



Montauk Library Bird Club — January 2026 Newsletter



A rare Cassin's Sparrow continues at Montauk Point, photo taken January 7, 2026.

News

- Due to heavy rains predicted this weekend, we are postponing our **Bird Walk at Montauk Point to January 24, 2026**. [Sign up for the new date here.](#)
- A rare Cassin's Sparrow continues at Montauk Point. This grayish-brown sparrow with a hint of an eyering is generally found in the Southwestern US, predominantly in Texas, New Mexico, and Mexico. This sighting is the first reported in Suffolk County and the second record in New York State. The vagrant was first documented in early December and has continued foraging near the stairs to the upper parking lot at the lighthouse.

- At our last program, many of you expressed interest in learning how to make your homes and yards safe and welcoming for birds. We wanted to share Cornell Lab of Ornithology's article "[Seven Simple Actions to Help Birds](#)."
- Save the date! On February 14, 2026 the Montauk Library Bird Club will participate in the [Great Backyard Bird Count](#). We'll send out more information in our February newsletter.

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BIRD WALK

AT MONTAUK POINT STATE PARK

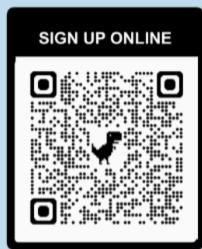
Saturday **RESCHEDULED** 10 am - 11:30 am



Take a winter walk with the Montauk Library Bird Club, led by Ed Johann & Vicki Bustamante 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!



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.****

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

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