



## Spring Songbird Migration at Assabet River NWR A Lecture and Birding Walk

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Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am to 1:00pm

One of the most exciting events of the year for naturalists is spring songbird migration during which up to 80 species of songbirds can be found throughout eastern Massachusetts. Many of these birds spend the winter in locations as far away as Central and South America. For some, Massachusetts is their final destination, where they will breed and play a key ecological role in our woodlands and marshes before returning again to their winter homes in the fall. Others are merely pausing for a few days to refuel on their way to the hardwood forests of northern New England or the boreal forests of Canada. In this program we will discuss the wintering, migratory, and breeding ecology of these flycatchers, vireos, thrushes, wood-warblers, tanagers, and sparrows as well as their conservation status, and then go for a hike in search of these beautiful and amazing songbirds.

Brooks Mathewson is a nature photographer and ecologist holding a Master's Degree in Liberal Arts with a concentration in Biology and a Master's Degree in Forest Science from Harvard University. His research on the distribution and relative abundance of terrestrial salamanders has been published in the journals *Northeastern Naturalist* and *Arnoldia*. In addition, Brooks' photography has appeared in magazines, journals, textbooks, and field guides, and is sold at art galleries and museums in the Boston area including Harvard's Museum of Natural History. Some of the venues at which Brooks has given lectures include Harvard Forest, Holy Cross, Arnold Arboretum, Newton Free Library, and Sachuest National Wildlife Refuge. For a preview of his photography please visit his website - [www.AvianArtImages.com](http://www.AvianArtImages.com).

Program will be held at the Assabet River NWR, 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776. Please call 978-562-3527 x116 or email [Susan\\_J\\_Russo@fws.gov](mailto:Susan_J_Russo@fws.gov) for more information and to pre-register. Free for members of the Friends of Assabet River NWR; \$5.00 for nonmembers.

**Websites:** Refuge: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/assabriver/>  
Friends of ARNWR: [www.farnwr.org](http://www.farnwr.org)  
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