

Natural Selections

The Penobscot Valley Audubon Newsletter



March – May 2026

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN:

Building Momentum for Spring

BY SEAN TRAHAN, PRESIDENT
PENOBSCOT VALLEY AUDUBON

As I watched the recent winter storms roll through, I was reminded just how quickly the seasons turn. Before long, the snow will be gone and I'll be back laughing with friends on the dock as eagles soar overhead and the two dogs sit at the base of old oaks, barking at squirrels. Winter brings a wonderful quiet and a sharp crispness to the air, and those contrasts remind us why each season in Maine is something to appreciate.

I'm pleased to share that our chapter's end-of-year 2025 Auction was a success, raising nearly \$3,000. Combined with our continued growth in membership, these funds have enabled the local chapter to make meaningful investments at the Fields Pond Audubon Center. Specifically, the chapter has helped fund purchases to expand the range of onsite programs, supported ongoing building and infrastructure improvements for additional outdoor programming, and began laying the groundwork for future scholarships and grants to benefit local conservation and community science initiatives. These outcomes reflect both the generosity and engagement of our members.

Looking ahead, strengthening and expanding our membership remains a key priority for our chapter. A growing membership base allows us to sustain and build upon existing efforts, ensuring that our programs and field trips remain accessible, relevant, and impactful. If you are already a member, I encourage you to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to attend an upcoming event and consider joining Maine Audubon themselves. Personal invitations remain one of the most effective ways to introduce others to the value of our work, and the sense of community that comes with it.

With spring just around the corner, please check out our upcoming Spring Bird Walks schedule. Knowledgeable volunteers will once again be leading walks at local birding hotspots, sharing their enthusiasm and expertise on the many species birds we are fortunate to host in our region. These walks have been very well received in past years, and they offer a great opportunity to get outdoors, bring a guest, and reconnect with nature.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Penobscot Valley Audubon and its programs, feel free to contact me at Sean.Trahan@gmail.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD BIRD WALKS, MAY 2026

by Gordon Russell

Come celebrate the return of warblers, vireos and flycatchers along with our resident woodpeckers, nuthatches and chickadees on Penobscot Valley Audubon's Neighborhood Bird Walks in May. These free walks are all located in the greater Bangor area, and enjoyable for all levels of birding experience. It's a great way to get started with birding or to sharpen your skills for spring, even if you've been at it for a while. A list of the walks is included in this issue of *Natural Selections*. Please keep a copy handy and we look forward to seeing you on the bird walks.

Mast: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Photo credit: B. Duchesne

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FIELDS POND JOURNAL

Welcome to Spring!

By David Lamon

Director, Northern Programs & Operations

With just a few weeks of winter left, spring is waiting in the wings. The staff at Fields Pond Audubon Center has been busy getting the spring program schedule ready. You'll see from the descriptions on the following pages that we have something for everyone! The programs listed are just a fraction of the programming that our staff offers. We also provide age-appropriate school programs (both on and off-site) and community outreach programs at local libraries, garden clubs, etc.

Helping to plan and lead several of our spring programs is a new face at FPAC, Nathaniel Austin. Nathaniel was hired this past winter as a part-time Naturalist and Visitor Services Associate. He graduated from the University of Maine in May 2025, with a BS degree in Ecology & Environmental Science. Nathaniel is originally from upstate New York, where he first fell in love with ecology and wildlife. He has field research experience working with Maine's loons (over the past two summers) and in his free time, you'll typically find him out birding with friends or exploring new habitats. He's especially fond of bogs.

I hope you can stop by this spring to meet Nathaniel, and join us at FPAC for one or many programs. I especially want to make a pitch to beginner and novice birders. Although spending time alone in nature has its merits, birding with a group enables faster learning and forges social connections among like-minded people. It's also much more fun!



Nathaniel Austin
Naturalist/Visitor Services Associate
Photo credit: David Lamon

Woodpecker Drums 101

BY BOB DUCHESNE

It may be a few more weeks before Maine's migratory songbirds return and start up the music, but the rhythm section is already practicing. Spring is the best season to learn woodpeckers, because they are among the earliest species to get romantic. Resident woodpeckers are already drumming, and our migratory woodpeckers - northern flickers and yellow-bellied sapsuckers - will arrive before the songbirds.

All woodpeckers drum, and there are distinct differences between species. With just a little practice, you can learn to identify woodpeckers by ear.

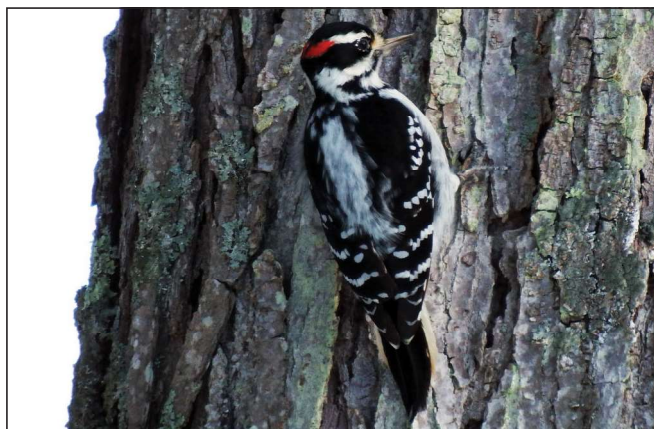
Start with hairy and downy woodpeckers, common species that drum early and often. They nest in residential neighborhoods and regularly visit feeders, especially suet.

Both species have short, even drums, but the hairy's is much faster. If you hear each tap of the drum distinctly, it's probably a downy woodpecker. If the drumming sounds more like a sewing machine clatter, it's probably a hairy. Since they're always around, try to locate the bird to confirm your guess.

Don't worry about guessing wrong. The difference is subtle, and it takes practice to hear it. Once you can distinguish between these two, other woodpeckers get easier.

Red-bellied woodpeckers are now year-round Maine residents. Their drums are also short and even, a little slower than a hairy, a little heavier than a downy - usually! Fortunately, they are among our noisiest callers, with a variety of vocalizations that tell you exactly what you're hearing.

Yellow-bellied sapsuckers return early, usually by mid-April. They're eager to establish territories, so they start drumming immediately, with a particular fondness for banging on metal.



WELCOME TO PVC NEW & REJOINING MEMBERS!

Marlene Brochu & Marianne Happek, Bangor
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Jonathon Wutke, Bangor

The sapsucker drum is easy to learn, because it is so uneven. It starts strong and fast, and then peters out, as if the bird has become exhausted. The last taps are slow, lazy, and quiet.

Contrast that with the pileated woodpecker—big and noisy. Its drum booms out through the forest, clearly audible from half a mile away. Each drum cycle accelerates toward the end like a dropped ping-pong ball, increasing in speed while diminishing in volume. There's nothing else like it.

Correction: almost nothing else like it. The northern flicker is another early-migrating species that starts drumming soon after arriving in Maine. Its drum is similarly booming, without the sharp dropoff at the end. It's easy to confuse these two - even for more experienced birders.

OK, stop there. Try to master the difference between hairy and downy woodpecker drums. Let the red-bellied woodpecker talk to you. Listen for the uneven drumming of the sapsucker when it arrives. Identify the booming drum of the pileated woodpecker. Forgive yourself if it's actually a flicker. End of lesson.

Downy Woodpecker
Photo credit: Bob Duchesne

FIELDS POND AUDUBON CENTER SPRING PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, all programs will be offered in-person at Fields Pond Audubon Center. Please pre-register for all programs at <https://maineaudubon.org/events>.

Roads, Rain, and a Couple Thousand Amphibians; Call it a Big Night!

Thursday, March 5, 6 p.m.

FREE, online only;

preregister for Zoom link

Big Nights are fascinating and unique events. Frogs and salamanders move to their breeding grounds en masse on warm, wet spring nights. These miniature migrations often put them at risk on busy roadways. Join Greg LeClair, founder of the “Maine Big Night” project, to learn more about Maine’s amphibian populations and how you can help protect them.

Gear up for Big Night!

Saturday, March 7, 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 6-7 p.m.

FREE

Learn more about our local amphibian species and what’s involved in volunteering for Big Nights, and conduct local amphibian surveys with our staff naturalist.

Preschool Nature Hour

*Fridays, March 20, April 3 and 17,
May 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m.*

Cost: \$50 member/\$65 nonmember for full series; drop-ins \$18/session. Designed for ages 2–5, this series will spark curiosity, nurture a love for wildlife and nature, and help kids discover ways to protect our planet—all while having tons of fun. Drop-ins are welcome, but please call ahead to ensure space availability.

Homeschool Naturalists

*Thursdays, March 19, April 2, 16, and
30, May 14 and 28, 10 a.m. to noon*

Cost: \$75 member/\$90 nonmember for full series; drop-ins \$18/session. Activities include tracking bird and fish migrations, investigating water quality, contributing data to community science projects, and forging social connections with fellow homeschoolers, ages 6-14 – all while having a blast outdoors in nature. Drop-ins are welcome, but please call ahead to ensure space availability.

Native Plant Walk: Red Maples

Meet at Bangor City Forest, south entrance (Kittredge Road parking lot)

Saturday, March 28, 3-4:30 p.m.

FREE

Following Maine Audubon’s online webinar on red maple communities, join a staff naturalist for a guided hike through maple-dominated forests and wetlands. Explore the wide variety of maple habitats, and the ecology that surrounds this important species.

Beginner Bird Walks

*Every Friday in March and April,
8-9:30 a.m.*

FREE

Catch spring migration in action this year! Weekly beginner-friendly walks will help you learn birding basics, or sharpen your existing skills. Each wave of spring migration will bring new species to discover each week! Drop-ins are welcome. Bring your own binoculars if you have them; we have a limited number of pairs to borrow if you don’t.

Phenomenal Storytellers: Seasonal Stories from Your Wildlife Community

Hybrid program; meet at Bangor Public Library, or online via Zoom
Wednesday, April 1, 6:30 p.m.

In person: \$15 member/\$20 nonmember, includes drinks and snacks

Online: \$5/registrant

Join us for a cozy and entertaining evening of live storytelling to celebrate the return of red-winged blackbirds, the lengthening days, and the shedding of winter layers! Noted biologists, ecologists, and conservationists will share personal stories to help us relate and reconnect to the ways our native wildlife prepares for the breeding season, including the amazing phenomenon of migration. Preregister (required for both in-person and Zoom attendees) to learn more about our special guest presenters and their backgrounds.

Eco Explorers Afterschool

*Mondays, April 6, 13, and 27, May 4,
11, and 18, 3:45-4:45 p.m.*

Cost: \$70 member/\$85 member; call for drop-in availability, but full-program enrollment is recommended

Step into STEM, as Maine Audubon’s educators and naturalists turn FPAC into a 230-acre science laboratory! This six-week afterschool club will spark curiosity, nurture a love for the outdoors, and help kids discover ways to help protect our planet—all while having tons of fun! Activities include outdoor exploration, guided hiking, and nature-based experiments to deepen your students’ connection with the natural world. NOTE: Eco Explorers is a dropoff program for participating students in Grades 2-5. Other family members (no pets please!) are invited to explore the FPAC trails and visit the Nature Store.



Red Maple Blossom
Photo credit: D. Sinderson

Timberdoodle Thursdays

Thursdays, April 2, 9, & 16, 7-8:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE members/\$8 nonmembers

Peent! Learn about the American woodcock, one of our strangest shorebird species, then join us to witness the spectacle of their courtship “sky dance.” We’ll talk about biology, ecology, and conservation for this amazing bird. The program takes place at dusk, so please dress accordingly.

Feathers & Feeders: Backyard Bird Photography for Beginners

Wednesdays, April 22 and 29, May 6 and 13, 3:30-4:30p.m.

\$12 member/\$15 nonmember per session

Join nature photographer and Registered Maine Guide L’aura Bradford for this hands-on, beginner-friendly workshop. Limited to just six participants, this workshop offers personalized instruction while photographing birds at the FPAC feeders. Learn about lens choice, camera settings, focusing techniques, composition, and how best to capture bird images, both perched and in flight. L’aura will emphasize responsible practices for wild bird photography, at home and in the field. NOTE: a 200mm or longer lens is required to allow us to maintain a respectful distance from the birds. A tripod and camp chair are optional but recommended for comfort while remaining stationary near feeders. Dress in layers, including gloves if you get cold easily. Wear clothes you don’t mind getting dirty, if you want ground-level photos. Bring your camera, your curiosity, and a love for our feathered friends!

Hedgerow Workshop: Natural Pest Management using Native Plants in the Landscape

Thursday, April 2, 5 p.m.

FREE, online only; preregister for Zoom link

Transform your yard or garden into a thriving, self-regulating

ecosystem that supports native wildlife. Hedgerows provide food, shelter, and connectivity corridors for beneficial insects and pest-eating birds. Program covers plant and site selection, proper installation techniques, and ongoing maintenance strategies. This workshop will equip you with the knowledge and skills to design and establish hedgerows to benefit both your garden and the environment. NOTE: A fieldwork companion program will be offered at a later date.

Aquatic WILD K-12 Interdisciplinary Educator Workshop

Tuesday, April 14, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$30 (includes book)

Aquatic WILD is a hands-on, interdisciplinary STEM curriculum focused on aquatic and wetland wildlife, water resources, and ecological concepts. This experiential learning workshop introduces educators to over 50 Maine-specific activities contained in the exclusive Aquatic WILD K-12 Curriculum & Activity Guide, only available through WILD workshops, to help classroom teachers meet science standards while integrating elements of math, language arts, and social studies. Participants will earn professional development credit hours while exploring indoor-outdoor learning opportunities, so dress appropriately for weather conditions.

FPAC Stewardship Day

Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. to noon

FREE

Volunteers will work in small teams to prepare FPAC buildings, grounds, and trails for the busy summer season. Tasks could include trail maintenance, small construction projects, painting, tidying, and other tasks to beautify and maintain the sanctuary. Please bring your own work gloves if you have them (we’ll also have pairs available to borrow) and water. Free snacks will be provided.

Native Plant Walk: Willows

Saturday, April 18, 3-4:30 p.m.

FREE

Following Maine Audubon’s online willow plant community webinar, explore riversides and wetland edges with a staff naturalist to observe willows in bloom at FPAC. Learn about the many species that rely on willows for food, and their importance in marginal ecosystems.

April Vacation Camp

Mon-Fri, April 20-24, 9am–3 pm

Cost: \$275 member/\$325

nonmember for 5-day session

From returning migratory birds to the newly awakening creatures in Fields Pond, we’ll have lots to discover during April Vacation Camp for kids in Grades 1-3. Each day includes outdoor exploration of different habitats, as we learn more about wildlife through games, science, art, and teambuilding exercises.

Stream Explorers Workshop

Saturday April 25, 10 a.m. to noon

FREE

Practice your sampling methods and aquatic macroinvertebrate identification skills at this in-person, hands-on training workshop. Stream Explorers is a Maine Audubon community science project that tracks aquatic insect populations as indicators of a thriving or declining ecosystem. The data you collect as a volunteer will help experts better assess and monitor wildlife habitat and water quality throughout our region. Educational resources for classroom teachers will be available.

Birding Trivia Takeover!

Meet at Nocturnem Draft Haus, Bangor

Thursday, April 30, 7-9 p.m.

FREE except for food and beverage purchases

Come out to support Maine Audubon for a night of fun during this bird-themed Trivia Night in downtown Bangor! Grab a friend or assemble a team, and prepare to show off your bird knowledge

- or learn from others! Enjoy great food and beverages, as we turn Nocturnem's Trivia Night into a birding bonanza. A portion of all food and drink sales will be donated to benefit Maine Audubon.

Photographic Reflections - Spring Photo Walk

Saturday, April 18, April 25, May 2 or May 16 (same program, four different dates), 10 a.m. to noon

Cost: \$40 member/\$55 nonmember
Join L'aura Bradford on a nature walk to explore shifting light, wildlife activity, and plants as their leaves unfurl. This short course emphasizes observation and storytelling through photography. Open to photographers of all experience levels, with all types of digital cameras. Be prepared for predicted weather, because we will go out in all but the biggest of wind and rainstorms.

Signs of the Season Workshop

Friday, May 1, 3-6 p.m.

FREE

Phenology is the tracking of when annual lifecycle events occur. It documents nature's calendar, from birds building nests to tree buds bursting and foliage changing color. Participants will practice making their own phenology observations, and leave with tools and knowledge to implement these fun STEAM activities for all ages in their classrooms, school campuses, community parks, and just about any accessible location.

Urban Bird Ecology Walk

Bangor Waterfront, South end parking lot (behind Maine Savings Amphitheater)

Saturday, May 2, 2 p.m.

FREE members/\$8 nonmembers

Join us for a beginner-friendly urban ecology walk in preparation for World Migratory Bird Day. Bangor is home to a surprising number of nesting species, including the mighty peregrine falcon! A limited number of binoculars will be

available to borrow, but please bring your own if you have them.

Natural Communities Visit:

Forest Edges

Thursday, May 7, 3-4 p.m.

FREE members/\$8 nonmembers

Following Maine Audubon's online serviceberry webinar, celebrate spring with a guided walk-along the forest edges and open woodlands of FPAC, where serviceberry is flowering. We'll explore the phenology, ecology, and habitat preferences of Amelanchier trees and shrubs through observation.

Dark Skies Over FPAC

Friday, May 8, 7 p.m.

FREE

Celebrate Maine Dark Sky Week! Maine Audubon's statewide advocacy team will describe legislative initiatives to protect the night skies for our wildlife community, and explain why responsible outdoor lighting matters for native wildlife and human health. We'll then turn our attention skyward, as the Penobscot Valley Stargazers help us identify and explore constellations, planets, and other celestial sights.

World Migratory Bird Day Celebration

Saturday, May 9

FREE

Events will include an 8 a.m. bird walk, eBird workshop, annual binocular sale, and much more! A detailed schedule will be provided closer to the date.

Intro to iNaturalist

Friday, May 15, 4-5 p.m.

FREE

Following Maine Audubon's online community science webinar, join staff naturalists to learn how to support ecological research with iNaturalist observations. We'll identify unfamiliar species, and practice submitting our sightings.

American Chestnut Restoration: Film & Planting Workshop

Thursday, May 21, 6 p.m.

FREE

Join us for a screening of Clear Day Thunder: Rescuing the American Chestnut. This compelling 51-minute documentary chronicles the remarkable history of the American chestnut tree, and its devastating loss due to chestnut blight. The film explores ongoing restoration efforts to bring this iconic tree back from the brink of extinction. Following the screening, you'll have the opportunity to plant American Chestnut seedlings, directly contributing to the restoration of this native species within its historic range.

FPAC Native Plants Festival

Saturday, May 23, 9 a.m. to noon

FREE except for cost of purchased plants

Come browse our wide selection of native plants available for sale, suitable for all soil types and climate zones in our region. Experts will be on hand to help you choose the right plants for your yard conditions and home landscape. Support local wildlife while benefiting Maine Audubon!

FPAC Warbler Walk

Friday, May 29, 8-9:30 a.m.

FREE members/\$8 nonmembers

Discover the avian gems of spring on a walk around the Fields Pond sanctuary. Learn the key features for identifying common Maine warblers, while enjoying the sounds of birds singing on their nesting territories. Please bring your own binoculars if you have them. A limited number of pairs will be available for loan.



Yellow-rumped Warbler
Photo credit: D. Sinderson

PENOBSCOT VALLEY AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

Penobscot Valley Audubon field trips are fun ways to meet like-minded people, while enjoying the rich natural heritage of our region. Unless otherwise noted, all trips are FREE and open to the general public, although we hope you will join our Maine Audubon community if you are not already a member. Your membership dues support science-based education, conservation, and advocacy to protect native wildlife and wildlife habitat throughout Maine, including right here in the Penobscot Valley.

ISLE AU HAUT HARLEQUIN CRUISE

Leaders: Bob and Sandi Duchesne

Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$60 member / \$75 nonmember

The surf-churned waters around Isle au Haut host large numbers of wintering harlequin ducks, plus a wide assortment of scoters, eiders, grebes, loons, and mergansers. Purple sandpipers and great cormorants are seen regularly. Black guillemots are abundant, razorbills and bald eagles are likely, and we may encounter a rarity or two! To ensure comfort, this trip is limited to 30 participants. It will fill quickly, so please register early by calling Sandi at 207-735-5436 to reserve your space. Bring snacks or lunch, warm clothing, and binoculars or camera. Meet at the Stonington ferry pier, one-half hour before scheduled trip departure. There is a toilet and a roomy heated cabin on board.

SPRING MIGRATION IN CENTRAL MAINE

Saturday, April 25, 8 a.m. to noon

Rain Date: Sunday, April 25

Leaders: Bob Milardo, Rachel Darling, & Val Watson

Join us for a spring migration tour to productive birding hotspots in central Maine, with a focus on species that rest and refuel on Maine's ponds, rivers, and lakes. We will make multiple stops including Plymouth Pond, Sebasticook Lake-Durham Bridge, Sprague's Mill, and Corinna Bog/Corundel Lake. We expect to spot a wide variety of migrating waterfowl – and usually find unexpected delights. Bring binoculars or camera, and a spotting scope if you have one; the guides will share theirs with participants.

Directions: Meet at the commuter Park-and-Ride lot east of I-95 at Exit 174 (Carmel-Newburgh), directly across from the Dysarts convenience store. PLEASE NOTE: parking along the route is very limited, so carpooling is a must.

Lots of **FREE Morning Bird Walks** throughout May! Please refer to the complete listing in this newsletter. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome – and if you enjoy these annual walks but have not yet joined Maine Audubon, we invite you to become a member of our chapter! It's easy – just sign up online at maineaudubon.org/support/donate/.

Special June trip preview: Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 6 (rain date: June 13) for a botany-focused wildflower and fern walk in Bangor City Forest, led by three Maine Master Naturalists. Trip details will be posted on the PVA website, on Facebook, and in the next issue of *Natural Selections*!

FIELDS POND BOOK GROUP

The Fields Pond Book Group meets monthly on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m., in-person at the Orono Public Library and online via Zoom, facilitated by professional librarian Joyce Rumery. Please contact Joyce directly at rumery@maine.edu to sign up for the Zoom link, which she will send out shortly before each meeting. Here are the selected titles for March through May, available through most public libraries:

March 12, 2026

Casey, Susan. *The Underworld: Journeys to the Depths of the Ocean*. 2023. 352pp.

April 9, 2026

Ackerman, Jennifer. *The Bird Way: A New Look at How Birds Talk, Work, Play, Parent, and Think*. 2021. 368 pp.

May 7, 2026

Dunn, Jon. *The Glitter in the Green: In Search of Hummingbirds*. 2022. 352 pp.

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NEIGHBORHOOD BIRD WALKS, May 2026

Unless otherwise indicated, all walks are from 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Rubber boots or waterproof shoes are recommended due to wet grass and occasional muddy conditions. In consideration of wildlife and fellow birders, no pets please on the bird walks.

Wednesday, May 6: Indian Trail & Penobscot County Conservation Assn., Brewer
Leaders: Gordon Russell, Jane Rosinski
Meet at Penobscot County Conservation Assn., North Main St.

Saturday, May 9 (World Migratory Bird Day):
Fields Pond Audubon Center, Holden
Leaders: David Lamon, Gordon Russell
Meet in FPAC parking lot. **This walk starts at 8 am.**

Monday, May 11: Bangor City Forest, Bangor
Leaders: Paul Markson, Gloria Vollmers
Meet at BCF parking lot at end of Kittredge Rd.

Tuesday, May 12: Rogers Farm, Old Town
Leader: Nathaniel Austin
Meet at the barn at 914 Bennoch Rd.

Wednesday, May 13: Mt. Hope Cemetery, Bangor
Leaders: Jim and Kathy Zeman
Meet in the parking area inside the State St. entrance.

Friday, May 15: Essex Woods, Bangor
Leader: Bob Duchesne
Meet in the parking lot at the end of Watchmaker Rd

Monday, May 18: Leonard's Mills, Bradley
Leader: Bob Duchesne
Meet at the junction of Government Rd and Rt. 178

Tuesday, May 19: University of Maine, Orono
Leader: Sandi Duchesne
Meet up near the Arboretum in the parking lot between the Emera Astronomy Center and the Jordan Observatory (driveway extends beyond the intersection of Rangeley Rd. and Long Rd).

Wednesday, May 20: West Penjajawoc Preserve, Bangor
Co-sponsored by Bangor Land Trust
Leaders: Elizabeth Payne, Bob Milardo, Stephanie Lindsell.
Meet at the dead end of Fox Hollow Lane, off Essex St.

Friday, May 22: Saxl Park, Bangor
Leaders: Laura Levenson, Elizabeth Payne
Meet in Cascade Park parking lot, just off State St.

Saturday, May 23: Technology Park, Orono
Leaders: Jerry Longcore, Steve Mierzykowski
Take Godfrey Drive in Orono. Meet in the parking lot behind the building (now SARGENT property) across the road from Black Bear Inn.

Tuesday, May 26: Taylor Rd.- Caribou Bog Conservation Area, Orono
Co-sponsored by Orono Land Trust
Leaders: Steve Mierzykowski, Gordon Russell
Follow Taylor Rd. 0.3 miles from Forest Ave., left onto Putnam Rd. (Orono Landfill Access Rd). Meet at the trailhead parking area in front of the gate.