



THE WILLIAMSBURG FLIER
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The April meeting of the Williamsburg Bird Club will be held Wednesday, April 18, at 7:30 P.M. in Millington Hall. Our program for this month will be presented by Mr. Dave Sobol and will be a presentation on the life history of the osprey. Dave is originally from Indiana, was a graduate student at William and Mary, and is currently a Williamsburg resident.

To those of you who missed last month's meeting, you really missed a wonderful program. Joe and Judy Pauley presented a spectacular film which they made last year on the nesting cycles of the open-bill stork. We thank them very much for sharing this film with us.

We still have not managed to break the curse of scheduling our monthly field trips on days that are something less than desirable for birding. But we remain undaunted, and we shall try again. For those of you who are optimists we present the following schedule of field trips. For those of you who tend to be of a more pessimistic nature, we are going out on a meteorological limb, and we present the following dates for rain.

April 21 (Sat.)	Waller Mill	8:00 A.M.
May 19 (Sat.)	Grandview	7:00 A.M.
June 16 (Sat.)	Hog Island	7:00 A.M.

Please assemble in the Information Center parking lot for all field trips.

The third annual spring count for the Williamsburg area is now scheduled for Sunday May 6. Details concerning the count will be given at our April meeting, but count on a full day of good birding and a record-breaking tally at the end of the day. On Sat. May 5 our sister club, Hampton Roads Bird Club, will be holding their spring count. We hope as many as possible will be able to help with their count since they always give us a lot of support. Besides, it would be a good practice exercise before our count the next day.

The VSO 50th anniversary meeting will be held in Lynchburg, Va. May 18, 19, and 20. The Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Va. will be available, and the banquet speaker will be Chan Robbins, principal author of Birds of North America.

It was decided at our March meeting that we would not meet during June, July, or August, but we will have bird walks and newsletters during those months.

Brian and Debbie Taber are the proud parents of a new daughter, Amelia, born March 22. This was their first sighting of a stork. Congratulations!

Ruth Beck is in the banding business once again at the pop. lab. She can always use help and this is a great way to observe a bird in the hand.

We hope all of you will be bringing armfuls of spring records to Bill Sheehan; this is the best time of the year to be birding and Bill needs something to do.