



# Wings, Waves & Woods Festival

Deer Isle & Stonington, ME

**MAY 17-19, 2024**



Join us for our 16th year of Island Heritage Trust's Wings, Waves & Woods Festival! A fun and educational weekend for bird and nature lovers of all ages and levels of experience.

## 1. EXPLORE THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (BELOW)

Choose which events you would like to be a part of!

## 2. REGISTER & MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

- Registration for Webinar, Boat Trips, and Birder's Dinner is required at [islandheritagetrust.org/wings-waves-woods](https://islandheritagetrust.org/wings-waves-woods)
- In-Person Walks & Talks do not require individual registration.
- This is a volunteer-run, non-profit event. Please donate a minimum of \$5 per Walk & Talk that you attend.
- Make a minimum donation of \$35 and receive a Wings, Waves & Woods Cap or a Reusable Tote Bag!

**Donate at any in-person event or online at  
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## 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Tag us on Facebook or Instagram @islandheritagetrust and use #WingsWavesWoods2024 to share the WWW Festival from your perspective and connect with other participants!



### THURSDAY MAY 16

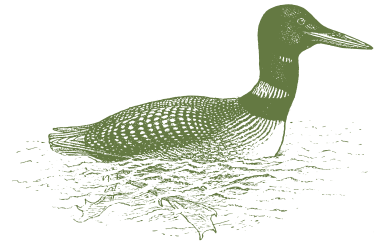
#### **4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Friends From The Field Webinar: Uber Driver for the Birds**

Join Blue Hill Heritage Trust and Island Heritage Trust as we hear from Avian Haven volunteer, Ellen Campbell, about her experiences serving as an “animal ambulance” for birds in Maine. Ellen will share photos, videos, adventures, and misadventures as a part of this important bird-rescue network. You can learn more about Avian Haven’s work and volunteer opportunities at [www.avianhaven.org](https://www.avianhaven.org).

**Registration for this Free Online Presentation is required at:**  
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## FRIDAY MAY 17

### **11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Natural History Walk Settlement Quarry Preserve, 191 Oceanville Rd, Stonington**

Join George Fields from Blue Hill Heritage Trust for an inspiring walk at a protected, abandoned quarry to learn about geologic, human, cultural and natural history. Bring binoculars, a bag lunch, and enjoy the scenic views!

### **2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Found Object Sculpture 598 Sunshine Rd, Deer Isle**

Peter Beerits demonstrates how he makes bird sculptures from "junk" at his Nervous Nellie's Jams & Jellies studio. Using scrap wood and metal, Beerits captures the essence of birdness in unexpected ways.

### **3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Happy Hour Welcome 420 Sunset Rd, Deer Isle**

Join IHT Staff and Volunteers for snacks and refreshments in the Barn. WWW hats and reusable bags will be available. Stick around to learn from Oskar Matte's talk about Loon Restoration (below) to follow directly after Happy Hour Welcome.

### **5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lookout for Loons! Maine Lakes Loon Restoration Project Presentation with Oskar Mattes 420 Sunset Rd, Deer Isle**

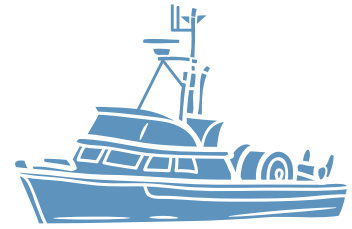
Details Coming Soon.

### **7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Timberdoodles and Night Flights Mariners Memorial Park, Fire Road 506A, Deer Isle**

Join Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski for an evening seeking the elusive and secretive American Woodcock as they vocally "peent" and perform their unique spiraling flights to attract a mate. Also enjoy listening for thrushes, sparrows, and other night migrants. This walk will take place at Mariners Memorial Park, owned by the Evergreen Garden Club; Bring flashlights and listening ears. Coordinates: 4.214873709308556, -68.67016451828647



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## SATURDAY MAY 18

**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Pressey Village Bird Walk 94 Pressey Village Road, Deer Isle**

Bonnie Bochan leads a walk in this mixed habitat neighborhood that has proven to be a hot spot for migrants: Orioles, Scarlet Tanager, and many warblers.

**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Settlement Quarry Bird Walk Settlement Quarry Preserve, 191 Oceanville Rd, Stonington**

Join Bob and Sandi Duchesne for this walk to help beginning birders improve their birding-by-ear skills, including tips for recognizing and remembering what you hear.

**7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Scott's Landing Bird Walk 823 North Deer Isle Rd, Deer Isle**

Naturalist and educator, Nathaniel Sharp and naturalist photographer, Sandra Mitchell explore the 22-acre Scott's Landing Preserve, a birding favorite: brushy habitat, hardwood stands, and a tidal shore offer diverse species.

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Chase Emerson Memorial Library 17 Main St, Deer Isle**

Details Coming Soon!

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Nature Apps and their Application 420 Sunset Rd, Deer Isle**

Join naturalist and educator Nathaniel Sharp in the IHT Barn for a presentation about the many tools available on your smartphone or computer that can help you identify, document, and connect with nature. From eBird and Merlin to Seek and iNaturalist, Nathaniel will demystify how these tools work and how you can use them to document your adventures in the outdoors and explore vast online biodiversity databases with ease.

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM SPL Story Time at the IAH Boat Company Dock 27 Seabreeze Ave, Stonington**

Captain Garrett Aldrich reads *Big Truck, Little Island* by Chris Van Dusen. Step aboard the Otter, one of the Isle au Haut Boat Services vessels, for a short spin in Stonington Harbor and a whale of an adventure. Space is limited to 50. Reservations required.

**Email [stonington.public.library@gmail.com](mailto:stonington.public.library@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.** Depart from Isle au Haut Boat Services, 27 Seabreeze Avenue, Stonington.



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## SATURDAY MAY 18

**12:00 PM - 2:00 PM** **Thoroughfare Lighthouse Cruise** **27 Seabreeze Ave Stonington**  
Bob & Sandi Duchesne and photographer, Sandra Mitchell will be aboard to draw attention to bird sightings, and Captain Garrett Aldrich will share history and anecdotes as we tour the Stonington Archipelago. From the Isle au Haut Boat Service Landing, the cruise will go up to Barred Island, to Eagle Island light, and then back to seal ledges ending at Mark Island light. Depart from Isle au Haut Boat Services. **Online Registration Required.**  
**\$60 per person.**

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM** **Insect Safari** **Mariners Memorial Park - Fire Road 506A, Deer Isle**  
Explore the wide world of winged wonders of the non-avian variety, from moths and beetles to bees, butterflies, and flies. Naturalist and self-proclaimed bug-enthusiast Nathaniel Sharp will guide you through the process of searching for, safely handling, and identifying the diverse and fascinating insects all around us.

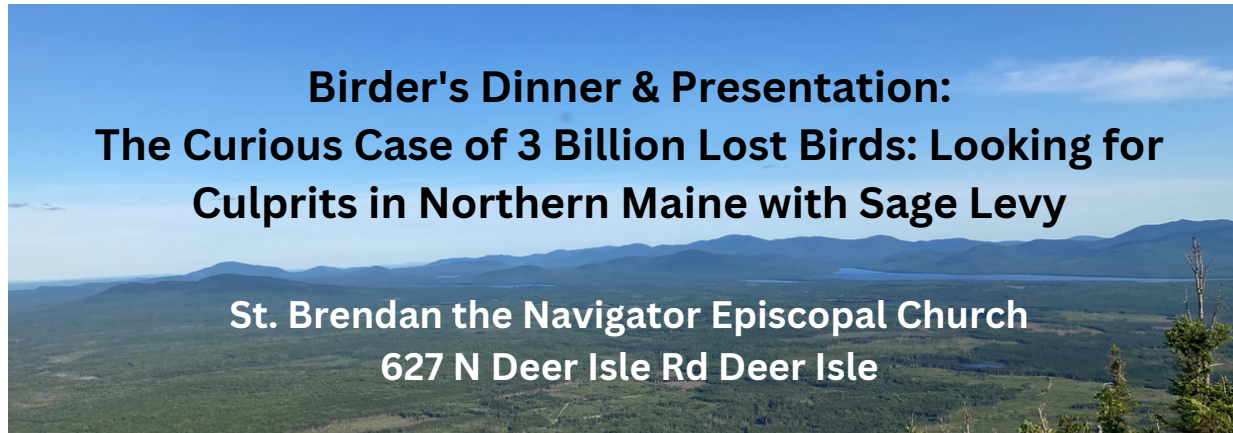
**3:30 PM - 4:30 PM** **Faster Bird Identification** **420 Sunset Rd, Deer Isle**  
Join Bob and Sandi Duchesne for a presentation in the IHT Barn to learn how to use visual clues that anyone can master to quickly identify birds. Learn what to look for in just a few minutes!



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**SATURDAY MAY 18**



**5:00 PM - 6:45 PM Birder's Dinner is Served**

Limited seating available with an advance ticket for \$55 per person which includes appetizers, a dinner option of meat, fish, or vegetarian with dessert, refreshments, and tax/gratuity.

**6:45 PM - 7:45 PM The Curious Case of 3 Billion Lost Birds: Looking for Culprits in Northern Maine**

Join Ecologist, Sage Levy, for an interactive and educational presentation exploring the harmful factors that have contributed to the loss of bird populations in Maine and across North America. Get an in-depth look at Sage's findings after studying bird habitat in the Maine North Woods.

*Sage is an ecologist at Tufts University who works at the intersection of human histories of land, forest management, and bird conservation. Since 2020, they have been studying the effects of changing timberland ownership and management on bird habitat in the Maine North Woods, and exploring Maine bird population trends in the context of North American bird declines. They are also working with forest managers to guide ecologically sensitive harvest decisions, and the Appalachian Mountain Club and indigenous tribal representatives to build a lasting footprint of science and land history communication in the North Woods. In the long term, they hope to continue working on research and science communication in support of bird and land conservation in Northern New England. They are also a songwriter and drag artist, both of which are inevitably heavily bird-inspired.*

**Online registration for Birder's Dinner & Presentation required.**



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## SUNDAY MAY 19

### 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM **West Side Bird Walk** Gilmore Lane, Deer Isle

Join Bob and Sandi Duchesne to explore a private property that includes a meadow, woods, fresh water, and shore. Such diverse habitats promise some great birding! From Route 15 in N. Deer Isle, turn onto Gilmore Lane (about 0.3 miles north of The Galley and high school). Follow signs to bird walk parking.

### 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM **Birding by Boardwalk** DISES School Nature Trail, 249 N Deer Isle Rd, Deer Isle

Join educator, Mickie Flores, student, Naomi Duke, and birders, Gordon Russell and Jane Rosinski for a unique adventure across a winding boardwalk, through a red maple swamp at the Deer Isle Stonington Elementary School Nature Trail. Bring binoculars! *Trail entrance is straight back on your left, past tennis courts.*

*"Birding by Boardwalk offers the opportunity to visit a unique habitat on the island. With a lush understory of skunk cabbage amongst a red maple swamp, this trail offers birds such as Northern Waterthrush, Canada warblers, Vireos and others without the threat of getting wet feet!" - Jane Rosinski*

### 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM **Landscaping for Wildlife** 94 Pressey Village Rd Deer Isle

Professional landscapers Bonnie Bochan and Guillermo Diaz, who specialize in bird and butterfly gardens, invite you to this workshop! Discuss creating gardens, share resources, and look at native species that are important for wildlife on the property. Bring binoculars; carpooling encouraged.

### 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM **Pelagics and Puffins Cruise** 27 Seabreeze Ave, Stonington

Take a trip with birders Bob and Sandi Duchesne and naturalist photographer, Sandra Mitchell through the archipelago to remote Seal Island National Wildlife Refuge, a nesting site for thousands of pelagics, puffins, arctic and common terns, great cormorants, razorbills, and murre. We may also spot gannets, Wilson's storm petrels, shearwaters, seals, dolphins, and possibly whales en route. While landing is not permitted, there will be many opportunities for viewing and photographing. Dress warmly for an open boat on the ocean. Depart from Isle au Haut Boat Services. **Online Registration Required. \$75 per person.**



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## SUNDAY MAY 19

### **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Wild Medicinal Plants of Deer Isle 823 N Deer Isle Rd, Deer Isle**

Come for a walk with community herbalist Brigid Doherty at Scott's Landing Preserve in Deer Isle. Brigid is the founder of The Solidago School of Herbalism, located on Deer Isle. On this walk, you will learn how to identify, ethically harvest, and prepare medicinal plants.

### **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Learn to Sketch Mallard Ducks 420 Sunset Rd, Deer Isle**

End the festival with Local Artist, Jadyn Ladeau, in the Island Heritage Trust barn in this artistic workshop where you will learn the basics of how to sketch birds! Art supplies provided. **Limited spots. Phone Registration Required. Call the IHT Office at 207-348-2455. Suggested Donation of \$10.**

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## ISLAND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

**FRIDAY, MAY 17 - SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**9:00 am and 1:00 pm start times Osprey Echo Sea Kayaking**

**Register at [www.OspreysEcho.com](http://www.OspreysEcho.com)**

Osprey's Echo Sea Kayaking is hosting a unique opportunity to appreciate the birds and other wildlife in the Stonington archipelago. Seeing the wildlife from the quiet and relaxing bow of a kayak can be a dreamlike opportunity to see bald eagles, osprey, guillemot, cormorant, and a number of other interesting natives, including local nesting habitats. In a kayak you can always get a unique and beautiful view! The odds of seeing one of our curious seals are also good, especially during their spring pup season. Osprey's Echo will be providing the services of an experienced kayak guide who has a deep knowledge of the area and history of our beautiful island.

- 10 am and 2 pm start times
- \$50 a person
- Tour will be a mellow paddle of the Webb Cove or the near area, highlights will be some of the known bird nest's in our area as well as other wildlife.
- Some expected birds to be seen: Osprey's, Bald Eagles, Guillemots, Seagull's, Cormorants, and many more
- It is also Seal pup season, so there is a decent chance of seeing seals(from an appropriate distance)
- Tour size can be up to 10-12
- Wetsuits are included

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Evergreen Garden Club Plant Sale Old Deer Isle Elementary School**

The plants for this annual sale are grown by Evergreen Garden Club members. Plants include perennials, veggie seedlings, flower seedlings, fruit trees, and herbs. The funds raised will help support Mariners Memorial Park for another year's worth of mowing, insurance, road repair, and maintenance. A raffle will also be held. Old Deer Isle Elementary School is across from the Congregational Church, Route 15, Deer Isle. Rain site is Deer Isle Town Hall.



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