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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Cheryl Jacobson



HAPPY SPRING!

I hope this spring brings positive changes in regard to the pandemic. I recently looked back on my "Corner" column in the newsletter from a year ago and am resharing one of the messages of encouragement that I wrote then — "May You Hear the Whisper of Wings," author unknown:

But where can I find peace? Try looking about you for some inner peace. I grabbed my binoculars and headed for the trees. I only had to look to the birds to begin my healing. Look at the brilliant migrating birds, birds that are continuing their exhausting and long journey in spite of the violent events. Look at the majestic mountains, the green rolling hills, the crashing waves of the ocean. Watch the bickering hummingbirds around your backyard feeders. Get out into your garden, do battle with the weeds, marvel at the Monarch butterflies making their way to a place they have never seen, enjoy the early autumn flowers. Life is continuing, in spite of tragedy. Look to the wonders of nature to regain some sense of balance and peace. May you be blessed and may you always hear the whisper of wings.

Bird Walks/Field Trips

As we again start bird walks and field trips, life does feel more hopeful! Bird walks, the last Saturday of each month at New Quarter Park, are limited to 10 people who make a reservation. The first walk filled in just a few hours, so we know you are anxious to "walk," and we will be exploring ways to give more of you opportunities.

George Martin is doing a great job in organizing field trips for the third Saturday of the month. See George's article on Page 2 for details about the upcoming trip to Newport News Park on Saturday, April 17. (Continued on Page 3)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

By Tory Gussman and Dean Shostak

April 21, 7:00 pm: Student Research Update

Join us via Zoom to learn about the research of four William & Mary students supported by our club's Bill Sheehan/Ruth Beck Ornithology Research Grant. Casey McLaughlin and Jasmine Whelan will discuss the effects of sublethal dietary mercury on levels of the stress hormone corticosterone in birds and on feather quality. Robin Thady and Lauren Emerson conducted research aimed to reduce bird collisions with man-made structures. Robin evaluated the effectiveness of certain attributes of acoustic warning signals in increasing a bird's attention to its surroundings, while Lauren studied whether lighting conditions affect the risk of bird collisions with windows. Your support, both through your contributions and attendance at their presentations, is greatly appreciated by the students. (Note: Due to the Editor's error, the date listed for this meeting in the March newsletter was incorrect. April 21 is the correct date.)

May 19, 7:00 pm: Climate Change and its Effect on Food for Migrating Birds

Dr. Amanda Gallinat is an ecologist who studies how environmental change affects plants, birds, and their interactions. At our May 19 program, via Zoom, Dr. Gallinat will present findings from her research on the effects of climate change on the timing of fruit ripening and bird migration in the northeast, including impacts in the fall season. Her research incorporates the historical field notes of Henry David Thoreau, long-term bird banding records, museum specimens, and field observations. 🐦

GLOBAL BIG DAY — MAY 8, 2021

Birding's biggest day is back!

To learn how to participate, go to:

<https://ebird.org/news/global-big-day-8-may-2021>

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FIELD TRIP TO NEWPORT NEWS PARK, SATURDAY, APRIL 17

By George Martin

Field trips are resuming! The Williamsburg Bird Club's April field trip will be Saturday, April 17, at Newport News Park. Jason Strickland will lead the group. We'll start early—we're meeting Jason at the Ranger Station at 7:00 am. The walk should last most of the morning.

The group is limited to 25 people, and a reservation is required in order for us to keep the size within COVID-19 restrictions. If you'd like to attend, please contact George Martin at grm0803@gmail.com, or by phone at 757-920-5403. Participants should wear masks and stay 6 feet apart during the walk. There will be no sharing of optics or field guides. Also, there will not be any organized carpooling. If people want to ride together, that is up to the driver and the passengers, but the Club recommends that everyone in that vehicle be fully vaccinated. 🦋



Keith Kennedy shared the following about his recent photo of a male Wood Duck: "For four years I have been trying to get even a half-decent photo of the male Wood Duck. They are so elusive. As soon as I would even think about raising my camera to my eye, off they would fly—that is, until March 11. At Dutch Gap that day a pair 'paraded around' in front of me for about an hour. Feeding with some Canada Geese, they were atypical in getting so close to humans."

WBC MEMBERSHIP

We warmly welcome these new members to our club: David Poling and Nikki Lord, Betsy Wolin, Deborah Humphries, Cindy Hamilton, and Carol Wills. If you would like to join our club, or if you need to renew your membership for 2021, please print, complete, and return the form on Page 9, also found at this link: <https://williamsburgbirdclub.org/219-2/>. 🦋

Support our Grantees with Your Attendance at Our April 21 Meeting

I recently asked Casey McLaughlin, a 2020 student research grant recipient, to comment on her relationship with WBC as the source of her grant. Her response resonated with me so much that I am including it here with her permission:

Since my work and many of the other students' research is relevant to conservation of local wildlife, I think it is a great opportunity for student researchers to connect to the community and for Bird Club members to see what sort of research is being done by young scientists to help local birds. Behind many conservation efforts, after all, there is some scientific research or observation! I think it is also a great opportunity for students to practice science communication and presentation skills.

I have been a member of the Bird Club for a little over two years now, so I am especially excited to let you all know what I have been up to these past few years. I think it is really valuable to get questions/ideas/feedback from club members as well, since you all are much more connected to local wildlife and (most) have the perspective of being outside of the research process, a process that can sometimes feel a bit removed from practical, real-world issues. I think it is very important for researchers to hear thoughts from non-researchers on their work, since ultimately the aim of a lot of science research is to bring findings to the public and into practice in things like conservation. As a member, I have consistently enjoyed attending meetings, connecting with you all, and hearing everyone's perspectives—I found it inspiring and motivating as I was thinking through and carrying out my own research.

The Signs of Spring are Everywhere

Rejoice in this spring renewal and keep your eyes wide open! As stated by the National Audubon Society:

The snow is melting, trees and other plants are beginning to bud, and millions of birds are starting their journeys back north to nest and raise their young in spring and summer. No matter where you live, a wide variety of birds will migrate through or to your neighborhood. So, keep your eyes peeled because the weeks ahead will be full of remarkable bird life!

I hope you will report what you see to Mary Ellen Hodges for our newsletter, and I hope to see you out and about. 🐦

SPRING BIRDING

If you plan on birding Warbler Road (vicinity of Peaks of Otter, VA) during this year's spring migration season, Andy Hawkins, a knowledgeable birder from Hampton Roads, and his wife Marilee will be Campground Hosts at the USFS North Creek Campground near Buchanan, VA for the month of May and may be able to provide you some advice. Andy shared the following with WBC President Cheryl Jacobson: "[the campground] is generally considered the lower start of Warbler Road, which continues on to Sunset Fields Overlook on the Blue Ridge Parkway. If I can be of any help please text (757-870-9641) or email me (andrewcurtishawkins@gmail.com). My phone service there will probably be nonexistent, so try to contact me ahead of time before you arrive. I will be birding most days and be able to advise." 🐦

A BIRDING ADVENTURE IN GHANA, AKA "BILL AND BOB'S MOST EXCELLENT ADVENTURE"

Summary and title by Cathy Millar

Our March 17 meeting presentation, a trip with Bob Ake to see the exotic birds of West Africa in Ghana (known as the Gold Coast when under British rule 1821 – 1957), was a welcome diversion from COVID-19 fatigue and winter blahs. Bob, who has a background in Chemistry at Old Dominion University and has for many years led birding tours throughout the US and abroad, was happy to leave the organizing of this adventure to Rockjumper Tours. WBC member Bill Williams and Bob joined 12 other participants in November 2019 for this countrywide birding

trip that also included many African animals. Bob began his presentation by describing the geography and history of Ghana and the social history of its people. During his Ghana trip, Bob added three new family species toward his goal of seeing a member from each family of the world's birds: (1) White-necked Rockfowl, a bird that has a nearly featherless bright yellow and black head that is a forest floor dweller and requires overhanging rock ledges to raise young; (2) Western Nicator, noted for the

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conspicuous yellow spotting on its wings; and (3) Egyptian Plover, a striking-looking wader that is no longer found in Egypt, is not a plover, and that legend claims cleans the teeth of crocodiles. Bob's adventure also helped support Ghana's ecotourism, as native guides from villages were at times engaged to help the tour group find specific species. Ghana has seven national parks and one of them features a canopy walk that connects seven tree tops in the tropical forest, which afforded Bob and Bill an eye-level view of birds. It was really interesting to see Old

World versions of our New World birds during the presentation, and Bob included interesting tidbits of the life histories of the birds. Mere words do not do justice to the stunning birds in Bob's presentation. If you missed the meeting, please see the birds for yourself by watching a video of the presentation, available on Zoom until April 21, 2021. Use passcode &^y87nlf at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/roZay9VXHxhsXAehjS6upCkedu-sTAW7qE6h2THQTvbXGKmdpTQk7WzYkFQNCx1.927E22bdJ55pckO>. 🐦

YOUR CLUB DUES AT WORK

By Cheryl Jacobson and WBC Board Members and Committee Chairs

As the President of the Williamsburg Bird Club (WBC), I am very proud of this organization! As it came time for members to pay dues, I started thinking of the decisions the Board makes regarding how your money is spent. During our last Board Meeting, we reauthorized expenditures that support our projects and community partners. I became amazed at just how far-reaching our support extends and realized that perhaps many of you may not know what all your WBC dues support. Therefore, various Board members, Committee chairs, and I have developed this review of "Your Club Dues at Work."

Center for Conservation Biology (C. Jacobson)

As stated on their [website](#), "The Center for Conservation Biology [CCB] was founded by Bryan D. Watts and Mitchell A. Byrd in the spring of 1992 with the dream of developing . . . a place where a community of dedicated professional scientists, students, and citizens could be brought together to focus not on patents or profits but on developing lasting solutions to environmental problems." We, as a bird club, share the CCB's concern and commitment for avian species that either are formally listed as threatened or endangered or are in great need of conservation action. These species include Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Black Rail, and Osprey.

In addition to population monitoring, the CCB conducts basic research to better understand the root causes of population declines as well as research on techniques that will lead to more effective management. Much of this work is done internationally. For example, CCB's research has found that when hurricanes force exhausted Whimbrels and other migrants down on the Caribbean Islands, especially the

French ones, the birds are often shot for sport after the storm passes. Watts has been working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to work with these other countries to alter hunting practices.

Watts and his staff have presented lectures dozens of times to WBC. In his last presentation regarding Whimbrels, Watts stressed that populations of many migratory birds, such as colonial waterbirds, marsh birds, grassland-shrubland birds, forest birds, and shorebirds, depend not only on places to breed and spend the winter but also on the quality and continued availability of habitats along migration routes. CCB staff serve as principal advisors to federal and state agencies responsible for the management and recovery of these species. WBC believes this work to be critical to our continued enjoyment of birds. We have been donating to the CCB since 1999.

Purple Martin Conservation (C. Jacobson)

The WBC has been a long-time supporter of Purple Martins. In its first year, our club established a Purple Martin Committee, installed martin housing, and banded 600 birds. This project continued through the 1980's but, later, emphasis was lost until 2019. Since then, your dues have paid for four new colonies utilizing the now recommended gourd system for housing. These colonies are at York River State Park, New Quarter and Chickahominy Riverfront parks, and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

Your dues are helping to save this species! Purple Martins in the East depend on us to provide nest sites and their population is seriously declining nationwide. The Audubon Field Guide describes the conservation status of the species: "Has declined seriously in parts of the west, and currently declining (Continued on Page 5)"

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in the east. Reasons are not well known, but competition with starlings for nest sites may be involved." Of course, our gourds all have starling guards to prevent the non-native birds from entering.

Community Cloud Forest Conservation (C. Jacobson)

After hearing about Community Cloud Forest Conservation ([CCFC](#)) at the VSO 2018 Annual Meeting, the WBC asked Dave Youker to present at our local club meeting. Youker stressed that the only way we can significantly help birds is by protecting their migrating stops and wintering grounds as well as breeding places. That is the focus of CCFC in Guatemala. Two programs they offer are Kids & Birds and WALC (Women for Agroecology Leadership for Conservation).

Kids & Birds is a 4-day program targeting 1st through 9th graders to learn about the natural world of the cloud forest. As an example of this program's impact, young Guatemalans are traditionally given slingshots which are often used for killing birds. At the end of this program, the kids throw their slingshots in a pile and burn them, declaring they would now rather study birds. WALC is a 25-day program targeting 12-through-14-year-old girls to learn about nutrition and cooking, conservation, health and hygiene, family planning, and career and educational options, instilling self-esteem and building confidence in the girls. In 2019, your Board voted to begin offering financial support to CCFC to do our small part in helping birds by protecting their migrating stops and wintering grounds as well as breeding places.

Coastal VA Wildlife Observatory (Ann Carpenter)

The WBC has partnered with the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory ([CVWO](#)) for many years. In April 1994, CVWO was established as a nonprofit organization with Bill Williams, first President of the Williamsburg Bird Club, as founding President. Several WBC members are on the CVWO Board and actively involved in its programs and projects. The CVWO mission is "protecting wildlife through field research, education and habitat conservation." Funds raised by CVWO support research, education, and logistics for raptor, waterbird, songbird, and Monarch butterfly studies in coastal Virginia. WBC has provided financial support to CVWO since 2005 through its annual membership drives and has supported specific programs including the Kiptopeke Hawkwatch, the Prothonotary Warbler Box Monitoring Program, and the MOTUS wildlife tracking system for shore bird migra-

tion at Craney Island. The value of these long-term studies is more critical than ever in view of threats from climate change, implementation of off-shore wind-energy technology, and potential changes in land use practices, to name only a few.



New member Deborah Humphries was pleased to capture this image of a Hermit Thrush on the back fence at the edge of her property on March 9: "He didn't realize I wasn't a tree! So he ventured quite close. It was wonderful."

Historic Virginia Land Conservancy (Tory Gussman)

Part of your WBC dues goes to support the Historic Virginia Land Conservancy. Land conservancies are positioned to act swiftly and professionally to help landowners and communities protect the places important to us all—open spaces that define our sense of place, connect us to the natural world, and provide real services such as water quality protection, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation, and sources of food and timber. Founded in 1990, this nonprofit is dedicated to protecting and preserving significant natural, scenic, agricultural, and historic land in the lower James, York and Rappahannock River watersheds. It currently protects 13,555 acres primarily through holding permanent conservation and scenic easements. Protected lands you may be familiar with include the Greensprings Trail, Longhill Swamp, and Mainland Farm. More details about the land conservancy and the property it protects can be found on its [website](#). WBC has supported these efforts since 1998.

2nd Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas (Shirley Devan)

The WBC has always supported the Virginia Society of Ornithology (VSO) with our annual dues. But, since 2019, our club has provided additional funding to the VSO to support the 2nd Breeding Bird Atlas (VABBA2), Virginia's largest citizen science project, *(Continued on Page 6)*

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the goal of which was to survey the entire state of Virginia and record the number of breeding birds. Over 1,400 volunteers documented over 200 breeding species over five years—a massive effort.

“It takes a village” rings true when it comes to the VABBA2. The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources partnered with the VSO, the state’s bird clubs and Audubon societies, and the Conservation Management Institute at Virginia Tech to bring this five-year survey to a successful conclusion at the end of 2020. Our club supported this effort with volunteers in the field and with funds to support the infrastructure and state-level coordination required to direct this project.

As the VABBA2 project moves to its second phase—data review and quality control of over 5 million records, analysis and comparison, and development of Atlas products—the VSO needs our support more than ever. The VSO is taking on the primary funding responsibility for these final Atlas products and needs financial support to bring them to fruition. You can learn more about VABBA2 or, if you wish, make an individual contribution on the VSO [website](#).

Williamsburg Regional Library (Lee Schuster)

In 1977, the WBC began making donations to the Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL). In addition to specific books donated, the WBC also donates annually to purchase books, CD’s, and now eBooks. The annual donation has increased over the years and comes from member dues and other contributions. In 1990, Alice Sprunge became the first library liaison working with WRL staff in selecting bird-related books to order. In the time since Alice’s passing, a plaque commemorating her has been placed inside each book donated to the library. Each year WRL staff sends a list of books, CD’s, and eBooks to the current liaison to evaluate and select for purchase for the library. If WBC members have suggestions of books for donation to the library, these can be sent to [Lee Schuster](#).

Nature Camp (L. Schuster)

In September 2007, at its Thirty Birdy Year Celebration, the WBC honored founding member and first President, Bill Williams, by naming the Nature Camp Scholarship for him in recognition of his leadership in science education. The goal of [Nature Camp](#) is to foster an appreciation and love for nature through direct experience and to inspire the young people of

today to become environmentally responsible and conscientious citizens of tomorrow. It is first and foremost an academic camp that emphasizes hands-on, field-based, experiential learning. The WBC awarded its first scholarship in 2008 to Joey Voboril. After 2008, the club awarded two scholarships per year, and then in 2018 the number was increased to three per year. In its early years, Nature Camp was supported by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs but now is supported by the Nature Camp Foundation. Through their many clubs, the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs continues support through scholarships to campers. The WBC works with area garden clubs during the application process to streamline the way students submit applications, ensuring more students can attend Nature Camp on a scholarship. Students who will have completed 5th grade (up through grade 12) prior to attending the summer camp may apply. Through 2021, the WBC has sent 28 students to Nature Camp.

Ornithology Research Grant Scholarships (C. Jacobson)

The WBC has been supporting the study of birds and the environment by providing research grant scholarships to students studying ornithology at the College of William and Mary since 1982, just five years after the founding of our club. We believe providing students support for their research through grants is important because:

- It’s a tool for building knowledge and facilitating learning;
- It’s a means to understand issues and increase public awareness;
- It’s a method to disprove lies and support truths;
- It promotes a love of and confidence in reading, writing, analyzing, and sharing valuable information; and
- It helps people nurture their potential and achieve goals.

The main purposes of research are to inform action, gather evidence for theories, and contribute to developing knowledge in a field of study, i.e. birds and the environment. WBC believes it is important for everyone—not just students and scientists.

The first year that a scholarship stipend for ornithological research was announced, WBC made two awards due to the many worthy applicants. One grant was awarded to Bob Anderson and the second (*Continued on Page 7*)

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to Fenton Day. Bob studied the feeding and population dynamics of Oystercatchers, while Fenton studied the effects that Herring Gull colonies have on adjacent tern and skimmer colonies.

Awards were made to one or two students per year until 2006 when the number was increased to three awards per year. Following the death of Ruth Beck in 2015, the club received more than \$5,000 in memorial donations which have been devoted to the research grants. In addition, the club receives semi-annual donations from Wild Birds Unlimited which also go toward funding the research grants. Members also may make designated donations to the grant fund.

Since 1982, the WBC has awarded 72 grants to 66 graduate and undergraduate students. The mentors to the grantees over the last 35 years have included Mitchell Byrd, Ruth Beck, Dan Cristol, John Swaddle, Matthias Leu, and Bryan Watts. Twenty-five of the grantees' projects led to published, peer-reviewed articles. Each year, in the spring following the award, the students present the results of their research studies at a WBC meeting.

The Child Development Resources Feeder Seed Project (Gary Carpenter)

The WBC adopted the bird feeder seed project of Child Development Resources ([CDR](#)) in Toano in 2010. Our club provides bird feeders, seed, suet, and maintenance of all of CDR's bird feeding equipment. CDR is a critical provider of programs for babies and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays, or those at risk for delay. Often the sight of the birds at the feeders provides a wonderful opportunity to expand a child's view of nature, widens their knowledge base, and assists in building their language skills. Perhaps, more importantly, we have been told that the "up close and personal" sight of feeding birds has proved to have a rapid and substantial calming effect on distraught children. Seed and equipment for the project is purchased from the WBC's partners at both Wild Birds Unlimited and Backyard Birder Seed and Supply.

WBC Meeting Programs and Newsletter (M.E. Hodges and T. Gussman)

WBC monthly meeting programs and our monthly newsletter (a summer hiatus is commonly taken for each) serve core club functions in educating our



Deborah Humphries shared this image from March 14. She says: "It seems to epitomize the excitement over spring finally arriving, with the anticipation of nesting and new birds everywhere. This is a young female Eastern Bluebird, building (what I believe) to be her first nest with such zeal. Based on her feathers, she looks to be born within the year. The old nest box is in my backyard, and I'm thrilled to be monitoring it. I feel like a nervous new grandma."

members about birds and related conservation issues and fostering community among bird lovers within the Greater Williamsburg area. We have been fortunate over the years to host at our meetings a diverse array of very knowledgeable speakers who are provided a modest honorarium, supported by your dues, to compensate them for their time and travel expenses. Our newsletter was first published as *Williamsburg Bird Club Notes* in October 1977, shortly after the WBC's inaugural meeting in late September of that year, and was renamed *The Flyer* with the April 1978 issue. Bill Williams, WBC's first President, has called the newsletter "an important legacy document"—it not only notifies members in advance of upcoming events but afterwards publishes accounts of these meetings, bird walks and field trips, and yearly counts. At one point the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter threatened to exceed the cost of an individual membership in the WBC; but, in January 2008, the Board decided to offer members the option of receiving the newsletter only in electronic format by email. In the time since, the cost of producing and distributing the newsletter has been reduced by well more than half. Choosing to receive the newsletter electronically when you renew your membership or update your membership profile allows more of your dues to support worthy WBC projects and community partners like those described above. 🐦

**121st Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count
Williamsburg Results: December 20, 2020**

Species	Total	Species	Total	Species	Total
Canada Goose	2,452	Common Loon	5	Marsh Wren	4
Mute Swan	---	Double-crested Cormorant	871	Carolina Wren	263
Tundra Swan	48	American White Pelican	21	Golden-crowned Kinglet	31
Wood Duck	57	Brown Pelican	41	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	78
Northern Shoveler	2	Great Blue Heron	95	Eastern Bluebird	287
Gadwall	266	Great Egret	2	Hermit Thrush	43
American Wigeon	5	Black Vulture	373	American Robin	3,574
Mallard	239	Turkey Vulture	202	Gray Catbird	6
American Black Duck	30	Bald Eagle	49	Brown Thrasher	59
Northern Pintail	---	Northern Harrier	2	Northern Mockingbird	88
Green-winged Teal	12	Sharp-shinned Hawk	3	European Starling	486
Canvasback	13	Cooper's Hawk	7	Cedar Waxwing	360
Redhead	1	Red-shouldered Hawk	26	House Sparrow	35
Ring-necked Duck	563	Red-tailed Hawk	20	American Pipit	CW
Greater Scaup	---	Eastern Screech-Owl	4	Evening Grosbeak	7
Lesser Scaup	25	Great Horned Owl	19	House Finch	344
Bufflehead	145	Barred Owl	8	Purple Finch	88
Common Goldeneye	---	Belted Kingfisher	27	Pine Siskin	177
Hooded Merganser	258	Red-headed Woodpecker	19	American Goldfinch	360
Common Merganser	---	Red-bellied Woodpecker	203	Eastern Towhee	114
Red-breasted Merganser	16	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	74	Chipping Sparrow	324
Ruddy Duck	319	Downy Woodpecker	131	Field Sparrow	30
Wild Turkey	31	Hairy Woodpecker	25	Savannah Sparrow	40
Pied-billed Grebe	21	Northern Flicker	101	Fox Sparrow	31
Horned Grebe	4	Pileated Woodpecker	39	Song Sparrow	313
Rock Pigeon	160	American Kestrel	1	Swamp Sparrow	44
Mourning Dove	207	Merlin	CW	White-throated Sparrow	1,117
Clapper Rail	4	Eastern Phoebe	17	Dark-eyed Junco	718
Virginia Rail	7	Blue-headed Vireo	---	Eastern Meadowlark	36
King Rail	1	Blue Jay	208	Western Meadowlark	1
Sora	1	American Crow	373	Baltimore Oriole	6
American Coot	14	Fish Crow	CW	Red-winged Blackbird	2,746
Killdeer	46	Crow sp.	29	Brown-headed Cowbird	41
Wilson's Snipe	2	Horned Lark	CW	Rusty Blackbird	26
Greater Yellowlegs	16	Carolina Chickadee	370	Common Grackle	1,851
Dunlin	12	Tufted Titmouse	365	Orange-crowned Warbler	1
Bonaparte's Gull	---	Red-breasted nuthatch	64	Palm Warbler	3
Laughing Gull	13	White-breasted Nuthatch	112	Pine Warbler	31
Ring-billed Gull	325	Brown-headed Nuthatch	13	Yellow-rumped Warbler	725
Herring Gull	21	Brown Creeper	14	Yellow-throated Warbler	1
Great Black-backed Gull	12	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	---	Northern Cardinal	666
Lesser Black-backed Gull	---	House Wren	5	Total Number of Individual	24,480
Forster's Tern	34	Winter Wren	5	Birds Counted	

Williamsburg CBC High Count

First Williamsburg CBC Record

CW = Count Week Sighting

Compiled and submitted by Jim Corliss



2021 Williamsburg Bird Club Membership Form

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email	Phone	

_____ Please send me the full color version of the newsletter by email at my email address above.

_____ Please mail the black-and-white hard copy version of the newsletter to my home address above.

Membership _____ New _____ Renewing

_____ Individual \$20

_____ Family \$25

_____ Patron \$35

_____ Student \$5

I wish to make a contribution to:

\$_____ the Ruth Beck & Bill Sheehan Ornithological Research Grants Fund for W&M Students

\$_____ the Bill Williams Nature Camp Scholarship Fund

\$_____ the Child Development Resources Seed/Feeder Fund

Make your check payable to the Williamsburg Bird Club and mail to:

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P.O. Box 1085
Williamsburg, VA 23187

Your membership dues and additional contributions are important to the mission of the Williamsburg Bird Club. Thank you!

If you have questions about your membership, contact Membership Chair Jeanette Navia,
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ANNUAL DONATIONS FROM OUR LOCALLY-OWNED BIRD STORES

The Williamsburg Bird Club wishes to express our gratitude to our locally-owned Bird Stores, Wild Birds Unlimited and Backyard Birder Seed & Supply, for their generous donations each year to the Club. Their contributions help sustain WBC's annual commitment to provide funds for the Ornithology Research Grants given annually to graduate students at the College of William and Mary as well as support other Club projects and activities.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCALLY-OWNED BIRD STORES & FELLOW WBC MEMBERS

Backyard Birder



Backyard Birder Seed & Supply (located in Williamsburg at the Quarterpath Shopping Center near the Kingsmill Harris Teeter) supports the WBC through donations and a 10% discount on purchases for WBC members. For your discount in-store, please inform them you are a WBC member during checkout. <https://www.backyardbirder.org/>



Wild Birds Unlimited (located in Williamsburg at Settler's Market in New Town) supports the WBC by donating to the club an amount equal to 5% of the pre-tax amount spent in the store by WBC members each year. Please inform them you are a WBC member during checkout. <https://williamsburg.wbu.com/>