

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the
Williamsburg Bird Club
Wednesday, September 16, 2009
Room 150 Millington Hall, 7:30PM

1. President Shirley Devan opened the meeting. There were ~35 members and guests present.
2. New Business: Guests or members who were attending the club meeting for the first time were asked to identify themselves. Visitors included Dorrie Stolley and a friend from VA Beach.
3. Shirley Devan introduced Emily Simperts and her family (mother, father, brother and sister). Emily received one of the Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships for 2009.
4. Shirley announced upcoming birding opportunities:
 - a. Eastern Shore Birding Festival September 17 – 20
 - b. Saturday Bird Walk at New Quarter Park – September 26, 7 am led by Tom McCary
 - c. Bird ID class sponsored by Williamsburg Area Learning Tree (WALT) and taught by club member Bill Williams.
5. Mike and Jeanne Millin described the “Bird Sleuth” program they conducted for youth at New Quarter Park September 12.
6. Shirley reminded attendees of upcoming Kiptopeke Challenge, September 26, and thanked those who had contributed to the two Williamsburg teams: “Wild Birds Unlimited” team of Brian Taber and Paul Nasca and “Gulls Gone Wild” team of Alex Minarik, Lee Schuster, Susan Powell, Bill Williams and Shirley Devan.
7. Program: Joe introduced the speaker, Alexandra Wilke from the Eastern Shore’s Virginia Coast Reserve Office of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), who gave a presentation on “Color banded American Oystercatchers in Virginia – Where Do They Go From Here?”
8. At the end of the program, a free raffle was conducted for Stokes Field Guide to Bird Songs (three CDs of bird songs of eastern region US). Emily Simperts won the CD set.

The President adjourned the meeting and refreshments, provided by Jennifer Boag and Cathy Millar, were served in the Millington lobby outside Room 150.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Devan, Acting Secretary
Williamsburg Bird Club
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