

Spring Birding Workshop

SPRING MIGRATION IN NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA OFFERS BIRDERS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY



to view a variety of neotropical migrant species. These avian travelers fly north every year to take advantage of the abundance of springtime food and nesting territory. Warblers are a special prize and many can be seen including Chestnut-sided, Yellow, Black-throated Blue (photo at left), Hooded, Bay-breasted, Kentucky, Worm-eating and the endangered Cerulian Warbler.

Orioles, thrushes, vireos, cuckoos and other migrants can also be seen or heard. For beginners, identification can be

daunting! This workshop will take you through the process of how to identify, by sight and sound, many of the common and some of the not-so-common species that can be found in the forests, wetlands and meadows of the Northeast.

General Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival and Orientation

We invite our participants to check-in to Graystones between 4 and 5 PM, then join us for a wine and cheese reception, welcome dinner and a presentation on birding skills and identification and the tools of the sport.

Day 2 Birding the Delaware River

After an early breakfast we will load our vans and depart for our day's adventure.

We will begin our birding along the Delaware River in the Delaware Water Gap Recreation Area. This region is loaded with migrant species including the endangered Cerulian Warbler.

We will carry a packed lunch so we can enjoy the optimum amount of time in the field.

After lunch we will bird our way back to Graystones with excellent stops at various locations along the way.

Dinner back at Graystones followed by presentations and discussion.

Day 3 Birding Graystones Preserve

Early morning breakfast followed by birding on the Graystones property.

The wooded areas offer nesting habitat for thrushes, orioles and tanagers while the large meadows offer prime Bluebird, swallow and raptor habitat.

Lunch at Graystones before final departure.

INCLUDED:

- Lodging at Graystones for two nights
- All meals from dinner on arrival day through lunch on departure day
- All transportation (by van) from Graystones to each birding location

Trip Leaders

Kevin Loughlin
Philip Witmer

Limit 14 participants.

Dates

May 23 - 25, 2010

Cost

\$375 from Hickory Run, PA

Register On-line at:

WildsideNatureTours.com

Financial Requirements

As we are less than 120 days from departure, full payment due upon registration.

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