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President's Corner

By Shirley Devan

I have sad news to report to our members. Our Treasurer of 17 years, Chuck Rend, has resigned because of serious health problems and the energy-sapping treatments he is undergoing. Ann Carpenter, currently a Member-at-Large on the Board, has agreed to be interim Treasurer for the rest of 2011.

Chuck became Treasurer in 1994. Over the years the job of the Treasurer has increased in responsibility. Membership has increased and requires additional record keeping for the treasurer. Chuck makes sure Jeanette Navia and Fred Blystone receive information on every member, including email addresses (not an issue in 1994!). Chuck interacted with George and Val Copping for the donation from the Wild Birds Unlimited. Chuck has administered the Nature Camp Scholarships for the past three years in addition to the ornithology research grants for W&M grad students. He deftly managed the Club's funds during the stock market crash in 2008. Meanwhile, he regularly checked the mail at the post office box and carried on the regular financial duties of the Treasurer while he had a full time job—a practicing physician traveling to the Peninsula every day! Oh my!

Chuck was a respected steward of the Club's funds, and he always had the Club's best interests at heart—financial and otherwise.

Job well done, Chuck. Thank you for your commitment to the Bird Club, its mission, and its members.

May Meeting

At the May meeting, the three recipients of the 2010 Ornithology Research Grants will make a short presentation of their research.

Amanda Bessler—*The Effect of Mercury on Zebra Finch Spatial Memory*

Sarah Lemelin—*Effects of Mercury on Reproductive Success and Adrenocortical Function*

Catherine Lewis—*The Sublethal Effects of Mercury on the Songbird Immune Systems: An Experimental Study*

Plan to join us on May 18 at 7:30 PM in Room 150, Millington Hall, on the W&M campus. Barbara Berlin will be providing the refreshments. **Don't forget to use your parking permit.**

Welcome to a New Member

Gail Langevin

May Field Trip

Spring migrants will be the feature for our May field trip. We will go on Saturday, 21 May, to lovely parkland at 42nd Street and Riverside Drive in Richmond. This is near the falls of the James River, and is one of the top hotspots in the Richmond area. Our leader will be Lewis Barnett, a Richmond Audubon chapter leader who knows this area well. There is limited parking near our departure point in Richmond, so we recommend carpooling. For those wishing to do so, we will depart from the Colony Square Shopping Center at 6:00 AM. Come join us for a lovely morning at a nearby accessible location new to most of our members. Hope to see you there!

April Bird Sightings

Report your backyard birds and local sightings to Fred Blystone at 229-4346 or fbm19481@verizon.net. If you encounter interesting birds on your vacation/travels, please share!

April 1: Lee Schuster emailed to say she still had Pine Siskins at her feeder.

April 2: Tom McCary reports seeing 3 American Kestrels on wires along the Shirley Plantation entrance.

April 3: From Brian Taber: "Today, Fred Blystone, Bill Williams, Shirley Devan and I were on hand for the 3rd best day in the 15 years of the hawkwatch. We saw 146 birds of 10 species and set a new daily high for Northern Harriers at 10. We also saw 2 Purple Martins, a few Barn Swallows, 2 Dunlin, 6 Lesser Yellowlegs and 2 very high Common Loons. The wind was light west and southwest...strong sun and temperatures 50–60 F. Despite very poor migration conditions during the last 10 days in March...cold temperatures, strong north winds, rain and snow flurries...we are far ahead of the average season pace".

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Summary of Bird Data

The latest version of Bill Williams' *Summary of Local Bird Data through 2009: 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.

April 3: In an outing into the hinterlands of Colonial Heritage, Gary and Ann Carpenter saw, among the "usual suspects", the following: Eastern Bluebirds, Dark-eyed Junco, Northern Flicker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Downy Woodpecker, a beautiful Pileated Woodpecker and 3 Red-headed Woodpeckers. Also seen were White-breasted Nuthatch, Tufted Titmouse, Eastern Phoebe, both Red-tailed and Red-shouldered Hawks, Great Blue Heron, Wood Ducks, Yellow-throated Warblers, Yellow-rumped Warblers, Carolina Wren and Blue Jay. Most were seen on the wood's edge of the power lines or along the approaches to Deer Lake near the pump house.

April 5: Tom Armour reports there were 6 or more Purple Martins at the nest box at the entrance to the airport road and there was a pair of Lesser Scaup at the pond in the Vineyards—the first he had seen there this year. Tom McCary has a lone Tundra Swan and a FOS Barn Swallow at Shirley Plantation.



April 7: Among the 83 species of birds seen by Ruth Beck, Bill Williams, Alex Minarik, George Boyles, Shirley Devan, Virginia Boyles and Brian Taber at Craney Island were 2 American Oystercatchers and 1 American Avocet.

April 10: Kathi Mestayer reports seeing 2 Pine Siskins plus the usual suspects in her yarn and at Matoaka Woods—Pine Warbler, Ovenbird, Downy Woodpecker and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. At Greensprings, Mac Mestayer reports a Prairie Warbler.

April 12: From Martha Briggs: "A hummingbird had breakfast with me this morning at 8:15 and then came back for a second sip about 8:20". Tom McCary has 1 Cedar Waxwing in a butternut tree in his yard.

April 13: Tom Armour reports that he and Jeanne see their FOS Ruby-throated Hummingbird at their feeder.

April 17: Lee Schuster reports she still has 2 Pine Siskins visiting her feeders. She also had her FOS Ruby-throated Hummingbird.

April 18: Alex Minarik reports: "the Prothonotary Warbler in the swamp behind my house has decided to move up into bigger digs this year! I watched him repeatedly carry nesting material into the **Wood Duck box** (which is located maybe 50 feet from the Prothonotary Warbler box he used last year), then I went to get my camera and returned to try to get some pictures. I saw him make at least a dozen trips."



April 19: While at Shirley Plantation, Tom McCary has a FOS singing male Orchard Oriole near the Great House and sees Laughing Gulls flying over the estate.

April. 20: Martha Briggs reports a Gray Catbird at her suet feeder.

April 21: Among the 68 species of birds seen by Ruth Beck, Shirley Devan, Alex Minarik, Brian Taber and Bill Williams during their survey of Craney Island, were 16 Greater Yellowlegs, 74 Lesser Yellowlegs, 147 Least Sandpipers, 372 Dunlin and **2 Gull-billed Terns.**

April. 24: Kathi Mestayer reports that during a walk through the Matoaka Woods she and Mac saw Wood Thrush, Hermit Thrush, Ovenbirds, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, American Robins, Summer Tanager, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, and heard Northern Parula, Great-crested Flycatcher and a mob of mobbing crows. Tom McCary reports both a Gray Catbird and a House Wren made their spring debut in his yard—the wren was bringing straw to one of Tom’s bird houses.

April. 26: The female Bald Eagle tending to three eaglets in a nest at Norfolk Botanical Garden was stuck and killed by an airplane landing at nearby Norfolk International Airport. This was the second eagle struck and killed at the airport in two weeks. The eaglets were removed from their nest and were taken to the Wildlife Center of Virginia for care. Biologists were concerned that the male eagle would not be able to provide sufficient food for the 5-week-old eaglets.

April. 26: From the College Creek Hawkwatch on the Colonial Parkway, Brian Taber and Bill Williams watched as two **Sandhill Cranes** soared over Hog Island—the third record from the hawkwatch since 2006.

April 27: Tom McCary sees a first year male Orchard Oriole (with black throat) pouring out his song in a tree near the Shirley Plantation gift shop.



Photo by Alex Minarik

April 30: Alex Minarik was in Richmond County when she got one of those pleasant surprises that we all wish for—a **Sandhill Crane** feeding in a field along the road.

Annual Picnic

By Shirley Devan

Our Annual Spring Picnic will resume this year on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Ruth and Sherwin will graciously open their Barhamsville home and garden to Bird Club members and their family. Time is 4:00 PM.

You should call Jean Rend at 220-9032 to let her know that you are coming, and discuss what side dish you might contribute to the feast. Please plan for about 8 servings! We hope to see you there. We always have a great time visiting with each other and enjoying the wonderful birds and wildlife around the Beck’s property.

Directions to the Beck’s house: Take I-64 west toward Richmond to exit #227 (West Point/Toano). Turn right onto Route 30 North going toward West Point. Follow Route 30 about 2.5 miles to Barhamsville. The center of Barhamsville extends along the road for less than a mile. Look for the Post Office on your right. Then immediately look for a secondary paved road, Route 273 N, and turn right onto Route 273 North. Follow Route 273 N for 1.6 miles. Look for a large sign on the right that says “Hickory Springs, Leyland Tree Farm.” Turn right on to the gravel/dirt road at the Tree Farm sign. Stay on this road for about 1/2 mile. This gravel lane goes into the Beck’s driveway. Go through an open red gate (with house # 19231) and continue to the parking area in front of the house. In case you have a problem, the Beck’s phone number is 566-8234; Ruth’s cell phone number is 757-870-0318.

Great Dismal Swamp Birding Festival

May 12–14 are the dates for this year’s Great Dismal Swamp Birding Festival. There will be bird banding demonstrations Thursday, Friday and Saturday starting at 7am at the Jericho Ditch Bird Banding Station. On Friday and Saturday there will be guided bird walks at Jericho Ditch and Washington Ditch, nature and bird photograph workshops and bus tours to Lake Drummond. On Friday evening there will be an owl prowl that departs from the Jericho Parking Area. The complete schedule can be seen at www.fws.gov/northeast/greatdismalswamp/pdf/GDSBF%202011%20brochure.pdf.

Prince: A Rose-breasted Grosbeak

By Cathy Millar

“All right, it’s time to pick the birds”, my father exclaimed and then realizing what he’d just said, blurted “I mean the pears!” The year was 1956 in Lawrence, Massachusetts and I was 7 years old. That morning at breakfast, my father had announced that when I got home from school, we would pick the pears from the big old tree in our side yard. Harvesting fruit was always a pleasurable family affair, but I detected an added air of excitement this time. Realizing that he’d already said too much, my father gave in and brought out the surprise he’d intended to show me after the pears had been picked. It was a young rose-breasted grosbeak! Presumably it was on its first migratory flight south when it landed on the ground in our yard with a sprained wing. Our seven-year-old part- Labrador dog, King, had brought my Dad’s attention to the injured bird sitting in a pile of leaves. The bird had the brownish chest with just a blush of pink of an immature male. We named the bird Prince and put him in a large bird cage to recover. However, by the time his wing had healed and he could fly again, winter had set in and Prince had to stay.



Prince adds a finishing touch to the Easter basket.

He’d become remarkably friendly during his recovery, so the cage door was left open when family was around to monitor his activities. He was a fearless explorer, both hopping and flying to see what his new world was like, and he delighted in plucking all the blossoms off my father’s begonias. Prince quickly settled in as a member of our family. He loved Saturdays when my father liked to listen to opera. Sitting on top of his open cage door, Prince would sing along and as an aria reached a crescendo, his feathered chest almost burst with the effort of trying to match the songs’ intensity. When the singers paused, so would Prince. He loved music but he hated the sound of the vacuum cleaner and made his displeasure clear with a persistent sharp squeaky scold when my mother used it. At meal times, he liked to perch on the edge of our water glasses and, on special occasions, wine glasses, to take a sip. He really liked wine and required monitoring after he’d become a little tipsy during Thanksgiving dinner!

Perhaps because King had helped rescue Prince, King was always very protective toward the bird and even allowed him to peck on his special bone. Prince had discovered that linoleum floor tiles that my mother had just waxed were very slippery to hop on, so at times he would ride on King’s back. It was not uncommon to find them both together on King’s carpet. They made a dapper couple: King, in his all black fur and graying muzzle, and Prince, in his new spring breeding plumage of a black feathered frock coat and rose vest.

When the warm days of spring arrived, we’d take Prince outdoors in his cage to enjoy the fresh air. We noticed that he began imitating other bird



Prince perches in a begonia as Cathy and King confirm his ID.



Prince and King share some quality time.

calls and was becoming increasingly restless. With heavy hearts, we realized it was time for him to rejoin his own species. We knew of a wild wooded area in New Hampshire where we always saw rose-breasted grosbeaks. So when we were sure that the flocks had returned to the area, we packed a picnic lunch and drove with Prince to our chosen release site. It didn't take long after the cage door was opened for Prince to hop out and then fly to perch on my dad's finger where he lingered for pictures before flying off to the nearest tree. He spent the day around that little clearing where we picnicked. We laughed when he scolded a pair of chickadees for being in the same tree. When we were ready to leave, my father gave Prince a chance to return to us. He went up to where Prince was perched in a tree and held out his hand. Rather than fly to him as he was accustomed to, Prince hopped to a higher branch just out of reach. My last sight of Prince was through the back window of our car. He was perched on a branch that swept across the dirt lane down which we were reluctantly driving away.

I've often wondered if he was successfully integrated back into the wild and found a mate. If there was an available wildlife rehabilitation center back then, we were not aware of it. We just knew that after having shared such a magical winter with us, he was no longer content to be captive.



Prince and Cathy's father on the day of the release.

Audubon Important Bird Area—Western Shore Marshes

By Shirley Devan

In February 2010 Mary Elfner, Virginia IBA Coordinator of the National Audubon Society, presented a program to our Club about the Audubon Important Bird Areas (IBAs) in Virginia and what adopting an IBA is all about. Afterwards, our WBC Board and Club discussed adopting the closest IBA to us—the Western Shore Marshes. This area is on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay and includes shoreline areas in York, Gloucester, and Mathews Counties as well as shoreline habitats in Hampton and Poquoson.

The Board decided to consult with the Hampton Roads Bird Club to determine their interest in co-adopting the IBA. Each of our Clubs has members from Gloucester and Mathews and both Clubs have sponsored field trips to areas in this IBA. Also, members of both Clubs have participated in the Mathews Christmas Bird Count whose sector includes parts of the Western Shore Marshes IBA. Since there are no Bird Clubs in Mathews or Gloucester, our Clubs are the closest.

Marilyn White, President of the Hampton Roads Bird Club, contacted me a few weeks ago to tell me that the HRBC is indeed interested in joining with us to adopt the Western Shore Marshes IBA. They have asked me to present information about this IBA to their membership at their May 12 monthly meeting. Mary Elfner has graciously sent information for me to share with HRBC, similar to the information she shared with us in 2010. Ruth Beck, who has studied birds at Grandview Nature Preserve [part of this IBA] for several decades, plans to join me at the meeting. The HRBC wants to know what “adoption” entails and I will try to explain...in Mary Elfner's absence! Such big shoes to fill! Mary has agreed to meet with the WBC and HRBC at a later date to discuss and finalize the adoption.

Last year the WBC Board favored the adoption idea, but we decided to wait until we had a partner. In the coming months, the Boards of both Bird Clubs will discuss this opportunity. The Board of the WBC will meet in May to discuss this again. Look for more information in coming newsletters and future meetings. The Board welcomes your feedback and questions. Let me hear from you if you want to know more or have ideas. Check these web links for more details about the area:

<http://web4.audubon.org/bird/iba/virginia/>

<http://web4.audubon.org/bird/iba/virginia/Documents/Western%20Shore%20Marshes.pdf>

Prothonotary Warbler Nest Boxes in Chesapeake, VA

By Shirley Devan

Photos by Shirley Devan except where noted

Back in March I put out a call for volunteers to help monitor 100 Prothonotary Warbler nest boxes in Northwest River Park in Chesapeake, VA. Even after they learned that we had to ride around in a canoe with a life jacket for 4–5 hours to check these boxes and that the one-way trip was 81 miles, folks still wanted to volunteer! After a month of trips to Chesapeake at least once a week, the volunteers are still on board! Thank you!

This citizen science project is supervised by Dr. Bob Reilly, Master Bander and Vice President of Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory (CVWO) and Professor at the Center for Environmental Studies at VCU.

This Chesapeake site is one of five Dr. Reilly supervises. The Prothonotary Warbler nest box project began 24 years ago with a network of approximately 80 nest boxes at Presquile National Wildlife Refuge near Richmond. In the 1990s the project was expanded to sites at Deep Bottom Park in Henrico County, to the Dutch Gap Conservation Area in Chesterfield County and to White Bank Park in Colonial Heights.

The first 40 boxes at Northwest River Park were installed in 2008 by Stephen Living, Terrestrial Wildlife Biologist with VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries in consultation with Dr. Reilly. The first bird banding took place in 2009 when CVWO volunteers banded 20 adult females and 112 nestlings. Very productive for 40 boxes! Additional habitat was identified at the park and CVWO obtained the necessary permissions regulatory agencies to install 60 more boxes in spring 2011.

With the addition of the 100 boxes in Chesapeake, this large network of over 700 nest boxes will produce over 1800 Prothonotary Warbler fledglings this year. This warbler is a “watch list species” of conservation concern for both the state and Partners in Flight. These five sites are the focus of research and conservation efforts by faculty, staff, and graduate students at Virginia Commonwealth University as well as by volunteers from the Richmond Audubon Society, Williamsburg Bird Club, and the Historic Rivers Chapter of the VA Master Naturalist program.

My co-leader for the effort in Chesapeake is none other than Stephen Living, who installed the first boxes in 2008! Both of us are permitted (subpermittees under Dr. Reilly’s Master Bander permit) to band Prothonotary Warblers and we are eagerly waiting for the first nestlings to hatch!

Start-up supplies, labor, and financial support for this effort have been provided by the VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Virginia Society of Ornithology, Richmond Audubon Society, Williamsburg Bird Club and individual Bird Club members and members of Historic Rivers Chapter, VA Master Naturalists.

Here is what has happened so far:

During the winter of 2010/2011. Nancy Norton (VA Master Naturalist) and Jim Booth (Bird Club member and VA Master Naturalist) built over 60 nest boxes. On March 9, Nancy drilled a hole in each of 40 metal electrical conduit pipes so boxes could be attached on site.

March 11: Bob Reilly traveled down from Richmond with a SUV loaded with boxes, poles, batteries, electric motor and other hardware necessary to plant 60 poles in the shallow water and attach a nest box to each. He joined Steve Living, Erik Brittle, (VA DGIF) and me to boat around 14 miles of shoreline on the Northwest River. We worked in two boats with Bob Reilly and his GPS instructing us where to plant the poles and boxes. This body of freshwater is surrounded by Bald Cypress trees and mixed hardwoods with thick understory, perfect habitat for the Prothonotary Warblers.

March 24: Steve Living and I traveled to Chesapeake for a “dry run” to practice driving the canoe with an electric motor powered by a car battery. No warblers back yet but we learned a lot about



Erik Brittle, Steve Living, Bob Reilly load up the boats with poles and boxes to install 60 nest boxes.

driving the canoe! Steve also arranged with the Park manager to secure the canoe at the park. The staff members at the Park are great to work with and we are grateful for their support.

April 13: VA Master Naturalist Les Lawrence joined Steve Living and me as we motored around to install “false fronts” on a few boxes to help us capture male Prothonotary Warblers later in the season as they feed the nestlings. Nine boxes hosted Carolina Chickadee nests so we let them be! One box sported an early Prothonotary Warbler nest. We learned quickly that Les is very skilled at drilling a tiny hole in a moving nest box from a moving canoe! Impressive work!

April 14: Bird Club members Jan Lockwood and Geoff Giles traveled down with me to check boxes. A few Prothonotary Warblers were back but most nests we checked hosted **wasps!** Yow! With a water sprayer and paint scraper, we dispatched the wasps and left clean boxes for arriving warblers. Soft-spoken Jan is a terror when it comes to terminating wasps. They don't stand a chance! Geoff is eager to put a line with a hook in the water to see what comes up!



Jennifer and Sharon checking a nest box.

April 18: Bird Club members and VA Master Naturalists Jennifer Trevino and Sharon Plocher accompanied me to check 40 of the new boxes installed in March. We had to eat lunch in the canoe because the round trip back to the launch site would have taken too long. Sharon provided lunch that day. Chocolate all around!

April 25: Brian Taber, President of CVWO, and Jan Lockwood helped check 58 boxes in what turned out to be the longest day in the canoe so far (7 hours). We found 9 chickadee nests, most with eggs and two boxes with nestlings. Twenty-four of the older boxes showed evidence of Prothonotary Warbler nest building—everything from 1" of moss to a complete nest with three eggs! Another nest had one egg. The eggs are creamy white with dark brown speckles. The nests are a combination of moss and cypress twigs, usually 2–3 inches of each with the cypress twigs always on the top layer.



Photo by Brian Taber

Jan and Shirley find a complete nest.

Notable achievements so far: no one has been stung by a wasp, nobody has whacked anyone else in the head with a paddle, the electric boat motor still has a rotor on it, no one has fallen out of the canoe, three people can lift the canoe to the top of my car and travel 1.25 miles to the launch site with only one stop to check the straps, the birding is spectacular, the trip list for April 25 included 43 species and great wildlife all around. So far: river otters, raccoons, water snakes. We are eagerly awaiting the first observation of a bear—from the canoe, of course.



Brian at the helm.

Brian Taber gives me “guest blogger” privileges every couple of weeks so I can post photos and a few sentences on the CVWO General Blog. So check the CVWO web site at www.cvwo.org. Click on the second box on the right side—CVWO General Blog. Many thanks to the Bird Club and its members for support of this important citizen science project.

Congratulations Shirley

Shirley Devan was presented with a 2010 New Quarter Park Volunteer of the Year Award by York County at the Board of Supervisors meeting held on April 19.



These friends turned out to celebrate Shirley's recognition: Les Lawrence, Felice Bond, Susie Engle, Sara Lewis, Jeanette Navia, Shirley Devan, Catherine Short, Steve Devan, Geoff Giles, Susan Powell and Molly Nealer.

Photos from Members



This photo of a Snowy Egret was taken by Bill Williams at College Creek on April 9.



Fred Blystone photographed this Osprey on Jamestown Island on April 13.



On April 5 Terry Johnston photographed the eagles nest near the Visitor's Center on Jamestown Island.



On April 26th, Alex Minarik took this picture of a Tufted Titmouse gathering fur for its nest after she combed her dog Kate.



Beth Morgan took this photo *in her back yard* on April 25.

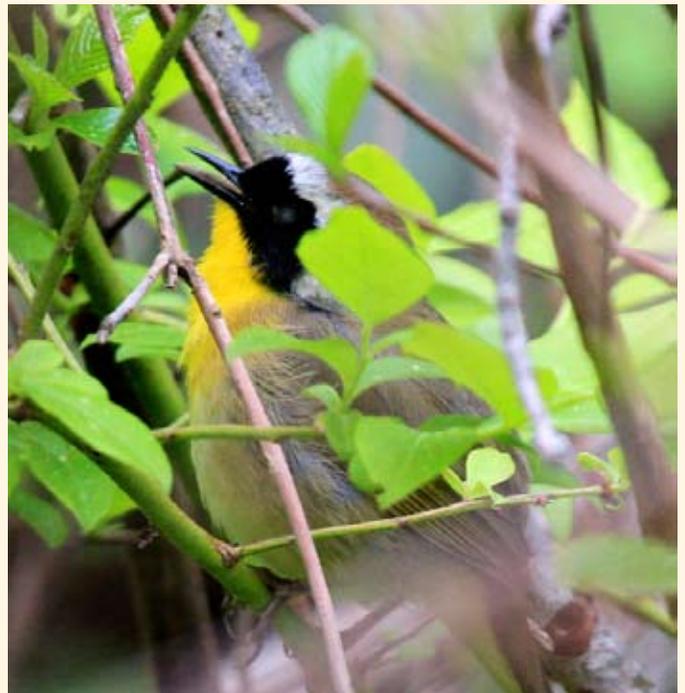
More Photos from Members



Inge Curtis took these four photographs during the field trip to the Great Dismal Swamp on April 16.

Upper Left: Prothonotary Warbler
Lower Left: Hooded Warbler

Upper Right: Prairie Warbler
Lower Right: Common Yellowthroat



More Photos from Members Continued



On April 18th, Alex Minarik took this picture of a Prothonotary Warbler in the swamp behind her house.



Inge Curtis took these pictures of a Cedar Waxwing, a Blue Jay and a pair of Prothonotary Warblers.

WBC April Walks and Field Trip

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



Seated: Bob Long, Linda Scherer and Shirley Devan. Standing: George Boyles, Virginia Boyles, Geoff Giles, Betty Peterson, Nelson Ensley, Barbara Berlin, Cynthia Long and Anne Haupt. Missing from photo: Cathy Bond, Jeanette Navia and Joanne Andrews. Photo by Margaret Ware

Eight other birders joined leader Alex Minarik for the field trip to Jericho Ditch Lane in the Great Dismal Swamp on April 16th. Among the thirty-nine species of birds identified during the morning were: 4 Wild Turkeys, 2 Green Herons, 6 Great-crested Flycatchers, 8 Prairie Warblers, 8 Prothonotary Warblers, 1 Swainson's Warbler, 1 Louisiana Waterthrush, 10 Common Yellowthroats and 2 Hooded Warblers.



Left to right: Jan Lockwood, Inge Curtis, Walter Zandan, Barbara Berlin, Jennifer Trevino, Geoff Giles, Alex Minarik and Mike Minarik. Photo by Bob Mooney



An amazing total of 29 people (8 of them were scouts working on their Bird Study merit badge and parents) joined leader Bill Williams for the April 23rd walk at New Quarter Park. A total of 48 species were identified including 8 Osprey, 2 Bald Eagles, 3 Clapper Rails, 4 Pileated Woodpeckers, 2 Ovenbirds, 2 Kentucky Warblers, 2 Summer Tanagers and 1 Scarlet Tanager.

Photo by Margaret Ware

Bird ID from Recycle Bin 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.



May's bird photo

April's birds were Red-winged Blackbirds.



CALENDAR

Thursday, May 12	HRBC Monthly Meeting, Ruth Beck and Shirley devan of the WBC will speak about Important Bird Area (IBA), 7PM at Sandy Bottom Nature Park, 1255 Big Bethel Road, Hampton.
May 12–14	Great Dismal Swamp Birding Festival. See page 3.
May 13–15	VSO Annual Meeting in Harrisonburg, VA. Complete information at www.virginiabirds.net/VSO_PDFs/VSO_Nwsltr_WI2010_2011.pdf
Saturday, May 14	WBC Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 8AM, Geoff Giles, Leader
Saturday, May 14	HRBC Field Trip to Weyanoke Sanctuary in Norfolk, for further information about time and directions go to www.hamptonroadsbirdclub.org/fieldtrips.asp .
Sunday, May 15	HRBC Bird Walk, Newport News Park, 7AM, Jane Frigo, Leader
Wednesday, May 18	WBC Monthly Meeting. See front Page.
Saturday, May 21	WBC Field Trip to 42nd Street and Riverside Drive in Richmond, VA. See front Page.
Saturday, May 28	WBC Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 7AM, Bill Williams, Leader
Sunday, June 5	Williamsburg Bird Club Annual Picnic—See page 3.