

KENT COUNTY BIRD CLUB

Our slate of officers this year has remained the same: Nancy Martin, President; Peter Mann, Vice President; Glenn Dulmage, Treasurer/Web Guru; and Walter Ellison, Secretary/ State MOS Director. Walter, Nancy and Peter share field trip planning and leadership responsibilities. Contact information is at the bottom of this page and on the field trip listing.

If you have any questions about meetings, trips, or any other bird-related issues, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your continued interest in the birds of Kent County and beyond.

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FALL FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE – AUGUST-DECEMBER 2006

All field trips will meet at the “Dollar General” parking lot (The old A&P, off Philosopher’s Terrace) in Chestertown unless otherwise specified. If you have questions, please contact the trip leaders. (Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin 410-778-9568, e-mail: rossgull@baybroadband.net or Peter Mann 410-648-5205, e-mail: pmann@epl-inc.com)

September 17 – (SUNDAY) – Field Trip: Fall Count. Full day. Help us count birds in as much of Kent County as possible in a single day; join a field party or cover your neighborhood. Contact one of the leaders for more information.

September 30 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 9:00 am. Hawk Watch, Eastern Neck Narrows. Spend all or part of the morning at the entrance to Eastern Neck Refuge counting accipiters, buteos, falcons and other migrants passing by.

October 8 – (SUNDAY) – Big Sit. A different kind of field trip: join us at the observation platform at Tubby Cove, Eastern Neck NWR to help tally all the birds seen from this single location. Drop by any time throughout the day.

October 22 – (SUNDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 am. Bombay Hook NWR, DE. Late shorebirds, herons, raptors and waterfowl in abundance. Full day. Bring Lunch.

November 11 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 7:00 am. Blackwater NWR, Dorchester County. Waterfowl, late shorebirds, Brown-headed Nuthatch, and raptors, featuring many eagles. Full day. Bring lunch.

December 17 – (SUNDAY) – Lower Kent County Christmas Bird Count. Full day of counting, followed by count down dinner. Contact compiler Nancy Martin for area assignments or more information.

FALL 2006 MEETING DATES

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in Wesley Hall at Heron Point, off East Campus Avenue, Chestertown. Light refreshments follow the program. The dates for the fall are:

September 12 – Hawk Migration and Identification, Nancy Martin
October 10 – Speaker to be determined
November 7 – Exploring India, Peter Mann and Nancy Everds
December 12 – Speaker to be determined

SPRING FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE – JANUARY-JUNE 2007

January 6– (SATURDAY) - Field Trip, 8:00 am. Kick off your birding year with a half-day at Eastern Neck NWR for waterfowl and winter land birds.

January 20 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 am. Ocean City, Worcester County. Winter specialties include gannet, sea ducks, alcids, gulls, Purple Sandpipers, and wintering passerines. Full day. Bring lunch and warm beverages.

February 11 – (SUNDAY) – Field Trip: Winter Count. Full day. Join the field crew or count in your neighborhood, anywhere in Kent County. Contact one of the leaders for more information.

February 24 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 am. Chesapeake Farms area. Half day. We will seek late winter waterfowl, raptors, and early spring migrants at this managed farm occupying the headwaters of the West Branch of Langford Creek.

March 17 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 7:00 am. Prime Hook NWR, DE. Early spring birding for waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, rails, and sparrows.

March 31 - (SATURDAY) – Field Trip: Owl Prowl. Meet at the Eastern Neck NWR Lodge at 6:00 pm. This field trip will hopefully bring us face to face with owls after an introduction to local species and their calls.

April 21 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 9:00 am. Beginner’s Bird Walk. An Earth Day walk geared toward beginning birders, but all are welcome. Meet at Eastern Neck NWR Headquarters. 2 hours.

April 28 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 am. Heron Point. A leisurely walk along the Chester River waterfront and wooded edges around the Heron Point community. 2 hours.

May 12 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip: May Count. An all-day effort to census all birds in Kent County. Join a field party or count in your neighborhood. Contact one of the leaders for details.

May 20 – (SUNDAY) – Field Trip, 7:00 am. Andelot Farm. An exemplary property with well-managed fields, woodlots, bay access, and small wetlands. Birdlife is diverse featuring Wild Turkey, Pileated Woodpecker, and several nesting warbler and vireo species.

June 2 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 7:00 am. Bluestem (Chino) Farm, Queen Anne's County. A large property managed sustainably for wildlife and agriculture featuring bobwhite, Grasshopper Sparrow, Blue Grosbeak, and Dickcissel.

WINTER-SPRING 2007 MEETING DATES

March 13 – Speaker to be determined

April 10 – Speaker to be determined

May 8 – Speaker to be determined

June 10 – (SUNDAY) – Annual Club Picnic, 5:00 pm. Join us for a potluck picnic at the Lodge at Eastern Neck NWR