



# Friends of Salt Springs Park

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## May Memorial Planting

The Susquehanna County Forest Land Owners Association donated two sugar maples in memory of Carol Hartley. They were planted on May 11 by, left to right, Carolyn and Harold Hartley (Carol Hartley's parents), Bill Maitland (Carol Hartley's husband), Ryan Brown (DCNR Service Forester), John Reynolds (SCFLOA secretary), Jo-Ellen Greene (SCFLOA board member), Jim James (SCFLOA President), and Jim Kessler (SCFLOA board member).



## Mark Your Calendar!

Full details are on the website.

**Star Party. Saturday, May 23, 8 p.m.** Mike and Mary Sinkovich will share some tips on using a telescope, and then we'll view the night sky.

**Virtual Bike Ride Across America. Sunday, May 24, 8 p.m.** Jim Yeich shares his experience biking across America via stories and a slide show.

**Bike the Border. Monday, May 25, 1:30 p.m.** Work off those holiday chips 'n dip with a ride through the park.

**Endless Mountains Farm Fest. Saturday, May 30, 10 a.m.** Local vendors offer local products.

**Summer Solstice Celebration. Saturday, June 20, Noon.** An afternoon of solar viewing, solar lessons, solar panels, and other ongoing demos will be followed by an evening of story-telling around a bonfire.

**SuperDad Fun Run. Sunday, June 21, 10 a.m.** This 2-mile family fun run is sponsored by the YMCA of Binghamton and the Friends of Salt Springs Park. The proceeds will help fund the Y's youth activities, and there are prize drawings. Note - superhero costumes are encouraged!

**Father & Son Sunday. Sunday, June 21, 2 p.m.** Spend the afternoon delving into some environmental education and recreational activities like treasure hunting, orienteering, and rock scrambling.

## North American Migration Count

From 7 to 10:30 am on May 9, along 1 mile in the park, 57 different bird species were spotted. Hike leader Evan Mann provided the following list.



Yellowthroat. Courtesy of George Schreck.

Canada Goose, 5  
Mallard, 2  
Common Merganser, 4  
Ruffed Grouse, 2  
Turkey Vulture, 3  
Mourning Dove, 2  
Belted Kingfisher, 1  
Red-bellied Woodpecker, 1  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, 1  
Downy Woodpecker, 1  
Northern Flicker, 1  
Least Flycatcher, 2  
Eastern Phoebe, 1  
Yellow-throated Vireo, 1  
Blue-headed Vireo, 2  
Warbling Vireo, 1  
Red-eyed Vireo, 2  
Blue Jay, 4  
American Crow, 3  
Common Raven, 1  
Tree Swallow, 3  
Black-capped Chickadee, 4  
Tufted Titmouse, 1  
White-breasted Nuthatch, 1  
Brown Creeper, 1  
House Wren, 2  
Eastern Bluebird, 2  
Veery, 1  
Wood Thrush, 1  
American Robin, 4

Gray Catbird, 5  
European Starling, 3  
Ovenbird, 5  
Louisiana Waterthrush, 1  
Blue-winged Warbler, 2  
Black-and-white Warbler, 3  
Nashville Warbler, 4  
Common Yellowthroat, 4  
American Redstart, 3  
Blackburnian Warbler, 2  
Yellow Warbler, 2  
Chestnut-sided Warbler, 5  
Prairie Warbler, 4  
Black-throated Green Warbler, 3  
Eastern Towhee, 2  
Chipping Sparrow, 2  
Field Sparrow, 2  
Song Sparrow, 2  
Dark-eyed Junco, 4  
Scarlet Tanager, 1  
Northern Cardinal, 1  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak, 2  
Red-winged Blackbird, 3  
Common Grackle, 3  
Brown-headed Cowbird, 2  
Baltimore Oriole, 5  
American Goldfinch, 3

## Renewal Time

As announced in our March newsletter, we've changed the annual membership year. The membership year ran from June 1 through May 31, and most current memberships will expire at the end of this month. Now, annual memberships will begin on the date the check is written or the cash is received.

Renewal requests will go out in the mail soon, but there's no need to wait for yours to act. Do it now while it's fresh in your mind.

Please join us again. We continue to keep Salt Springs Park open and inviting and offer dozens of opportunities each year for learning and relaxing in the great outdoors - all without state funding.

And we continue to need your support!