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Cape May Fall Weekend

After a two-year hiatus, we will return to Cape May, New Jersey this fall. Our fall trip to Cape May will be held from October 22 to 24, 2022. We will be hanging out at the world-famous Cape May Hawk Watch, Morning Flight and visiting other local hotspots such as the Meadows, Higbee Beach and the Cape May Bird Observatory. We will start at 3 pm on Friday and finish up Sunday afternoon with a semi-pelagic on the Cape May Ferry (2:30 pm).

Space is limited to 20 people. NVBC membership and registration is required. Registration will open up on Monday, September 12 at 12 noon. If you would like to participate, please email uberlarry@aol.com no sooner than that date and time.

Our hotel for the weekend will be the Sea Crest Inn. A group rate will be negotiated later in July or August. The rate information will be provided to people who sign up for the trip. You will be required to mail a deposit within 7 days of making the reservation. This hotel does not serve breakfast but many of the rooms have a

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NVBC GENERAL MEETING—THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 8 PM

From Zero to 9600 - A Life of Birding

Speaker: Peter Kaestner

Peter Kaestner is a retired American diplomat and fanatical birder who is now the leading eBirder in the world in terms of number of species observed (9,473 as of July 1, 2022). His career has taken him all over the world including posts in India, Egypt, Brazil, Guatemala, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Colombia, Malaysia, Germany, Afghanistan, and Namibia. After retiring from the State Department in 2016, he now resides near Baltimore and leads bird tours with Rockjumper. He has seen at least one species of all 260 living families of birds, after becoming the first to achieve this feat in 1986 (when there were only 159 recognized families!). In 1989, while returning from a work visit to Villavicencio, Colombia, he discovered a species new to science, the Cundinamarca Antpitta (*Grallaria kaestneri*). He highlighted this experience in his 2nd presentation before the NVBC back in 2011. This presentation will be about recent birding and plans for the future, with some time allowed to take questions from the audience.



(Above) *Cundinamarca antpitta*
photographed by Peter Kaestner

(Left) Peter Kaestner and the Blue-footed
Booby photographed by Kimberly Kaestner

Early bird refreshments start at 7:30 pm. Any contributions of food or beverage will be most gratefully received. There will be a drawing for door prizes. Northern Virginia Bird Club pins will be available for members who would like to buy them (\$5 each).

MEETING PLACE: St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, 22207. Directions are on page 5.

Presidential Peentings

Technology has transformed our lives in recent years. Birding is no exception as smartphones, digital cameras, Birdcast, and eBird all have changed the way that we bird. Merlin is a popular app that more and more birders are starting to use. It has been used for several years as a way for birders to identify birds with photos. Now a new sound ID feature has been added. All you have to do is hold your phone up and Merlin will tell you what birds it is hearing. I have used it to confirm the identifications of birds that I am hearing or to look for birds Merlin claims that it is hearing. At Huntley Meadows, I heard a bird singing in the parking lot. I thought that it sounded like a Canada Warbler and Merlin sound ID confirmed it. A minute later, a beautiful Canada Warbler popped out of the bushes. However, as with any new technology, there can be pitfalls. I strongly believe that Merlin sound ID is a great tool, but it should not be



diagnostic. In other words, birders should not be putting a sighting of a bird on their eBird list that they only identified because of Merlin and never actually saw or even heard themselves. This is especially true if the bird is flagged on eBird as rare. I have seen some very strange species show up on rare bird alerts because of people doing this. Birding is fun and if you use eBird, there is the added advantage of contributing to scientific knowledge. Merlin can help us find and identify the birds that we want to see, but it needs to be utilized in the way that it was intended. Happy birding!

—Larry Meade

Singing Prothonotary Warbler at Magee Marsh photographed by Neal Gause

Cape May from p. 1

kitchenette. The hotel is in walking distance of the beach pavilion that is our typical Saturday morning destination:

SEA CREST MOTOR INN
101 Beach Avenue
Cape May, NJ 08024
Phone: 609-884-4561 or
866-733-1405
Website: www.seacrestinn.com

To make a reservation, after we have confirmed you as a participant, please call the Sea Crest Inn and provide your name and phone number and let them know you are with the Northern Virginia Bird Club. You will be asked to mail a personal check or money order within 7 days of calling. On the check enter the dates you will be staying and NVBC. You will be mailed a reservation confirmation.

—Gerco Hoogeweg and Larry Meade



Chincoteague Bird Photographs

Below photographs of Red Knot and White-winged Scoter by Libby Lyons

Below left photograph of Black-bellied Plover by Seth Honig



Spring Weekend Trip: Chincoteague, May 20 - 22, 2022

The goal was clear as we started the last activity of our NVBC Chincoteague Spring Weekend. We had already been lucky finding a good number of shorebird species through Saturday, but despite our efforts, we had missed finding two “gettable” shorebirds -- Red Knot and Marbled Godwit. Thus, we started our Sunday morning boat trip with Daisey’s Island Cruises on the Chincoteague Inlet with hope and anticipation. Our boat traveled out to Fishing Point at the south entrance to Tom’s Cove where there is an expanse of beach habitat. It took a while sifting through the turnstones, dowitchers and plovers, and just as we had run out of habitat to survey, a Red Knot in breeding plumage was spotted. One target shorebird found! Traveling back to Black Point Landing we encountered a male Surf Scoter and then a female White-winged Scoter – unusual to see these sea ducks so late in May.

As we were slowly cruising along Black Point Landing Marsh picking through the Whimbrels, we came up upon a large brown shorebird sleeping on one foot with its head turned around and the bill tucked in its back feathers. We kept getting closer and closer but still had no sure ID of the bird. Finally, the bird woke up – the bill was long and slightly upturned -- Marbled Godwit! To much cheering, our second target shorebird was finally found! As the boat turned around heading back towards the marina, we spotted a large, dark bird beached up on the shore of the marsh. We finally got a good viewing angle of the bird and discovered that it was a male Black Scoter. As trip participant Joan Mashburn had coined it, we had achieved a scoter ‘trifecta’ – remarkable for the month of May.

This was crowning of many highlights that members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club experienced on our return spring trip to Chincoteague over the weekend of May 20 to 22. With the efforts of co-leader Larry Meade and many sharp-eyed observers, we collectively found 90 plus species for the weekend.

The weekend had started Friday afternoon with a drive around the Wildlife Loop at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Shore-birding along the Wildlife Loop is getting increasingly difficult since the

grasses have grown significantly, leaving not much remaining mud flat habitat. Despite this, we found Dunlins, Short-billed Dowitchers, Willets, Least and Semipalmated Sandpipers, a Greater Yellowlegs, as well as long-legged waders such as Little Blue Heron, Snowy Egrets, and Glossy Ibis. We then drove to the south beach parking lot to a location inside Tom’s Cove where we found previously scouted Piping Plovers. An interesting interaction occurred between a Piping Plover and a Ghost Crab whereby the crab had dug up some sand while the plover attempted to search for food down in the depression – the crab was none too pleased with the plover.

Our evening outing to find the Chuck-will’s-widow at sunset on Friday night was successful for hearing the “Chucks,” but not very successful seeing them. Only a few observers managed to get tantalizingly quick looks at the birds before they disappeared into the dark.

Saturday morning’s activities began with a walk along the boardwalk near the hotel. We enjoyed excellent views of a Clapper Rail as it was preening after it had bathed, and a handsome, breeding plumage Black-bellied Plover. The morning visit to the refuge netted Cattle Egrets with their beautiful apricot colors. In the afternoon, we drove around the Wildlife Loop, and luckily, another group of birders alerted us to the presence of White-rumped Sandpipers. We found them and obtained lengthy looks at these sandpipers which turned out to be the rarest shorebird find of the weekend.

—Elton Morel



*Chincoteague photographs by
Seth Honig from top:*

*Marbled Godwit
Piping Plover and Ghost Crab
White-rumped Sandpiper*

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 on 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/updated-field-trips/>.
- To receive email notices, join the NVBC eMail Exchange. For sign-up directions see back page of *The Siskin*.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <u>August</u> | | | | | | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Trip Leaders Jeremy Beck 703-517-1816 Dave Boltz 703-599-8305 Larry Cartwright 703-941-3142 Kurt Gaskill 703-768-2172 Toby Hardwick 703-201-1517 Gerco Hoogeweg 540-822-5857 Ken Hunt 319-354-1079 Steve Johnson 703-463-7756 Ed Legrand 908-268-6627 Larry Meade 571-275-2523 Mer Mietzelfeld 607-643-8307 Elton Morel 703-907-9951 Tom Nardone 703-946-7738 Phil Silas 703-987-0817 Dixie Sommers 703-969-7931 Joanna Taylor 703-243-5989 Ed Wallace 504-343-1433 </div> | | | | | | 13 8 AM Bombay Hook X-Trip Members only/ Registration Required Larry Meade |
| | | | | | | 20 7:30 AM Huntley Meadows Ed Wallace Mer Mietzelfeld |
| | | | | | | 27 8 AM Shenandoah River Campus at Cool Springs Battlefield Elton Morel Dave Boltz |
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| 4 7:15 PM Swift/Nighthawk Watch Joanna Taylor <u>Call leader for meeting</u> <u>place and directions</u> | | | 7 8:30 AM Long branch Tom Nardone Dixie Sommers | | | 10 7:30 AM Leesylvania SP Phil Silas Ken Hunt |
| | | | 14 8:30 AM Algonkian RP Elton Morel Dave Boltz | | | 17 7:30 AM Clifton Institute Andrew Eberly Elton Morel |
| | | | 21 8:30 AM Fort C F Smith Jeremy Beck | 22 NVBC Meeting 8 PM | | 24 7:30 AM Occoquan Bay NWR Phil Silas Ken Hunt |
| | | | 28 8:30 AM Cub Run Stream Valley Park Elton Morel | | | <u>October 1</u> 8 AM Aquia Landing Beach Park Elton Morel Kurt Gaskill |
| | | | 5 8:30 AM Long Branch Jeremy Beck Larry Cartwright | | | 8 8 AM Leopold's Preserve Toby Hadwick Ed Legrand |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <u>October</u> | | | 12 8:30 AM Neabsco Regional Park Boardwalk Phil Silas | | | 15 8 AM Bristoe Station Battlefield Park Toby Hardwick |
| | | 18 8:30 AM Laurel Hill Equestrian Center Phil Silas | | | 21 - 23 NVBC Cape May Weekend <i>Reservations required/ Members only</i> Gerco Hoogeweg Larry Meade | 22 8:15 AM Sky Meadows SP Elton Morel Ed Legrand |
| | | | 26 8:30 AM Meadowood Recreation Area Larry Cartwright Tom Nardone | | | 29 8 AM Sully Woodlands <i>Note carpool directions</i> Elton Morel Steve Johnson |
| <u>November</u> | | | 2 8:30 AM Long Branch Tom Nardone Dixie Sommers | | | 5 8 AM Silver Lake RP Toby Hardwick Ed Legrand |

DIRECTIONS

NVBC Meeting (9/22) St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Ln, Arlington 22207, at the intersection of Lorcom Ln and Military Rd. From the intersection of Spout Run Pkwy and Lorcom Ln, go about a half mile on Lorcom to the second traffic light. Turn left onto Military and enter the first driveway on the right. There is some parking near the Church's back entrance and a bigger lot up the driveway. There is on-street parking. Enter at the back door facing Military Rd which leads to the Undercroft where the meeting is held.

Algonkian Regional Park (9/14) 47001 Fairway Dr, Sterling 20165 From I-495, take Rt 7 west 11 miles (mi.) to Cascades Pkwy north and drive 3 mi. to the park entrance. Proceed on Fairway Dr turning left onto Volcano Island Dr, then turn right into parking lot. Meet at the parking lot beside restrooms and Park Shelter 1.

Aquia Landing Beach Park (10/1) 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.

Bombay Hook X-trip (8/13) Take Rt 50 across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Go north 34 mi. on Rt 301. Turn right at Rt 300. Go 15 mi. to Kenton, Delaware. At the traffic light, turn right on Rt 42 to Leipsic. From there go left on Rt 9 for 1.5 mi. to the entrance of the refuge. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot.

Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park (10/15) 10708 Bristow Rd, Bristow, VA 20136. From I-95: Take Rt 234 north (exit 152B), travel 7.5 mi. and make a left onto Independent Hill Dr. Then make immediate right onto Rt 619 (Bristow Rd). Travel 7 mi. and turn left onto Iron Brigade Unit Ave. The parking lot is located on the left at the traffic circle. From I-66: Take Rt 234 south (Exit 44). Travel 4.5 miles and turn right onto Rt 28 (Nokesville Rd). Travel 1.5 mi. and

turn left onto Rt 619 (Bristow Rd). Travel 0.25 mi., turn right onto Iron Brigade Unit Ave and continue to parking lot. Meet in parking lot.

Clifton Institute (9/17) 6712 Blantyre Rd, Warrenton 20187 Take 1-66 West to exit 40, to merge onto US-15 south towards Haymarket (0.4 mi), then turn right onto VA-55 West. Drive 5 mi. and turn left onto Blantyre Rd. Proceed 5.6 mi. and then turn right on to a dirt road. Drive northwest for about 0.5 mi. between two lakes and park in the parking lot below the main house. Meet outside the house.

Conway Robinson State Forest (9/3) 12816 Lee Hwy, Gainesville 20155 From I-495, take I-66 west 27.6 mi. to exit 43B, US-29 North in Gainesville. Continue on US-29 for 0.4 mi, turn left into access road to parking area. There is a small parking area adjacent Route 29-S which can accommodate approximately 10 cars. Additional parking is permitted along the entrance/exit road unless it restricts through traffic.

Cub Run Stream Valley Park (9/28) From the junction of I-66 and I-495, follow I-66 W to US 29 S in Centreville. Take exit 52 from I-66W.

Trip Directions *from page 5*

Cub Run Stream Valley Park (continued) Turn right onto US 29 S, go 1.5 mi. and turn right onto Pleasant Valley Rd (State Rt 609), go 0.9 mi. and turn right onto Blueridge View Dr, go 0.3 mi. and turn right onto Hidden Canyon Rd, go 0.3 mi. and turn left onto Stillfield Pl, go 0.3 mi to 15077 Stillfield Pl on the left. Park in the neighborhood side streets nearest the front of 15077 Stillfield Pl. Meet at the entrance to the park to the left of the house at 15077. Avoid any parking that blocks driveways. There are several spots along the trail that could be under water. If there have been recent rains, recommend wearing mud boots or waterproof shoes.

Fort C F Smith (9/21) 2411 24th St N, Arlington 22207 From I-66 east, take exit 72 (Spout Run Pkwy). At traffic light, turn right on Lee Hwy. At successive traffic lights turn left onto Spout Run Pkwy, then left onto Lorcom Ln, then right onto Fillmore St. Go one block on Fillmore, turn right onto N. 24th St (watch for speed humps), and continue to park on left. Meet in parking lot at east end of park.

Huntley Meadows Park (8/20) 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria 22306 From I-495, take Rt 1 south 3 mi. to Lockheed Blvd. Right on Lockheed; go 0.5 mi. to Harrison Ln, park entrance on left. Meet in parking lot.

Laurel Hill Equestrian Center (10/18) Lorton From I-495, take I-95 south about 13 mi. to exit 163 (Lorton Rd). Continue 1.4 mi. west on Rt 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.

Leesylvania State Park (9/10) 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 turn-around circle at fishing pier. State fee area.

Leopold's Preserve (10/8) 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 (9/7, 10/5, 11/2) 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.

Meadowood Recreation Area (10/26) 10406 Gunston Rd, Lorton, VA 22079 From I-495, take I-95 south 7 mi. to Lorton exit. Left on Rt 642. Immediately after passing under railroad tracks (0.25 mi.) turn right on Lorton Market Rd, which soon becomes Gunston Cove Rd. After crossing Rt 1, road becomes Gunston Rd. Go 1.8 miles to Meadowood on right. (BLM, Lower Potomac Station Office). Park on right next to horse barns just before field station building.

Neabsco Regional Park Boardwalk (10/12) 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 exit 156A for Rt 784 east toward Rippon Landing. Continue 0.7 mi. cross Rt 1 where Dale Blvd becomes Rippon Blvd and continue down the hill another 0.4 mi. to the traffic light and turn right on Blackburn Rd. The park parking lot is then 0.2 mi. on the left.

Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge (9/24) 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.

Shenandoah River Campus at Cool Springs Battlefield (8/27) From I-495, take VA-267 West (Dulles Toll Road) to Leesburg for 36.8 mi. Take exit 1A and merge onto US-15 South/ VA-7 West/Leesburg Bypass for 3.3 mi. Continue straight to stay on VA7 West for 17.1 mi. After passing Snicker's Gap but just before the Shenandoah River Bridge, turn right at Parker Lane (F709) then go 1.4 mi. to the parking lot. To avoid the toll, from

I-495 take VA-7 West (Leesburg Pike) to Leesburg for 47.2 mi. After passing Snicker's Gap but just before the Shenandoah River Bridge, turn right at Parker Lane, then go 1.4 mi. to the parking lot.

Silver Lake Park (11/5) 16198 Silver Lake Rd, Haymarket 20169 From I-495, take I-66 west 24 miles to exit 40 (Rt 15). Turn south onto Rt 15 (toward Haymarket) and go 0.3 mi. to Rt 55. Turn right onto Rt 55 and go 0.9 miles 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.

Sky Meadows State Park (10/22) 11012 Edmonds Ln, Delaplane 20144 From I-495, take I-66 west 42 mi. to exit for Rt 17 north (Delaplane/Paris). Go north on Rt 17 6.5 mi. to Rt 710. Turn left into park and proceed 1 mi. to Visitor Center parking lot. State fee area.

Sully Woodlands (10/29)

Special directions for Sully Woodlands October 29, 2022

The club is discouraging birders from parking at the entrance to Sully Woodlands on the curved, busy Pleasant Valley Rd. Instead, we are meeting and carpooling from Rock Hill District Park, which is only 4 minutes away. A Fairfax County Park Manager will be opening the gate for 10 cars from NVBC, under special permission..

Directions to Rock Hill District Park, 15150 Old Lee Rd, Chantilly: Take I-66 West to Chantilly, exit 53B, take 28 N/Sully Rd, merge onto Westfields Blvd via the ramp to Rt 662 W. In 0.8 miles, turn right onto Stonecroft Blvd. Go 1.3 miles, turn left onto Old Lee Rd. Rock Hill District Park is on left.

Carpool To Sully Woodlands, 5320 Pleasant Valley Rd. Leaving park, turn right onto Old Lee Rd, go 0.3 miles, turn right onto Rt 620/ Braddock Rd, at traffic circle, take 3rd exit onto Rt 609/Pleasant Valley Rd. Go 0.6 miles, take dirt road to right and drive down path to barn area.

Club Donations: Second Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas and Education Fund Activity

From 2016 to 2020, the Second Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas was a statewide effort to document information about Virginia's breeding birds. Many of our club members were among over 1,400 volunteers who collected data focused on geographic distribution of species, population densities, and types of breeding behavior observed. This is the largest citizen science project in the state's history, gathering 5.5 million field observations.

A key sponsor of the Atlas is the Virginia Society of Ornithology (VSO), which has partnered with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources and Virginia Tech to analyze the data and to present the results in a free, accessible, and understandable form to conservation groups, policy makers and the general public. The estimated cost for this project is \$274,000 over the next 4 to 5 years. The VSO has already provided over \$89,000 to Atlas activities.

The VSO has asked for donations from its member clubs across Virginia, including NVBC, in an effort to reach the publication goals. Our Club Board has voted to support this effort at the requested pledge of \$500 a year for four years. At this donation level, our club will be sponsoring our mascot, the Pine Siskin. In pledging this support we are contributing to the creation of descriptions, illustrations and an attractive website for Virginia's birds.

The Club intends to support this pledge with donations made to the club in 2022 and the next few years. If you want to support the Atlas publication, you can donate to the club via a check or through the website using Paypal. This way, we can make this rich data collection available for future birders, scientists, and conservation work. For more information, see <https://www.virginiabirds.org/about-vabba2>.

The Board also voted to continue the Club's \$500 donation for 2022 to the Community Cloud Forest Conservation in Guatemala. We anticipate continuing this support in the future through the Val Kitchens Education Grant funds, using additional donations and Club reserves. See <https://cloudforestconservation.org/>

—Jean Tatalias

Additional Chincoteague Photographs



Cattle Egret photographed by Seth Honig



Clapper Rail photographed by Seth Honig

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** Visit the Friends of Dyke Marsh web site, www.fodm.org
- **Great Falls National Park, Sundays, 8 am** Meet in front of snack/concession stand at the Park Visitor Center.
- **Huntley Meadows Park, Mondays, 7 am (Apr-Oct) 8 am (Nov-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, beginning May 6 to October 7.** Meet at the Nature Center parking lot off Jeffrey Road. No fee but call Riverbend Park at 703-759-9018 to register. Leader: Robin Duska

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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: September 22, 2022 and November 17, 2022, February 16 and April 20, 2023.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2022, 7:30 pm. To join the Zoom board meeting or to have items put on the agenda, please email lgmeade@gmail.com.

Deadline for next issue of *The Siskin*: The November issue will include activities through January 2023. Please send items for publication by **October 1, 2022** to the editors at nvbcisiskineditor@gmail.com.

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