

# BIRD TREKS

## **MONTAUK POINT** **& THE SOUTH SHORE OF LONG ISLAND, NY**

**Dates** Monday, 8 May through Saturday, 13 May 2017: 6 days and 5 nights

**We'll visit** **Montauk Point**, at the extreme eastern end of **Long Island**. It's like birding in the Atlantic Ocean, from dry land!

The village of **Montauk** with its beautiful harbor, fishing boats, quaint New England flavor, and nice variety of birds.

**Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, Point Lookout, Jones Beach, Shinnecock Inlet**, and additional locations along the South Shore of Long Island.

### **Target birds that we will search for include . . .**

Common Loon	Peregrine Falcon
Red-throated Loon	Piping Plover
Northern Gannet	American Oystercatcher
Great Cormorant	Wild Turkey
Snowy Egret	Black-legged Kittiwake
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Red-headed Woodpecker
Glossy Ibis	Black-and-white Warbler
Brant	Black-throated Blue Warbler
Common Eider	Prairie Warbler
Osprey	Ovenbird
Bald Eagle	Boat-tailed Grackle

### **We could also encounter RARITIES such as . . .**

Curlew Sandpiper	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Ruff	Orange-crowned Warbler
Black-headed Gull	Blue Grosbeak
Roseate Tern	Saltmarsh Sparrow
Parasitic Jaeger	Seaside Sparrow
Philadelphia Vireo	Red Crossbill



**A magnificent Peregrine Falcon**  
-- Steve Dale

*[Detailed itinerary begins on page 2]*

# MONTAUK POINT, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

8 - 13 May 2017

- | <u>Day</u> | <u>Agenda</u>   |
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| 1          | This morning we will depart from Lancaster PA, then proceed to our first motel near JFK International Airport in Queens, Long Island, NY. Participants that joined me in Lancaster, or that arrive at the JFK motel by early afternoon, will be treated to some great birding at nearby Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge (JBWR). We all return to the motel for dinner and our first night on Long Island. [ ** See page 4 for more details about the meeting locations.]  |
| 2          | This morning we will return to JBWR, as it has much to offer. Some of the target birds there include <b>Brant, migrant shorebirds, Glossy Ibis, herons and egrets</b> , and a good variety of <b>migrant songbirds</b> . There is sometimes an unusual vagrant to search for in the NYC area. We'll bird our way east on Long Island, looking for <b>sea ducks, gulls, falcons, and other raptors</b> . We'll dine at the Shagwong Restaurant and spend the first of three nights in the village of Montauk.  |
| 3          | After a tasty breakfast at Mr. John's Pancake House, we'll enjoy the maritime scenery, <b>Harbor Seals</b> , and flocks of <b>White-winged Scoters, Black Scoters, and Common Eiders</b> at famed Montauk Point. Migrant seabirds may include <b>shearwaters, phalaropes, Northern Gannets</b> , and other pelagic species. <b>Parasitic Jaegers</b> may be seen close to shore. Montauk has a great reputation for <b>western vagrants</b> that may include <b>sparrows, warblers, flycatchers</b> , and rare incredible finds such as <b>Scissor-tailed Flycatcher</b> or <b>Swallow-tailed Kite</b> . Dinner at O'Murphy's Pub, on-the-green in Montauk. |
| 4          | We have another full day at Montauk Point to search for migrant songbirds, breeding birds, and additional pelagic species. Songbirds may include <b>Baltimore Oriole, Blue-headed Vireo, Willow Flycatcher, Saltmarsh Sparrow</b> , and many other birds of interest. The woods at the recycling center often have large numbers of <b>thrushes, migrant warblers</b> , and perhaps some <b>grosbeaks and tanagers</b> . We may find a lingering <b>unusual gull</b> such as <b>Little, Black-headed, or Iceland</b> in the Harbor. Hopefully there will be a rarity to chase; past tours have yielded their fair share.                                    |
| 5          | As we drive west toward New York City, we'll look for <b>American Bittern</b> along Dune Road at Shinnecock, <b>gulls</b> and <b>waterfowl</b> at Sagaponack Pond, and <b>seabirds</b> and <b>shorebirds</b> at Jones Beach, plus migrant <b>songbirds</b> in the pine groves and hedgerows. Our final stop will be prime locations closer to NYC for more <b>songbirds, waterfowl</b> , and another opportunity for the marshland sparrows. We'll spend our final night near Jamaica Bay.  |

*[Day 6 and additional details are on page 3]*

6 We'll have most of the morning to bird **Jamaica Bay**. The possibilities there are almost endless. If time allows we'll visit nearby **Fort Tilden**, **Breezy Point**, or **Gateway National Recreation Area**. These locations often hold a vagrant or two, and are good vantage point for seabirds. We'll return to JFK International Airport for your afternoon flights home, then make the three-hour drive to Lancaster, PA, where the tour ends.

A map of the tour route can be viewed by clicking on:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?ll=41.335576%2C-72.630615&spn=2.408706%2C4.938354&msa=0&mid=1umS-1VVqFak-4oNvUqOiYBIB0jo>

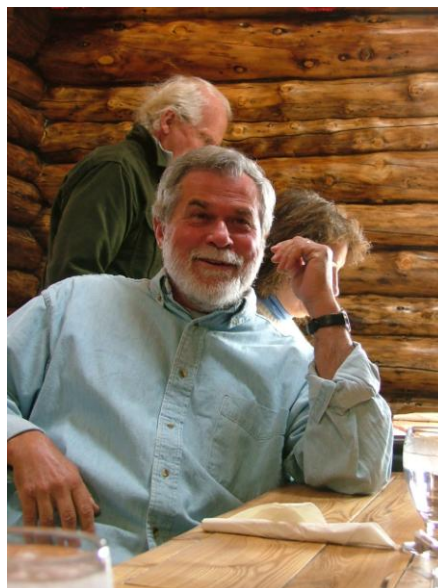
A complete list of species observed on our previous May tour is available at:

<http://www.birdtreks.com/birds-previously-seen/NYLIMAY.pdf>

**Leader** **Bird Treks' Spring Montauk Tour** will be led by **Bob Schutsky**, who is familiar with all of the good Long Island locations and has birded this area many times.

**Price** \$2095 per person based upon double occupancy. Single accommodations are available for an extra charge of \$355. We will take a maximum of seven participants. On rare occasion we may extend the maximum to ten participants.

**Includes** Expert guide service, entrance fees, ALL meals beginning with lunch on the first day, all tips (except to your guide), lodging for five nights, all ground transportation from Pennsylvania or New York, & lots of great birds. Does not include the cost of alcoholic beverages, or items of a personal nature.



**Extra Services** We offer the services of our exclusive BIRD TREKS travel agent, **Lori Heathcote**, in arranging your air travel. Lori has 32 years of experience in the travel industry. Contact her at Bailey Travel/Travel Time toll-free at **1-800-224-5399**, direct at **717-855-2128**, or e-mail her at [lori@trvltime.com](mailto:lori@trvltime.com). By dealing with Lori you have the security of a 24-hour toll-free phone number in case of any travel emergency. She can also assist you with all pre- and post-tour travel plans. There is a small fee for these services.

**Deposit** A \$500 deposit assures your reservation on the Montauk Tour. The balance is due 8 March 2017.

**Refund & Cancellation Policy** With written notice more than 60 days prior to the first day of the tour, 100% of your deposit will be refunded, minus a \$75 service fee. With 30-60 days notice, you will receive a 50% refund of the full cost of the tour. No refund can be made with less than 30 days notice. You will receive a full refund if you provide a replacement for your spot on the tour. No partial refund can be given once the tour begins. We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** that you purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect your investment. Contact **Allianz Global Assistance** and mention **BIRD TREKS, ACCAM # F021096**. You can apply via the Internet at [www.allianztravelinsurance.com](http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com) or by phone at **1-866-884-3556**.



**Male Yellow Warbler** - - *Meredith Lombard*

**\*\* There are two Monday (8 May) meeting locations.** The first is the DoubleTree Resort, south of Lancaster, PA at about 8 AM. Or, we will meet you early in the afternoon at our motel near JFK International Airport in Queens, New York, if you are arriving by plane. This motel will be selected at a later date.

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**Montauk Point Lighthouse**

- - *Bob Schutsky, tour leader*