



## SPRING/SUMMER 2006 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April

**Saturday 8 — Audubon Vermont Chapter Assembly Meeting.** RCAS members are invited to attend this networking session for Audubon chapters in Vermont. Hosted by Otter Creek Audubon in Addison County. Details to be announced. If you're interested in attending contact Fred Bates 775-3093.

**Friday 2 — Birding for Beginners Class.** Want to learn more about birding and not sure how to start? This is for you! Castleton State College, Woodruff 21 (3rd Floor), 7:00 PM, Instructor Angele Brill 287-9891.

**Saturday 22 — West Rutland Marsh Monitoring Walk.** If you attended the previous evening's course you can put your new skills to the test. Open to all whether you attended the class or not. This is a monthly bird monitoring exercise. To date over 600 participants have tallied 120 species from American bittern to northern shrike. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking area at 8:00 AM. Leader Roy Pilcher 459-2851.

### May

**Saturday 6 — Vermont Green-up Day at West Rutland Marsh.** Join Rutland County Audubon and other volunteers as we clean up one of our favorite birding hotspots. 9 a.m. at the West Rutland Town Hall. Marv Elliott, 775-2415.

**Thursday 18 — West Rutland Marsh Monitoring Walk.** This is a monthly bird monitoring exercise. To date over 600 participants have tallied 120 species from American bittern to northern shrike. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking area at 7:00 AM. Leader Roy Pilcher 459-2851.

**Saturday 27 — Century Count XI.** Explore the birding hotspots in Rutland County as we attempt to tally 100 species. Last year's count yield 102 species! Meet at 6 a.m. at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot. Bring lunch. (Optional contribution to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Non-game and Natural Heritage Fund or Audubon Vermont Birdathon.) Roy Pilcher 459-2851.

### June

**Saturday 10 — Vermont Breeding Bird Atlas Trip.** Travel to Wallingford Pond to survey the area for breeding birds. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about bird habitat and behavior as well as contribute to the Vermont Breeding Bird Atlas project. Meet at the Rutland Holiday Inn parking lot at 7 a.m. to travel to Wallingford Pond to survey the area for breeding birds. Bring lunch. Leader Sue Elliott 775-2415.

**Saturday 17 — West Rutland Marsh Monitoring Walk.** This is a monthly bird monitoring exercise. To date over 600 participants have tallied 120 species from American bittern to northern shrike. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking area at 7:00 AM. Leader Roy Pilcher 459-2851.

**Wednesday 28 — Rutland County Audubon Annual Meeting,** Potluck and Bird Talk. Proctor Library, 6 p.m. Join us as we conclude another successful year for Rutland County Audubon, plan for the future, and share notes about birding. Bring a dish to share. Proctor Library, 6 p.m.

### July

**Sunday 2 — Annual West Rutland Butterfly Count.** Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to travel through West Rutland. Bring lunch and beverages. Optional \$3.00 registration fee. Leader Alan Gregory. Roy Pilcher 459-2851.

**Thursday 6 — Vermont Breeding Bird Atlas Trip.** Travel to Wallingford Pond to survey the area for breeding birds as a follow-up to June's trip. Meet at the Rutland Holiday Inn parking lot at 7 a.m. Bring lunch. Sue Elliott, 775-2415.

**Saturday 8 — Annual Tinmouth Butterfly Count.** Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking lot at 8:30 a.m. before proceeding to the Ballou Farm at the intersection of Route 140 and East Road in Tinmouth. Bring lunch and beverages for the day. Optional \$3.00 registration fee. Leader Phillip Ballou 446-2172.

**Saturday 29 — West Rutland Marsh Monitoring Walk and 5th Anniversary Celebration.** Reserve the date! This month's walk marks five year's monitoring with some outstanding results — over 120 species from American bittern to northern shrike. Meet at the West Rutland Price Chopper parking area at 7:00 AM. Leader Roy Pilcher 459-2851.

#### **A note about our field trips:**

We go regardless of the weather (unless the weather would in some way pose a danger) so dress appropriately! If you have any doubt about the trip being cancelled call either Marv Elliott at 775-2415 or Roy Pilcher at 459-2851. Sometimes the bad weather brings out the best birds! Returnable bottles and cans are gratefully accepted at all events. Proceeds go to our Quetzal Fund, which helps the Nature Conservancy purchase and preserve acres of critical rain forest habitat.

**Please share this calendar with your friends – all are welcome.**

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