASAP (matt.tarr@unh.edu) to register for your trips prior to Feb 3.**

Trip Week 1: April 4 - April 10

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
April 4 (Sat)	7:30am-9:30am	Concord	(3) Birch Street Community Gardens	Matt
April 4 (Sat)	10am-Noon	Concord	(3) Birch Street Community Gardens	Matt
April 5 (Sun)	7:30am-9:30am	Rochester	(2) Pickering Ponds	Matt
April 5 (Sun)	10am-Noon	Rochester	(2) Pickering Ponds	Matt
April 7 (Tue)*	8am-10am	Topsfield, MA	(2) Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary	Matt
*(Note: An additional \$7 entrance fee is required to enter Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary)				
April 7 (Tue)*	10:45am-1:30pm	Topsfield, MA	(2) Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary	Matt
*(Note: An additional \$7 entrance fee is required to enter Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary)				
April 9 (Thur)	2pm-4pm	Laconia	(2) Former Laconia State School Campus	Matt
April 9 (Thur)	5pm-7pm	Belmont	(2-WC) Village Spur Trail	Matt
April 10 (Fri)	7:30am-9:30am	Antrim	(2) Gregg Lake Road	Matt
April 10 (Fri)	Noon - 1:30pm	Concord	(2-WC) Horseshoe pond	Matt

Trip Week 2: April 11 - April 17

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
April 11 (Sat)	7:30am-9:15am	Newington	(3) Arboretum Drive - North of Pease Runway	Matt
April 11 (Sat)	10am-Noon	Newington	(3) Arboretum Drive - North of Pease Runway	Matt
April 11 (Sat)	1pm-2pm	Newington	(2-WC) Peverly Pond Trail	Matt
April 12 (Sun)	8am-11am	Kennebunk, ME	(3) Kennebunk Plains Wildlife Management Area	Dan
April 14 (Tues)	8am-10am	Amesbury, MA	(3) Battis Farm	Matt
April 14 (Tues)	8am-11am	Ridge	(2-WC) Contoocook Marsh Conservation Complex	Nate
April 14 (Tues)	10:45am-1:30pm	Amesbury, MA	(2) Battis Farm	Matt
April 15 (Wed)	7am-9am	Keene	(2) Otter Brook Lake	Wendy
April 16 (Thurs)	8am-10am	Andover	(2) Blackwater River Conservation Area	Matt
April 16 (Thur)	8am-10am	Hancock	(2) Cavender Road Rail Trail	Phil
April 16 (Thur)	10:45am-12:45pm	Andover	(2) Blackwater River Conservation Area	Matt
April 17 (Fri)	8am-10am	Whitefield	(2) Airport Marsh	Matt
April 17 (Fri)	10:45am-12:45pm	Whitefield	(2) Airport Marsh	Matt

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Trip Week 3: April 18 - April 24

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
April 18 (Sat)	7:30am-10am	Brentwood	(3) Deer Hill Wildlife Management Area	Matt
April 18 (Sat)	10:45am-1:30pm	Brentwood	(3) Deer Hill Wildlife Management Area	Matt
April 18 (Sat)	9am-Noon	Charlestown	(2) Charlestown Boat Launch	Chris
April 19 (Sun)	7am-9am	Concord	(2) West Locke Road	Matt
April 19 (Sun)	10am-Noon	Concord	(2-WC) Silk Farm Audubon	Matt
April 21 (Tues)	8:30am-Noon	Alton	(4) Morse Preserve/Alton Mtn Hawk Watch	Matt
April 22 (Wed)	7am-9am	Rockingham, VT	(2) Herricks Cove	Wendy
April 22 (Wed)	7:30am-10:30am	Albany & Conway	(3) Pequaket Pond/Tin Mountain Center	Christine & Charlie
April 22 (Wed)	8am-10am	Kittery Point, ME	(2) Fort Foster Park	Dan
April 23 (Thur)	8am-10am	Antrim	(3) Willard Pond	Phil
April 23 (Thur)	7:30am-9:30am	Amesbury, MA	(3) Woodsom Farm - North	Matt
April 23 (Thur)	10:15am-12:30pm	Amesbury, MA	(2) Woodsom Farm - North	Matt
April 24 (Fri)	7:30am-9:30am	Alexandria	(2) Bog Road - Alexandria	Matt
April 24 (Fri)	10am-Noon	Alexandria	(2) Bog Road - Alexandria	Matt

Trip Week 4: April 25 - May 1

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
April 25 (Sat)*	7:30am-9:30am	Haverhill, NH	(2) Bedell Bridge State Park	Matt
April 25 (Sat)*	10am-12:30pm	Haverhill, NH	(2) Bedell Bridge State Park	Matt
*(Note: The above trips in Haverhill are in northern Grafton Co. New Hampshire - NOT Haverhill, MA)				
April 26 (Sun)	8am-11am	Stoddard	(3) Little Big Forest	Chris
April 28 (Tues)	8am-11am	Wilton	(2) Heald Tract	Nate
April 28 (Tues)	7am-9:30am	Kingston	(3) Magnusson Farm	Matt
April 28 (Tues)	10:30am-Noon	Epping	(2-WC) Lowe's Conservation Wetlands	Matt
April 29 (Wed)	7am-9:30am	Hinsdale	(2) Hinsdale Setbacks/Rail Trail	Wendy
April 29 (Wed)	8am-11am	Dover	(3) Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area	Dan
April 30 (Thurs)	7am-9:30am	Hudson	(3) Benson Park	Matt
April 30 (Thurs)	10:15am-1pm	Hudson	(3) Benson Park	Matt
May 1 (Fri)	6:30am-8:30am	Concord	(3) Birch Street Community Garden	Matt
May 1 (Fri)	9:30am- 11:00am	Concord	(2-WC) Silk Farm Audubon	Matt

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Trip Week 5: May 2 - May 8

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
May 2 (Sat)	6:30am-9:30am	Rochester	(3) Pickering Ponds	Matt
May 2 (Sat)	10:15am-12:45pm	Rochester	(2) Pickering Ponds	Matt
May 3 (Sun)	7am-9:30am	North Sandwich, NH	(3) Ambrose Gravel Pit	Matt
May 3 (Sun)	10:15am - 1:15pm	North Sandwich, NH	(3) Ambrose Gravel Pit	Matt
May 5 (Tues)	7am-9:30am	Meredith	(3) Page Pond Community Forest	Matt
May 5 (Tues)	10:30am-Noon	Meredith	(2-WC) Laverack Nature Trail	Matt
May 6 (Wed)	7am-9am	Keene	(2-WC) Ashuelot River Park/Jonathan Daniels trail	Wendy
May 6 (Wed)	7:30am-10:30am	Freedom	(3) Freedom Town Forest	Christine & Charlie
May 6 (Wed)	8am-11am	Langdon	(2-WC) Glover's Ledge	Chris
May 6 (Wed)	8am-10am	Rye	(2) Odiorne State Park	Dan
May 7 (Thur)	8am-10am	Peterborough	(2-WC) McDowell Lake	Phil
May 8 (Fri)	7am-10am	Chesterfield	(3) Pisgah State Park - Habitat Trail Horseshoe Pond	Wendy

Trip Week 6: May 9 - May 15

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
May 9 (Sat)	8am-10am	Rye	(2) Odiorne State Park	Matt
May 9 (Sat)	10:30am-1:30pm	Rye	(2) Odiorne State Park	Matt
May 10 (Sun)	7:30am-10:30am	Wells, ME	(3) Wells Reserve at Laudholm	Dan
May 10 (Sun)	8am-11am	Alstead	(3) The Woodlands	Chris
May 11 (Mon)	7:30am-10am	North Conway	(3) Dahl Sanctuary	Christine & Charlie
May 12 (Tues)	7am-9:30am	Keene	(2) Otter Brook Lake	Wendy
May 12 (Tues)	8am-11am	Swanzey	(2) Dillant-Hopkins Airport	Nate
May 12 (Tues)	6:30am-8:30am	Amesbury, MA	(3) Battis Farm	Matt
May 12 (Tues)	9:15-noon	Amesbury, MA	(2) Battis Farm	Matt
May 13 (Wed)	7am-10am	Kittery Point, ME	(2) Fort Foster Park	Dan
May 13 (Wed)	7:30am-9:30am	Newfields	(2-WC) Newfields Recreation Rail Trail	Ellen
May 13 (Wed)	5:30pm-7pm	Peterborough	(2-WC) Peterborough River Walk	Phil
May 14 (Thur)	8am-10am	Hancock	(2) Elmwood Junction	Phil
May 14 (Thur)	7am-9am	Rumney	(3) Quincy Bog	Matt
May 14 (Thur)	9:45am-11:45am	Rumney	(3) Quincy Bog	Matt
May 15 (Fri)	7am-9:30am	Surry	(2) Josilin Road Gravel Pit	Wendy
May 15 (Fri)	12:30pm-3:30pm	Bethlehem	(3) Trudeau Road	Matt
May 15 (Fri)	5:30pm-8pm	Jefferson	(2-WC) Pondicherry Mud Pond Trail	Matt

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In mid-April, students registered for Online Lessons with Field Trips

can register for a total of UP TO FOUR trips scheduled for Trip Weeks 7-12

Trip Week 7: May 16 - May 22

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
May 16 (Sat)	6am-8am	Whitefield	(2) Airport Marsh	Matt
May 16 (Sat)*	8:45am-2pm	Whitefield	(3) Pondicherry- Cherry Pond & Little Cherry Por	Matt
			<i>*(Note: The trip above is a 7 mile walk with some sections of abandoned train tracks and exposed roots)</i>	
May 19 (Tues)	7am-9am	Alexandria	(2) Bog Road - Alexandria	Matt
May 19 (Tues)	9:45am-Noon	Alexandria	(2) Bog Road - Alexandria	Matt
May 20 (Wed)	7am-9am	Temple	(3) Temple Mountain Reservation	Wendy
May 20 (Wed)	7am-9am	Cape Neddick, ME	(4) Mount Agamenticus	Dan
May 20 (Wed)	7:30am-11am	Brownfield, ME	(3) Brownfield Bog	Christine & Charlie
May 21 (Thur)	8am-10am	Dublin	(2-WC) Beech Hill	Phil
May 21 (Thur)	8:15am-10:15am	Belmont	(2) Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail	Matt
May 21 (Thur)	10:45am-12:45pm	Belmont	(2) Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail	Matt
May 22 (Fri)	7am-9am	Keene	(2-WC) Krif Road/Ashuelot Rail Trail	Wendy
May 22 (Fri)	6:30am-9am	Kingston	(3) Magnusson farm	Matt
May 22 (Fri)	9:45am-12:15pm	Kingston	(3) Magnusson farm	Matt

Trip Week 8: May 23 - May 29

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
May 23 (Sat)*	4:15am-7am	Concord/Hopkinton	(3) Mast Yard State Forest	Matt
			<i>*(Note: early trip above provides a good opportunity to listen for whip-poor-wills)</i>	
May 23 (Sat)	7:45am-10:15am	Concord/Hopkinton	(3) Mast Yard State Forest	Matt
May 23 (Sat)	8am-11am	Swanzey	(2) Dillant-Hopkins Airport	Chris
May 24 (Sun)	7am-10am	Lyndeborough	(2) High Ridge Tree Farm	Chris
May 26 (Tues)	8am-11am	Stoddard	(3) Pitcher Mountain	Nate
May 26 (Tues)	6am-9am	Brentwood	(3) Deer Hill Wildlife Management Area	Matt
May 26 (Tues)*	10:30am-1:30pm	Rye	(2) Odiorne State Park	Matt
			<i>*(Note: Odiorne SP gate attendants might charge an additional fee of \$4 per person to enter the park)</i>	
May 27 (Wed)	7am-9:30am	Surry	(2) Dort Road	Wendy
May 28 (Thurs)*	6am-9:30am	Farmington	(4) Blue Job & Little Blue Job Mountain	Matt
May 28 (Thurs)*	10:15am-1:45pm	Farmington	(4) Blue Job & Little Blue Job Mountain	Matt
			<i>*(Note: The trips to Blue Job include sections of steep, rugged, rocky trail)</i>	
May 29 (Fri)	7am-9:30am	Andover	(2) Blackwater River Conservaton Area	Matt
May 29 (Fri)	11am-1:30pm	Belmont	(2-WC) Village Spur Trail	Matt

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Trip Week 9: May 30 - June 5

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
May 30 (Sat)*	7am-9:30am	Haverhill, NH	(2) Bedell Bridge State Park	Matt
May 30 (Sat)*	10:15am-12:45pm	Haverhill, NH	(2) Bedell Bridge State Park	Matt
*(Note: The above trips in Haverhill are in northern Grafton Co. New Hampshire - NOT Haverhill, MA)				
May 31 (Sun)*	7am-11:30am	Alton	(4) Straighback Mountain	Matt
*(Note: The trip above involves a slow walk up a steep and rocky, washed out carriage road)				
May 31 (Sun)	7am-10am	Langdon	(2) Langdon Woodlot	Chris
June 2 (Tues)	6:30am-9:30am	Rochester	(2) Pickering Ponds	Matt
June 2 (Tues)	10:45am-12:15pm	Durham	(1-WC) Durham Landing	Matt
June 2 (Tues)	2pm-4pm	Durham	(3) Spinney Lane	Matt
June 3 (Wed)	7am-9am	Peterborough	(3) Fremont Conservation Area	Wendy
June 3 (Wed)	7am-10am	Kennbunk, ME	(3) Kennebunk Plains Wildlife Management Area	Dan
June 3 (Wed)	7:30am-10:30am	Bartlett	(3) Thorne Pond/Bartlett Experimental Forest	Christine & Charlie
June 4 (Thur)	5:30pm-7:30pm	Amherst	(3) Ponemah bog	Phil
June 4 (Thur)	6:30am-9:30am	Amesbury, MA	(3) Woodsom Farm - North	Matt
June 4 (Thur)	10:15am-12:30pm	Amesbury, MA	(2) Woodsom Farm - North	Matt
June 5 (Fri)	6:30am-8:00am	Dover	(3) Strafford County Farm	Matt
June 5 (Fri)	8:45am-11:45am	Dover	(3) Strafford County Farm	Matt

Trip Week 10: June 6 - June 12

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
June 8 (Mon)	6am-8:30am	Dover	(3) Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area	Matt
June 8 (Mon)	9:15am-11:15am	Dover	(2) Bellamy River Wildlife Management Area	Matt
June 8 (Mon)	12:30pm-2pm	Newington	(2-WC) Great Bay Discovery Center	Matt
June 9 (Tues)	6:30am-8:30am	Derry	(3) Broadview Farm	Matt
June 9 (Tues)	9:15am-11:15am	Derry	(3) Broadview Farm	Matt
June 9 (Tues)	8am-11am	Antrim	(3) Loverens Mill Cedar Swamp	Nate
June 10 (Wed)	7am-9am	Cape Neddick, ME	(4) Mount Agamenticus	Dan
June 10 (Wed)	7:30am-10:30am	Carroll	(3) Old Cherry Mountain Road	Christine & Charlie
June 11 (Thur)	6:30am-8am	Durham	(1-WC) Durham Town Landing	Matt
June 11 (Thur)	9:30am-12:30pm	Rye	(2) Odiorne State Park	Matt
June 11 (Thur)	7am-10am	Marlborough	(3) Meeting House Pond/Kensan Devon Sanctuary	Wendy
June 11 (Thur)	8am-10am	Bradford	(3) Bradford Bog	Phil
June 12 (Fri)	6:30am-9am	Alexandria	(2) Bog Road - Alexandria	Matt
June 12 (Fri)	10:30am-1pm	Belmont	(2-WC) Village Spur Trail	Matt

WEEKLY COURSE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Note:

- **Wheel chair-accessible trips are highlighted in orange.**
 - *If you require wheel chair-accessible trips, please contact Matt ASAP (matt.tarr@unh.edu) to register for your trips prior to Feb 3.*

Trip Week 11: June 13 - June 19

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
June 13 (Sat)	6:30am-9am	North Sandwich, NH	(3) Ambrose Gravel Pit	Matt
June 13 (Sat)	9:45am-12:30pm	North Sandwich, NH	(3) Ambrose Gravel Pit	Matt
June 14 (Sun)	6am-9:30am	Rochester	(3) Pickering Ponds	Matt
June 14 (Sun)	10:15am-12:45pm	Rochester	(2) Pickering Ponds	Matt
June 15 (Mon)	7am-9:30am	Claremont	(2) Moody Park	Jane
June 17 (Wed)	7am-9am	Hinsdale	(2) Hinsdale Setbacks/Rail Trail	Jane
June 17 (Wed)	7am-9:30am	Keene	(2) Otter Brook Lake	Wendy
June 17 (Wed)	7am-9am	Cape Neddick, ME	(4) Mount Agamenticus	Dan
June 17 (Wed)	7am-9am	Newfields	(2-WC) Newfields Rail Trail	Ellen
June 18 (Thur)	8:30am-11am	Nelson	(3) Kulish Ledges	Phil
June 18 (Thur)*	8am-Noon	Lancaster	(2) Weeks State Park	Matt
*(Note: The trip to Weeks SP is a slow 3.5 mile walk that includes a very steep paved road and an optional short trail with exposed roots)				
June 19 (Fri)*	5am-11am	Dixville	(3) Dixville Wind Turbines & Turbine Access Road	Matt
*(Note: The trip to Dixville requires a high-clearance vehicle with 4WD. Please contact Matt if you're interested in this trip.)				
June 19 (Fri)	7am-9am	Washington	(2) Pillsbury State Park	Jane

Trip Week 12: June 20 - June 27

Date	Time	Town	(Trip Rating) & Location	Leader
June 20 (Sat)	8am-10am	Rye	(2) Odiorne State Park	Matt
June 20 (Sat)	10:30am-12:30pm	Rye	(2) Odiorne State Park	Matt
June 21 (Sun)	7am-10am	New Durham	(3) Birch Hill Community Forest	Matt
June 22 (Mon)	7am-10am	Swanzey	(2) Keene Dillant-Hopkins Airport	Jane
June 23 (Tues)	8am-10:30am	Merrimack	(3) Horse Hill Nature Preserve	Matt
June 24 (Wed)	7am-9:30am	Surry	(2) Joslin Road Gravel Pit	Jane
June 24 (Wed)	5:30pm-8pm	Jefferson	(2-WC) Pondicherry Mud Pond Trail	Matt
June 25 (Thur)	8am-10:30am	Thompson & Meserves Purchase	(2) Jefferson Notch Road	Matt
June 26 (Fri)	6am-Noon	Lewis, VT	(3) Peanut Dam Road & Moose Bog	Matt
June 26 (Fri)	7am-9am	Fitzwilliam	(2) Sipp Pond/Cheshire Rail Trail	Jane
June 27th (Sat)	6am-9am	Rochester	(3) Pickering Ponds	Matt
June 27th (Sat)	9:45am-12:15pm	Rochester	(2) Pickering Ponds	Matt

COURSE FEE & REGISTRATION OPTIONS

COURSE REGISTRATION OPENS: 9am Tuesday, Feb 3rd

**Email matt.tarr@unh.edu now
to receive the course registration link!**

**Please make plans to register as soon as possible on February 3rd.
Most course trips will be full before Noon on the first day of registration.**

HOW MUCH WILL THE COURSE COST?

One course fee provides you access to online course materials (until January 2027) and the option to register for course field trips at no additional cost. ***You can participate fully in this course regardless of your ability to pay a course fee!***

When you register you will choose ONE of the course registration options:

- 1) **\$75 – Basic Registration** (if you do NOT want certificates of completion for the course)
- 2) **\$120 – Certificate Registration** (if you want to receive certificates of completion for the course)
 - You will receive a certificate of completion for every weekly online lesson you complete (lessons range from 1.0 hrs to 3.0 hours per week for a total of 16.5 hrs if you complete all 12 online lessons).
 - You will receive a certificate of completion for every course field trip you attend (course field trips average 2 to 3 hours).
 - Society of American Foresters (SAF) credits will be assigned for weekly lessons and for each field trip.
- 3) **I Request a Scholarship** (If you are unable to afford the above fee, you can pay nothing or whatever amount you can afford)

If you want to participate in course trips:

- Prior to Feb 3rd, review the *Weekly Course Field Trip Schedule* to find the trips you are interested in.
- **When you register for the course, you can register for UP TO FOUR trips that are scheduled for Trip Weeks 1-6 (April 4 – May 15)**
 - Register for these trips when you register for the course (many trips fill up fast).
 - Beginning mid-April, you will have the opportunity to register for UP TO FOUR trips that are scheduled for Trip Weeks 6-12 (May 16-June 27).
- If you require wheel chair accessible trips please contact Matt (matt.tarr@unh.edu) ASAP prior to Feb 3rd to confirm that specific trips meet your accessibility needs and to register for your trips.
- Early morning bird trips tend to encounter the greatest abundance and diversity of birds, but trips at any time of the day usually provide plenty of opportunities to observe a variety of bird species.
- Only register for trips you know you will be able to attend; check your calendar carefully before registering for each trip and plan to attend every trip you register for. (See the **Trip Cancellation Policy on Page 5 of this document**).