

Minutes of Williamsburg Bird Club Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 • 6:00 pm

Hybrid meeting: in person in the Auditorium of Williamsburg Regional Library, Scotland St AND
by Zoom

President Nancy Barnhart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and welcomed those attending in person and those attending by Zoom. [Ann Carpenter managed the Zoom portion of the program.]

Final attendance: 20 in person at the Library and 21 by Zoom.

Nancy introduced Patty Maloney, VP Programs, who introduced the meeting's speaker, Jim Easton, whose program was "Nature Photography with a Focus on Birds." Jim began at 6:05 pm

Jim's presentation objectives for the evening:

- Photography is a lifetime learning experience; in just one hour, we can only cover a small portion
- A few key points to remember as you endeavor to take better photographs
- Share some of my favorite photos, tell a bit about how I took them, and answer any questions
- The opinions expressed in this presentation are those of the presenter

Jim described his photo equipment and the local parks he likes to visit to find and photograph birds:

- Greensprings Trail
- Bassett Trace Trail
- Powhatan Creek Trail
- Jamestown Beach Park
- Williamsburg Botanical Garden
- CVWO's Marina Garden

Per Jim, the most important things:

- Subject
- Light
- Focus
- Composition

Jim explained each of these and presented photo examples to describe how he used each to take and improve his photos

He emphasized the importance of "location, location, location" and to "be ready."

Jim ended his presentation at 7:23 pm and answered several questions about his techniques and editing methods.

After Jim's presentation, Nancy made several announcements:

- Bird Walk this Saturday, September 24, at 8:00 am at New Quarter Park with leader Scott Hemler
- Last Saturday's "big sit" at Jamestown Beach Park (September 17) was a success as 23 enthusiasts joined in. Thanks to George Martin for organizing this.
- October 15 Field Trip will be to the Eastern Shore of Virginia with stops at Eastern Shore of VA Natural Wildlife Refuge and Kiptopeke State Park. Carpooling will be available. Stay tuned for more details from George in the newsletter and by email.
- Newsletter editor Mary Ellen Hodges welcomes and encourages contributions to the Club newsletter – photos, book reviews, trip reports, etc.
- Kiptopeke Hawkwatch, sponsored by Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory, is going strong at Kiptopeke State Park. CVWO is sponsoring a One Millionth Bird Contest (which ended September 15) to guess the date and time of the one millionth bird to be tallied from the hawkwatch platform.
- Club's October 19 meeting will be hosted by Patty Maloney while Nancy is out of town. The presenter will be Dr. Shawn Dash.

Nancy asked for additional comments and questions. There were none.

Nancy adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Acting Secretary for the evening, Shirley Devan
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