

KENT COUNTY BIRD CLUB

SPRING FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE – January-June 2009

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)

February 8 – (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 22 – (SUNDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 AM. **Blackwater NWR**, Dorchester County. Prime wintering waterfowl and eagle country. Full day, bring lunch

March 14 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 AM. **Pickering Creek Audubon Center**, Talbot County. Early spring birding for waterfowl, raptors, sparrows and the occasional surprise. Bring lunch.

March 28 - (SATURDAY) – Field Trip: **Owl Prowl**. Meet at the Eastern Neck NWR Lodge at 7:00 PM. With cooperative weather, we hope this trip will bring us face to face with an owl or two after an introduction to local species and their calls.

April 18 – (SATURDAY) – **Beginner’s Bird Walk**. 9:00 AM. **Heron Point**. Meet in the main parking lot for a leisurely walk along the river looking for early spring migrants: swallows, warblers, vireos, sparrows. Two hours.

April 25 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip: **Millington Wildlife Management Area**. 8:00 AM. We will search the fields and woods for songbird migrants: thrushes, vireos, warblers, and others.

May 9 – (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 16 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip: **Delaware Bay Shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs**. The annual May gathering of northbound shorebirds feeding on Horseshoe Crab eggs on the shores of Delaware Bay is a migration spectacle. Birds should be abundant a week after the full moon. Full day, bring lunch.

WINTER-SPRING 2009 MEETING DATES & PROGRAMS

March 10 – Pickering Creek – Mark Scallion

April 14 – The Three Most Remote National Wildlife Refuges – Doug Forsell

May 12 – Common Bird Sounds – Walter Ellison

June 7 – (SUNDAY) – Annual Club Picnic, 5:00 pm. Join us for a potluck picnic at the Lodge at Eastern Neck NWR. Includes a short meeting to elect officers for next year and gather speaker and trip suggestions from members.