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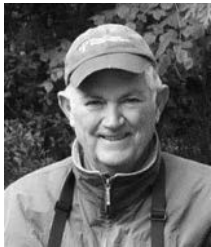
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President's Corner

By Geoff Giles



Sorta looks like winter out there, at least for the time being. Last weekend's snowfall is gradually giving way to bare ground, but the birds are still storming the feeders, as if they are unsure about what might come next. A neighborhood family of bluebirds has decided to change the pecking order at my place, and shows no respect for the larger cardinals when they try to compete for seeds and suet. The bluebird band follows a brightly colored male, whose appearance at the feeder is followed by the arrival of four or five beautiful young bluebirds which are clearly no worse for wear from the winter weather we have had to date. Admittedly, that winter weather has been off and on so far, with some spells interspersed that have been downright spring-like.

This week's snow covering did force some birds out into plain view that otherwise would likely have been deep in brush cover and out of view. Among those are the Wilson's Snipe and the American Woodcock. Yesterday I saw a well-camouflaged bird in a patch of bare grass under a large tree along the otherwise still snow-covered Colonial Parkway. The bird was about the size and shape of a large cryptically-feathered grapefruit, with a comically-long slender bill. Its coloration blended seamlessly with the patch of dead dried grass it was foraging on, so that all that caught my eye was what appeared to be a clump. A closer look revealed a comical-looking creature rocking back and forth and probing the ground with its long beak. This shape and feeding behavior were familiar to me as a woodcock, but closer inspection revealed the distinctive stripes of a different but similar species – the Wilson's Snipe. *Continued on Page 4.*

February 17th Meeting

Our February speaker will be Dr. Bryan Watts, Director of the Center for Conservation Biology at W&M/VCU, who will present a program focusing on shorebird hunting and offshore wind development and the importance of understanding mortality limits for these issues. Join us to learn about this interesting research. Click over to the CCB website to learn more about their research: <http://www.ccbbirds.org>. 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.

March 16th Meeting

March's speaker will be Ashley Peele, PhD., Coordinator of Virginia's Second Breeding Bird Atlas (VABBA2). Ashley will share with us plans for this 5-year project sponsored by the VA Society of Ornithology and the VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries. Volunteers, including birders around the state, will document the status and distribution of VA's breeding birds during the 2016-2020 breeding seasons.

New Meeting Time and Place

Our new meeting place is Room 1127 in the Integrative Science Center, at the College of William and Mary (to the right of Millington Hall, behind Phi Beta Kappa Hall). Note that we are now meeting earlier, at **7:00 pm**. You should still park in front of Phi Beta Kappa. **Please check the website if you need a parking pass or a map of the campus.**

Great Backyard Bird Count is coming – February 12-15

“With the El Niño weather phenomenon warming Pacific waters to temperatures matching the highest ever recorded, participants in the [2016 Great Backyard Bird Count](http://www.birdcount.org) (GBBC), may be in for a few surprises. The 19th annual GBBC is taking place worldwide February 12 through 15. Information gathered and reported online at birdcount.org will help scientists track changes in bird distribution, some of which may be traced to El Niño storms and unusual weather patterns.” This per the GBBC website.

You can count birds ANYWHERE that weekend and submit your lists to www.birdcount.org. This is your chance to contribute to important research on bird distribution. Be prepared to be surprised!

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Wild Birds Unlimited and Backyard Birder support Bird Club and birders

Visit the new Wild Birds Unlimited Store in Settler's Market. The Club receives a 5% rebate on the pre-tax amount our Club members spend at WBU. Remember to let them know you are a member. At the new Backyard Birder store at Quarterpath Commons, present your Bird Club Parking Pass and receive a 10% discount on most merchandise.

Reported Bird Sightings for January 2016

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 or Shirley Devan sedevan52@cox.net.

January 4: Nancy Barnhart reports an Osprey at Jamestown Island.

January 6: Bill Williams reports a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher at his yard in Settler's Mill.

January 7: Lois Leeth in St. Augustine, FL reports: "I passed 'my pond' and was surprised to count as many as I could while avoiding other autos – over 125 Anhingas roosting in the small trees on the north side."

January 10: Deb Woodward spotted an American Kestrel on top of her feeder pole in her backyard at Colonial Heritage.

January 11: Ann Carpenter reported a flock of Rusty Blackbirds in her yard in early morning in Colonial Heritage.

January 11: Andy Hawkins reports 2 Greater and 6 Lesser Yellowlegs feeding on mudflat in Poquoson River. "Feeding together so size comparison easy. The next day Andy finds a Greater Yellowlegs at this location."

January 12: Brian Taber observes a Great Cormorant at the Jamestown Ferry.

January 12: Gary Carpenter walked the power lines that parallel the 15th hole and down to the Pump House at Colonial Heritage. "LOTS of Yellow-rumps, White-throated Sparrows, some Savannah Sparrows and two Red-bellied Woodies there. American Kestrel is still on or around the power lines in that area." The next day Gary reports "We had at least a dozen Cedar Waxwings in the trees on the golf course berm behind our place this morning."

January 13: Shirley Devan reports Red-headed Woodpecker and Brown Creeper in the back yard at Colonial Heritage.

January 14: Cheryl Jacobson sees an Osprey at Jamestown Island.

January 15: Gary Carpenter reports: "On my walk about Colonial Heritage I spotted a very large Red-tailed Hawk in the trees by the pond at the base of Gunlock Road. A pair of Bald Eagles first seen soaring over the CH Golf Pro Shop and then lazily circling away over The Pottery Factory. I also heard (but did not see) an Eastern Meadowlark in one of the Massie meadows."

January 16: Shirley Devan flushes one Eastern Meadowlark at one of the Massie Meadows at Colonial Heritage.

January 17: Lynda Sharrett reports "with the snow coming down like crazy here in Kingsmill, I went out to fill the backyard feeder and there was a Brown-headed Nuthatch availing itself of my suet cake."

Reported Bird Sightings for January 2016, cont'd

January 17: On a snowy Sunday, Shirley Devan has 21 species in her yard including Pine Warbler, Pine Siskins, and Purple Finches.

January 21: Jerry Melin in Colonial Heritage reports that a white-headed “Dark-eyed Junco” has been hanging around his yard for about a month.

January 22: Cheryl Jacobson and Geoff Giles find one Sanderling and a Greater Yellowlegs at Cheatham Annex.

January 22: Sue Mutell sends photos of a Baltimore Oriole hanging around her backyard feeder station in Kingsmill. A Pileated Woodpecker visited her feeder January 19.

January 23: Bill Williams continues to see the Western Tanager in his backyard at Settler’s Mill. The bird has been observed since November 2, 2015.

January 23: On a snowy Saturday, Shirley Devan has 20 species in her yard including Pileated Woodpecker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, and Eastern Bluebirds.

January 23: Matt Anthony reports an Orange-crowned Warbler in his backyard “foraging in some pines with a small mixed flock. My girlfriend and I went outside for better looks and were lucky enough to see the bird from 5-10 feet away and hear it chip several times. Orange-crowned Warbler is not particularly rare, but it is a relatively uncommon bird locally, and it was my first in the city of Williamsburg!”

January 25: Ann Carpenter reports 6 Eastern Towhees in her back yard after Gary threw seed out on the snow. “A first for us.”

January 25: Jan Lockwood and Joyce Lowry trekked around New Quarter Park in the snow and observed in and around Queen’s Creek: Hooded Mergansers, Ring-necked Ducks, a Redhead duck, Mallards, Buffleheads, Gadwall, Belted Kingfisher, Great Blue Heron (11!), Double-crested Cormorant, Killdeer, and an immature Bald Eagle. Jan and a group of wildlife mappers saw a Green-winged Teal on Queen’s Creek the following day.

January 26: Cheryl J Jacobson spots a Northern Gannet on the York River from Yorktown Beach.

January 26: Bill Williams visits Grandview Beach in Hampton and finds a Red Knot.

January 26: Nancy Barnhart discovers a Clapper Rail (and gets a photo!), Horned Larks, and four Wild Turkeys at Jamestown Island.

Birder Feeding Station (aka Refreshments Schedule)

The Williamsburg Bird Club is proud to be associated with so many generous volunteers who are willing to provide refreshments at our monthly meetings. In January, Cathy Millar brought homemade ginger cookies in various bird shapes which were quite tasty, and cute. For February, cookies have been donated by two of our bird club members. In March, Virginia Boyles has signed up to bring goodies. We need volunteers for **April and May meetings**. Then in September, Jeanette Navia will provide the refreshments. **October is still open.** November treats will be supplied by Judy Jones and Patty Maloney.

If you’d like to help out, contact Ruth Gordon (757) 208-0757 ruthkagordon@gmail.com or Jan Lockwood (757) 634-4164 nzedr@msn.com. And please remember, you don’t need to provide anything fancy. Keep it simple! Refreshments provide us with a delightful way to chat and keep in touch. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered for this year, and in advance to those who will fill the openings. Many thanks!

Bird Club Purchases Books for Library

Late in 2015, the Bird Club donated funds for purchases of bird- and birding-related books at the Williamsburg Regional Library (both locations). Here is the list:

1. Alexander Wilson: The Scot Who Founded American Ornithology
2. Birds & People
3. Charles Harper's Birds & Words
4. Complete Illustrated Encyclopedia of Birds of the World: The Ultimate Reference Source and Identifier for 1600 Birds, Profiling Habitat, Plumage, Nest
5. Consider the Birds: A Provocative Guide to Birds of the Bible
6. Hummingbirds
7. On Rare Birds: A Lamentation on Natural History – Extinct and Endangered
8. Under a Wild Sky: John James Audubon and the Making of the Birds of America
9. Unfeathered Bird
10. Welcome to Subirdia: Sharing Our Neighborhoods With Wrens, Robins, Woodpeckers, and Other Wildlife

President's Corner (continued)

Both the woodcock and the snipe use their long beaks to probe deep into the ground to find buried insects for food. It is presumed that their habit of rocking back and forth in place somehow helps them to detect their subterranean insect prey. Needless to say, deep snowfall and or frozen ground makes it impossible for these birds to detect bugs and probe the ground to catch them. In about two days of cold weather, deprived of food to burn for body warmth, these birds will starve and freeze to death. Consequently, after a snowfall, when the first bare patches of ground are melted or cleared, the woodcocks and snipes throw caution to the winds and abandon their deep woods habitat to expose themselves to whatever risks are needed to get to the first open grassland patches and to desperately probe them for insects. It's a great opportunity for birders to see these otherwise elusive birds up close and in the open. We just have to be careful not to interrupt their feeding, as their success in finding food in snowy weather is a matter of life or death.

There are some other winters birding highlights ahead in the weeks to come. We will have a couple of chances to enjoy the winter birds of the Chesapeake Bay in February. On Saturday, 6 February we will venture out on the Bay by boat for our annual winter wildfowl trip to the islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) and the mouth of the Bay. Bay and ocean ducks, mergansers, grebes, gannets, gulls, scoters, cormorants and more will be in their element and that day we will get to share it with them and a happy band of fellow birders. Chances are very good that we will also see dolphins, harbor seals and humpback whales again this year. It should be a great day to bundle up and enjoy the birds of the Bay!

And for birders who prefer terra firma under their feet and spotting scopes, we will offer a foray by car to the normally off-limits islands of the CBBT a few weeks later on Saturday, 20 February. That trip requires prior registration to get clearance for participants to access those islands, but it is well worth the effort, as many of the Bay and ocean waterfowl will be in easy viewing range from our island perches. We will follow the feast of CBBT wildfowl viewing with an optional foray to the nearby birding hotspots of Virginia's Eastern Shore. We easily reach unique and beautiful habitat unmatched for its winter wildfowl value for our state. Rain or shine, the winter birding is exceptional on this trip!

These are hard acts to follow, but we will offer a March trip to a beautiful James River plantation property that has provided extraordinary variety and numbers of winter birds the last several years. We can't yet confirm that destination, but are hopeful that we will be able to return there this year. Will the familiar Barn Owl be in his haunt again? Will we see more Snow Geese than we can count and have photo ops for rare Ross's Geese again? Stay tuned and see what March madness we can create on the third Saturday! And if you are already itching to get out and bird a week before, the New Kent Forestry Center will be hosting its annual Day in the Forest on Saturday, 12 March. Our club will host one or more bird walks to support this event, beginning at 0800 hours at NKFC. Always a fun day!

I hope many of us have stayed the course and are still counting our backyard birds for Project Feederwatch. And please don't forget another citizen science opportunity to which we can contribute, the Great Backyard Bird Count, February 12-15. These will hopefully keep our detection and counting skills honed for this year's spring bird count and for some of us to support the statewide effort to compile a Breeding Bird Atlas. Much more on that subject to come in the meetings and months ahead!

Thanks to Dr. Dan Cristol's efforts and William and Mary's kind support, we have a lovely new meeting room for our upcoming meetings and programs. It is in the new science building on the W&M campus just to the right of Millington Hall. Our meeting room is the lecture hall at the far back of the right wing of the ground floor. After our recent meeting, we now have a goodly number of members who have found the new spot and can lead the way for new arrivals. Our February meeting, at 7 pm on the third Wednesday, would be a great one to join us and admire our new nest. Dr. Bryan Watts, Director of the Center for Conservation Biology at W&M/VCU, will bring us up to date on recent findings on mortality among some of our most prized avifauna, including Peregrine Falcons and Ospreys, and what those findings mean for the future of those populations. Hope you will join us!!!



VSO Annual Meeting – Save the Date – April 29 – May 1 in Roanoke, VA

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 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 Hersberger Rd. Room reservations can be made at 540-563-9300, 800-325-3535, or 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. Check our Facebook page or our website at roanokevalleybirdclub.com often. But for now, make plans to attend this fun event! For more information, contact Alyce Quinn at twoquinns@yahoo.com.

Field Trip to Dutch Gap Conservation Area



Group photo from Dutch Gap Field Trip, January 16.

Seated: George Harris, Rosemarie Harris, Jason Strickland, George Boyles. Standing: Jan Lockwood, Linda Scherer, Cheryl Jacobson, Deane Gordon, John Adair, Rick Lowry, Lieve Keeney, Sue Mutell. Virginia Boyles is looking through the spotting scope on the left.

Photos below taken by John Adair. Left: Northern Pintail. Right: Northern Shoveler

Group photo submitted by George Harris.

The group enjoyed clear skies and mid-50 temperatures as they scanned the wetlands at Dutch Gap Conservation Area for waterfowl. Led by Jim Corliss, the group tallied 50 species including 65 Wood Ducks, 90 Gadwall, 140 Northern Shovelers, 16 Northern Pintails, 6 Green-wing Teals, 380 Ring-necked Ducks and 120 American Coots.



Results from the 2015 Williamsburg Christmas Bird Count

By Jim Corliss, Count Coordinator

On December 20, 2015 the Williamsburg Bird Club and friends broke two century marks! A total of 101 participants tallied 117 bird species in the Williamsburg count circle on a beautifully clear 52° F day. The species count fell just short of last year's record 120 species for our circle, but this was only the second year in our history (the first was 2013) when the number of participants, field observers and feeder watchers combined, topped 100. At this rate the day will come when the participants outnumber the species!

As count day approached we weren't sure what to expect. The winter was off to a slow start. The warm autumn weather was lingering and some of our regular wintering birds, particularly waterfowl, were scarce. But as nature would have it, with unusual conditions come unusual birds, and we had an exciting day of CBC records, firsts, and "near-zeroes." The most astonishing record came with a plethora of Bald Eagles. Bald Eagles are increasing and nearly every year for the last decade our CBC tally inches up a few more birds than the year before. But the 2015 total of 95 Bald Eagles absolutely *crushed* the record 65 birds found in 2014. The birds were sighted in all eleven of our count circle areas with a high of 16 in Gloucester and with Kingsmill not far behind at 15.

A less shocking record, but still noteworthy, was our Red-shouldered Hawk tally of 28 that one-upped the previous record of 27 that we found in both 2013 and 2014. Cedar Waxwings, on the other hand, fell into the "close but no cigar" category. Even before count day there were rumblings that large numbers of this beautiful bird were being seen around town and hopes were high for an impressive showing. Just like the Bald Eagles, waxwings were found in all of our count areas with exceptionally high numbers in Skimino with 235, Jamestown with 211, and Cheatham Annex with 184. Our total for the circle was 1,150, which was only the second time in our 39-year history that we topped one thousand waxwings, but we couldn't quite beat the record of 1,300 set in 2007.

We had two CBC firsts this year on the species list starting with a Ross's Goose discovered by the Hog Island team. A photo of this rare find can be found on the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory web site general blog for December 22 courtesy of Brian Taber. While not a first, a Peregrine Falcon also found by the Hog Island team was only our fourth CBC record, with the other three being in 1983, 2002, and 2010. The other first species record also wins this year's "what the heck award!?" and was the group of three Northern Rough-winged Swallows found by Dan Cristol in the Jamestown area. These three birds were in our area exceptionally late and hopefully they were about to head south where the insects would be more plentiful. Dan wrote a piece in the December 26 Virginia Gazette highlighting this unusual sighting that can be found on-line in the newspaper's digital edition.

Every year during the end-of-day tally there are birds that make you sweat. These are the "near-zeroes," or the birds that we should find readily but for whatever reason just didn't make a showing except for a single bird that turned up to keep us from getting shut out. The most exasperating example this year was the Green-winged Teal. Normally we would easily find tens, if not hundreds of GWTE throughout our circle. But this year we scrounged up just one. That's right – ONE! Thanks go to the Hog Island team for preventing us from getting skunked by this species, as well as for finding the one Northern Pintail of the count. Jolly Pond chipped in as well with our single Wild Turkey and the solo Purple Finch. Not to be outdone, Cheatham Annex brought in our one Redhead and one Red-throated Loon, Jamestown had our single Clapper Rail, and Hog Island tallied the lone Marsh Wren of the day. Without these singles our species count would have been reduced from 117 to 109, nearly down to our long-term average of 108 species. So every species matters – that one bird in your binocs may not seem unusual at the moment, but it could be the only one sighted for the day in our entire count circle.

Some species are just too unpredictable for us to rely on finding during count day. The Rusty Blackbird is a good example. This declining species is often difficult to discover over the span of days or even weeks. Thanks to College Woods and Skimino teaming up though, we were able to tally 27 this year. Four Baltimore Orioles were also identified between Cheatham Annex and Ford's Colony, and the venerable Western Tanager made its fifth consecutive CBC appearance in Settler's Mill. Pied-billed Grebes were clustered this year at Waller Mill where Gary and Ann Carpenter, Les Lawrence, and Deb Woodward found 20 of the diminutive divers out of the 32 total for our circle.

Every CBC brings some disappointments though. We knew from the beginning of the day that we weren't likely to break any waterfowl records this year, and along with those low numbers came some species that we just couldn't find at all, including Northern Shoveler, Lesser Scaup, and American Coot. Also among those on the Most Wanted List were Red-breasted Nuthatch, Greater Yellowlegs, American Woodcock, and Palm Warbler. We'll get 'em next year!

A special thank you goes out to Bill and Arlene Williams for donating Morrison's Gift Shop for the count tally and also to Bill for being our steadfast CBC compiler these many years. Thank you also to everyone who brought food and drink to the tally to warm our bodies and souls after the long day in the field. And of course thank you to the 101 participants who made 2015 a landmark CBC year for the Williamsburg count circle.

We are so pleased to welcome our newest members:

Chris and Karen Griffin
Gerald Head, Portsmouth
Dorothy Kroenlein
Barbara Neis

Hope to see you at a bird walk or meeting in February!

Pay Your 2016 Dues!

Now is the time to pay your dues for 2016. Use the renewal form inside this newsletter. We hope you will add something extra to your check to support our Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships (3 in 2016), our Ruth Beck and Bill Sheehan Ornithology Research Grants to Biology Graduate Students (4 in 2016), and the feeder stations at the Child Development Resources campus. Membership dues alone do not support these efforts. We can't do it without you!

College Creek Hawkwatch begins February 10

Brian Taber, President of the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory, invites you to stop by the College Creek Hawkwatch along the Colonial Parkway (3 miles from Williamsburg) to help him and volunteers search for and count raptors migrating north along the James River. This is the only late winter and spring hawkwatch conducted annually in VA. This will be the 20th season for this hawkwatch. Weather permitting, the watch takes place from about 9 am – 1 pm EST. If you have a scope, bring it along with a lawn chair and learn to ID hawks in flight!

Nest Cams are coming online!

Who doesn't like nest cams? Owls and eagles have started nesting. Here's a link to a Great Horned Owl nest with two eggs in Savannah, GA:

http://cams.allaboutbirds.org/channel/46/Great_Horned_Owls/

And here's a link to a Bald Eagle nest in Minnesota:

<http://wowstream1.video.state.mn.us/live/dnr-eagle-cam1/playlist.m3u8>

Bird Walk at New Quarter Park, January 9



Seated: Shirley Devan, Jan Lockwood, Bob Thomas, Jennifer Trevino, Joyce Lowry, Ruth Gordon, Lieve Keeny. Standing: Barbara Neis, Kristie Cousie, Betty Peterson, Lynn Collins, Sharon Plocher, Barbara Bucklin, Patsy Carlson, Alister Perkinson, Bill Vanzetta, Daniel Keener, Jim Corliss.

Led by Jim Corliss, the group observed 31 species on a morning when the tide on Queen's Creek was about as high as we have ever seen it and still rising! Highlights included Northern Harrier, three Bald Eagles, three Belted Kingfishers, 35 Cedar Waxwings, and four Red-headed Woodpeckers. Thanks, Jim!

The January 23 Bird Walk was "snowed out!"

Monthly Bird Walks at New Quarter Park

The Williamsburg Bird Club and New Quarter Park co-sponsor bird walks at New Quarter Park, 1000 Lakeshead Dr., Williamsburg, the second and fourth Saturdays. On the second Saturday, we meet at 8 a.m.; the fourth Saturday we gather at 7 a.m. Meet in the parking lot near the office. Generally, the leader will walk about two hours; participants can peel off as they like. Walks are free and open to the public. You need not be a member to join us. Just show up! Our next walks will be **February 13 and 27**. See you there!

Photos from Members!

So many members responded to my request with wonderful bird photos! Thank you so much! I cannot use every photo but I can use at least one photo from everybody!



Bald Eagles, January 3, 2016 near Jamestown. Photo by Barbara Houston



Brown Creeper, January 3, 2016 at Jamestown. Photo by Barbara Houston



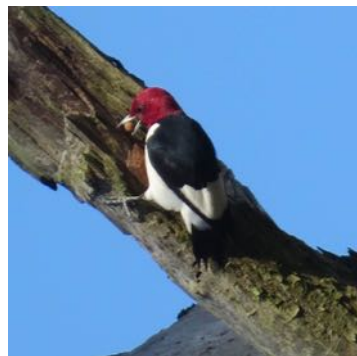
Cedar Waxwing, December 2015, James City Co. Photo by Elbert Cutright



Eastern Bluebird, December 2015, Fords Colony. Photo by Mike Jaskowiak



Baltimore Oriole, January 22, 2016, Kingsmill. Photo by Sue Mutell



Red-headed Woodpecker, December 2015, Jamestown Island. Photo by Mike Jaskowiak



Horned Lark, January 26, 2016, Jamestown. Photo by Nancy Barnhart



Clapper Rail, January 26, 2016, Jamestown. Photo by Nancy Barnhart



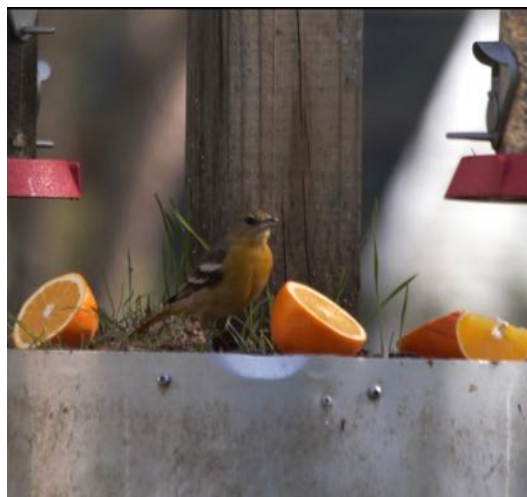
Bufflehead and Redhead, January 25, 2016, Queen's Creek. Photo by Jan Lockwood



Northern Cardinal, January 17, 2016 snowstorm. Photo by Janet Rathbun



"White-headed" Dark-eyed Junco, January 15, 2016 in Colonial Heritage. Photo by Jerry Melin



Baltimore Oriole, January, 2016 in York Co. Photo by Andy Hawkins



Female Painted Bunting, January 19, 2016 in Portsmouth. Photo by Andy Hawkins



Baltimore Oriole, January 2016 in Gloucester. Photo by George Harris

CALENDAR

Saturday, February 6	Williamsburg Bird Club [WBC] Field Trip CBBT by Boat. This trip is FULL!
Sunday, February 7	Hampton Roads Bird Club [HRBC] Bird Walk at Newport News Park, 7 am. Meet in the parking lot near Ranger Station. http://www.hamptonroadsbirdclub.org
Saturday, February 13	WBC Bird Walk at New Quarter Park, 8 am. Meet at the parking lot near the office.
Wednesday, February 17	WBC Club Meeting, 7 PM (note new time and location), the Integrative Science Center, Room 1127, W&M Campus. http://williamsburgbirdclub.org
Saturday, February 20	WBC Field Trip to CBBT by Car. This trip is FULL!
Sunday, February 21	HRBC Bird Walk at Newport News Park, 7 am. Meet in the parking lot near Ranger Station
Saturday, February 27	WBC Bird Walk at New Quarter Park, 7 am. Meet at the parking lot near the office.
Saturday, March 12	Bird Walk at “Walk in the Woods” at New Kent Forestry Center, 8 am.
March TBD	WBC Field Trip to Curle’s Neck Farm with Ellison Orcutt. Stay tuned!
Saturday, April 16	WBC Field Trip to Great Dismal Swamp with Bob Ake
Saturday, May 21	WBC Field Trip to Highland County with Matt Anthony

SAVE THE DATE – SPRING BIRD COUNT – Sunday, May 15, 2016