



# The Thrasher

Richmond Audubon Society

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If you have already given us your response, thanks. We have received quite a few responses already, including some people who only want to read it online, but nowhere near as many as we think read *The Thrasher*, so please send in your response if you haven't already. To ensure you will receive the January/February 2008 issue, the deadline for your response to reach us is November 30, 2007.

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What RAS activities you enjoy: Read *The Thrasher*, Field Trips, Meetings, Workdays, Auction, Projects, other (specify) (This information is optional for you but useful to us)

Why are we making this request?

The reason for this request is that we have approximately 1400-1500 members assigned to us by National Audubon Society *via* zip code, but can only account for 300 or less who have let us know they read *The Thrasher*, come to our meetings, or attend our field trips or workdays. This may be due simply to a lack of knowledge on our part. You can help by sending in your response. Considerable portions of our general funds are needed to cover the cost of printing and mailing *The Thrasher*. It is our intent to reduce this by limiting the mailing of the newsletter to those who request it. We want you to get your *Thrasher* in the mail if you want to receive it, so please respond, even if you intend to read it online. We need to know which of our many NAS members are really interested in RAS.

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## Membership Corner

It is summer time! Although no member meetings are held during the summer months, the Richmond Audubon Society continues to provide members with wonderful birding activities! There are field trips, bird banding and research sessions, and volunteer opportunities. Check out our website for more information!

If you are a new member, welcome! We look forward to meeting you at one of our many activities. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need assistance.

Happy Birding!

*Lori Rutledge*, Membership Chair

## President's Message, July/August 2007

Aloha! On my recent trip to Hawai'i, I visited Oahu, Kaua'i and Maui. The purpose was to reconnect with a friend and former RAS member who moved there to pursue a career opportunity, and to bolster my languishing Life List. From the moment you arrive, you're in a place set well apart from the ordinary. Honolulu's open-air airport terminal blooms with tropical plants. Then there's the onslaught of native language on street signs, building names, even restaurant entrees (Huli Huli Chicken!). Our target bird watching spots – Koke'e State Park, Haleakala Crater, the famed road to Hana with its 51 waterfalls culminating at the Seven Sacred Pools, the Kilauea Lighthouse – made Hawai'i seem less like another state, more like another country, certainly another state of mind.

On Kaua'i, I woke at 3 a.m. to the sound of Roosters Gone Wild, loosed they say by a hurricane in '92, now running rampant all over the island. I spent the rest of the day trying not to run them down as they strutted-impervious to traffic- on even the busiest road shoulders. There, en route to our first Hawai'ian back country hike is where we saw it – the endangered Hawai'ian Short-eared Owl, or pueo. Of all the wonderful birds I saw in the islands, this one most evoked a sense of the Hawai'i I went there hoping to experience. According to "The Unofficial Guide to Maui", Hawai'ians believe pueo are sacred guardian angels with supernatural powers to guide and protect. I don't know about that, but being in the presence of this little owl was a great way to begin the journey.

My first few days in the islands were filled with striking contrasts. Amidst tropical beauty with every vista of earth and sky displaying perfect shades of blue and green, I missed home. Not the home where I go to work / school, clean house, read / send e-mails, and run errands, but the environment I take for granted every day as I go about the doing of those things. Until I went to Hawai'i, I didn't

realize how much of my daily routine was accompanied by a soundtrack provided by birds, or my visual sense of where I am in the world was defined by what birds fill the vantage points between me and the horizon.

Hawai'i has its own time zone. My ears listened in vain for familiar cues telling me I was in the right place at the right time – the Carolina Wren nesting in the courtyard of my Fan condo, chattering the morning's news as I walk by on my way to the car, the raucous Blue Jays stirring up trouble for other birds. My eyes strained for glimpses of perched Red Tails or flying Crows and Canada Geese like the ones on the drive to and from my office in Goochland. Improbably, I was astonished by the absence of those Keystone Cops of the animal world – squirrels chasing each other everywhere, all the time.

But those are the sights and sounds of Virginia. Hawai'i sounds more quiet, or I should say, more subtle. I was reminded of this every time someone greeted me. They do not say "Hello" in Hawai'i, they say "Aloha". I never once heard "Thanks", but rather "Mahalo". The difference is more than just semantics – they really mean it. The culture there is very different from the mainland, necessitated by the circumstances peculiar to island living and by legacies told in island histories. And yet, Hawai'ians talk about the same things we do – water, wind, geographic landmarks, and the people who came before. They want to connect, remember, revere, preserve and protect. The Hawai'i state motto says, "The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness".

I wouldn't want to live in Hawai'i, beautiful though it is. For me, Virginia is a paradise like no other. For the past 26 years, I have called it home. It's bounteous mountains, rivers, ocean-front, coastal plain, the arbitrary uniqueness of Burke's Garden, and that most fantastic geographic feature, the Chesapeake Bay with its intricate life-support systems evoke a sense of wonder unlike any other place I've

been. Reflecting on my journey to Hawai'i, the trip of a lifetime, I am struck by the beauty surrounding me here. Along with the souvenirs in my suitcase, I brought back a little bit of pueo spirit to inspire me for the next two years.

The first part of our city's name is "rich". Indeed it is. Presquile NWR, Henricus and Dutch Gap, James River Parks, Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons nesting in the heart of the city, along with the history, make it so. Richmond is also "rich" in another kind of natural resource – it's people. Connecting with it, remembering the history, revering the heritage, working to protect it is how we embrace the Virginia of our past and our future. Each edition of this newsletter serves as an "unofficial guidebook". Go on a bird walk, visit a banding station, contribute to a Birdathon team, commit to an act of conservation, even if it means doing nothing more than buying energy-saving light bulbs or properly inflating your tires, participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count, send someone a link to this newsletter, come to a meeting, introduce a child to nature, write a letter to a legislator. If each one of you reading this message will join with members of Richmond Audubon Society and our partner organizations, together we can work to preserve our corner of Virginia, our very own paradise.

Mahalo,

*Pam Dummitt*



Pueo (Hawaiian Short-eared Owl)  
Photo by Tom Dempsey,  
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## Field Trips & Work Days: July/August 2007

Spring/Autumn Pelagics – Sea birding with Brian Patteson: Check out Brian's website for a memorable pelagic trip out into the Atlantic.

<http://www.seabirding.com/>

August 16 through November 24, 2007 – Rockfish Gap Hawkwatch on Afton Mountain: For more information contact Brenda Tekin at [Brenda@birdsofvirginia.com](mailto:Brenda@birdsofvirginia.com).

Sunday, July 1, 2007 – Bryan Park with Sue Ridd: Take a summer stroll around Bryan Park with Sue and see what summer residents are around. Meet at Shelter #1 at 6:22 a.m. Questions?, call Sue at 270-5365.

NO 2nd Wednesday Walks with John Coe in July or August: See you in September!

Saturday, July 28, 2007 – Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond: Tyler Terpin will lead a bird walk in the lovely summer gardens. The walk will begin at 8 a.m. and will cost \$6 per person for non-LGBG members. This trip requires advanced registration, so call Tyler at 270-6921 by the 24th to sign up. At least 4 people must sign up or the trip will be cancelled.

Sunday, August 5, 2007 – Bryan Park with Sue Ridd: An early walk in Bryan Park with Sue. Meet at Shelter #1 at 6:47 a.m. Note that the days are slowly getting shorter! Questions, call Sue at 270-5365.

Saturday, August 25, 2007 – Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond: Tyler Terpin will lead a bird walk in the summer gardens. The walk will begin at 8 a.m. and will cost \$6 per person for non-LGBG members. This trip requires advanced registration, so call Tyler at 270-6921 by the 21st to sign up. At least 4 people must sign up or the trip will be cancelled.

Sunday, September 2, 2007 – Bryan Park with Sue Ridd: Join Sue for an early walk in Bryan Park and see what fall migrants are passing through Richmond. Meet one half-hour after sunrise (7:11 a.m.) at Shelter #1. Questions, call Sue at 270-5365.

Saturday, September 8, 2007 – Royal Vulcan Quarry, Goochland: Join Sue Dudley for our 3rd annual trip to this Certified Wildlife Habitat. You will be amazed at the creative ways the team at Vulcan has adapted their habitat to work with nature. We have always had the Red Carpet treatment when we have visited there. Please call to sign up so they can prepare. Meet at 8 a.m. at the scale house. Vulcan Quarry is located approx. 3 miles north of Broad Street on Pouncey Tract Road. Let's join them in their 15th year as a Certified Wildlife Habitat and hopefully identify some new species for their wildlife inventory. Questions, call Julie Kacmarcik at 530-3660.

Wednesday, September 12, 2007 – 2nd Wednesday Walk with John Coe: The trip this month will be to Lee Park in Petersburg. Details will be in the September Thrasher, or call John at 276-1397 for more information.

Saturday, September 15, 2007 – James River National Wildlife Refuge, Prince George County: Access the waters of Powell's Creek through the remote setting at James River National Wildlife Refuge. All participants must bring their own canoe or kayaks and be experienced. Life preservers are required. Cyrus Brame will guide this late summer canoe trip from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and interpret the rich wildlife and diverse history of the area. Pre-registration is required; limit ten watercraft. Contact the James River Association, 804-730-2898, or sign-up on-line at <http://www.jamesriverassociation.org>.

Saturday, September 22 and October 6, 2007 – Bird Banding Demonstrations, Dutch Gap Conservation Area, Chesterfield County: Join master bird bander Bob Reilly and several apprentice banders for a close-up and hands-on demonstration of bird banding. See how birds are captured in a mist net, measured, banded, and released. Van transportation available to banding site. Each Saturday, trips are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Meet at the Henricus/Dutch Gap Visitor Center. You

must register at least one week before this FREE program. To register and for information, call Mark Battista at 706-9690.

Saturday, September 29, 2007 – Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, Richmond: Tyler Terpin will lead a bird walk in the fall gardens. What a lovely opportunity to see the gardens as they change with the seasons! The walk will begin at 8 a.m. and will cost \$6 per person for non-LGBG members. This trip requires advanced registration, so call Tyler at 270-6921 by the 21st to sign up. At least 4 people must sign up or the trip will be cancelled.

Check the listserv this summer for those last minute spur-of-the-moment trips. Find a good spot this summer? Why not take us to the spot this fall?

Have a great summer no matter where your birding travels may take you.

October events:

Eastern Shore Birding Festival, October 5 – 7, 2007,

<http://www.esvachamber.org/festivals/birding>.

Fishermans Island and the Kiptopeke Camporama with Julie Kacmarcik, October 27 – 28, 2007, details in the next Thrasher.



*Penny Reynolds  
Julie Kacmarcik*



Wayne Alfred, a new member (since early 2007), photographed this Least Sandpiper at Grand Reserve in Hampton. Wayne and Mary migrated here from Houston. Please welcome them next time you see them at a meeting or field trip.

### Bird Banding



Left: Juvenile Pileated Woodpecker; Top: Female Hooded Warbler; Right: Yellow-throated Warbler



Left: Prairie Warbler.

Bottom Left: Fledgling Prothonotary Warbler.

Bottom Right: Female Blackpoll Warbler.



"We've got Woodpeckers!! " It was an excellent day for the opening of Richmond Audubon's Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS) station at the Powhatan Wildlife Management Area. The session was well attended by RAS volunteers and other interested visitors. No sooner did we open all the nets than we heard Gary Van Den Boom yell out, "We've got Woodpeckers!" That started the morning off with great excitement, because the capture and banding of two Pileated Woodpeckers (an adult male and a juvenile female, likely his daughter) was a first for the station. The adult female scolded us from a nearby tree. For the day we processed 31 birds: 24 newly banded and 7 returns from previous years. Those included a Hooded Warbler, a Yellow-breasted Chat that returned from 2006, and one White-eyed Vireo that returned from 2003 making him 5+ years old. A returned male Kentucky Warbler in breeding condition was among the last birds captured in the day. The station had not captured one in four years. Bob Reilly summed it up best when he said, "It's a great day when the Kentucky Warbler comes in runner up."

*Cindy Van Den Boom*

**Banding Demonstration:** Things were a bit slow Sunday at Dutch Gap on June 10 - not sure why as the bird song kept us encouraged all morning - especially the calls of Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Yellow-throated Warbler, Redstart, Blue-gray Gnatcatchers and Prothonotary Warblers. The tally for the day was a mere 10. Some of us had a good look at a King snake and the Butterflies are getting more abundant each week. Here's the list: Prothonotary Warbler 5 (4 recaps, 1 fledgling); Acadian Flycatcher; Indigo Bunting; Red-eyed Vireo; Northern Cardinal; Hooded Warbler (female with brood patch).

*Julie Kacmarcik*



Hairy Woodpecker

All photos on this page received from Cindy Van Den Boom or Julie Kacmarcik. Thanks for a great job!

### RAS Picnic, June 9



Al Warfield



Wayne Alfred



Bob Wynne

A great time was had by all RAS members who attended the Annual RAS Picnic, which was held at the home of Buz and Nelda Snyder in Varina. The weather was perfect, and several members showed up for the first time. On the early bird walks we saw a male Summer Tanager and heard Eastern Towhees, Wood Thrush, and several other birds. A family of Prothonotary Warblers had made a nest in a box Buz built just above the water to house a shampoo bottle. We were treated with numerous views of the adults making feeding trips to and from the box, and Nelda later checked out the box closely to find at least 2-3 chicks. Lots of other critters were about as well. Pictures by Al, Wayne, and Joan. (Not all attendees are pictured here.)



Nelda Snyder



Summer Tanager



Prothonotary Warbler



Woodhouse's Toad



Joan Mazza



Buz Snyder



Broad-headed Skink

### From the National Audubon Website

Here is an important link to an article from the NAS website, <http://www.Audubon.org>.

Common Birds In Decline: <http://www.audubon.org/bird/stateofthebirds/CBID/>

Learn what's happening

- See how citizen scientists revealed the warning signs
- Learn what you can do to help
- See and hear the vanishing common birds

## RAS Kids Helps First Graders at Swansboro Elementary Plant Gardens

On April 20, 2007, Nanette Sweet, Mary Arginteanu, and Robin Ruth, all members of the RAS Kids [also known as Youth] Committee, helped 45 first graders plant three flower gardens at Swansboro Elementary School in Richmond. We talked with the kids about the parts of plants and their functions, and then everyone dug holes and planted flowers. The stars for the day were earthworms, which the kids found to be fascinating. We explained that the worms were good for the soil and all were returned to the ground intact. RAS Kids has subsequently done some foundation planting around the courtyard (azaleas, spirea, etc.), greatly improving the overall appearance of the courtyard. We have put up bird feeders and birdbaths and the bird population, previously nil, has mushroomed. In addition to Robins and Grackles, we are now seeing Cardinals, Goldfinches, and House Finches.

*Robin Ruth, Youth Committee Chair*



*Before*



*After*



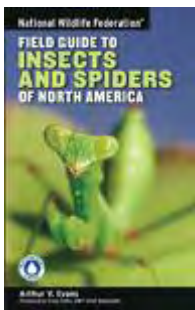
Art Evans

### The Birds, Bees, and other Bugs of North America

Join National Wildlife Federation field guide authors Ned Brinkley and Art Evans for a joint lecture and book signing on September 19, 2007 at the monthly meeting of the Virginia Society of Naturalists at the Science Museum of Virginia. Brinkley is the Editor-in-Chief of the journal "North American Birds" and international bird guide for Field Guide, Inc. Evans is an entomologist, author, and photographer whose column "What's Bugging You?" appears the second Thursday of every month in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Craig Tufts, Chief Naturalist for the National Wildlife Federation will introduce the authors. Their books, "Field Guide to Birds of North America" and "Field Guide to Insects and Spiders of North America" will be on sale at the meeting.



Ned Brinkley



The Virginia Society of Naturalists meets at the Science Museum of Virginia (2500 W. Broad St., Richmond) at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The meeting is free and open to all.

Join the authors at the pre-meeting dinner at 6 p.m. at Enoteca Sogno (2043 W Broad St., Richmond; 355-8466), an Italian eatery across the street from Pleasants Hardware.

Reservations are recommended.



## Annual Auction and Covered Dish Dinner

Summer is a good time to take advantage of end-of-season sales to find items for donation to the Auction. This year's date is November 15th, but don't wait until this fall to start getting ready!

Do a little or do a lot, but do as much as you can. Our success depends on everybody's participation.

*Linda Warfield*  
Hospitality Chair



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Important Notices

RAS meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of every month except June, July, August and December. Meetings are held at St. Luke Lutheran Church at Custis Rd. and Chippenham Parkway.

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Board Meetings: RAS Board meetings are held on the second Thursday on alternate months starting in January. RAS members are welcome to attend, but please let a Board member know you are coming due to space considerations.

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From The Kitchen Window – July/August 2007

"What can a man believe in? I suppose it depends on what a man is looking for, but I know that if you watch a nesting bird and experience a midsummer dawn you can't fail to believe in something. In life and time, if nothing else. Given those, almost anything is possible that a rational man might want." *Hal Borland, Homeland*

...and from the nest to young fledglings on training wheels. And little whiners they can be, wings aflutter following the parents along the branch. From the open window as morning breaks, you can hear the young nuthatches and cardinals and wrens as they try out their new tunes. You can hear a bird singing away and you say, "What bird was that?...Sounds like a cardinal, but not quite."

It's fun to watch the parent bird trying to teach the young ones to find and eat food on their own. We have watched the mother cardinal repeatedly place a morsel of food in front of the young, coaxing it to pick it up. We have watched the Red-bellied Woodpecker teach the youngsters to eat from the suet log, and the Pileated Woodpecker parents ripping up our old wooden fence while the young ones sit and watch. We have heard the young Barred Owls giving repeated rasping calls for food all summer long, and suspect that the parents just get tired by fall and fly off to quiet retreats.

Summertime is baby birds growing and learning, parent birds teaching and protecting and casting off old, worn feathers for the new fall look. Summertime is also fireflies, buzzing insects, bats and frogs and toads; and a time for flowers, trees and plants to provide fruit for harvest and seeds for renewing. Summertime is Nature's nursery time.

The full moon in July goes by several names: the Grain Moon, the Thunder Moon and the Buck Moon, and occurs on the 29th. The full moon in August occurs during the early hours of the 28th, and will be in partial eclipse in the east. Various names describe the August Moon: Fruit Moon, Green Corn Moon or Sturgeon Moon! The Perseid Meteor showers peak on August 12th.

*John Coe*

Henricus Publik Days, May 19-20



The RAS table at the Henricus bluff was manned by Al Warfield, Donna Brodd, and Trudy Mitchell

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## 5.5 X Around The Earth!

## RAS Global Warming Pledge Update

That's the amount of carbon equivalents that members of Richmond Audubon have pledged to reduce, or are already saving – enough to reduce their global warming input an amount equal to driving an average American vehicle 5.5 times around the world! Twenty-eight households made a written pledge to reduce their carbon footprint during the RAS Global Warming Challenge at the February RAS meeting. In addition, 21 of those households proudly noted that they have already made significant savings.

Here are the exciting details! RAS members pledged to reduce their carbon footprint by over 169,000 lbs, or 84 tons of carbon equivalents! That breaks out to slightly over 6,000 lbs or 3.02 tons per pledging household. Members also proclaimed that they have already reduced over 105,000 lbs, or 52.6 tons! That equals about 5,000 lbs or 2.5 tons per household. The most often stated commitment was to replace incandescent bulbs with compact florescent bulbs (CFL). RAS members pledged to replace 189 bulbs or 6.75 per household. Each CFL bulb conversion saves 155 lbs of carbon per year. Each also saves from \$6, or \$10 per bulb per year, and lasts 6-10 years (vs. about one year for incandescent bulbs).

If you missed the RAS Challenge Meeting, its not too late to make your own pledge to reduce global warming gases! Here are some simple ways YOU can reduce Global Warming Gases, AND SAVE \$\$\$\$: Convert to CFL bulbs. Purchase a fuel-efficient car. Turn off unneeded lights and other energy sources. Replace appliances with Energy Star models. Turn down heating thermostat. Turn up cooling thermostat. Air-dry clothes. Wash clothes in cold water. Seal and insulate windows/doors/attics. If we all work together, WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Another important way you can help to reduce Global Warming is to let your local, state, and national representatives know that it is important to you and to ask that they take action at their level! See below to take action!

National Audubon E Action: <http://audubonaction.org/audubon/join.html> Or: Contact Congress Directly: Call capital switchboard at 1-202-224-3121 and ask for specific Senator or Representative's office to leave a message.

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