

# Reading Bi-Weekly Update

## March 20, 2018

### A History of Reading, MA Birds



Ruffed grouse in Reading? Ring-necked pheasants breeding in Reading? Evening grosbeaks at your bird feeders in the winter? What hawk is that? If you have ever been curious about the diversity of birds here in Reading, both past and present, you are invited to attend the presentation, "A History of Reading Birds". Local birder and life-long Reading resident Dave Williams will discuss the history of birds in Reading and how the diversity of species has changed over the past 60 years. Using photographs, documented sightings, and historical records, Dave will help you understand how and why bird populations have changed. Some of these changes have been gradual while other changes have been more dramatic.

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 PM at the Reading Public Library in Community Room A.**

As part of this presentation, Dave will introduce his BirdReadingMA 2018 project. This will be a Town of Reading "Big Year" project where the goal will be to see how many species of birds we can see in Reading during 2018. This will be a collaborative, citizen science project that will look to document the birds of Reading. Dave will explain how Reading residents may participate in this project.

Many positive things could come from this project. Besides being fun, it is hoped that more local residents will become involved in this data collection process. Active participation in this project may provide folks with a deeper understanding and appreciation of the birds seen in Reading. Additionally, the information gathered can be shared with the local Town Boards for planning, recreational, and historical purposes. Sightings will be shared with MA Natural Heritage if any state-listed species are found, as well as the three local watershed associations serving Reading, and any other group needing information like this. Last, using this "Big Year" data along with historic bird records obtained by Dave in his almost 40 years of birding in Reading, he is hoping to eventually create a "Birds of Reading" checklist.



### **Author Event: Judge Michael Ponsor**

**Thursday, April 5 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Judge Ponsor's *The One-Eyed Judge* is legal fiction at its most realistic and compelling. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



### **The Art of Coffee Tasting with Rob Fitzgibbon**

**Saturday, April 14 @ 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Sample and savor various freshly brewed roasts, and learn how and why body, flavor and aftertaste differ by region.



### **Throwback Thursday Storytime at the Senior Center**

**Thursday, April 19 @ 10:30 - 11:00 am**

A vacation week special event with classic stories and songs, held with our senior friends at the Pleasant Street Center.



### **Spoken Word Poetry for Teens**

**Thursday, April 26 @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

Join veteran poetry slammer Alex Charalambides to write and share your poetry, whether you're a beginner or have been writing for years.

**Plus much more! [www.readingpl.org/calendar](http://www.readingpl.org/calendar)**

**Questions:** Have questions about all the activity going on around town? Just ask and we will find you the answer!

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