



THE WILLIAMSBURG FLIER

The October meeting of the Williamsburg Bird Club will be held Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 P.M. in Millington Hall. Our speaker for this month will be Marion Moore who will present a program on hawk migration. Many of our members know Marion from her many activities in the Lynchburg Bird Club and in the V.S.O.; and there is probably not a more knowledgeable or a more enthusiastic birder in the state of Va. when it comes to hawks and their migrating activities.

The following field trips have been scheduled for the months of October and November.

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| Oct. 22 | Sun. | Matoaka walk  | Assemble at 8:00 a.m. in the Wm. & Mary Hall parking lot.              |
| Nov. 5  | Sun. | Cheatham walk | Assemble at 8:00 a.m. in the Wmsbg. Info. Center parking lot.          |
| Nov. 18 | Sat. | Craney Island | Assemble at 8:00 a.m. in the Pizza Hut parking lot - James York plaza. |

We hope you have been able to get out and do some birding now that fall migration is well under way. Several of our members have been helping Ruth Beck with banding at the Pep. Lab., and others have ventured over to the banding stations at Kiptopeke. A white pelican was spotted earlier in the week at Craney Island by several members of the Hampton Roads Bird Club.

We have all observed Canada geese flying in their typical "V" formation, but have you ever wondered why they fly this pattern? Eddies of air are formed by flying birds and represent much wasted energy; but by flying in a "V" formation, each bird gets an extra lift from the slipstream of the bird in front. From time to time the bird in front may drop back and let another bird take over the hard work of keeping the pace up front. Smaller birds probably do not produce large enough eddies to make flying in formation worth while. (from Book of British Birds)

Hope to see everyone next Wed. evening when we learn all about hawks with Marion.