



## Free Birdwatching Programs for Hamilton-Wenham Adult Residents

Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary will be leading a spring series of free birdwatching programs that have been made possible by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the local Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council. An evening presentation on birds will kick off the series. The walks are free, but please register and get site walk directions by calling the Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary at 978-887-9264.

### **The Thrill of Birdwatching**

**Thursday, March 28, 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Hamilton-Wenham Public Library**

Join Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary Naturalist Scott Santino for an evening program highlighting the fascinating and enjoyable world of birdwatching. See why so many people have taken up this fast-growing recreational activity and why it might be just right for you. A PowerPoint presentation will introduce guests to local bird species and their amazing life histories.

### **Spring Birds of Cedar Pond Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Tuesday, April 9, 9:00 to 10:30 am**

**Cedar Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Wenham**

Join Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary Director Carol Decker for a walk through the beautiful forests and wetlands of this 165-acre sanctuary. We'll look for the return of both the pine and palm warblers and listen for ruby-crowned kinglets and eastern phoebes. At the pond, we'll search for bufflehead ducks and may even see a solitary vireo. Bring binoculars if you have them (we'll also bring extra pairs) and dress for the weather. Good footwear is advised.

### **Spring Birds of Riverside Reservation**

**Tuesday, April 16, 9:00 to 10:30 am**

**New England BioLabs Parking Lot**

Join Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary Naturalist Scott Santino for a walk that will traverse beautiful wetlands as well as forested habitat. We'll search for eastern bluebirds and tree swallows in the swamplands and wood ducks in the open water. Broad-winged hawks will be migrating from the south so we will keep an eye skyward to look for them. Bring binoculars if you have them (we'll also bring extra pairs) and dress for the weather. Good footwear is advised.

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