



# The Flyer

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## President's Corner



By Bill Williams

In September 1977, a citizens' group coalesced around the belief that there was enough interest to form and sustain an organization devoted to the study and conservation of

birds within the greater Williamsburg area. Generously supported by the College of William and Mary's Biology Department, as well as cadres of enthusiastic members, the Williamsburg Bird Club became and has continued to be throughout its 40-year history a significant community asset. The club's multifaceted programs, communications, educational outreach, field experiences and citizen science endeavors have reached across every facet of bird-related participation, benefitting professional ornithologists, aspiring students from middle school through graduate school, and every iteration of bird fancier from the most casual feeder/backyard observer to the serious day, month, year, life, county, state, national, international, galaxy' rear-view mirror.....lister.

Prior to and during the organization's early years, field outings for the purpose of seeing birds were most often referred to as "birdwatching". For those who were actually participating in such outings, either as a part of the group or as individuals out on their own, that moniker of "bird-watcher" seemed rather passive if not altogether shallow. Folks out for the day with birds as their goal were doing more than just "watching" birds. They were reading about and studying them, doing everything they could to find and identify as many different species as possible. To make that happen required more than "watching". It meant actually finding birds, which required delving into and then visiting a diversity of habitats, learning about seasonal trends,

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## January 18<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting – 7 pm – BIRDS OF PREY

By Cheryl Jacobson

Please join us at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, in Andrews Hall, room 101, for a program with Bob Schamerhorn. He'll talk about some of our most exciting, fierce, and perhaps most interesting North American predatory birds, including hawks, owls, falcons, eagles and even vultures. The focus will be primarily on mid-Atlantic raptor species, with information on food, migration, adaptations and identification, as well as information regarding breeding to support the Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas efforts.

## January 21st – FIELD TRIP TO SANDY BOTTOM NATURE PARK & MESSICK POINT

By Shirley Devan

Club member Andy Hawkins will lead our field trip to Sandy Bottom Nature Park in Hampton, Saturday, January 21, 2017. If you want to carpool, meet the group at 7:00 am at Colony Square Shopping Center, 1303 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg. We'll meet Andy at the Park by 8 am. We'll spend about 3 hours at the park, walking at a leisurely pace about 2 miles on level ground with good paths.

Andy will then lead us to Messick Point, about 15 minutes away from Sandy Bottom, to pick up some additional species. We should finish up there around 12:30 pm. We will pass The Crab Cake House going to Messick Point. If anyone wants lunch when we are done, Andy recommends it.

If you want to meet us at Sandy Bottom, plan to arrive by 8 am. The address is: 1255 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, VA 23666.

Here is the web site where you can see a map of the park and a park brochure--

<http://www.hampton.gov/142/Sandy-Bottom-Nature-Park>

No need to sign up for this trip and all are welcome. Questions: contact Field Trip Coordinator Shirley Devan, [sedevan52@cox.net](mailto:sedevan52@cox.net) or 757-813-1322

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## Reported Bird Sightings for November 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 at [jjones184@cox.net](mailto:jjones184@cox.net).*

**December 2:** Mary Anne and John Fennell report that a "Female Red-breasted Nuthatch visited our bird waterer."

**December 3:** Les Lawrence tells us "this Sharp-shinned Hawk ran into a window right by where I was sitting, while after one of my feeder birds. Fortunately, he was only stunned and took off right after I snapped this photo."



**December 3:** Hayes and Joyce Williams were thrilled to see two pair of their 'first of the season' Purple Finch at their home in Gloucester.



**December 9:** Matt Anthony & Nick Newberry found a Black & White Warbler and a Nashville Warbler in CW around the Governor's Palace.

**December 10:** Barry Trott captured this photo of a Fox Sparrow spotted in Toano.

**December 10:** Kathi Mestayer found an Orange-crowned Warbler after a friend living in Chisel Run alerted her to a different bird at her suet feeder. Photos by Shirley Devan December 13 lead to correct ID by Dan Cristol, Jim Corliss, and Nancy Barnhart (after it was initially thought to be Wilson's Warbler and Yellow Warbler). Could it be the same bird that visited Jeanette Navia's backyard in Chisel Run a few years ago?

**December 10-11:** Shirley Devan reported 20 species on her two-day FeederWatch tally including a Purple Finch, Pine Warbler, Hermit Thrush, and Red-shouldered Hawk.

**December 14:** Janet and Scott Rathbun were lucky enough to see 5 eagles within an hour at on the Jamestown Causeway.

**December 16:** Mary Anne & John Fennell were thrilled to see a Hermit Thrush and a male Purple Finch at their waterer.

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breeding behaviors, teasing out the minutia of plumage, age and gender characteristics, taking notes, keeping site specific-lists, and participating in “counts”, not to mention mastering the use of evolving technology that took them beyond their requisite binoculars and/or spotting scopes. Devotees of that spectrum of skills and behaviors became “birders”; our avocation elevated to “birding”.

So here we are, a community success story with four decades of local birding traditions and accomplishments. How can we, should we, will we celebrate the organization's remarkable record and the people who have worked tirelessly to fine tune its multiple layers of expertise? It is with this challenge in mind that the Williamsburg Bird Club will focus 2017, not because 40 years is an end point, but because it is a benchmark for what the club is and will continue to be.

Best Birds Everyone,  
Bill

## Field Trip to CBBT by Boat on January 28th

The Williamsburg Bird Club is sponsoring a boat trip to Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Islands Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Geoff Giles has chartered a large comfortable boat for this eye-level look at the bay ducks and other wonderful species around the tunnel islands. Birding and photo opportunities should be very good from the boat. The boat will stay around the CBBT tunnel islands and pilings and will likely go as far as Fisherman Island near the Eastern Shore and then out to the Capes near the mouth of the Bay if the birds are there. The CBBT area tends to have smoother water than ocean trips with many of the same exciting views of birds. It will be possible to do some birding from the warm, dry cabin, but the best views and photos will be from outside on deck, so clothing that protects against wind and dampness is recommended.

We will have a good opportunity to observe sea ducks, shorebirds, raptors and more from a large, comfortable boat with ample heated cabin space, rest rooms, tables and indoor seating. The last few years this trip has given us some views and photo ops with humpbacked whales and harbor seals!



We will gather at 8:30 a.m. to board the *Bay Princess*, which will leave at 9 a.m. from Lynnhaven Inlet at 3311 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, January 28th, and return to the dock at about 1 pm. There is a very good seafood restaurant dockside for those inclined to have lunch on return. If the trip gets weathered out, we'll return your check, of course, or give you the option of a rain date about two weeks later.

The fee is \$30 per person. Your check is your reservation. Please sign up early (by mailing in your check) so we can be sure to have enough people for the trip to go -- we need 25. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis until the trip is filled.

Please make checks (\$30.00 per person) payable to “Williamsburg Bird Club” and mail to Ann Carpenter, PO Box 764, Lightfoot, VA 23090. Include your email address and phone number so Geoff can get back to you to confirm and let you know the final details.

For additional info contact Geoff Giles at [tylerandal2@aol.com](mailto:tylerandal2@aol.com) or (757) 645-8716. More info at Bird Club web site: <http://williamsburgbirdclub.org/>.



*Photo of a bluebird couple on a wreath in CW by Janet and Scott Rathbun*

## IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!

2017 is our Club's 40<sup>th</sup> year! And we have 40 years of community support to celebrate and continue!

Almost since the beginning, the Club has awarded scholarships to W&M biology graduate students. These "**Ruth Beck & Bill Sheehan Ornithological Research Grants**" provide critical funds for the field research these students need to complete their theses. We plan to award at least three scholarships in 2017.

Since 2008, the Club has awarded the "**Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarships**" to local youth to attend this two-week experiential camp focusing on natural history/environmental studies. We hope to sponsor three youth again in 2017.

Since 2010, the Club has provided **bird feeders and birdseed for the "Developmental Play Group"** room at Child Development Resources (CDR) here in Williamsburg. These children are attracted to the room's large windows and often gaze right at the feeding birds. CDR's birdseed needs are large and we turn to you to supplement what the Club can provide.

For the past 35+ years the Club has donated funds to the Williamsburg Regional Library for the purchase of "bird" books and media. The Club's donation allows the library to add over a dozen titles each year.

These research and community commitments total over \$5000 per year. Our membership dues alone are not sufficient to support these important efforts. We **NEED YOUR HELP** if we are to continue these same levels of support. Your Bird Club dues and donations stay right here in Williamsburg, supporting and improving our community.

Remember – we can't do anything without **YOU**. We look forward to your participation in our 2017 events and your continued financial support.

## SIGHTINGS (Continued from page 2)

**December 3-16:** Lynda Sharrett sent us a note saying "that for the last couple of weeks I have had a Downy Woodpecker at my finch feeder. He/she is a bit large for it but hangs on for dear life and pecks away. Plus the usual suspects join him: Carolina Chickadees, a White-breasted Nuthatch, and House Finches".

**December 4-16:** Bringier McConnell writes that, at Queens' Lake, "Winter ducks are arriving! The eagerly-awaited Hooded Mergansers touched down on Dec. 4. On December 10, a pair of Gadwalls arrived and treated us to a charming courtship display in our cove. Then, on December 15, a flock of 6 Ring-necked Ducks joined the party."

**December 24:** Susan Nordholm was able to



photograph a Barred Owl behind her house in Berkeley's Green on Christmas Eve.

**December 26:** Bill Williams reported seeing two Surf Scoters in the river near Jamestown Island; "both immature males; dark brown/black bodies; no white in the wings (one was seen in flight); gently sloping non-angular forehead; large, thick-based bill; seemed relatively large headed; small, pale gray/white spot at the base of the bill; single pale gray auricular spot".

**December 27:** Tory Gussman was delighted to discover a mated pair of eagles at Little Creek Reservoir. The female was sitting atop a power pole where Tory had seen her several times before. She was joined by a somewhat smaller male, who perched next to her and then....they did the wild thing. Tory didn't see the amazing locking-of-talons courtship ritual, but now that she knows there's a pair nearby, she'll keep an eye out for them and update us as the season progresses.

**December 30:** While walking along The Maine in First Colony around 9 am, Linda Scherer saw two adult Bald Eagles fly over, vocalizing loudly. They landed next to one another in a nearby tree and proceeded to have quite a conversation. Then they took off, one following the other, and headed in the direction of our lake. Linda writes, "My neighbors were very excited, hoping that the pair will be building a nest in the area. It isn't unusual for us to see eagles here in the neighborhood, but this was a particularly close encounter."

**December 31:** After walking four miles, Nancy Barnhart ended her 2016 birding year on a high note, capturing a view of this beautiful Snowy Owl in Chincoteague.



## A Very Special Christmas Bird Count

By Cheryl J. Jacobson



I am always excited about The Christmas Bird Count and this year it was extra special because my 13 year old grandson, Ethan, joined my team for a portion of the day. In part, he was motivated by his need to earn volunteer hours for National Honor Society. He was very diligent in completing his assigned task which was to count and record the number of Cormorants seen by our team.

All my team members were helpful and treated him with respect and kindness. The high point for him was a Red-shouldered Hawk sitting on a low branch close to the river and to us. He used my scope to study it in detail and Judy Jones lent him her camera so he could take several photos (one is attached).

Later his mother reported that he returned home very enthusiastically and wrote, "I can tell Ethan really enjoyed himself. You may have a new birder on your hands!" Kudos to my team!!

### Future Programs....

**February 15**, Dr. Leslie Bulluck from VCU will speak on her work with Prothonotary Warblers and will discuss the food web with an emphasis on the impact of toxic algae on the Prothonotary Warbler's diet.

**March 15**, W&M student Nick Newberry will share his research with us. How does having a diverse population of birds in your yard increase the dollar value of your home? Nick will present information regarding his research findings. His study was a follow up to a study by Farmer, Wallace, and Shiroya on Bird diversity and indicates of ecological value in urban home prices.

### Merlin Bird Photo ID App Launched

If you're a beginning birder or even a 'pro' with a tricky ID, here's a great new tool for identifying 650 birds species in North America. It's the free Merlin Bird ID app from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The app now includes a Photo ID feature that can name the bird in a photo right on your smartphone or other mobile device. The automated photo identification is powered by computer vision using machine-learning techniques. The bird lists you've submitted to eBird directly and through participation in the Great Backyard Bird Count help make Photo ID possible. The app is available for both iOS and Android. The Photo ID feature was developed by the Cornell Lab, Cornell Tech, and Caltech. In 2017, give Merlin Photo ID a try!

### New Quarter Bird Walk on December 10th

On December 10th, a valiant group battled the cold weather to head to New Quarter Park for the Saturday morning bird walk. In attendance were:

Back row - Mike Powell, Lieve Keeney, Susan Powell, and Sophia Zhang

Front row - Jim Derham, Jolene Schweitzer, Cheryl Jacobson, Wayne Moyer, Emily Zhang

Photo and Participant list from today's WBC Bird Walk - Photo by Jan Lockwood





### New Quarter Bird Walk on December 24th

Even though our Saturday bird walk on December 24th was dampened by a continuous light rain, we were able to find 28 species including an American Woodcock that vocalized at dawn. Another pleasant surprise was a Common Loon that glided past us on Queen's Creek as we quietly watched from the floating dock. Small groups of Double-crested Cormorants and Ring-billed Gulls steadily came in from the York River to spend some time on Queen's Lake, and while we waited patiently in the rain for other birds to appear we were rewarded by two adult Bald Eagles cruising over the marsh. Even though it was a chilly wet morning it was a great way to kick off the Christmas weekend.

Pictured are: Jim Corliss, Cheryl Jacobson, Joyce Lowry, Rochelle Colestock, Harry Colestock, Geoff Giles



### February 3-5 at the Outer Banks – VSO's Winter Field Trip

Make plans to join us for the VSO's Winter Field Trip at the Outer Banks of North Carolina February 5-7, 2017! The weekend's leaders include Bill Akers and Jerry Via, as well as VSO field trip co-chairs Lee Adams and Meredith Bell. To help us plan for the weekend, please register in advance. Provide the names of participants in your party with a telephone number and email address so we can contact you if needed. Register with Meredith Bell, trip coordinator, at [merandlee@gmail.com](mailto:merandlee@gmail.com) or 804-824-4958. The weekend itinerary will be sent via email to all registrants a few days before the trip, and it will also be available at the front desk of the hotel Thursday evening.

The Comfort Inn South Oceanfront in Nags Head will be the trip headquarters again this year. The special VSO room rate is \$70 for oceanfront and \$62 for bay-view plus tax. Contact information for the hotel is: 8031 Old Oregon Inlet Road, Nags Head, NC 27959; Phone: 252-441-6315. Reservations must be made by January 2, 2017 to get the special VSO rate.

**VERY Important!** All VSO field trips will have a registration fee of \$20 for NON-members only. This fee will be applied to an individual membership until the end of 2017. If 2 or more people from the same family register, the registration fee will be \$25, which covers a family membership. Non-members can join in advance at <http://www.virginiabirds.org/membership-and-donate/> or pay the registration fee on the first evening of the event.

### SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BIRD STORES!

Visit the **Wild Birds Unlimited Store** in Settler's Market in New Town. The WBC receives a 5% rebate on the pre-tax amount spent by our Club members. Be sure to tell those generous owners that you are a member!



### Backyard Birder



**The Backyard Birder** at Quarterpath Crossing (near the Kingsmill Harris Teeter) gives each us at the WBC a 10% discount on all merchandise. Just let the kind folks there know that you're a member.

## Sightings (continued from page 4)



**December 31:** Jan Lockwood writes, “The large and the small! This American Holly stump attracts both the female Pileated Woodpecker and the exquisitely camouflaged Brown Creeper. The Creeper is exploring the scars excavated by the energetic Woodpecker.”



## February 18<sup>th</sup> Field Trip: The Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Islands by Car

By Shirley Devan

Winter sea ducks are the highlights when birding the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) islands in February. Join us Saturday, February 18, 2017, for a driving tour of the three closed-to-the-public islands of the CBBT. Likely birds include Long-tailed Ducks, Red-breasted Mergansers, three species of scoters, Northern Gannets, scaup, Bufflehead, two loon species, Purple Sandpiper, Dunlin, gulls, pelicans, and grebes. Hoped-for species include Harlequin Ducks, eiders, Brant, Razorbills, humpback whales and seals.

We have reserved two CBBT Security Guards who will escort us to the three islands. Each guard will escort 15 people. Thus, participation is limited to 30. We must pay a security guard \$150 to accompany each group of 15. Fee for each person is \$10. Payment and trip registration instructions are below.

This is a three-hour trip. Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, camera, snacks, and beverages and dress for winter weather. It will be colder and windier than you expect! Those who wish to continue on to the Eastern Shore for more birding may do so but it is not part of this field trip.

### REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

Contact Shirley Devan as soon as you know you can go on this trip but not later than February 1. Email Shirley Devan, [sedevan52@cox.net](mailto:sedevan52@cox.net) or call 757-813-1322. As trip coordinator, Shirley will complete page 1 for each group. You MUST fill out PAGE 2 of the CBBT security information form, available at:

<http://www.cbbt.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/2011RevisedINDIVIDUALBirdingApp.pdf>

Mail PAGE 2 of the form along with a \$10 check (per person) to Shirley Devan, 6227 Tucker Landing, Wmsbg, VA 23188. Make the check payable to Shirley Devan. She'll take the forms and money to the CBBT office on Monday, February 6.

### TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS:

This is a half day trip and will go from 9 am - 12 noon. For those wishing to carpool, we will depart Colony Square Shopping Center, 1303 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, at 7 AM. Carpooling is recommended to save on tolls and to reduce the convoy following the security guards.

Participants MUST meet & check in with Shirley at the CBBT visitor center/office at 8:15 AM. Bring your Driver's License. (Just before the south toll gate, exit right to the parking area behind the visitor center. Restrooms are available in this building.) We will leave from the parking lot of the CBBT visitor center at 9:00 AM following the security guards and travel to islands 2, 3, and 4. By the way, Island 1 is open to the public and you can bird this island on the way back at your leisure.

*Photo of a Northern Gannet by Judy Jones*





Deane Gordon writes about the Christmas Bird Count, “Not a great day count wise but I have never seen so many Kinglets in one place. Most were Golden-crowned but we had several Ruby-crowned, too. Plus, the little guys would actually stay put for a reasonable picture.”

*Photo of the Ruby-crowned Kinglet taken by Deane Gordon*



*Photo by Cheryl Jacobson of the eagle about to be released*

## **THE SYMBOLISM OF THE BALD EAGLE**

*By Cheryl Jacobson*

Many of you were present for the release of a rehabilitated Bald Eagle at York River State Park on December 22, 2016. He was the victim of poisoning when he and another eagle fed on a decomposing deer carcass. The deer had been hit along a road, was suffering, and was euthanized. The deer's body was not destroyed properly and the eagles were dying from the poison when discovered and rushed to the Virginia Wildlife Center. The second eagle is still recovering and will be released in the near future so watch for information about that release and you can still enjoy this wonderful opportunity.

There is no anti-poison available for this situation so the eagles were cared for until they could "heal themselves". The Native Indians saw the eagle as a symbol for great strength, leadership and vision. As if to seemingly mirror this, the eagle has been used as a 'banner' by many of the great empires throughout history, from Babylon to Egypt, through to Rome and even the United States. In early Christianity, the eagle was seen as a symbol of hope and strength, representing salvation.



Eagles have a beauty and grace fitting their status as our national emblem. As with most birds of prey, the female eagle is larger and heavier than the male. An eagle will weigh an average of 12 pounds with a wingspan up to seven feet and a body length of nearly three feet. Eagles are lighter than they appear. The bulk of an eagle is its feathers; its bones are hollow and much lighter than the bones of mammals.

An eagle's eyes are up to eight times sharper than that of humans and contain many more color-sensitive cones. Located on the side of the head, their eyes provide a wide field of view. Bald eagles have large wings compared to other birds, allowing them to soar and hunt vast areas with a minimum of effort. During migration they can travel 400 to 500 miles a day. Bald eagles have large, sharp talons and strong feet which they use to catch their prey.

So for 2017..Fly Like the Eagle and remember; if you have been going through a

hard time, reflect on the eagle as he not only signals a new beginning, but provides a person with the stamina and resilience to endure the difficulties...and also, the strength to heal oneself.

## **New Year's Day Birding Fun**

*By Shirley Devan*

Happy New Year to all who joined me yesterday at Greensprings Interpretive Trail for the annual New Year's Day Boardwalk Bird Show! Believe it or not, observers found 26 species! However, most were not at the Boardwalk. Thanks to all who trekked around the trail and reported their observations.

As it usually happens at this event, I recorded more people than birds. There were 36 of us out enjoying an unseasonably warm New Year's Day.

Thank you again for sharing my favorite holiday with me! Hope to see you at some additional Bird Club events in January:

- January 14: Bird Walk at New Quarter Park. Meet the group at 8 am in the parking lot near the office.
- January 18: Bird Club meeting at 7 pm at Andrews Hall on W&M Campus, Room 101. Guest Speaker will be Bob Schamerhorn, award winning photographer, who will share his raptor photos with us.
- January 21: Field Trip to Sandy Bottom Nature Park, Hampton. More details in the soon-to-be released newsletter.
- January 28: Boat Trip to Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Islands. Look for details in the January newsletter.
- January 28: Bird Walk at New Quarter Park — 7 am. For folks who prefer terra firma and decide to forego the boat trip!

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL FOR 2017!

## **A New Birding Friend**

*By Cheryl J. Jacobson*

It is always rewarding to introduce a "newbie" to birding and also lots of fun when you share many common interests. I am sure most of you have had these experiences. Recently my new friend and I traveled to the Cape Charles area on the Eastern Shore to bird, shop, and eat.



*Photos by Cheryl Jacobson*



Common Loons were abundant. We saw two Snow



Geese in a group of several hundred Canada Geese. I also got photos of Brown Pelicans and Red-breasted Mergansers. Connie was enthusiastic and we thoroughly enjoyed the day.



*Photo by Shirley Devan*

**PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR – IT’S THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT!**  
**Coming February 17-20, 2017**

Many folks wanted to know more about the GBBC, coming in February. This information was found on the GBBC website. For more detailed information, go to <http://gbbc.birdcount.org/>.

**HOW TO COUNT THE BIRDS: It’s as easy as 1-2-3!**

1. Count birds anywhere you like. We recommend at LEAST 15 minutes—or even longer if you wish. Keep track of the numbers and species of birds you see and how long you watched.
2. Make your best estimate of how many birds you saw of each species. For example, 5 Northern Cardinals, 3 American Crows. Huge flocks may be a challenge, but your best guess is still valuable.
3. Enter your list(s) online at BirdCount.org. Put in a new checklist:
  - for each new day
  - for each different location
  - for the same location, same day, if you counted at a different time of day

Just look for the “Submit Observations” tab on the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) or eBird website. You can start entering bird lists at midnight local time on the first day of the count from anywhere in the world. Read ahead for specific details about how to set up a free GBBC/eBird account and enter your lists. If you already have an account for the eBird, Project Feederwatch, NestWatch, or YardMap projects, you can simply use that login information. If you already use eBird, just submit your sightings via eBird—all birds you submit from GBBC weekend will count for the GBBC!

**CALENDAR**

Saturday, January 14	Williamsburg Bird Club (WBC) sponsors Bird Walk at New Quarter Park, 8 am. Meet at the parking lot near the office.
Wednesday, January 18	WBC Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, Andrews Hall, Room 101 on W&M Campus—parking pass needed. See page 1 for details.
Sunday, January 15	Hampton Roads Bird Club sponsors Bird Walk at Newport News Park, 7 am. Meet in the parking lot near Ranger Station.
Saturday, January 21	WBC Field Trip to Sandy Bottom Nature Park. See page 1 for details.
Saturday, January 28	WBC Bird Walk at New Quarter Park, 7 am. Meet at the parking lot near the office
Saturday, January 28	WBC Field Trip – CBBT Boat Trip—reservations needed – see page 3 for more details
February 3-5	VSO’s Winter Field Trip to the Outer Banks – see page 6 for more details
Wednesday, February 15	WBC Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, Andrews Hall, Room 101 on W&M Campus—parking pass needed. See page 5 for details.
February 17-20	The Great Backyard Bird Count—details above and at <a href="http://gbbc.birdcount.org/">http://gbbc.birdcount.org/</a>

Saturday, February 18

WBC Field Trip – CBBT by car—reservations needed. Details on page 7.