SATURDAY 8/04, 7:30 AM: Birding trip to Bombay Hook NWR, Delaware, about 2-1/2 hours from Allentown. A great spot for shorebirds. An all-day trip Bring lunch, drinks, insect repellent & sun protection. Leader: Peter Saenger (president@lvaudubon.org)

SATURDAY 8/05, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Autumn Migration Birding Workshop. In this program geared toward beginner birders & families, you will learn why birds migrate and how to identify autumn migrants. The program will cover both songbird and raptor migration, and will highlight the value of long-term raptor counts. Following a presentation at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center, we will search for Bald Eagles, Osprey, and other birds of prey. Meet at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center’s Osprey House at 8844 Paint Mill Rd, at Slatington Leader: Chad Schwartz (youth@lvaudubon.org)

SATURDAY 9/08, 7:30 AM: Bird walk at Whitehall Parkway. Fall migrants are a great way to challenge and improve your birding identification skills. Meet at Whitehall Parkway in the Chestnut St. parking lot at the barn (west of Rt. 145). Leader: Frank Dickman (484-695-8877)

SATURDAY 9/8, 9:00 AM: Birding trip to Cape May, NJ, about 2-1/2 hours from Allentown and one of the premier birding locations in the country! This is an all-day trip so bring lunch, drinks, insect repellent & sun protection. Leader: Scott Burtin (484-955-8580)

FRIDAY, 9/14, 7:00 PM – PROGRAM: “Chimney Swifts: Aerial Artists” Superbly adapted for high altitude life in the air, Swifts are among the fastest birds. Join us as Scott Burtin discusses these fascinating birds and the extraordinary work he has been doing to expand their habitat in the county and state!

SATURDAY 9/15, 9:30 AM: Birding trip to the Trexler Nature Preserve. This trip is open to all birders but will especially be geared toward beginners. Meet at the Lehigh Valley Zoo parking lot. Leader: Chris Hugossen (610-505-4160)

SATURDAY 9/23, 7:30 AM: Birding trip to Scotts Mt. hawk watch at Merrill Creek Reservoir in NJ. A good time for Sharp-shinned and Cooper’s Hawks, with Merlin and Peregrine possible. Meet at the Park & Ride lot near the William Penn Hwy exit of Rt. 33. Leader: Dave DeReamus (610-252-0893)

SATURDAY 9/29, 7:30 AM: Bird walk at Woodland Hills Preserve in Lower Saucon Twp. for fall migrants. This 148 acre preserve is a former golf course that was purchased by the Township to save it from being developed. Meet at the Woodland Hills Preserve parking lot on Countryside Lane (located 0.9 miles north of Easton Rd.) Leader Adam Smith (AdamSmithUD@yahoo.com)

SATURDAY 10/06, 7:00 AM: Birding trip to Leaser Lake for waterfowl and fall migrants. Meet at Leaser Lake’s north boat launch, located on Ontelaune Road. Leader: Dick Finkman (484-695-3887)

FRIDAY 10/12, 7:00 PM – PROGRAM: “Raptor Migration at Bake Oven Knob Hawk Watch” Join Chad Schwartz, LVAS Youth Chair and Naturalist from Red Creek Wildlife Center. As he discusses raptor migration along the Kittatinny Ridge, including data from the Bake Oven Hawk Watches. Meet at Bake Oven Knob. Chad will lead a hike at Bake Oven Knob.

SATURDAY 10/20, 7:30 AM: Hawk watching trip to a nearby hotspot. Location to be determined. Leader: Mark Boyd (610-657-9401)

FRIDAY 11/09, 7:00 PM – PROGRAM: “Urban/ Suburban Wildlife” Join Brandon Swayer, Naturalist from the Wildlands Conservancy, as he talks about the wildlife that lives in our very own cities and towns and how we can best coexist with these animals. Brandon will have with us meet field guides to identify birds, mammals and butterflies. Leader: Adam Smith (AdamSmithUD@yahoo.com)

SATURDAY 12/15, All Day: Allentown Christmas Bird Count. Contact your group leader from last year or call Rett Oren for info at 484-895-5685.

SUNDAY 12/16, All Day: Wild Creek/Little Gap Christmas Bird Count. For info contact your group leader from last year or Corey Husic at coreyhusic@gmail.com

SATURDAY 1/19, All Day: Bethlehem-Easton-Hellertown Christmas Bird Count. Contact your group leader from last year or call Don & Elaine Mease for info at 610-346-7754.

SUNDAY 2/08, 7:00 PM – PROGRAM: “Flexible Flyers: The Life & Times of Turkey Vultures” Keith Bilstein, previous head of Hawk Mountain, will focus on the results of more than a decade of work involving studies of the movement (including migratory) ecology of more than 50 satellite tracked Turkey Vultures followed throughout North, Central and South America.

SATURDAY 3/10, 7:00 AM: Bird walk to the Bethlehem Boat Club area of the Lehigh Canal for early migrants and, hopefully, Yellow-throated Warbler. Meet at the Park & Ride near the Lehigh Canal. Leader: Dave DeReamus (610-252-0893)

SUNDAY 3/11, 7:00 AM: Bird walk through the Little Bushkill Creek through a variety of habitats during the peak of spring migration. Meet at the Park & Ride Lot on Wm.Penn Hwy. & Rt. 33. Leader: Dave DeReamus (610-252-0893)

SUNDAY 3/18, 6:30 AM: Birding trip to Leaser Lake, a favorite local birding spot which offers a wealth of nesting species difficult to find elsewhere in the Lehigh Valley. This is a drive and bird trip with some uphill walking and typically lasts about 6 hours. Leader: Mark Boyd (610-797-2675)

SUNDAY 4/15, 6:30 AM: Birding trip to Brandy’s Pond in Monroe County for nesting species such as Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Alder Flycatcher and a variety of warblers. The grass trail can be very wet in the morning so waterproof footwear is recommended. Meet at KMART parking lot in Wind Gap, just north of the Route 512 exit off Rt. 33. Trip is expected to be about 5-6 hours with 3-5 hours of hiking. Leader: Adam Smith (AdamSmithUD@yahoo.com)

SUNDAY 5/26, 6:30 AM: Birding trip to the Delaware State Forest in the Poconos for the many bird species that live in the woods of this area including Golden-winged Warbler. Meet at the KMART parking lot in Wind Gap, just north of the Route 512 exit off Rt. 33. Trip is expected to last about 6 hours. Leader: Scott Burtin (610-346-8580)

SATURDAY 6/01, 7:00 AM: Birding and nature walk at Great Swamp NWR in nearby NJ. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Red Robin in West Allentown or call Mark if you would like to meet at 7:30 at the Park & Ride on William Penn Hwy. & Rt. 33. Leader: Mark Boyd (610-657-9401)

SATURDAY 6/08, 8:30 AM: Beginner’s bird walk to The Ponds at Apple Park focuses on how to identify birds that breed in our area by sight & song. Expected to last about 1.5 hours. Meet at the Ponds at Apple Park parking lot at 1892 Packhouse Rd., Fogelsville. Leader: Chris Hugossen (610-505-4160)