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## Election of NVBC Officers for 2023-2025

*April 20, 2023 General Meeting*

Officers and directors will be elected to serve two-year terms beginning July 1, 2023. As of March 24, the following people have agreed to be candidates:

**President:** Larry Meade

**Vice President, Programs:** Phil Silas

**Vice President, Field Activities:** Elton Morel

**Secretary:** Diane Marton

**Treasurer:** Jean Tatalias

**Directors:** Jeremy Beck, Joan

Mashburn. **Note: Board has three director positions therefore at least one more nominee is needed.**

*Submit nominations via email to nvbsiskineditor@gmail.com by April 5, 2023. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor.*

**General Meeting Notes:** 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.

NVBC GENERAL MEETING—THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 8 PM

## Niche Partitioning in the Vangidae Family of Birds in Masoala National Park, Madagascar

*Speaker: Nick Newberry*

**J**oin Nick Newberry as he presents on his time researching the Vangas of Masoala National Park, Madagascar. He studied the foraging ecology of these charismatic passerines in one of the largest intact tracts of primary rainforest remaining in Madagascar. In addition to the birds, Nick will share stories from his time in the field, including tales of rosewood-related corruption, traditional burial ceremonies, and signs of hope in a dire conservation situation.

*Photograph by Nick Newberry of Helmet Vanga*



Nick is a longtime Northern Virginia resident, as well as an alumnus and current co-leader of the Northern Virginia Teen Bird Club. Since his time as a teen in the club, he has been mentored by renowned teacher and past NVBC presenter Fred Atwood. He earned a degree in Biology and Environmental Science & Policy at William & Mary. He spent a college semester abroad in Madagascar, the main topic of his presentation. Since graduation he worked as an environmental scientist performing surveys for bats, plants, wetlands, herpetofauna, and birds, among a wide variety of other tasks. He currently teaches biology, environmental science, marine biology, and ecology to high school students at the Highland School in Warrenton. Nick also has collaborated with other experienced birders to create a growing and very helpful website called BirdingVirginia.org.

## ***Presidential Peentings***

**W**hat does it take to make a bird club fun, engaging and educational? Birds of course! But, I would argue that the people in the club are even more important. We are really fortunate to have a group of people in the Northern Virginia Bird Club who not only care about birds, but also are willing and able to do what it takes to make our club successful. I am thankful for all of you. Our field trips are our signature activity and Elton Morel does an amazing job of organizing trips, making our field trip calendars and recruiting trip leaders. Phil Silas has been very effective in organizing our general membership meetings and finding our speakers. Jean Tatalias, our treasurer, keeps track of the money and issues detailed reports to tell us where we are financially. Diane Marton, our secretary, keeps meticulous minutes of our meetings and her husband Warren sets up the technology at our general meetings. Elizabeth Fenton is indispensable as she keeps track of our membership. Elizabeth, along with Jan Kool handle our NVBC Exchange and Ally Guidry helps out with our Facebook page. Jeremy Beck, a director, is our webmaster and runs the Zoom for our board meetings. Joan Mashburn, another one of our directors, has been a huge asset for NVBC. She found a new printer for the Siskin who has worked out well and

she has used her accounting skills to do some long range financial projections for the club, I also appreciate how she keeps track of both the birds and the birders on the walks she attends. Of course our Siskin editors, Pat and Neal Gause, do an amazing job in putting together the Siskin four times a year. In addition to all of the people that I have mentioned, I should also acknowledge how excellent our trip leaders and participants are. Thanks everyone!

Finally, I will mention Joanna Taylor who has been an important repository of club institutional knowledge which is much appreciated. She is currently a director and has been involved in NVBC in various roles for many years. She is also well known for her role as a bird bander at Occoquan Bay NWR. Birders always enjoy visiting the banding station where they learn about bird banding and may even get a chance to hold a just-banded bird before it is released. Thank you, Joanna, for all that you have done for us! With her current term ending in July, Joanna is stepping down as a director, but will still be involved in NVBC and present at our general meetings.

Please let us know if you are aware of anyone interested in taking on the role of director on the Northern Virginia Bird Club board.

**—Larry Meade**

## **Winter Northern Neck Trip**

One of my favorite NVBC trips of the winter season is our annual January foray to the Northern Neck of Virginia, the area east of Fredericksburg near the Potomac River. At our first stop at Lagrange Lane in King George County, we were greeted by chilly, but not bone-chilling temperatures. The large ponds on both sides of us were filled with ducks of various kinds, along with Tundra Swans and Pied-billed Grebes. We also enjoyed seeing Bald Eagles and hawks. Next, we moved on to George Washington's Birthplace to enjoy lunch at the picnic tables near the visitor's center. As we walked around the grounds, we stopped at a spot overlooking Pope's Creek. We noticed a large flock of far off shorebirds flying around and landing on some small islands. A couple of birders were able to photograph them with long lenses

revealing the double bands on their breasts. Killdeer! Soon after that, a group of large white birds flying in formation circled above us Swans? Snow Geese? No, American White Pelicans! Our last stop was nearby at Muse Road. Here we looked over the Potomac River where it is much wider than it is in Northern Virginia. We spotted a Common Goldeneye, Long-tailed Ducks, and a Common Loon. With fourteen duck species, it made for quite the ducky day.

**—Larry Meade**

White Pelicans in flight photographed by Larry Meade





# Chincoteague Winter Trip



The Northern Virginia Bird club visited Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) for the club's rain-shortened winter weekend from February 10 to 12. The group managed to collectively find 83 species for the weekend – not too bad given that we did not visit Kiptopeke State Park and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel (CBBT) on Sunday (more on that later).

Our Friday afternoon visit to the refuge started at Swan Cove because the water levels were low enough to hold shorebirds. There we found a small flock of Marbled Godwits plus a Ruddy Turnstone and several Semipalmated Plovers mixed in with many Black-bellied Plovers, Short-billed Dowitchers and hundreds of Dunlins. Access to the beach continues to be restricted to just the north parking lot while the south parking lot was completely closed. At the north parking lot, Toby Hardwick spotted an adult Lesser Black-backed Gull while several Savannah Sparrows gave us obliging views. A quick drive around the Wildlife Loop before sunset yielded several species of waterfowl including our only Northern Pintails of the trip.

A tip from Joan Mashburn from the previous weekend led us to try for American Woodcocks at the horse corral and nearby Woodland Trail parking lot. We stood around for a while after sunset hoping we could find the woodcocks before being kicked out of the refuge for being there after sunset. Finally, at 6:02 p.m. we heard our first “peent” followed by more “peenting” from about six individuals. There were several display flights that were hard to see unless you were faced in the direction of the fading light.

Saturday morning's birding started on the boardwalk near the hotel where the highlight

was a cooperative Clapper Rail running around below the boardwalk as well as a flock of about 70 White Ibis distantly gliding into Assateague Channel. On our return visit to the refuge, we found two large flocks of Snow Geese, one of which we managed to get close enough to enjoy viewing for a while. A sharp-looking male Long-tailed Duck was also found quite close in the surf off the beach.

Saturday afternoon's birding started with a visit to Marv Rubin's feeders where we enjoyed excellent views of Red-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches while a Peregrine Falcon sailing high over the house qualified as a nice yard bird. A visit to Queens Sound Boat Ramp resulted in another Long-tailed Duck, several Common Goldeneyes, the usual American Oystercatchers, a Tricolored Heron, and a 100+ flock of Boat-tailed Grackles mostly consisting of females. A late afternoon return visit to the refuge ended in a long walk along the beach to view our only Black Scoters of the trip.

The forecast for heavy rains coupled with high winds on Sunday created uncertainty with our plans to visit the CBBT Sunday morning. The forecast did not improve by Saturday afternoon so we decided to cancel our visit and head for home on Sunday morning. While my wife Alyssa was driving us home in the rain, I looked at the radar at the time we were supposed to be on the CBBT – red and orange on the radar right over the island. I think we made the right choice!

—Elton Morel

Header photograph of NVBC  
birders by Toby Hardwick.

Photographs by Seth Honig:  
Savannah Sparrow  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Long-tailed Duck



## 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/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
<b><u>April</u></b>			<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Meadowood Recreation Area</b> Tom Nardone			<b>15</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Occoquan Bay NWR</b> Phil Silas
<b>Trip Leaders</b>  Jeremy Beck      703-517-1816 Toby Hardwick    703-201-1517 Bert Harris        615-440-0666 Ed LeGrand        908-268-6627 Larry Meade        571-275-2523 Mer Metzfeld      607-643-8307 Beth Moore        703-989-2563 Elton Morel        703-907-9951 Tom Nardone       703-946-7738 Phil Silas          703-987-0817 Dixie Sommers     703-969-7931 Ed Wallace         504-343-1433			<b>19</b> <b>8:30AM</b> <b>Dyke Marsh</b> Dixie Sommers	<b>20</b> <b>NVBC Meeting</b> <b>8 PM</b>		<b>22</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Leopold's Preserve</b> Ed LeGrand Toby Hardwick
			<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Fort C. F. Smith</b> Jeremy Beck			<b>29</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Clifton Institute</b> Bert Harris Elton Morel
			<b><u>May 3</u></b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Long Branch</b> Dixie Sommers Tom Nardone			<b>6</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Leesylvania SP</b> Larry Meade Ed Wallace
			<b>10</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Huntley Meadows Hike/Bike Trail</b> Dixie Sommers Jeremy Beck			<b>13</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Trillium Trail</b> Elton Morel Beth Moore
			<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Fort CF Smith</b> Jeremy Beck		<b>May 19-21</b> Chincoteague Spring Weekend <i>Members only/reservations required</i> <i>Sign up began March 15 @6 am</i> Elton Morel	
						<b>20</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Occoquan Bay NWR</b> Dixie Sommers Larry Meade
			<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Neabsco RP - Boardwalk</b> Phil Silas			<b>27</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Conway-Robinson SF</b> Toby Hardwick Phil Silas
			<b>31</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Huntley Meadows Park</b> Jeremy Beck Tom Nardone	<b><u>June</u></b>		<b>3</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> <b>Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park</b> Ed LeGrand Phil Silas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>June</u></b>			<b>7</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> <b>Long Branch</b> Tom Nardone			<b>10</b> <b>8 AM</b> <b>Clarks Crossing Park -</b> <b>Bluebird Trail</b> Larry Meade Mer Mietzelfeld
						<b>17</b> <b>9 AM</b> <b>Limberlost Trail,</b> <b>Shenandoah NP X-trip</b> Elton Morel Beth Moore Email Elton Morel for details (eltonlmorel@verizon.net)
			<b>21</b> <b>9 AM</b> <b>Meadowood</b> <b>Recreation Area -</b> <b>Mustang Trailhead</b> Birds, Butterflies & Dragonflies Larry Meade			

#### DIRECTIONS

**NVBC Meeting (4/20) 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.

**Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park (6/3)** 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 mi. 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.

**Clarks Crossing Park - Bluebird Trail (6/10)** 9850 Clarks Crossing Rd, Vienna 22182 From I-495, exit onto Chain Bridge Rd (Rt 123) toward Vienna. Continue on Maple Avenue (still Rt 123) in Vienna, turn onto Beulah Rd. Continue for about 1 mile until left turn onto Clarks Crossing Road. Continue to the end of Clarks Crossing and park at the parking lot overlooking the W&OD Trail.

**Clifton Institute (4/29)** 6712 Blantyre Rd, Warrenton 20187 Take I-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 0.3 mi. to the first lake and park in the parking lot on the left. Meet your leader at this parking lot. Please do not drive up to the house and park there.

**Conway-Robinson State Forest (5/27)** 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 .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.

**Dyke Marsh (4/19)** 6401 George Washington Memorial Pkwy, Alexandria 22307 (Belle Haven Park and Marina). From Alexandria, take George Washington Pkwy south. Cross I-495, continue 1.2 mi. to Belle Haven Park entrance on the left. Meet at south parking lot.

**Fort C. F. Smith (4/26, 5/17)** 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 bumps), and continue to park on left. Meet in parking lot at east end of park.

**Huntley Meadows Hike & Bike Trail (5/10)** From I-495, take Rt 1 south 0.5 mi to Rt 633 (S. King Hwy). Turn right (west), go 2.5 mi. to park entrance and lot on left (just before Telegraph Rd).



## Trip Directions

**Huntley Meadows Park (5/31)** 3701 Lockheed Blvd, Alexandria 22306 From I-495, take Rt 1 south 3 mi. to Lockheed Blvd. Turn right on Lockheed and go 0.5 mi. to Harrison Ln to park entrance on left. Meet in parking lot.

**Leesylvania State Park (5/6)** 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 (4/22)** 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 (5/3, 6/7)** 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 (4/12)** 10406 Gunston Rd, Lorton 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.

**Meadowood Recreation Area-Mustang Trail (6/21)** 10702 Harley Rd, Lorton 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 about 2.5 miles passing main Meadowood entrance on right. Turn right on Harley Rd and then an immediate right into the Mustang Trailhead parking lot

**Neabsco Regional Park - Boardwalk (5/24)** 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 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 (4/15, 5/20)** 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 at the parking lot.

**Trillium Trail-G. Richard Thompson Wildlife Management Area (5/13)** (Fauquier Co) From I-495, take I-66 west 51 mi. to Linden exit (Rt 79). Go left (south) from exit ramp on Rt 79 approx. 1000 ft. to Rt 55. Turn left (east) onto Rt 55; go 1.2 mi. to Rt 638 (Freezeland Rd). Turn left (north) onto Rt 638. Follow Rt 638, as it bears right, 5.3 mi. to Trillium Trail Parking Area on right

## Bird Walks at Parks

- **Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, second Saturdays, 8 am** Meet at the parking lot. Visit the Loudoun Wildlife web site. [www.loudounwildlife.org/events/](http://www.loudounwildlife.org/events/)
- **Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, fourth Saturday, 8 am** Meet at Education Center. [www.loudounwildlife.org/events/](http://www.loudounwildlife.org/events/)
- **Dyke Marsh, Sundays, 8 am** Visit the Friends of Dyke Marsh web site, [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org)
- **Great Falls National Park, Sundays, 8 am** Meet in the main parking lot near 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/events/index.html#birds](http://www.pwconserve.org/events/index.html#birds)
- **Riverbend Park, first and third Fridays, 8 am, beginning April 7 to October 20.** 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

—look for sign on kiosk. (Parking Area is just before radio towers.)  
**Note:** participant must have an **access permit** issued by VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov), 1-866-721-6911.

Sanderling at Chincoteague photographed by Seth Honig



## Birding in Colombia

Colombia boasts the largest number of bird species on earth. At present, the count stands at 1909 and continues to increase as more people bird Colombia. For decades, conflict made birding inaccessible but improved political stability and the 2016 peace accords with the FARC have allowed for expanded ecotourism.

In August, 2022, we flew to Bogota, met our guide Camilo Orjuela, and together took an internal flight to Mitú, the capital of Vaupés, a Department (equivalent of our States) in Southeastern Colombia in the Amazon Basin. Accessible only by plane, it is an enchanting bird rich destination and an immersion in another culture. It is a meeting point of several indigenous communities. The bird diversity reflects the many varied habitats including flooded white sand forest, dry brown sand forest, igneous rock forest, traditional tropical rainforest, and riparian habitat. The Vaupés species count is 652. Our local, indigenous guide Miguel knows them all. Bird calls are haunting in an environment virtually devoid of car and airplane noise. Many hotspots can be reached by tuk tuk like vehicles and short walks into and through indigenous communities. A few require truck rides down the one and only road that leads from town. Miguel, the antbird whisperer, respectfully shared colorful stories – why vultures eat carrion, what chairs the gods rest upon, where the belly button of the universe is located, why houses are built on stilts (to keep the jaguars out). He has a jaw-dropping ability to find birds. None of the hiking was challenging and remarkably, the basic hotel in which we stayed had AC. Though we had sprayed our clothes with Permethrin, took malarial prophylaxis, and had typhoid and hepatitis vaccines prior to travel, we found birding in Occoquan buggier.

We birded 6 days and saw 212 species, 153 of which were lifers. Highlights included 4 different species of Tinamous, 12 different hummingbird species, 10 different antbirds, 8 types of manakins, including 2 male golden-headed manakins “sliding” up and down branches practicing their mating dance. We saw 10 Guianan Cock-of-the-rocks, an Amazonian Umbrellabird, several eye-popping spangled cotingas, 12 different tanagers, and a Pavonine Quetzal.

Food and accommodations were simple yet comfortable. Wifi was available for uploading eBird lists provided you sat in one spot on one step leading out of the hotel. It was an astonishing experience and one we would highly recommend.

—Anne and Steven Bielamowicz

*Photographs by Anne Bielamowicz (from top right):*

*Spangled Cotinga*  
*Guianan Cock-of-the-rocks*  
*Amazonian Umbrellabird*  
*Striolated Manakin*

*(Note: additional trip photographs in online addendum)*



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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](mailto:lgmeade@gmail.com) or email Elizabeth Fenton at [emfenton@cox.net](mailto:emfenton@cox.net).

*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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nvbc-exchange@googlegroups.com). The list is for NVBC members' use only.

**General Meeting Dates:** April 20, September (tbd), and November (tbd), 2023.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, June 1, 2023, 7:30 pm. To join the Zoom board meeting or to have items put on the agenda, please email [lgmeade@gmail.com](mailto:lgmeade@gmail.com).

**Deadline for next issue of *The Siskin*:** The August issue will include activities through October 2023. Please send items for publication by **July 1, 2023** to the editors at [nvbcsiskineditor@gmail.com](mailto:nvbcsiskineditor@gmail.com).

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## Photographs from Birding in Colombia

By Anne Bielowicz



From above top: Black-headed Trogon  
Swallow-winged Puffbird  
Muiseno



*Golden-headed Manakins*

*Local Colombian guide, Miguel*





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## Chincoteague Trip Birds



*Seth Honig photographed the Marbled Godwits and 1 Willet in flight and Marbled Godwits foraging at Chincoteague on February 9, 2023.*



*Snow Geese on the beach at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge photographed by Toby Hardwick*

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Additional Photographs by Nick Newberry  
April 20, 2023 meeting speaker



*Nick Newberry in classroom*



*Madagascar Pygmy Nuthatch*



*European Whimbrel*