

WILLIAMSBURG BIRD CLUB NOTES

MARCH 1978

The March meeting of the Williamsburg Bird Club will be held on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, at 7:30 P.M. in Millington Hall - Room 117. Our speaker will be Dorothy Mitchell who will present a program on the Family Turdidae (Thrushes) and more specifically - bluebirds. Dorothy is the current Vice President of our sister club - The Hampton Roads Bird Club -and is very active with blue bird trails and banding projects in the Tidewater area.

MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 7:30 PM MILLINGTON HALL 117

Another reminder to those who have not yet paid their dues --- You will be dropped from the mailing list if you have not paid by the April Meeting (April 19). If you prefer to mail a check to our Treasurer, The address is:

Mrs. Billy Jones
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DUES: \$3.00 Students -- \$5.00 Individuals --- \$7.50 Families

If you have any news items the Newsletter Editor would be most appreciative.
Please phone or write -

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FIELD TRIP FOR March --- SATURDAY, MARCH 18 -- Hog Island.

We will leave at 7:00 A.M. from the Jamestown Parking Lot and take the Jamestown Ferry. For those of you that missed the earlier trip in the fall, Hog Island has much to offer, especially in water fowl.

BIRDS OF INTEREST FOR THE WILLIAMSBURG AREA during the month of February --

Six male Redpolls have been visiting the feeders at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Landis in Kingsmill.

One Redpoll at the feeders at the home of Mel and Ginny Schiavelli, Quaker Estates.

Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell of Newport News trapped and banded a Redpoll.

This has been an exceptional winter for Pine Siskins and Redpolls in the State.

NEWS OF BIRDS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN OTHER STATES --

Six Ruddy Sheld Ducks have been observed near Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge, New Jersey. We thank Mr. Tom Armour for this report.

Mr. Bill Williams traveled northward to Martha's Vineyard to see a European Curlew. This Curlew is a life species for Bill. He also observed a Northern Skrike -- another lifer.

Our February field trip drew the best attendance of any of the previous trips. Tom Wieboldt of Charlottesville led the owling excursion -- for two hours Tom's excellent efforts of calling went unanswered. We concluded the field trip at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burke Davis in Queens Lake. Refreshments were enjoyed by the cozy fireplace -- the highlight of the evening was a gray phase screech owl just in front of the Davis home. Our appreciation to the Davises for their hospitality and to the owl for its appearance.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON March 15 - 7:30