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President's Corner By Shirley Devan

You still have time to sign up for Project FeederWatch for the upcoming winter season. Click over to: <http://feederwatch.org>. All you have to do is (1) put up a feeder (or two...or three!

[easy—you've already done this part]; (2) count birds; (3) enter your data!

This is an important Citizen Science project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada. After you sign up, you'll receive a Research Kit with instructions. Fee is \$15 (\$12 for Cornell Lab members). The fee covers materials, staff support, web design, data analysis and a year-end report. This project is open to participants of all levels, including children, families, classrooms, nature centers, bird clubs, and retirement centers. You photographers out there can submit your yard bird photos for all to enjoy.

So what do scientists learn from back yard bird watchers? According to the FeederWatch website, "The massive amounts of data collected by over 20,000 FeederWatchers across the US help scientists understand:

- long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance
- the timing and extent of winter irruptions of winter finches and other species.
- expansions or contractions in the winter ranges of feeder birds
- the kinds of foods and environmental factors that attract birds
- how disease is spread among birds that visit feeders"

As I've said here before, YOU are a citizen scientist and your observations and data are important. I encourage you to participate in this fun project. You'll learn so much about your backyard birds and their behavior and you'll help scientists learn about long-term trends in bird movements and wintering patterns.

This project will get you in shape for the Bird Club's Christmas Bird Count on Sunday, December 15. If you can't get out in the field with a team, you can count your feeder birds that

day and let our compiler, Bill Williams, know what you have. Then get ready for the Great Backyard Bird Count mid-February. Your job as a Citizen Scientist never ends!

Welcome to New Members

Althea MacWhorter, Mary MacIntosh, Sandy Robertson, Catharine Freda, Arthur & Virginia Wycoff, and Judy Jones.

November Meeting



The November meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, the 20th. Michael Wilson, a Research Biologist at the Center for Conservation Biology at the College of William and Mary & Virginia Commonwealth University will present a program titled *Silent Night: The Decline of North American Nightjars*. According to Michael, Nightjars have

been intertwined in our superstition and folklore for centuries; however, little is known about their biology due to the difficulty in studying their nocturnal lifestyle. In recent years, there has been a general belief that Nightjar populations in North America have been declining, but until recently there has been not a widespread survey program to systematically document this trend. The U.S. Nightjar Survey was launched in 2007 to gather information on population changes and responses to land use. Results of this survey effort have shown how Nightjar species are influenced by human footprints on the landscape, including some deviation from expectations. It is our hope that the survey program can help to identify further reductions in populations and plot a course for their conservation. Refreshments will be provided by Sharon Plocher, Jennifer Trevino, and Patty Maloney.

The meetings this year will be in Andrews Hall, Room 101. Please be sure to display your parking permit on the dashboard of your car.

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Updated Summary of Bird Data

The latest version of Bill Williams' *Summary of Local Bird Data through 2012: Williamsburg, James City County, York County, Hog Island WMA, Surry County* can be downloaded from our website.

Wild Birds Unlimited

Don't forget that the WBC receives a 5% rebate on the pre-tax amount our members spend at Wild Birds Unlimited in Monticello Marketplace. You do have to let them know that you are a member.

November Field Trip



meadows, and fields—so the possibilities of species we can encounter on a given day are stunning.

For those wishing to carpool from Williamsburg, we will meet at Colony Square Shopping Center and depart in a convoy at 7:30 AM. For those planning to go separately, we will meet at the Shirley Plantation Big House after 8:00 AM. There will be a modest fee of \$5.00 per person for access to the grounds for the entire day. No need to sign up in advance, simply join us and enjoy the day. For any questions or further info, contact Geoff Giles at tylerandal2@aol.com or 757-645-8716.

Reported Sightings For October

Report your backyard birds and local sightings to Fred Blystone at 229-4346 or fredblystone@gmail.com. If you encounter interesting birds on your vacation/travels, please share!

October 3. Dave Youker, Ruth Beck, Brian Taber, and Bill Williams spent what was a spectacular but slow, dusty birding day at Craney Island. Sixty-eight species were identified, including at least 1,696 Northern Shovelers, 1195 Semipalmated Plovers, 1 Whimbrel, and 192 Semipalmated Sandpipers. At the Greensprings Nature Trail, Jim Corliss had a Gray-cheeked Thrush.

October 6. At his home in Kingswood, Brian Taber reported seeing a Wilson's Warbler. At Newport News Park, Sandy Robertson, Geoff Giles, Richard Hudgins, and John & Marilyn Adair joined leader Jane Frigo and other birders for the HRBC bird walk. The group identified 46 bird species, including six warblers species: Black-and-white, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Parula, American Redstart, Magnolia, and Pine. They also saw their first of season Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Ruby-crowned Kinglet.

October 8. Sandy Robertson, Geoff Giles, and Shirley Devan ventured to the Eastern Shore—spending the morning at the CVWO Hawkwatch at Kiptopeke State Park and then going to the landfill at Oyster, where they saw at least 34 Black-crowned Night-Herons along with Boat-tailed Grackles, Black Vultures and 2 Ruddy Ducks.

October 11. Bill Williams identifies a Tennessee Warbler at the Warhill Sports Complex.

October 12. From Geoff Giles: "This afternoon, 12 October, I saw my first Yellow-bellied Sapsucker of the fall/winter season in my yard. A male came briefly to the holly tree near my house that has been the object of attention of

sapsuckers the last three winters. My neighborhood has lots of flickers in addition to the few I have had this summer.”

October 14. Hayes and Joyce Williams report having their FOS Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and FOS Eastern Towhee. They also had a Black-throated Blue Warbler land on a swing right outside of their kitchen window. Shirley Devan takes a mid-day walk around the west half of the hike/bike trail at Warhill Sports Complex and identifies 23 species including her FOS White-throated Sparrows. She also reports seeing lots of Palm Warblers. Brian Taber has a Magnolia Warbler at his home and Bill Williams sees one at Warhill Sports Complex. Kathi Mestayer sees a Black-throated Blue Warbler in the McDonald’s parking lot.

October 17. Walking the western half of the Warhill Hike/Bike trail, Shirley Devan reports seeing a Great Horned Owl.

October 20. Sandy Robertson, Joyce Lowry, Richard Hudgins, John & Marilyn Adair, and Virginia & George Boyles joined leader Jane Frigo and other birders for the HRBC walk in Newport News Park. New duck arrivals included American Wigeon, Ruddy Duck and Gadwall. A Blue-headed Vireo was spotted and both male and female Common Yellowthroats gave the group a nice view. Jane also reports that Yellow-rumped Warblers had arrived in abundance and a couple of Winter Wrens were seen. A total of 55 species were identified during the morning.

October 21. Lee Schuster had a new yard bird—about 8 White-crowned Sparrows. She also had 5 Eastern Bluebirds feeding on the remnants of the berries on her Beautyberry bushes.

October 23. Shirley Devan birded the outer loop road on Jamestown Island starting from Black Point. She identified 21 species, including her FOS Brown Creeper.

October 24. Ruth Beck, Virginia & George Boyles, Alex Minarik, Bill Williams, and Dave Youker conducted a survey at Craney Island. They came up with 67 species, including 713 Northern Shovelers, 2 Common Loons, 3 American Avocets, and approximately 250 Western Sandpipers.

October 24. Ruth Beck, Virginia & George Boyles, Alex Minarik, Bill Williams, Brian Taber and Dave Youker conducted a survey at Craney Island. They came up with 75 species including 72 Green-winged Teal, 1 Caspian Tern, 1 Peregrine Falcon and 2 White-crowned Sparrows.

Upcoming Events

Grandview Beach Survey & Clean-up

There will be a bird survey and beach clean-up at Grandview Beach on 9 November starting at 8 AM. This area is

part of the Western Shore Marshes Important Bird Area (IBA). As we have done in the past, we will begin with a bird survey of the area for the first 1–2 hours. We then begin our litter pick-up as we make our way back down the beach to the parking area. The event should be finished around noon, although individuals can leave at any time.

Trash bags will be provided, and some grabbers will be available for use. Volunteers should wear appropriate clothing and bring items such as work gloves, sunscreen, water, and snacks as desired.

We will assemble at 8 AM in the parking area of Grandview Beach Nature Preserve area. Parking is limited so consider carpooling. We will survey through the preserve and down the beach as time allows before turning our attention to clean-up. Direct any questions to Dave Youker at youkerd@aol.com or 757-344-9385

Open House/Annual Meeting for Coastal VA Wildlife Observatory

CVWO President Brian Taber has invited Bird Club members to CVWO’s Open House Sunday, Nov 10, from 3–6 PM, in Lodge 5 at Kiptopeke State Park on the Eastern Shore.

You can meet CVWO staff and volunteers and learn about their 2013 programs and upcoming 2014 opportunities. Some of you have participated in the Eastern Shore Butterfly Count as well as the College Creek Hawkwatch, both of which are CVWO-sponsored programs.

At least one car will be going to Kiptopeke that day and more can be arranged if you want to go. Direct any questions to Shirley Devan at sedevan52@cox.net or 757-813-1322.

VSO Annual Field Trip to Virginia Beach

The VSO annual field trip to Virginia Beach will be held Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 8, 2013. The kick-off for the weekend will be a Friday afternoon trip to Pleasure House Point led by Rexanne Bruno for those arriving early. Other field trips include a visit to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) on Saturday morning, a Saturday afternoon trip to Fisherman Island led by USFWS volunteers from Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, and a tram ride at Back Bay NWR and False Cape State Park on Sunday morning. For more information go to http://www.virginiabirds.net/f_trips.html#chinc2013

Williamsburg Bird Club’s Christmas Bird Count

Now that you have treated all of your neighborhood ghosts and goblins, remember to treat yourself to the Sunday, December 15, 2013 Williamsburg Christmas Bird Count. It’s 6 weeks away!! Our goal this year is to break 100 participants. That will happen if you make it a point

to find as many birds as you can from any location within 7.5 miles of the Colonial Williamsburg Information Center. Keep a list,.....checking it twice for all of those cardinals and friendly titmice. Then send your results, including where and how much time you “birded”, to count complier Bill Williams at billwilliams154@gmail.com asap. The data become part of an international Christmas bird count effort that has become one of the most valuable resources in the world for understanding the complexities of and changes in wintering bird populations across the globe. Mark it down—Sunday, December 15.

WBC Book purchases for Williamsburg Regional Library: 2013

Per Lee Schuster, September 11, 2013

1. *Fidget Folly*
2. *Return of the Osprey*
3. *Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs: Eastern Region*
4. *Penguins: The Birds that Wanted to be Fish*
5. *Peterson Reference Guide to Molt in North American Birds*
6. *How Fast can a Falcon Dive*
7. *Avian Architecture*
8. *Nature: Extraordinary Birds*
9. *The Wisdom of Birds*
10. *Feathers: The Evolution of a Natural Miracle*

Bird Club Book Fair, November 20

From Shirley Devan

Treasures and surprises await you at the Bird Club's First Book Fair!

Mark your calendars for the November 20 Bird Club meeting when we'll have a “Book Fair” to plump up our Club's treasury with funds for scholarships in 2014.

Bring your gently used bird books—field guides or bird-related books (fiction or non-fiction)—to the November 20 meeting. (Please, no magazines for this event!)

Arrive by 7 PM with your books and set them out on the tables provided at the back of the room. If you want take your leftovers home with you at the end of the meeting, be sure to label them somehow with your name.

Unclaimed leftovers at the end of the meeting will be donated to the Williamsburg Library Book Nook.

Meeting participants who want to “plump up” their own library (or shop for holiday gifts!) should drop \$1 in the bird box for paperbacks and \$2 for hard covers. Correct change will be much appreciated.

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Kiptopeke Hawkwatch Big Sit

By Brian Taber

Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory participated again in the Big Sit for the 15th year at the Kiptopeke Hawkwatch...the team was led by Hawkwatcher Katie Rittenhouse. Thanks to the lingering remnants of the tropical storm and some weak but rainy frontal systems, we recorded our second lowest total of 57....another tropical system flooded us in our first Sit in 1999 when we recorded 38. Our average is 72, with a high of 89. Complete results will be on the Bird Watcher's Digest website.

Birding on the Great Coast to Coast Road Trip

From Gary and Ann Carpenter

In late September and the first part of October, Ann and I took a coast to coast trip by driving from Williamsburg to Arroyo Grande, California and back. Despite encountering the federal government shutdown that somewhat curtailed our birding in Arizona, we saw some interesting birds and even managed to pick up a few new ones for our life list.

First birding was done in the Great Smokies, and there we saw: Blue Jays, Northern Mockingbirds, Robins, Crows, Dark-eyed Juncos, Common Ravens, a Peregrine Falcon, Great-tailed Grackles, Mourning Doves, and Wild Turkey.

Our next major stop was Southeastern Arizona but along the way, during a picnic lunch stop at a rest area along I-20 near Abilene Texas, we had an exciting sighting....a Scissor-tailed Flycatcher!

And then we arrived at what is probably our favorite birding destination, the Casa de San Pedro in Hereford, Arizona. The Casa is a wonderful B&B (that we have written about in previous Flyers) that is very near Ft. Huachuca and Sierra Vista, arguably one of the premier birding spots in the world. While we were prevented from birding along the San Pedro Riparian area by the federal closure (it is under the control of the Bureau of Land Management), we managed to hit other noted sites in the area. Birds spotted included: Brown-crested Flycatcher, Tropical Kingbird, Lesser Goldfinch, Pyrrhuloxia, Rufous-crowned Sparrow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Blue-Grosbeak, White-crowned Sparrow, Logger-headed Shrike, Ground Dove, Prairie Falcon, Cassin's Kingbird, Gila Woodpecker, Cooper's Hawk, White-breasted Nuthatch, Summer Tanager, Pine Siskin, Lincoln's Sparrow, Greater Roadrunner, Red-tailed Hawk, Northern Harrier, Swainson's Hawk (lots, apparently migrating), Western Kingbird, White-winged Dove, Ladderbacked Woodpecker, Lazuli Bunting, Northern Kestrel, Lark Sparrow, Say's Phoebe, Curve-billed Thrasher, Red-naped Sapsucker. In the Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon we saw: Canyon Wren, Acorn Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, Hepatic Tanager, Northern Flicker, Williamson's Sapsucker, Mexican Jay, Townsend's

Warbler, Painted Redstart, Bridled Titmouse, and Gray Hawk. While around the Casa de San Pedro's numerous feeders we saw the following hummingbirds: Magnificent, Blue-throated, Anna's, Rufous, Broad-tailed, and Ruby-throated.

From Arizona we drove to friends who lived in Arroyo Grande, California. We did not do any active birding in California but while doing some active winery hopping we managed to spot: American Coot, Brown Pelican, Western Gull, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Mallard, Common Yellowthroat, Belted Kingfisher, Pied-billed Grebe, Black Phoebe, Costas Hummingbird, Osprey, Red-winged Blackbird and Yellow-billed Magpie.

Back in Arizona, in the Phoenix-Gilbert area we visited two very interesting birding sites; the Gilbert Riparian Preserve and the Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park (east of Phoenix near the Superstitions). At these two places sightings included: Black-necked Stilt, Green Heron, Snowy Egret, Killdeer, Short-billed Dowitcher, Abert's Towhee, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, Cinnamon Teal, Brewer's Blackbird, House Finch, Zone-tailed Hawk, Cactus Wren, Phainopepla, Gilded Flicker, Spotted Towhee, Gambel's Quail, and Ruby-throated Kinglet. Not bad for the middle of the desert! Further north in the Oak Creek Canyon-Sedona area we also Pinion Jay, White-throated Sparrow, Northern Flicker, and a Brown Creeper.

Arizona, especially its southeastern area, is a wonderfully rewarding birding adventure. If you are planning a western trip, Ann and I urge you to get in touch with us. We will be happy to share some of our experiences, describe places to go, places to stay, and the names and numbers of some well-known naturalist/birding guides.

October Bird Walks & Field Trip

Complete lists of species seen on each walk are on the club website at www.williamsburgbirdclub.org.

Bird Walk on October 12th at NQP

From Shirley Devan: "Eleven hardy birders ventured out to New Quarter Park for our regular 2nd Saturday Bird Walk. Our leader was Jim Corliss! Thanks, Jim, for helping us find and ID the birds, which were hard to come by on this drizzly, misty morning. Jim recorded 31 species in eBird. The tide was going out and we were hoping that at least one of the half dozen Clapper Rails we heard would step out on the mud flat for our New Mexico visitor, Rees Bevan. Alas, no Clapper Rail appeared! Other highlights were just-arrived Winter Wren and White-throated Sparrows!



Seated left to right: Shirley Devan, Joyce Lowry, Cynthia Long, Jan Lockwood
Standing: Bob Long, Rees Bevan, Jim Corliss, Judy Jones (in front of Jim), Geoff Giles, Cheryl Jacobson, Sandy Robertson.

October 19, 2013 Field Trip

By Cheryl Jacobson

It is always exciting when someone on a field trip is able to add to his or her life list. Such was the case on October 19, 2013, when Jeanne and Mike Millin, Cathy Millar, Chris Monahan, Jan Lockwood, Sandy Robertson, Deane and Ruth Gordon, Nick Newberry and Cheryl Jacobson, all from the Williamsburg Bird Club, met Phyllis Roth and field trip leader Dave Youker from the Hampton Roads Bird Club, for a morning at the Grandview Nature Preserve along the Chesapeake Bay in Hampton.

This beautiful 500-acre preserve is lined with cord grass marsh where numerous wetland waders can be easily spotted. In addition, wooded patches along the trail offer opportunities for song birds to be identified and enjoyed. The distance from the parking area to the "point" along the sandy beach of the Chesapeake Bay is three miles. However, because of the ominous clouds and the almost certain chance of rain, the group elected to only hike half the distance.

A Savannah Sparrow was very cooperative and sat on a reed, allowing time for people to find him in their scopes and for all to get excellent looks. This was a life lister for at least one person that day. Over 39 species were seen, including Least Sandpiper, Sanderling, Dunlin, and Semipalmated Plover. One group included all of these species and were close, so new birders were able to study identification marks easily.

On the walk to the beach, Dave pointed out an immature Yellow-crowned Night-Heron sitting extremely still nearby. The group was able to study the features pointed out by Dave that helped him identify the bird species. At the beach, it was exciting to see two flights of 25 and 30 Red-breasted Mergansers moving south. Sandy Robertson, one of our newer Williamsburg Bird Club members, was excited when two Great Black-backed Gulls that were perched on a mass of riprap some 150 yards into the bay were joined by an immature Eagle. Jan Lockwood was excited by the Peregrine Falcon and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. On the walk from the beach, a Cooper's Hawk came flying in extremely low, right in front of the walkers. Later Sandy reported about the day: "It provided excellent opportunities to explore habitats for resident and migrant birds. Despite the threatening weather, we completed our walk without getting wet and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the unforgettable Grandview Nature Preserve."

The birds seen were:

Mallard 9 Red-breasted Merganser 55

Two flights (25, 30) moving south

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Common Loon 1
Double-crested Cormorant 13
Brown Pelican 11
Great Blue Heron 1
Great Egret 1
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron 1
Cooper's Hawk 1
Bald Eagle 1
Semipalmated Plover 23
Sanderling 47
Dunlin 7
Least Sandpiper 1
Ring-billed Gull 2
Herring Gull 1
Great Black-backed Gull 2
Royal Tern 1
Rock Pigeon 30
Mourning Dove 6
Belted Kingfisher 2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1
Downy Woodpecker 1
Northern Flicker 1
Peregrine Falcon 1
Blue Jay 4
Tree Swallow 40
Carolina Chickadee 2
Marsh Wren 2
Carolina Wren 3
American Robin 12
Northern Mockingbird 2
European Starling 18
Common Yellowthroat 1
Yellow-rumped Warbler 7
Savannah Sparrow 1
Northern Cardinal 1
Red-winged Blackbird 3
House Finch 1

Bird Walk on October 26th at NQP

Bill Williams lead Virginia Boyles, Joyce Lowry, and Sandy Robertson on the bird walk at New Quarter Park. Bill mentioned that the drifting fog with sunrise over the marsh was stunning. There were a total of 35 species of birds identified, including 96 Double-crested Cormorants, 6 Clapper Rails, 2 Ruby-crowned Kinglets and 6 Hermit Thrushes.

Kiptopeake Hawkwatch

Through the end of October the season total for raptors was as follows.

Osprey	1,993
Bald Eagle	178
Northern Harrier	338
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4,575
Cooper's Hawk	1,673
Red-shouldered Hawk	14
Broad-winged Hawk	400
Red-tailed Hawk	196
Golden Eagle	4
American Kestrel	2,465
Merlin	1,338
Peregrine Falcon	611
Unknown Accipiter	10
Unknown Buteo	3
Unknown Falcon	18
Unknown Raptor	36

More Than a Wing and a Prayer

Cortney Langley recently wrote an article in *The Virginia Gazette* about the return of the Bald Eagle to the James River. In it she says that Bryan Watts, Director of the Center for Conservation Biology, considers Jamestown Island ground zero for the "greatest conservation success story in the country." The James River is home to more than 200 pairs of breeding eagles for the first time in recorded history, making it one of the densest populations in the country.

It goes on to mention that when center founder (and WBC member) Mitchell Byrd began aerial surveys of the James River in the late 1970s he saw no eagles until finding a pair in 1980 in upper Chippokes Creek.

See the complete article at <http://www.vagazette.com/va-vg-ccb-eagles-102313-20131022,0,2230020.story>

Hampton Roads Bird Club Field Trip to Grandview and Fort Monroe

By Tom Charlock

If you missed the Williamsburg Bird Club's Field Trip to Grandview on October 19th, you might contact Tom Charlock of the Hampton Roads Bird Club and see if you can join them for their field trip there on November 10th.

Below is what Tom wrote for the HRBC website.

"Our fall bay-oriented field trip to Grandview Nature Preserve and Fort Monroe will begin 7:00 AM on Sunday, 10 November 2013 at the end of State Park Drive, Hampton, VA. We'll stroll over a scrub brush trail and the shoreline (keeping off the dunes) along Grandview Beach (a one mile round trip, with low tide at 8:30 AM). Then back to cars and on to Fort Monroe to survey the rip raps from the seawall by the Chamberlin. Next, we enter the historic Fort itself through the Postern Gate and ascend the high ramparts, with the bay on one side and tree-canopy level views on the other. The excursion should last until about noon, so bring snacks or a light lunch. A toilet at the Casemate Museum (no admission charge at this writing) in the Fort opens at 10:00 AM.

Directions to Grandview Beach from I64:

Take Exit 263 onto US-258 N (W Mercury Blvd) and go 3.4 miles.

Turn left onto Fox Hill Rd (further named Silver Isles) and go 3.0 miles.

Turn left onto Beach Rd, go 2.7 miles, and shortly after two speed bumps

Turn left at roundabout onto State Park Dr and proceed to end.

Directions to Fort Monroe from Grandview:

Return to the termination of Beach Rd

Turn right onto Silver Isles Blvd (aka Fox Hill Rd) , go 0.1 mile and

Make the first left onto Old Buckroe Rd (169) and go 2.9 miles.

Turn left onto E Mercury Blvd (258, 143)

After traversing a causeway, continue straight onto McNair Dr (on McNair water will be immediately to your right).

After the road pitches left 90 degrees, park to the west of the high rise Chamberlin building.

If you wish to attend this event, please contact Tom Charlock by email (TomCharlock@gmail.com) or leave a recorded message at 757-599-3418.

Photo from Members



Fred Blystone photographed this Northern Cardinal in the Colonial Garden in CW.



This Red-tailed Hawk was on the James Moir House Privy in CW. Photographed by Fred Blystone on October 19th.



American Avocet photographed by George Boyles at Craney Island on October 24th.



A Wilson's Snipe photographed vby Virginia Boyles at Craney Island on Oct. 31st.

Bird ID Photos

By Joe Piotrowski

This feature is only on the website and in the electronic version of *The Flyer*. The answer to this month's "puzzle" will be given in the next electronic newsletter, as well as on the website.



Photo for November

October's Photo was of a Red-tailed Hawk



CALENDAR

Saturday, November 9	WBC Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 8 AM. Hugh Beard, Leader
Sunday, November 10	HRBC Field Trip to Grandview and Fort Monroe. See page 7.
Thursday, November 14	HRBC Monthly Meeting. Birds of Prey—Presented by Bob Schammerhorn. See www.hamptonroadsbirdclub.org for further information.
Sunday, November 17	WBC Field Trip to Shirley Plantation. See page 2.
Sunday, November 17	HRBC Bird Walk, Newport News Park, 7 AM. Jame Frigo, Leader.
Wednesday, November 20	WBC Monthly Meeting. See front page.
Saturday, November 23	WBC Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 7am, Bill Williams, Leader
December 6–8	VSO Field Trip to Virginia Beach. See Page 3
Sunday, December 15	Save the Date —Williamsburg Bird Club's Christmas Bird Count. See page 3