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The November virtual meeting will be held using Zoom starting as early as 7:30 pm with the featured speaker at 8 pm. Please register in advance by clicking on the registration link found at the upper right at the Northern Virginia Bird Club website (nvabc.org). Upon registering, an email automatically will be sent with a link to click on to join the meeting. There will be ample time to take questions from the audience.

**Winter Chincoteague Trip
Cancelled due to Covid-19
Restrictions**

NVBC GENERAL MEETING—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 8 PM

White-Tailed Deer in Northern Virginia

Speaker: Bill Browning

Deer are a beautiful part of our landscape today and they provided an ample source of food for the early European settlers. In Virginia, we practically drove the deer population to extinction by the early twentieth century, though it has recovered since then and approaches nearly a million today. Indeed, the deer numbers are so high that they are endangering our forests. And our degraded forests are unable to provide good habitat for wildlife, including birds, or provide ecosystem services such as water absorption and filtration.

In this presentation, Bill Browning will talk about how this population cycle has occurred, and what it means for our parks, forests, and neighborhood. He'll also talk about the implications for continuing to ignore the increase in the number of deer, especially in Northern Virginia, and about how some of our neighboring jurisdictions have chosen to approach the problem.

Bill Browning has been a certified Virginia Master Naturalist (a Virginia Cooperative Extension program) since 2013, and completed the Audubon Naturalist Society Natural History Field Studies program in 2018. He is passionate about working to help rehabilitate our local forests and making them better habitats for native flora and fauna. In Powhatan Springs Park which is just east of Upton Hills Park off Wilson Boulevard in Arlington he has been working for several years to transform a neglected park that was overrun with invasive plants into a healthier natural habitat for birds. Over 40 species have been documented in the park over the last year. Bill is a retired intelligence officer and has extensive teaching experience. He has lived in Arlington since 1988, and he and his wife have raised three children in the community.



*Buck in velvet at
Holmes Run Stream
Valley Park,
Annandale
photographed by
Larry Meade*

Presidential Peentings

2020 has obviously been a year of change. All of us have been affected by the pandemic and the upheaval that it has brought. The Northern Virginia Bird Club has been no different as we canceled our spring and summer events and have switched our general meetings to virtual mode using Zoom. We have resumed walks this fall season, but we are being careful to take safety precautions as we enjoy the birds and the outdoors.

Other transitions at NVBC include some personnel changes. David Farner has moved on from being our Vice President of Programs. He still works in Arlington and you may run into him at one of the Arlington parks.

We truly appreciate his hard work in getting many excellent speakers for our meetings. He also fostered a relationship with the Community Cloud Forest Conservation which works in Guatemala towards alleviating poverty and protecting forests through education. We are happy to be a financial partner with them and that will continue into the future.

Fortunately, Phil Silas has agreed to move into the role of Vice President for Programs. He is already working to streamline our virtual meetings and on booking future speakers. I would also like to welcome Joan Mashburn to our board as a director. She has been an enthusiastic and active member in all NVBC activities.

We are glad to have to her contributions as the club moves forward.

One more transition that I would like to mention is that Virginia birders have concluded the final field season of the second Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas. Data collection by birders wrapped up this summer, but there is still much to do for the people analyzing and interpreting the data. You can learn more about that and donate (as NVBC did) to the atlas at the Virginia

Society of Ornithology website. Just click on VABBA2. Thank you to all of the Northern Virginia birders who participated in the atlas. I would like to especially thank Kurt Gaskill, who was tireless in leading the Northern Region atlas effort. You can read his article about the atlas in this issue of the Siskin

—Larry Meade



Great Blue Heron and Great Egret at Algonkian Park, Ashburn photograph by Larry Meade

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2020

The Club 2020 Financial Report follows. At the end of the year, the Club had 127 family and 226 individual memberships and 490 members. Membership remained steady from 2019.

We received higher than expected donations from Club members, which in turn, allowed more funds to be distributed to educational grants.

The DC Raptor Society went out of existence and transferred their assets to organizations with aligned missions. NVBC received \$720 from them.

Meeting expenses were less than anticipated due to the cancellation of our April meeting and reduced speaker honorariums due to waiver from speakers.

At the close of the year, the Club had total assets of \$12,976, which included \$2,720 for dues received for years beyond 2020 and \$498 for future education grants.

Income received

Dues for 2020	4,330
Bird Watcher's Digest & pin sales	25
Donations,	1,008
Amazon Smile and transfer from DC Raptor Society	<u>762</u>
Total Income	\$6,125

Expenses

Organizational costs (includes fees for web host PO box, VA, Paypal, etc)	\$397
Meeting expenses (includes hall rental, speaker honorariums, prizes, refreshments)	710
Printing and postage (includes bulk mail permit)	2,099
Educational Grants	650
Donations given, including to VABB2	<u>550</u>
Total expenses	\$4,406

Net for 2020 \$1,719

—Jean Tatalias, Treasurer



Juvenile Little Blue Heron at Huntley Meadows photographed by Larry Meade

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

The Christmas Bird Count organizers intend to conduct the counts this year as safely as possible in light of the current pandemic while still giving birders a chance to get out and enjoy doing the counts and contributing to this long-running tradition. The count coordinators will identify COVID-19 protocols before the specified count date. Some CBC representatives may decide conditions warrant cancelling their circle count. Any cancellation decision should be made by November 15.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

- *BROOKE, VA (Stafford area, lower Potomac)*

Contact coordinators and compiler, Laurel Bybell at lbybell@gmail.com or David Govoni at david.govoni@gmail.com

Saturday, December 19, 2020

- *WASHINGTON D.C.*

Includes area of Virginia inside the Beltway and parts of Fairfax County south of Alexandria to include Dyke Marsh. To participate, email compiler, Larry Cartwright: prowarbler@verizon.net or contact the Audubon Naturalist Society through Carol Hayes at carol.hayes@anshome.org or call 301-652-9188 extension 10.

Sunday, December 20, 2020

- *MANASSAS-BULL RUN*

To participate, contact Phil Silas at epsdcva@aol.com; or register online at www.audubonva.org/christmas-bird-count/.

- *THE PLAINS/AIRLIE*

To participate, contact coordinator, Alison Zak at azak@cliftoninstitute.org or 540-341-3651 or email compiler, Bert Harris at bharris@cliftoninstitute.org.

- *SENECA MD/VA*

Count has five Virginia sectors, ranging from Great Falls Park to the eastern corner of Loudoun County. To participate, email compiler Jim Nelson at kingfishers2@verizon.net.

Sunday, December 27, 2020

- *NOKESVILLE*

For more information or to register, contact Kim Hosen at 703-499-4954 or kim@pwconserve.org.

Monday, December 28, 2020

- *CENTRAL LOUDOUN*

Sign up at www.loudounwildlife.org or contact compiler, Joe Coleman: 540-554-2542 or jcoleman@loudounwildlife.org or Bryan Henson at bhenson@loudounwildlife.org.

Saturday, January 2, 2021

- *FORT BELVOIR*

Contact compiler, Kurt Gaskill at kurtcapt87@verizon.net or 703-768-2172.

Sunday, January 3, 2021

- *CALMES NECK*

Parts of western Loudoun and eastern Clarke counties. The cutoff date to join up to participate is December 18. Contact compiler, Margaret Wester at margaretwester@hotmail.com.

- *SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN*

Lucketts Sector is in northern Loudoun County. Sector leader, Gerco Hoogeweg at drgerco@hotmail.com

Date to be determined

- *WALKERTON*

Count area is primarily in Middle Peninsula. Contact by December 13. Contact compiler, Fred Atwood at fredatwood@yahoo.com.

Audubon Society of Northern Virginia Winter Waterfowl Survey

On Saturday, February 7 and Sunday, February 8, 2021, birders of all skill levels will join up to count waterfowl in Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William counties, including the Potomac and Occoquan watersheds. Novice birders will be paired with expert bird enthusiasts. Larry Cartwright continues as the volunteer compiler for this year's count. For more information and to join the team, email info@audubonva.org, call 703-438-6008, or secure your spot by registering through the Audubon Society for Northern Virginia website. Protocols for COVID will be determined in the future.



*Baby Eastern Kingbird
at Jefferson District
Park in Merrifield.
Photographed by Larry
Meade*



*Palm Warbler at
Occoquan Bay NWR;
one of the migrating
warblers.
Photographed by Neal
Gause*

Upcoming Trips and Events

Compiled by Elton Morel

Note:

- Beginning birders are welcome on all trips.
- When reservations are required, please call one of the trip leaders. Phone numbers are below.
- If in doubt about a trip because of weather, please call one of the leaders.
- Check the NVBC website for updated information about trips: <http://www.nvabc.org/trips.htm>.
- To receive email notices, join the NVBC eMail Exchange. For sign-up directions see back page of the newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>November</u>			4 8:30 AM Long Branch Tom Nardone			7 8 AM Leesylvania SP Phil Silas Toby Hardwick
<div><div>Trip Leaders Jeremy Beck 703-517-1816 Dave Boltz 703-599-8305 Larry Cartwright 703-941-3142 Toby Hardwick 703-201-1517 Ken Hunt 319-354-1079 Larry Meade 571-275-2523 Elton Morel 703-907-9951 Tom Nardone 703-946-7738 Phil Silas 703-987-0817</div></div>						14 8 AM Aquia Landing Park Elton Morel
				19 NVBC Meeting		21 8:30 AM Blandy Farm Dave Boltz Elton Morel
						28 8 AM Occoquan NWR Larry Meade Toby Hardwick
<u>December</u>			2 8:30 AM Long Branch Jeremy Beck			5 8:30 AM Mason Neck SP Larry Cartwright
			9 8:30 AM Laurel Hill Equestrian Center Phil Silas			12 8 AM Leopold's Preserve Toby Hardwick Elton Morel
December 14, 2020 - January 5, 2021 — CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA (See p. 3)						

DIRECTIONS

Virtual NVBC Meeting (11/19)
Online meeting using Zoom platform.

Aquia Landing Beach Park (11/14, 1/9) 2846 Brooke Rd, Stafford 22554
From southbound I-95 towards Stafford, take exit 140 to Stafford, then left (east) on Courthouse Rd (Rt 630), go 3.5 mi. and turn right on Andrew Chapel Rd (Rt 629), go 0.9

mi. and under the railroad bridge to a slight left onto Brooke Rd (Rt 608), go 4.4 mi. to the park entrance, continue past park entrance gate to the parking lot at the end of the road. Meet in the parking lot.

Blandy Experimental Farm/State Arboretum of Virginia (11/21) 400 Blandy Farm Ln, Boyce, 22620 Take I-66 west to Rt 17 north (Exit 23, Delaplane/Paris). Follow Rt 17 north to junction with Rt 50 west. Turn left at traffic light onto Rt 50/17; go 7.8

mi., turn left onto Rt 750 to the Arboretum.

Laurel Hill Equestrian Center (12/9) Lorton From I-495, take I-95 south about 7 mi. to exit 163 (Lorton Rd). Continue 1.4 mi. west on Rt 642/Lorton Rd, then turn left on 642/Lorton Rd, then turn left on Rt 611/Furnace Rd then an immediate right onto Dairy Rd. Proceed to and meet in the parking lot.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>January</u>			6 8:30 AM Long Branch Jeremy Beck			9 8 AM Aquia Landing Park Elton Morel
						16 8 AM Leesylvania SP Phil Silas Toby Hardwick
						23 8 AM Silver Lake RP Larry Meade Toby Hardwick
			27 8:30 AM Neabsco Regional Park - Boardwalk Phil Silas			30 8:30 AM Riverbend - Visitor Center Ken Hunt Larry Meade
<u>February</u>			3 8:30 AM Long Branch Tom Nardone			6 8 AM Occoquan Bay NWR Ken Hunt Toby Hardwick

Leesylvania State Park (11/7, 1/16) 2001 Daniel K Ludwig Dr, Woodbridge 22191 From I-495, take I-95 south about 14 mi. to exit 156 (Dale City/Rippon Landing/Rt 784). Following the posted highway signs for Leesylvania State Park, exit east on Rt 784. Proceed eastward 1.1 mi. to Rt 1. Turn right (south) on Rt 1 and go 0.9 mi. to Neabsco Rd. Immediately past the Wawa service station, turn left (east) on Neabsco Rd and proceed 2 mi. to park entrance on right. After passing through the park entrance gate, go 2.2 mi. to end of paved road and park in "Picnic Area" parking lot, immediately before turnaround circle at fishing pier. State fee area.

Leopold's Preserve (12/12) 16283 Thoroughfare Rd, Haymarket 20169 From I-66 west, take exit 40 to Rt 15 toward Haymarket/Leesburg. Turn left onto Rt 15 south. Turn right onto Rt 55 and go 1.7 mi. to Thoroughfare Rd. Turn left onto Thoroughfare and go 0.3 mi. There are parking lots on both sides of the road. Meet in the

right hand (west) parking lot. The left hand (east) parking lot can be used for overflow parking.

Long Branch Nature Area (11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3) 625 S Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington 22204 Take Rt 50, east from Fairfax or west from Rosslyn to Carlin Springs exit. Go south on Carlin Springs 0.5 mi. to Nature Center on left, just south of N. Va Community Hospital on left. Meet at Nature Center parking lot.

Mason Neck State Park (12/5) 7301 High Point Rd, Lorton 22079 From I-495, take I-95 south 7 mi. to Lorton exit. Left on Rt 642 to Rt 1. Right on Rt 1 to Rt 242 (Gunston Rd.). Left on Rt 242; go 4 mi. to Mason Neck Management Area. Turn right, follow paved road to end at Visitor Center. State fee area.

Neabsco Regional Park - Boardwalk (1/27) 15125 Blackburn Rd, Woodbridge 22191 From I-495, take I-95 south about 14 mi. to exit 156 (Dale City/Rippon Landing/Rt 784). Take it 156A for Rt 784 east

toward Rippon Landing. Continue 0.7 mi. across Rt 1 where Dale Blvd becomes Rippon Blvd and continue down the hill another 0.4 mi. to a stop light and turn right on Blackburn Rd. The park parking lot is then 0.2 mi. away on the left.

Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge (11/28, 2/6) 13950 Dawson Beach Rd, Woodbridge 22192 From I-495, take I-95 south 9 mi. to (left) exit 161 (Woodbridge). Go south on Rt 1 about 2 mi. to left turn onto Dawson Beach Rd. Continue on Dawson Beach 0.7 mi. to entrance gate. Meet in parking lot. US fee area.

Riverbend Park (Visitor Center) (1/30) 8700 Potomac Hills St, Great Falls 22066 From I-495, take Rt. 193 west 5 mi. to Rt 603 (Riverbend Rd). Turn right onto Rt 603; go 2 mi. to Jeffery Rd. Turn right onto Jeffery; and go 0.8 mi. to main park entrance sign on right. Turn right and continue 0.5 mi. to Visitor Center parking lot. Meet in front of Visitor Center.

A Brief Summary of the Second Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas especially in the Northern Region

The field observation portion of Virginia's Second Breeding Bird Atlas is mostly done. The block coverage for this Atlas is a vast improvement over the first Atlas; there was significant expansion into seldom visited areas of the state, especially in the southwest. And up here in the Northern Region all of our priority blocks were completed and many in-between blocks with important habitat were also visited. More hours were logged for the Northern Region blocks than in the first Atlas. This means we have a good picture on the distribution of breeders in our Region, especially in comparison to the first Atlas. Although it will be over year before we get a full accounting from an analysis of the Atlas data, there are many things that have become clear. Let me touch upon a few of the more obvious items.

Common Merganser was confirmed as breeding in Fairfax County in Tamarac Bog (the Difficult Run area)! This represents a significant expansion into Virginia.

King Rail, a tough species to confirm, appears to be established at 3 main sites: Occoquan NWR (where it was confirmed), the Great Marsh of Mason Neck, and Aquia Landing (the latter two resulted in probable breeding). Yet, it is gone from the Huntley Meadows area.

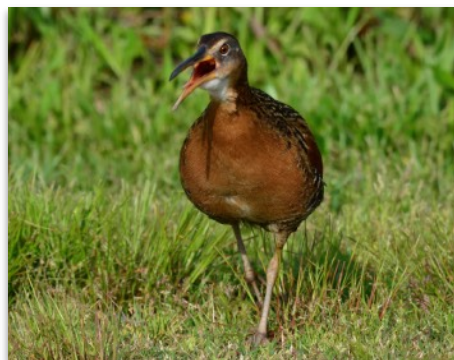
The added Atlas effort greatly improved our understanding of Least Bittern breeding and showed a significant population in our Region. Dyke Marsh – a historical Least Bittern breeding site – continues to report breeding. But summer records are lacking from Huntley Meadows Park, another historical breeding site. In addition, breeding was confirmed in the marshes of Neabsco Creek. Probable breeding was determined at the Great Marsh of Mason Neck, Aquia Landing and Crow's Nest. Possible breeding was found at Occoquan Bay NWR and near Widewater State Park.

Great Blue Heron nesting colonies have expanded adding Pohick Bay, Burke Lake, along Aquia Creek and a multitude of locations in the piedmont; about 29 blocks have confirmations! (up from 5 in the first Atlas)

Yellow-crowned Night Heron was confirmed in 3 blocks in our Region and determined to be probable/

possible in 6 others. Unfortunately, Huntley Meadows Park, a historical breeding location, yielded no records.

Despite significant coverage, Black-crowned Night-Heron was only confirmed in one block containing Lake Barcroft. Several possible locations were noted across the



*King Rail
expressing an
opinion at Aquia
Landing Park,
Widewater SW,
Stafford County*

Region (mainly Fairfax County) but finding additional nest sites remains elusive.

Black Vulture was once difficult to find during the breeding season in the Northern Region as the first Atlas had only 3 confirmed blocks. This Atlas has at least 29 confirmed blocks!



*Yellow-crowned Night Heron on nest near Jaguar Trail pond,
Annandale NW, Fairfax County*

Trip Directions *from page 5*

Silver Lake RP (1/23) 16198 Silver Lake Rd, Haymarket 20169 From I-495, take I-66 west 24 mi. to exit 40 (Rt 15). Turn south onto Rt 15 (toward Haymarket) and go 0.3 miles to Rt 55. Turn right onto Rt 55 and go 0.9 mi. to Antioch Rd. Turn right onto Antioch and go 1.3 mi. to Silver Lake Rd. Turn right and proceed to park entrance and continue to parking lot next to the lake. Meet in parking lot.

Bird Walks at Local Parks

- **Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, second Saturdays, 8 am.** Meet at the parking lot. Visit the Loudoun Wildlife web site, www.loudounwildlife.org/events/
- **Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, fourth Saturday, 8 am** Meet at Education Center. www.loudounwildlife.org/events/
- **Dyke Marsh, Sundays, 8 am** See directions. Visit the Friends of Dyke Marsh web site, www.fodm.org
- **Eakin Park, Mondays, 7:30 am** Meet at Prosperity Ave parking lot. Leader: Carolyn Williams

- **Great Falls National Park, Sundays, 8 am** Meet in the main parking lot, closest to the Park Visitor Center.
- **Huntley Meadows Park, Mondays, 7 am (Apr-Sep) 8 am (Oct-Mar)** Meet in parking lot. Leader: Harry Glasgow
- **Merrimac Farm, last Sunday, 8 am** Meet at Merrimac Farm Stone House. www.pwconserve.org/eventsindex.html#birds
- **Riverbend Park, first and third Fridays, 8 am, March 6-October 2.** Meet at Nature Center parking lot. No charge but call Riverbend Park to register at 703-759-9018.

One of the big stories is the Mississippi Kite breeding range expansion: nests were found in Prince William, Fauquier, Fairfax, Arlington, and Loudoun Counties. This is an expected breeder nowadays.

In the first Atlas, finding a Common Raven away from the mountain ridge was a rare event. But the current Atlas has shown that Common Raven has made an amazing expansion across the piedmont in the Northern Region and into the coastal plain (east of the I-95 corridor) with breeding confirmed at multiple Fairfax County sites plus nesting in Prince William County. (MCB Quantico).

We learned of the possible extirpation of Marsh Wren from Dyke Marsh where breeding was confirmed by a single complete nest in 2017 (many nests were historically found at this site) but no reports were listed for 2018 and 2019 and only one summer report in 2020. On the positive side, Marsh Wren occurrence in the Great Marsh of Mason Neck was noted for multiple years and a probable breeding code was obtained. Prior surveys of this marsh may have been hampered by access issues due to its large size and lack of trails.

Vesper Sparrow was a scattered and very uncommon breeder in the first Atlas with 12 blocks exhibiting Vesper Sparrow detection in the Northern Region. The species is essentially gone from our Region now with the closest breeding location outside of Culpeper (Culpeper East SE).

Blue-winged Warbler was thought gone due to habitat loss at the power line cut/Butterfly Alley area of Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Education but breeding was confirmed close by in the field near the Sawmill Rd parking lot. Yet, this species has contracted as the first Atlas detected 5 blocks with Blue-winged Warbler in the Northern Region.

The added Atlas effort greatly improved our understanding of Cerulean Warbler range from Sperryville to the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Education. Not including the Skyline Drive access points, breeding was confirmed in 5 blocks, probable in 4 blocks and possible in 4 blocks.

Improved understanding on the breeding range of other warblers was obtained. For example, Kentucky Warbler used to be a widespread uncommon/common breeder across the Northern Region; now it is rarely encountered. And, we learned that the Aquia Landing/Raven Road/Crow's Nest area is an excellent warbler area



Cerulean Warbler gathering food near the end of Bean Hollow Road, Chester Gap SE, Rapahannock County



Pair of fledged Brown Trashers waiting for food at Little Georgetown Cemetary, Thoroughfare Gap CW, Fauquier County

with at least 11 possible breeders (including Kentucky Warbler!).

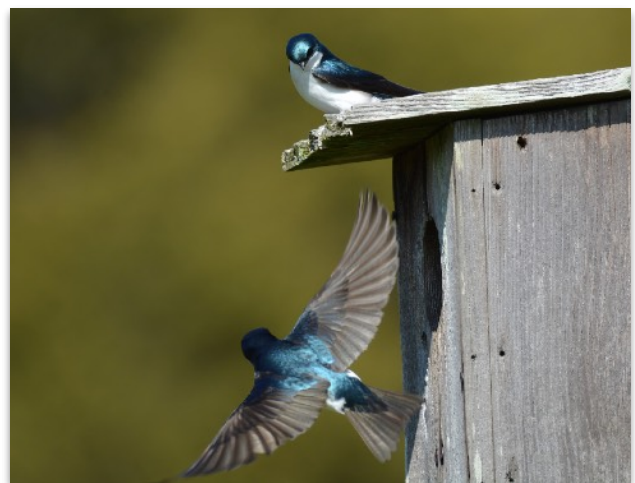
Summer Tanager breeding seems to have remained steady with about 6 confirmed blocks in the current Atlas (similar to first Atlas) and 20 or more blocks having probable or possible determinations.

Doing the Atlas resulted in many interesting stories, most of which have never been told. For example, while taking photos of a Wild Turkey I was met by a person who complained I was taking photos of private property! Or another time when David Ledwith and I were stuck on Freezeland/Fire Road in the Thompson WMA area as my second, smaller car battery died. (Hybrid vehicles have two batteries, and the smaller one does not get recharged like the main batteries. I never knew that!)

And thanks to the careful documentation of a multitude of observers, you can extract information on breeding birds down to the street level using the eBird Virginia Atlas portal, <https://ebird.org/atlasva/home>.

Finally, let me extend a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who put in their valuable time making this a very successful Atlas!

—Kurt Gaskill
Article and photographs



Tree Swallows claiming a nest box at Meadowood Recreation Area, Fort Belvoir CW, Fairfax County

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If you miss an issue of *The Siskin* or need to report an address or ZIP Code change, please send an email message to lgmeade@gmail.com or leave a message for Elizabeth Fenton at 703-533-0851.

Please note: NVBC does not exchange, give away, or sell its membership lists.

NVBC ON THE WEB

Current information and special notices about NVBC meetings, field trips, and other activities, along with a printable membership form, are posted on the club's website, www.nvabc.org. If you have information or pictures you would like to see on the website, please email the webmaster, Jeremy Beck at jghyll+nvabc@gmail.com.

NVBC eMail Exchange

By participating in the club's email exchange, you can get email notices of late updates to *The Siskin* and the field trip schedule. To join the exchange, send an email to lgmeade@gmail.com. Put "EXCHANGE" in the subject field and your full name in the message area. You will receive a response from nvbc-exchange@googlegroups.com. The list is for NVBC members' use only.

General Meeting Dates: November 19, 2020, February TBA, and April TBA, 2021.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2020, 7:30 pm. To join Zoom board meeting or to have items put on the agenda, please email lgmeade@gmail.com.

Thanks to the mailing crew: Many thanks to the August mail out crew: Elizabeth Fenton and Joanna Taylor and her family.

Deadline for next issue of *The Siskin*: The February issue will include activities through April 2021. Please send items for publication by

January 1, 2021, to the editors at siskineditor@verizon.net.

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