



Montauk Library Bird Club — December 2025 Newsletter

News

- Rare bird sightings have been reported in Montauk this November and December. Last month a Purple Gallinule was spotted on Industrial Rd. and a Western Cattle Egret was seen at Deep Hollow Ranch. Within the past two days, a Cassin's Sparrow was reported at Montauk Point. So bundle up and go birding!
- New York State Parks is leading winter owl hikes around Montauk. The walks are led by naturalist Teddy Esposito on a few Saturdays in December, January, and February. [Visit the park's Eventbrite page for dates and to sign up.](#)
- On January 10, the Montauk Library Bird Club and Third House Nature Center will partner on a [Bird Walk at Montauk Point](#). We'll observe and learn to identify a variety of species that winter at Montauk Point, with a focus on seabirds including gannets, loons, and scoters. [Sign up here.](#)
- Can't stand the cold weather? You can attract birds to your backyard by providing food and fresh water. Use our suet recipe and the instructions below to create your own suet feeder ornaments in time for the holidays.

BIRD WALK

AT MONTAUK POINT STATE PARK

Saturday, January 10, 10 am - 11:30 am



Take a winter walk with the Montauk Library Bird Club, led by Ed Johann of Third House Nature Center.

We'll observe and learn to identify a variety of species that winter at Montauk Point, with a focus on seabirds including gannets, scoters, and loons found gliding on ocean breezes or floating on waves offshore. This is also a great opportunity to see seals!

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The walk will be a slow-paced hike along the shoreline and paved roads.
Parking is free. Dress for cold weather. All experience levels are welcome.
A limited number of binoculars will be available to borrow.

****Registration is required. Meeting location will be sent to registrants.****



DIY Suet Cakes

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup wild bird seed mix
- 1 tbsp quick oats
- 1 tbsp cornmeal
- 2 tbsp lard
- 1 tbsp peanut butter

Mix dry ingredients (seed, oats, corn meal) in a bowl. Warm the lard and nut butter, mix, and pour into the dry ingredients. Fill a cookie cutter or form it into a ball, then place it in the freezer for 1-2 hours to harden. Hang outside and see what birds you attract!

*Recommended for temperatures below 50°.



Blue jay

Common Feeder Birds



Downy woodpecker



Red-breasted nuthatch



Northern cardinal



Carolina wren



Tufted titmouse



Black-capped chickadee



Red-bellied woodpecker

For more information on bird identification and feeding birds visit feederwatch.org

Email your sightings, photos, checklists, and stories to birdclub@montauklibrary.org to be featured in our next newsletter.

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