



THE WILLIAMSBURG FLIER  
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Due to the fact that we will be concentrating a great deal of club effort towards a successful Christmas count, and since this time of the year is usually extremely hectic for most people, we will not be having a club meeting for the usually scheduled time this month. Instead, we hope that as many individuals as possible will turn out for the count and/or tally to be held afterwards.

The third annual Williamsburg Bird Club Christmas count will be held from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, Dec. 16. The areas to be covered include Jolly's Pond, Hog Island, Middle Plantation, College Woods, Skimino, Cheatham Annex, King's Mill, and Jamestown. Please assemble in the Wmsbg. Information Center parking lot by 6:45 A.M. Since many areas are already assigned to various leaders, and many do not first meet at the Info. Center, if you would like to be included in a particular area, please contact Bill Williams (229-0098) and he can see to it that you get assigned to the area of your choice. Also, Ruth Beck will be going out very early on an owling expedition, and if you would like to be included in that, please contact her (229-3837).

The day's tally will be held at 4:30 P.M. in room 108 of Millington Hall. If you cannot participate in the count, please try to come to the tally, and you can make your contribution to the day's activities by bringing goodies and munchies for the hungry birders. A fee of \$1.50 will be required for participating in the count.

The V.S.O. trip to Back Bay Dec. 1, turned out to be a tremendous success. We had eight club members turn out for a very good day's birding. The weather was cold but beautiful. The highlights included whistling swans, snow and Canada geese, various assorted ducks, and snow buntings. The highlight of the day occurred during the tally when a sandhill crane flew over in full view for everyone to see. A trip to the Bay Bridge tunnel islands netted some 200 purple sandpipers and a king eider.

We wish to thank Alice Springe, Judy Pauley, and Fred Blystone for their hard work concerning the bird seed sale. We do not yet know how much of a profit was made for the bird club.

At the Nov. meeting we elected new club officers. They are Ruth Beck - Pres., Susan Sturm - Vice Pres., Alice Springe - Secy./Treas., and Bill Williams - newsletter editor. We would like to congratulate these people, and we look forward to a good two years with them. At the same time we wish to thank our past officers for a job well done.

We hope to see all of you at the count. Merry Christmas!