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## **Wave Hill Opens Early for Birders in October** **Led by New York City Audubon Society Naturalist Gabriel Willow**

Bronx, NY—**Witness the spectacle of migrating songbirds on October Sundays at 8:30am at Wave Hill**, a public garden and cultural center. New York City Audubon Society Naturalist Gabriel Willow welcomes both highly experienced and first-time birders to view of our feathered friends as they travel from their northern breeding grounds to their southern wintering grounds.

### **Early morning Wave Hill offers the perfect site to watch songbirds make the trip south.**

With its exquisite gardens and high-branched trees, Wave Hill has proven to be a favorite rest stop for these winged travelers. Bring binoculars and a field guide, if you have them to spot **White Throated Sparrows, Double Crested Cormorants, Great Black and Herring Gulls, Mourning Doves, Red Belly Woodpeckers, Migratory Tree Swallows, Tufted Tit Mouses** and more.

**Birding sessions take place at 8:30am on Sundays, October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.** (Note: Wave Hill opens to general public at 9am.) Pre-registration required, **call 718.549.3200 x305**. **The cost is \$20/\$15 members.** Meet at Wave Hill's front gate, 249<sup>th</sup> Street & Independence Avenue, Bronx, NY.

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#### HOURS

April 15-October 14: 9am-5:30pm, Tuesday-Sunday

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Accessible by Car, Liberty Lines Express Bus, Metro-North rail (to Riverdale Station), #1/9 subway transfer at 231 St. to Bx 7/10 bus, A subway transfer at 208 St. to Bx 7 bus.

Wave Hill is a 28-acre public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades in the northwest Bronx. Award-winning gardens, greenhouses, and woodlands offer people of all ages the opportunity to explore their connections to the natural world. Programs are offered in horticulture, environmental education, woodland management, and the visual and performing arts.