



# The Flyer

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### President's Corner

By Geoff Giles



Doesn't look like it yet, but fall is just around the corner. This early October day is windy and rain-soaked, but it's still very green, with a lot of lush foliage. Nature has set the table for the birds coming through on their way south and for those that will

remain with us for the fall and winter ahead. There are plenty of bugs, nuts and berries, as nature prepares to drop those nuts and berries into a layer of soon-to-be-deposited decomposing leaves. Some of those will find even more favorable growing conditions after being consumed by birds and then deposited into our terrestrial seed bank with a coating of guano fertilizer. Ever notice how many fruit and seed-bearing trees and shrubs seem to sprout under the branches of a large tree where a bird has perched to digest his meal and then reduced his weight by emptying his stomach contents before taking off?

In my yard, the Red-eyed Vireos have been gorging on the red seeds of the southern magnolia before launching on their long migratory flights to South America. Other fall migrants in my yard have preferred caterpillars and insects they have gleaned from leaves and branches of my native trees. These have included warblers, which have drifted through in the last couple of weeks after a swarm of Blue-gray Gnatcatchers moved on. American Redstarts have been the most frequent and numerous, with Northern Parula, Magnolia, Cape May and Black-and-white Warblers also making visits. These could be spotted foraging for insects among dense foliage and occasionally pausing out in the open to subdue and consume a particularly juicy caterpillar. I had the treat one afternoon of having a Yellow-throated Warbler join me on my back deck and first drink and then bathe in my birdbath about six feet from where I sat reading. *Continued on Page 4.*

### October 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in William and Mary's Andrews Hall, Room 101, beginning at 7:30 pm. The topic is: "Forested Stopover Habitat Use By Migratory Landbirds During Fall Migration" presented by Andrew Arnold, Graduate Student in the avian ecology lab at Department of Biological Sciences at Old Dominion University. Spanning 48 sites across three states, Andrew's research aims to identify forested areas of high migrant use, as well as which local and landscape-level factors most strongly influence the quality and use of a site. During the fall of 2013 and 2014, surveys were conducted six days a week by Andrew and his crewmembers. Measurements of both fruit and invertebrate food availability, in addition to habitat characteristics, were gathered at each site for comparison. This was in addition to daily transect surveys for birds. The goal of this work is to identify forested areas along the Delmarva Peninsula most valuable for migrants, valuable information for conservationists, policy makers, and the general public alike. Please remember to have a parking pass on your dashboard. If you need a new one, it can be downloaded on our website at [www.williamsburgbirdclub.org](http://www.williamsburgbirdclub.org).

### October 17<sup>th</sup> Field Trip

Our October 17th field trip will be to one of our local hotspots, Newport News Park. This is an excellent location for both experienced and novice birders. The park boasts a wide array of habitats that attract an impressive diversity of birds. Meet at the Colony Square Shopping Center on Jamestown Road at 7:30 AM to carpool to the park. For those wishing to drive on their own, meet us at 8:00 AM in the parking lot near the Ranger Station (not the Park Headquarters). If you are unsure where the Ranger Station is located, please contact Jim Corliss at [jcorliss240@cox.net](mailto:jcorliss240@cox.net). This will be a nice trip to kick off our autumn birding adventures. Plan on 2 - 3 hours in the park, but folks are of course welcome to break off whenever they like. We hope to see you there!

### November 21<sup>st</sup> Field Trip

SAVE THE DATE! The Bird Club will venture to Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia Beach. More details in the November newsletter.

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## Wild Birds Unlimited

Visit the new Wild Birds Unlimited Store in Settler's Market. The WBC receives a 5% rebate on the pre-tax amount our Club members spend at WBU. Remember to let them know you are a member.

## November 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have Patti Reum speak of American Kestrel population concerns and The VSO's new project to install nest boxes to address these concerns. The "Kestrel Nest Box Project" is sponsored by the Virginia Society of Ornithology and headed up by Patti Reum and Dan Bieker of the VSO's Conservation Committee. At our meeting, Patti Reum will describe the plight of the American Kestrel, the project to install nest boxes in appropriate habitat around Virginia, and what individuals and bird clubs need to do to get a kestrel nest box (or two or three...) installed in their areas.

## Waller Mill Elementary School Bluebird Trail

By Lee Schuster

Thanks to a donation by the Williamsburg Bird Club, six bluebird boxes were set up at Waller Mill Elementary School April 10, 2015. Jan Lockwood and her husband John provided expertise and elbow grease along with Lee Schuster and her husband Dave to establish the trail behind the school. Mr. Roger Searles's fifth grade class helped monitor the boxes each week through the end of school.

The first year of Waller Mill's bluebird trail was successful. Within the first five days of setting up the boxes, a pair of Eastern Bluebirds took up residence in one of the houses. Shortly afterwards some House Wrens decided they wanted to nest in one of the boxes. If caught in time, the House Wrens were discouraged from continuing to build and lay eggs. Two of the boxes had Eastern Bluebird nest/eggs throughout the season and two boxes had House Wren nests/eggs. One box did not have any activity and one box had House Wrens interested but never produced eggs.

After all was said and done at the end of the season, Waller Mill raised and fledged 11 Eastern Bluebird young and 8 House Wren young. One box produce two clutches with eight bluebirds leaving the nest successfully. It was fun for all involved to watch the entire process and the students had front row seats to observe the beginnings of a bird's life.

## Donation from Wild Birds Unlimited – "Thank you!"

Many, many thanks to George and Val Copping, owners of Wild Birds Unlimited in Williamsburg, for their recent donations to the Club's Nature Camp Scholarship Fund. Over the period July 2014 to July 2015, WBU donated \$1148 to the Club. The Bird Club receives a 5% rebate on the pre-tax amount our Club members spend at WBU. Thanks to George and Val as well as our Bird Club members who are loyal to and shop at Wild Birds Unlimited.

## 2015 Results for Local Bluebird Trails

By Jan Lockwood and Lois Ullman, Co-Leaders  
James City and York Counties Bluebird Trails

Eastern Bluebird activity was drastically reduced in 2015:

- Eastern Bluebirds fledged 350 - approximately 44% of 802 fledged in 2014
- Only 95 bluebird nest attempts - BIG DROP compared with 220 in 2014, 190 in 2013, 210 in 2012. Only two 3<sup>rd</sup> nestings and seventeen 2<sup>nd</sup> nestings occurred in 2015
- 81% eggs hatched - comparable with 85% in 2014, 83% in 2013, 79% in 2012
- 77.5% eggs fledged - comparable with 82% in 2014, 78% in 2013, and 74% in 2012

Many fewer bluebirds nested in 2015, but their productivity was similar to previous years. What happened to reduce bluebird numbers?

- Absent other evidence, mostly due to bluebird deaths last winter. Lack of food and brutal icy weather caused them to starve and freeze. Neighborhood bluebirds may have fared better because they had access to feeders. We are awaiting the Virginia Bluebird Society report on statewide losses.
- Notable that lowest activity was most pronounced on trails on the western areas of our counties.
- Interesting that two-thirds of dead birds were male which have critical role in initiating nesting.

## Project FeederWatch Begins November 14

Project FeederWatch is a winter-long survey of birds that visit feeders at backyards, nature centers, community areas, and other locales in North America.

FeederWatchers periodically count the birds they see at their feeders from November through early April and send their counts to Project FeederWatch. FeederWatch data help scientists track broadscale movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance.

Anyone interested in birds can participate. FeederWatch is conducted by people of all skill levels and backgrounds, including children, families, individuals, classrooms, retired persons, youth groups, nature centers, and bird clubs. Participants watch their feeders as much or as little as they want over two consecutive days as often as every week (less often is fine). They count birds that appear in their count site because of something that they provided (plantings, food, or water).

NEW participants receive a [Research Kit](#) with complete instructions for participating, as well as a bird identification poster and more. You provide the feeder(s) and seed. Then each fall participants receive our 16-page, year-end report, [Winter Bird Highlights](#). Participants also receive the Cornell Lab newsletter.

There is a \$18 annual participation fee for U.S. residents (\$15 for Cornell Lab members).

The first day to count birds for the 2015-16 FeederWatch season is Saturday, November 14. Data entry will open for the new season on November 1. This year the season runs through April 8.

Join now for the 2015-16 FeederWatch season, which begins November 14. Instructional kits will ship by bulk mail to all first-time participants and can take 4-6 weeks to arrive. ID numbers needed for data entry are printed on the letter that comes in the kit. Here's the link to join or renew:

<http://feederwatch.org/join-or-renew/>



Photo by John Adair

## President's Corner (continued)

Although warblers usually don't come to feeders, they do tend to pay attention to where the non-migratory birds are feeding and go with them to forage. I read recently that they are particularly attentive to the Carolina Chickadees. Since the warblers on migration are simply transiting terra incognita, they tend to find and follow the flocks of noisy chickadees, since the chickadees know where there are local food sources and where a passerine is likely safe from local predators. I love it when the chickadees that come to my feeder lead the migratory warblers and vireos to my yard! Another reason to feed the neighborhood birds! Come to think of it, when I am in unknown territory and looking for a place to eat, I tend to go to the local eatery with a lot of pickup trucks out front. For birds and birders, local diners know the good spots to eat!

Other recent visitors to the birdbath have been Gray Catbirds, Brown Thrashers and Blue Jays. Those come to my feeder, along with the regular customers including Carolina Chickadees, Northern Cardinals, White-breasted Nuthatches, Tufted Titmice, Mourning Doves, plus Downy and Red-bellied Woodpeckers. Recently I have had clouds of goldfinches coming to my niger thistle socks, and for some reason the chickadees have also taken a shine to the niger thistle. I keep that out for the goldfinches, and in hopes that they will be joined by flocks of pine siskins in winter, as they were last year. House Finches also show up at the thistle socks, although they are not regulars in my yard. Among the flocks on the move that have made brief appearances, I had a couple hundred grackles pass through my trees a week ago, fifteen cowbirds for a day last week and a large flock of Chipping Sparrows for a few days.

HAWKS – 1, CROWS – 0!! One afternoon a few weeks ago there was a major kerfuffle in my back yard. I was roused from reading by a tremendous din of American Crows cawing furiously in a raucous tumult. I looked outside and saw agitated crows flying everywhere, at least twenty of them. I stepped out the front door and saw crows everywhere, on my roof, in the air, and all making a racket. In the midst of the crows I heard a Red-shouldered Hawk begin to squawk loudly, and then a second and a third red-shoulder's agitated two-noted cry. I thought this murder of crows must be picking on one of my local red-shoulders and that his family came to his aid. I went back into the house and looked out into the back yard. Under my feeder was the lifeless body of a very freshly killed large black crow. On the ground, ten feet from the crow was the biggest, fiercest-looking Red-tailed Hawk imaginable. If looks could kill I would not be writing this. From the fierce look on that raptor, I would not be surprised if a post-mortem on the crow determined the cause of his demise to have been cardiac arrest. A few days later I found the body of a freshly killed squirrel under my feeder with puncture wounds and part of a side torn away. That's one bad hawk!!

First reports are already coming in that our winter birds are on the way. Some Yellow-rumped Warblers, White-throated Sparrows and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker have already been spotted in Virginia. The Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets, Brown Creepers, Dark-eyed Juncos and more cannot be far behind. There is simply no better single spot to get all of our winter birds, including some waders and waterfowl, than our destination for the October 17 field trip. It's an easy half hour drive away, has terrifically varied habitat, easy trails and many convenient comfort stops. If you haven't guessed it, we are going to Newport News Park, on the morning of the third Saturday of October. Jim Corliss will be sending out specifics. We can count on an impressive species list this time of year, with some great views of birds, sometimes including owls among the raptors, which turn up. Don't miss that one!!

And if you're wondering which birds are coming down the Atlantic flyway of the Eastern Shore, you'll like our program at our next bird club meeting on the W&M campus. We will hear from a representative of the Old Dominion University bird banding crew that is doing scientific survey and banding work at Kiptopeke and other sites on the Eastern Shore. And by the way, hawk migration is in full swing and the hawk watch platform at Kiptopeke State Park is a great place to hone your skills on spotting and identifying migrating raptors in flight. On a typical day hundreds of raptors will pass over the platform, and there are always expert spotters on hand to help you with identification. This is well worth the circa one hour drive to Kiptopeke, and other great birding hotspots are nearby. We will visit those on field trips this winter, once the winter resident birds and wildfowl have rejoined us, so stay tuned for some great trip opportunities coming along.

Meanwhile, y'all come and join us for our monthly meetings, featuring great birding programs, companionship of kindred souls and free snacks. Hope you can join us for our bi-weekly bird walks at New Quarter Park and for some of our field trips this fall and winter. Wishing you lovely fall foliage and birds, and hope to see you soon!



## VSO Annual Meeting – Save the Date – April 29 – May 1, 2016!

The Roanoke Valley Bird Club is hosting the 2016 Virginia Society of Ornithology's Annual Meeting April 29-May 1, 2016. You don't have to be a VSO or RVBC member to attend. In addition to lots of field trips around the Roanoke area Saturday and Sunday mornings, you can also enjoy keynote speaker Pete Dunne at Saturday night's banquet. Pete is a renowned author and speaker, longtime director of the Cape May Bird Observatory, New Jersey Audubon's Birding Ambassador, and founder of the World Series of Birding. Home base for the weekend is the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center at 2801 Hershberger Rd. Room reservations can be made at 540-563-9300, 800-325-3535, or [www.sheratonroanoke.com](http://www.sheratonroanoke.com). Rates are \$99 plus tax, but you must use the "Virginia Society of Ornithology Annual Meeting 2016" designation when reserving your room. More details will be forthcoming as they become available, so check our Facebook page or our website at [roanokevalleybirdclub.com](http://roanokevalleybirdclub.com) often. But for now, make plans to attend this fun event! For more information, please contact Alyce Quinn, General Chairman, at [twoquinns@yahoo.com](mailto:twoquinns@yahoo.com).

### SAVE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING VSO FIELD TRIPS:

- Virginia Beach Field Trip, December 4 – 6, 2015
- Outer Banks Field Trip, February 5 – 7, 2016

Check the VSO website for details closer to the date: [http://www.virginiabirds.net/f\\_trips.html](http://www.virginiabirds.net/f_trips.html)

## KIPTOPEKE CHALLENGE – ACCOUNTS FROM TWO TEAMS

### “Wren Wrustlers”

Jan Lockwood, Nancy Barnhart, and Shirley Devan participated in the Kiptopeke Challenge September 19 – a “Big Day” of birding to highlight the fall migration on the Eastern Shore. This fun event is sponsored by the Coastal VA Wildlife Observatory.

Our day started at 6:20 am at island 1 of the CBBT and ended 15 hours later at Chincoteague NWR. In between we birded the Eastern Shore NWR, Kiptopeke State Park, Sunset Beach, Magotha Road, Oyster Landfill, Chincoteague NWR – even Tyson Foods chicken processing factory! Sometimes the “trash birds” – Common Grackles and Brown-headed Cowbirds – are hardest to find when you absolutely have to have them!

We were very proud of our 93 bird species including several species that other teams did not find: Eastern Phoebe, Marsh Wren, Worm-eating Warbler, Eastern Towhee. The last bird of the day was the Eastern Screech Owl, heard just as darkness fell on the Wildlife Loop at Chincoteague NWR.

The winning team tallied 110 species. Only two teams found more than 100 species. We finished fourth. Total number of species among all teams for the day was 140. We raised over \$1000 for the Coastal VA Wildlife Observatory. Many thanks to all donors and supporters!

### Wild Birds Unlimited of Williamsburg

Brian Taber and Dave Youker decided to try a different strategy this year. They went north to Chincoteague in the dark, to work their way south. The weather has often made this event very challenging, with high winds or rain or hot temperatures, but this year, we had nice, warm and cloudy weather. The odds, of course, are that the event will not occur right after a strong cold front, though a few times the Challenge has been spectacular because of those systems and this year, the front had passed a week earlier and many birds had vacated the Shore during the week, headed for their wintering grounds...good for them, but tough to find the remaining birds.

The winning team had 110 species; we came in second out of 9 teams with 103 species. Our Glossy Ibis and House Finch were our only species that other teams did not find. Last year we won the bronze Piping Plover trophy for most funds raised at more than \$3,000 and hope to exceed that total this year!

Brian and Dave dedicated their day to friends who have passed away this year...Ruth Beck and Martha Dillard, “two of the most wonderful people and bird advocates anywhere...we did our best to make them proud.”

Thanks to all of our great supporters! We had a wonderful day, as always, supporting CVWO.

## Reported Bird Sightings for September 2015

*We want to know what you're seeing in your yard and travels. Please share with Club members by sending your sightings to Judy Jones [jjones184@cox.net](mailto:jjones184@cox.net) or Shirley Devan [sedevan52@cox.net](mailto:sedevan52@cox.net).*

Members reported these sightings during September:

**September 4:** Jan Lockwood reports: "The numbers of Great Egrets roosting at Queens Lake has now grown to 31! It's a magnificent sight against the green leafy backdrop. Also I was fortunate to see a female Baltimore Oriole on Sunday, August 30. She was moving around in the middle branches of a large tulip poplar for all of 20 minutes. Presumably she resumed her journey southward and hasn't looked back."

**September 4:** Carol O'Neil reports a Black-throated Green Warbler in Governor's Land.

**September 8:** Nick Newberry, Matt Anthony, Erin Chapman, and Megan Massa, members of the W&M Birding Club, find Cape May Warbler in Matoaka Woods

**September 11:** Bill Williams finds a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher at Freedom Park.

**September 13:** Mary Ann Aspinall reports two White-winged Crossbills at Warrens Pond in James City County.

**September 13:** Geoff Giles spots a Cape May Warbler in his yard in Windsor Forest.

**September 14:** Matt Anthony finds Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Blackburnian Warbler, Wilson's Warbler and 2 Black-throated Green Warblers at Freedom Park.

**September 14:** Bill Williams finds a Swainson's Thrush at Warhill Sports Complex.

**September 14:** Birders and Master Naturalists found an American Redstart, Black and White Warbler, and Hooded Warbler at York River State Park.

**September 15:** Shirley Devan observes Chimney Swifts and Tree Swallows overhead in her yard in Colonial Heritage.

**September 15:** Matt Anthony sees an Orchard Oriole on College of William and Mary campus.

**September 15:** Nicholas Newberry observes a Cape May Warbler in Matoaka Lake and Woods.

**September 15:** Bill Williams finds a Black-throated Green Warbler in his yard in Settlers' Mill.

**September 15:** Megan Massa of William and Mary Birding Club sees an Orchard Oriole on W&M Campus.

**September 16:** Lynda Sharrett reports: "While driving down the Colonial Parkway around the Paper Mill area, I spied a tom Wild Turkey strolling along the side of the road. He seemed unperturbed by the traffic."

**September 18:** Carol O'Neil reports a Blackburnian Warbler in Governor's Land. Back on August 15 Carol had a White-throated sparrow in Governor's Land.

**September 21:** Melinda Cousins reports: "I found a Carolina Wren fledgling with a right eye injury or infection. I noticed the wren, not yet able to fly, on 19 September. I captured him yesterday (9/20), and the wren is currently being evaluated/treated at Godspeed Vet Clinic. Godspeed called and is releasing I-wren, thus named, back into my care. I will be picking up the fledgling today to apply drops prescribed and get the bird as healthy as possible, to re-release in my backyard where I found the fledgling."

**September 22:** Melinda Cousins provides a follow up on the Carolina Wren: "Unfortunately, the wren didn't make it. The vet kept it overnight for observation, due to a seizure. It never recovered. Per the Vet, the eye injury was due to trauma, not a disease. Vet also stated the wren was thin. I believe it may have fledged late due to the eye injury. Seems late for a wren fledgling. The wren had a very healthy appetite of mealworms throughout my time with it as well as during the vet stay."



*Photo of injured Carolina Wren fledgling, by Melinda Cousins*

**September 22:** David Lang finds a Great Crested Flycatcher at Jamestown Island.

**September 28:** Bill Williams, in his ramblings around the county, finds a Sora and Swainson's Thrush at Chickahominy Riverfront Park. At Jamestown Island he finds another Sora and a Cape May Warbler.

### Many thanks for our feeding station providers!

Jan Lockwood will bring cookies in October, and Judy Jones will treat us in November. Thank you!

### Welcome to Our Newest Members

A warm welcome is extended to our new members:

Melinda Cousins  
Lieve Keeney  
Deborah Jane Wells

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Consider adding in something extra for our Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships, our Ruth Beck and Bill Sheehan Ornithology Research Grants to Biology Graduate Students, and the feeder stations at the Child Development Resources campus. We can't do it without you!

## Murphy's (and Carpenter's) Laws of Birding

By Gary Carpenter

Over the years, a number of "Murphy's Laws" of birding have occurred to me. These are not original and I am certain most of these have been seen, encountered, overheard and expressed by all birders. But I thought it might be fun to codify these "Laws" and see if others in the Club could add some of their own or improve upon these. So here are 5 to get us started; if you think of others, send them on. Another five will be published next month.

1. The target bird was here at some previous time. Or, you needed to have been here X time ago.

In order to have seen whatever specific bird you are looking for, you needed to have been there at some earlier time...be it last year, last season, last month, last week, yesterday, a minute ago, or a second ago...the bird was there then...and it isn't now. This law expands to birding in general, as in, the birding here was better X time ago.

2. BVD is a constant.

BVD = Better View Desired. No matter how good your view, no matter how close you are, no matter how good your optics...birders always desire a better view of the subject bird.

3. Birding while driving results in poor outcomes for both. But all birders do it.

You cannot find birds well when you drive and you can't drive well while looking for birds. Yet all birders do it, to some greater or lesser degree, all the time. There is a bicycling corollary.

4. Abundance and consistency always lead to complacency.

When you see a species numerous times over several days you become increasingly complacent. I had never seen a Green Jay in my life, but by the fourth day of seeing them in south Texas this lovely emerald green bird was relegated to, "Just a ..." phraseology, as in, "Oh, that's just a Green Jay."

5. The positives of a spotting scope in the field are offset by the negatives of carrying it around.

Spotting scopes are a positive. Carrying them around is a negative. The very best spotting scope is the one somebody else carries and lets you use. There is a telescopic lens corollary...except no one EVER lets you use their camera or lenses.

## September 12 Bird Walk at New Quarter Park

With variable clouds, intermittent light rain, and 75F to 80F temps, Jim Corliss led the group as they tallied 27 species including Osprey, Bald Eagles, Clapper Rail, Spotted Sandpiper, Belted Kingfisher, Great-crested Flycatcher, Acadian Flycatcher, and White-eyed Vireo.



Participants: Mike Blum, Betty Peterson, Tom McCary, Adriano Azambuja, David Lunt, Joni Carlson, Jim Corliss, Karen Wilson, Sue Mutell, Judy Kinshaw, George Reiske, Geoff Giles. Not pictured: Sara Lewis and Joyce Lowry. Photo by Mike Blum.

## September 26 Bird Walk at New Quarter Park

The early worms got the birds!! Quality birds were apparent as soon as we got to the parking lot, according to leader Bill Williams. Thirty-six species with highlights being Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Acadian Flycatcher (not expected here on this date even though this species nests at this park), Veery, Swainson's Thrush, Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Summer Tanager. On an overcast, rainy morning, participants were Geoff Giles, Jan Lockwood, Cynthia and Bob Long. Sorry no group picture.

## Member Photos



Green-winged Teal (beside much larger Mallard) at Jamestown Island, Sept 29. Photo by Nancy Barnhart



Red-eyed Vireo at Harrison Lake, Sept 22. By Barbara Houston



Bobolink at Hog Island, Sept 19. Photo by Andy Hawkins



Tri-colored Heron at Poquoson Ave., Sept 2. Photo by Virginia Boyles



Barred Owl at Diascund Creek, July 25. Photo by Elbert Cutright



Common Yellowthroat at Malvern Hill, Sept 22. Photo by Barbara Houston



Bald Eagle at Diascund Creek, Aug 8. Photo by Elbert Cutright



Yellow-crown Night Heron at Queens Creek Sept 9. Photo by Jan Lockwood



Black-throated Blue Warbler at Noland Trail, Sept 23. Photo by Andy Hawkins



Black-and-white Warbler at Noland Trail, Sept 23. Photo by Andy Hawkins

## CALENDAR

Saturday, October 10	Williamsburg Bird Club Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 8 am.
Saturday, October 17	Williamsburg Bird Club Field Trip to Newport News Park. More information on page 1.
Sunday, October 18	Hampton Roads Bird Club (HRBC) Bird Walk at Newport News Park, 7 am. Jane Frigo, Leader
Wednesday, October 21	WBC General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Andrews Hall Room 101. More information on page 1.
Saturday, October 24	Williamsburg Bird Club Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 7 am. Bill Williams, Leader
Sunday, November 1	HRBC Bird Walk at Newport News Park, 7 am. Jane Frigo, Leader
Saturday, November 14	Williamsburg Bird Club Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 8 am.
Sunday, November 15	HRBC Bird Walk at Newport News Park, 7 am. Jane Frigo, Leader
Wednesday, November 18	WBC General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Andrews Hall Room 101. More information on page 2.
Saturday, November 21	Williamsburg Bird Club Field Trip to Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Stay tuned!
Saturday, November 28	Williamsburg Bird Club Bird Walk, New Quarter Park, 7 am. Bill Williams, Leader
Sunday, December 20	Williamsburg area Christmas Bird Count! Save the date!