



The Thrasher

Richmond Audubon Society

Annual Auction and Pot-Luck Dinner

It's that time of year when thoughts turn to the holidays and what we need to get for those hard to please folks on our gift list, or our own hard to please wishes. What better time to find those unique items and special trips and treasures than at the annual Richmond Audubon Society Fall Auction. Make sure you mark your calendar with a bright pen for Thursday, November 16th. We are making frantic preparations to make sure that this important and fun fundraiser is everything we need it to be. Also, please remember that many hands make the job easier and we are always very grateful to have some help with the many aspects of the dinner, auction and silent auction. We have an experienced group of committee members who can make your volunteer experience an easy and productive one. Please call or e-mail me and I can point you in the right direction.

Now here are details about the Auction. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. Members and guests will be greeted at the door and will sign up for a bidder number. The Silent Auction begins as soon as doors open. Each item is num-

bered and has a corresponding bid sheet. The suggested starting bid for each item is about one-fourth its value, and is there to help the first bidder make an appropriate bid. Bidding increments are based on the amount of the starting bid. All bidders must use their bidder number on the bid sheets. The Silent Auction will continue until closed by our auctioneer, Doug Sinclair.

Dinner will start around 6:30 p.m.

The Live Auction will begin around 8:00 p.m. All Live Auction items will appear in the catalogue and be on display near the auctioneer's table. The same bidder number you used in the Silent Auction will be used in the Live Auction.

All purchases will be paid for at the end of the Live Auction. We will have runners to retrieve each bidder's items and bring them out. The evening will end around 9:00 p.m.

This event raises most of the funds for RAS activities that help protect endangered or threatened species of birds, as well as all wild birds, and preserve natural habitats. Last year we sent Julie Kacmarcik for training to become a certified bird bander. We have a scholarship fund to send kids to an Audubon Nature Camp. This year we

cleared debris, put up signs, and planted several hundred trees at Presquile NWR. We were able to make a meaningful contribution to the IBA program and to MAPS. We assisted Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens by providing volunteers to lead bird walks there. We participate in an annual James River bird count, and the annual Christmas Bird Counts in Hopewell and in Mathews County, as well as other CBCs in Virginia.

Be sure to come, and bring a guest or two. Come prepared to contribute to our success and have lots of fun in the process!

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Important Notices:

There will be no meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 18, 2007. It will be the annual Legislative Update.

The next *Thrasher* you will receive will be the January/February issue.

President's Message, November 2006

As you all know by now, the Annual RAS Auction and Pot-luck Dinner is the major fundraiser for Richmond Audubon Society. When we say that we are really saying more than one thing. One is that it is the major source of general revenue for the operation of most of our organization, including *The Thrasher* publication and mailing costs as well as maintaining the website; many of our education projects such as RAS Kids (Those lunches for the kids and programs cost us money!) and PowerPoint programs presented to schools and senior groups by the Education Committee; conservation projects such as MAPS, the Prothonotary Warbler Study, the Lee Park study, and even some of our support for the IBA projects; and expenses associated with the monthly membership meetings, Board meetings, and field trips. I probably failed to mention a few others. There is cost associated with almost all these activities.

The other thing we are saying is that we have never sent you a letter asking you for a donation. There is a reason for that. We would rather you have fun while helping us make all this possible. Of course we may be able to reach more of you by sending you a letter like most other organizations do, but we prefer that you come to the auction and bid on something. In doing that you will have time to talk to other people with similar interests, and just get caught up in the enjoyment of the evening. And, as you will have to admit, the food is the best in the state of Virginia! No brag, just fact!

When you come to the Auction and Put-Luck Dinner, remember that the idea is to spend whatever your budget can accommodate, not to just come and enjoy the food, entertainment, and fellowship. Please bring your checkbook and bid on items or trips. And bring a few guests along who share the same ideals, and who will also support RAS. We are an all-volunteer organization with a mission to con-

serve birds, wildlife and habitat. We don't get any of the proceeds ourselves – it all goes for the projects and services mentioned above. And, although we are not perfect, we work harder at it than many who get paid for doing the same things. That's not bull, it's the absolute truth! How many organizations can you say that about?

If you just receive and read *The Thrasher* seven times a year and never come to a meeting or field trip, or go to Presquile and plant trees, at least come to the Auction and support the organization that provides this small pleasure, *The Thrasher*, for you once in a while. You will find that you enjoy the presence of many other people who also love birds and other wildlife and care about the preservation of them and their habitat.

In the spring we have a Birdathon. That's another fundraiser, the proceeds of which go specifically to conservation projects like the James River Wetlands IBA, James River Park, the Area Rehabbers Klub (ARK), and Presquile NWR. It works differently from the Auction in that you pledge either a specific amount, or an amount per bird species identified within the state of Virginia by RAS Birdathon teams during a 24-hour period in May. (More information is in the article on Page 6.) Since the revenue derived from the Birdathon is earmarked for specific projects it can't be used for the other activities RAS requires funds to operate. Therefore, if you are serious about helping our causes, you should really contribute to both of those fundraisers. You can sign up to support the Birdathon in Spring when the article shows up in *The Thrasher*, or at an RAS meeting. Make sure to call or email your co-chairs or sign the sheet that is passed around when that time comes. Better yet, join a team or form one of your own. But first, come to the Auction and support all our efforts on Nov. 16.

Al Warfield

107th Christmas Bird Count

I'm sure that you've all started to notice seasonal changes in the birdlife you are seeing, and that means it's time to start thinking "Christmas Bird Count". This year the Hopewell Christmas Bird Count will take place on Sunday December 17, 2006. Richmond Audubon Society invites you to take part in this count.

The center of the count circle is on Curles Neck Farm and encompasses all points 7.5 miles from this center. We cover a variety of habitats, and the past 2 counts have each seen cumulative totals of over 100 species, which makes this an exciting count to participate in. The count circle is divided up into sectors that observers are assigned to cover.

There is a \$5.00 per field observer fee per CBC. Feeder watchers and observers 18 years of age or younger are not asked to pay the fee. All paying U.S. participants and U.S. CBC participants 18 and under will receive a copy of *American Birds: Summary of the CBC* published once per

year after the conclusion of the CBC season. This summary issue contains articles on the many ways that CBC data has shown us early winter bird population trends, as well as information about those who participate in the CBC.

If you would like to participate as a field observer or feeder counter please contact me at 804-281 2962 (daytime) or 804 233 6522 (evenings/weekends) or arun.bose@verizon.net.

Arun Bose

Hopewell Christmas Bird Count Compiler

'RAS Kids' (Youth) Committee Report

On a dazzling May day, Ralph White led 12 fourth and fifth graders from Richmond's Woodville School on an extraordinary walk of discovery through meadow and forest, and on the edge of the James River. The students (academic achievers from an East End elementary school ringed by neighborhoods where gunfire can overshadow the cardinal's song) were that morning delighted, stimulated, entertained, and educated. How did these bright children from some of Richmond's toughest neighborhoods come to join Ralph White, Manager of Richmond's James River Park, where they longed to linger, explore and contemplate?

At a Richmond Audubon Society meeting last fall, Mary Arginteanu asked for volunteers to help launch a new RAS venture designed to address "Nature Deficit Disorder," as she characterizes a syndrome quite prevalent in the Richmond area. At their first meeting in January 2006, RAS Kids Committee members present included our late RAS President Ellen Ackerman, committee chair [then] Mary Arginteanu (Mary Arg for short), together with Carolyn Pitts, Lori Rutledge, and Nancy Ambler. We identified organizations that serve inner city children, programs RAS might offer these children, resources with which RAS might partner in delivering such programs, and age groups of children RAS might best serve. Decisions made are indicated below.

Pilot Age Groups: We agreed that children in grades three, four, and five would be the target audience with whom RAS should work, taking the opportunity to share with them at an early age the wonders of our natural world, and the importance of being responsible stewards of our natural resources. We also agreed that, rather than launching a full-scale, long-term relationship with any one partner, RAS first should undertake several pilot activities so that we might assess the same while also gathering additional information on other potential program

resources and partners. Our committee agreed we should offer two programs each to Woodville School and to the Sacred Heart Center.

Pilot Partners: 1) The Micah Ministry to Woodville by St. Paul's Episcopal Church provides a range of support services, including tutoring, reading and math buddies, special holiday gatherings, quarterly field trips, and over 100 summertime camperships for Woodville students. Previous Micah/Woodville field trips have included outings to nature programs at Pocahontas State Park, First Landing State Park in Virginia Beach, and Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens (LGBG). Micah Program staff coordinate the student activities with the school, students, and volunteers, and provide transportation to and from school, together with snacks, and picnic lunches for day trips. 2) The Sacred Heart Center is a nonprofit community center. Located in South Richmond, it serves children and their families from nearby neighborhoods, the demographics of which locales include extreme poverty and related challenges. The Center's offerings include sports teams, a Boy Scout troop, and an outdoors wilderness component.

Pilot Programs: The committee settled on two initial offerings: a visit by RAS' own Kim Harrell with one or more birds of prey, and a James River Park walk led by Ralph White.

Micah volunteer Page Luxmoore coordinated both RAS Woodville School programs. Kim's 90-minute visit to 46 second graders included a Red-shouldered Hawk, American Kestrel, and Eastern Screech Owl. The teachers were pleased and the children were tremendously attentive (with lots of raised hands in response to Kim's interactive teaching approach). Committee members, together with Page and her husband, Adrian, also attended the program. We all learned and shared the excitement of the children as Kim walked with the birds throughout the room to afford them an "up close and personal" meeting.

For the James River Park walk, the Luxmoores drove the Woodville schol-

ars to the Reedy Creek Visitor Center, providing them a morning snack, and a major picnic lunch. Mary, Larry, and Nancy joined the group at Reedy Creek and then the Ralph White-led experiences, which included tasting flowers, testing jewel weed to combat stinging nettle, witnessing aerial acrobatics involving three hawks directly overhead, learning the social and geological history of the James Falls area, handling snakes, and pretending to be turtles. Impressed, Mr. White invited the students back for a "get wet" summer river exploration.

As the time neared for the children to leave, they continued to look for birds (a Great Blue Heron and family of Canada Geese were highlights) and other creatures along the river's edge. They boarded the van, looking back and asking about a return trip.

Kim reprised her program at Sacred Heart Center for some 40 third and fourth graders and, back to back, again for 10 students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

In July, Kim and the birds were again the stars at the East End Richmond storefront location of Charity Family Life, a nonprofit organization offering mentoring, tutoring, and summer enrichment programs for 35 students, ages seven through fifteen. Mary Arg reports great enthusiasm on the part of the students and staff.

As the RAS Kids Committee now moves into an evaluation and planning mode prior to further program commitments, its members are joined by RAS members Robin Ruth (RAS Webmaster), and Nanette Sweet (a Richmond school psychologist). The Committee's next meeting will focus on the effectiveness of activities to date, whether to expand our offerings to new partners, and other possible adventures for children. As RAS goes forward in opening the eyes and ears and hearts and minds of Richmond's urban young people, please consider participating in this important mission.

Nancy Ambler

Field Trips: November - December 2006 & January 2007

Through November 19, 2006 – Rockfish Gap Hawk Watch: Join Brenda Tekin and crew as they start their 30th year counting migrating hawks flying south along the Blue Ridge Mountains on the birds annual trip south. For more information, visit them online at:
http://home.ntelos.net/~btkin/rockfish_gap_hawk_watch

Through November 2006 – Kiptopeke State Park, Northampton County, Virginia: Join Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory (CWVO) staff and volunteers this fall at Kiptopeke. Witness the migration of songbirds and hawks along the coast on their annual journey south to their wintering grounds. Observe songbirds as they are measured, recorded, banded and released to continue their journey. Join the hawk counters on the platform and see the hawks that are banded nearby.

Sunday, November 5, 2006 – Bryan Park with Sue Ridd: Plan on spending the start of the first Sunday in November birding with Sue Ridd at Bryan Park. Meet at Shelter # 1 at 7:10 a.m. Questions, call Sue at 270-5365.

Wednesday, November 8, 2006 – 2nd Wednesday Walk with John Coe: Join John for a walk at Dutch Gap/Henricus Park in Chesterfield County. Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Call John at 276-1397 for more details.

Saturday, November 18, 2006 – Dutch Gap/Henricus Park, Chesterfield County: Join Lewis Barnett as he leads a bird walk to one of our favorite Chesterfield County Parks. What ducks and winter birds are about? Meet at the Visitors Center at 8 a.m. Contact Lewis at 320-7898 with any questions.

Thursday, November 16, 2006 – RAS Annual Auction & Pot-Luck Dinner at St. Luke. Come and support all of RAS' activities.

Friday through Sunday, December 1 – 3, 2006 – Virginia Beach: Join VSO for their winter field trip weekend. For more information check out:
http://www.virginiabirds.net/trips/VA_Beach_06.htm

Saturday, December 2, 2006 – James River NWR, Prince George County: Join Julie and Caroline as we explore parts of the James River National Wildlife Refuge. We plan to meet at Hardees in Hopewell at 7:30 a.m. and head out from there. Please call and let us know you're coming: Julie at 530-3660 or Caroline at 276-1397.

Sunday, December 3, 2006 – Bryan Park with Sue Ridd: Plan on spending the early part of the first Sunday in December on a brisk walk around Bryan Park with Sue Ridd. Meet at Shelter # 1 at 7:38 a.m. Questions, call Sue at 270-5365.

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 – 2nd Wednesday Walk with John Coe: Join John for a walk around Maymont and the Byrd Park Ponds. The walk will start at 9 a.m. Call John at 276-1397 for details and meeting place!

Sunday, December 17, 2006 – Hopewell Christmas Bird Count: See article on page 2 with details of the count and information on how to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to get outdoors during the chaos of the holidays and do some birding while adding to the extensive database of winter birds.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year – Make a resolution to participate in more RAS activities in 2007

Sunday, January 7, 2007 – Bryan Park with Sue Ridd: Make it a New Year's resolution to join Sue on the first Sunday of the month for a bird walk at Bryan Park. Meet at Shelter #1 at 7:55 a.m. Questions, call Sue at 270-5365.

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 – 2nd Wednesday Walk with John Coe: Join John for an invigorating walk in the Pony Pasture section of the James River Park. Meet in the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Call John at 276-1397 if you have any questions.

Saturday, January 13, 2007 – James River Parks, Richmond: Another New Year's resolution: Join RAS for our annual James River Winter Bird Count. Call Julie Kacmarcik at 530-3660 for information and to sign up for a territory. The count compilation and potluck breakfast will start at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mary and Larry just outside the Wetlands section of the park.

Note: all phone numbers in area code 804 unless indicated

Julie Kacmarcik
Caroline Coe



Screech Owl by *Kim Harrell*

Bird Habitat Program

On Sunday, October 1, a program was presented to 24 members of the Colonel Alexander Spotswood Society of the Children of the American Revolution, and their families. Ranging from 2 to 22, the kids picked out seeds from a seed sample, and then they learned that different species of birds were attracted to the different seeds. Several types of bird feeders were

passed around as the kids discovered that different places in the backyard would bring in shy birds and aid in keeping birds healthy. Young and old enjoyed learning how to maintain an active bird watching program for their families. At the program's end, each child learned how to focus binoculars while others started making their own hummingbird feeders. The kids all tried to echo the sounds that a barred owl would make by repeating 'who-cooks-

for-you' through cupped hands. Young and old were all riveted by Sue's presentation and learned tips on how to maintain an active bird watching program for our families. Thanks you Sue for coming and giving the great presentation!

Holly McQuire

Col. Alexander Spotswood Society

Southern Florida Wetland Birds Fly into Your Mailbox

In September, the USPS *Nature of America* stamp series released its eighth stamp pane, the Southern Florida Wetland. The series celebrates flora and fauna of various habitats including previous issuances on the Sonoran Desert and Pacific Coast Rainforest. Artist John D. Dawson portrays a southern Florida wetland fea-

turing the Cape Sable Seaside Sparrow and other birds. The Snail Kite, White Ibis, Roseate Spoonbill, Great Egret, and Wood Stork are pictured in the saw grass marsh. According to a U.S. Postal Service press release, all species and their interactions are appropriate and recommended by scientists. The stamp pane represents a coastal community where salt and freshwater mix. As a philadelist (stamp collector) as well as a bird enthusiast, I appreciate the detail and accuracy in the stamps. My favorite stamp pane is

a previous issuance in the *Nature of America* series, the Great Plains Prairie (2001). It features Burrowing Owls. These stamps are soon to become collectors items, so enjoy these birds of Florida the next time you send a letter. The pane of 10 stamps is \$3.90.

Leeanna Pletcher



Dutch Gap Field Trip, October 14

A small group of birders showed up for the October walk at Dutch Gap, but they were in for a great day of birding and Fall weather. Around 40 species were seen or heard, including about 10 Great Egrets still hanging on, although most of them had migrated already. The photo on the left above was taken through a scope by Al Warfield from the main trail not far from the visitor center. The photo on the right shows three of the birders behind the deep cover on the berm of a side trail near the cyprus forest, which is supposedly the northernmost stand of cyprus on the East Coast. In addition to the egrets, one Eastern Phoebe, lots of Eastern Bluebirds, huge flocks of migrating Red-winged Blackbirds (including many females and immatures), and Coopers, Red-tailed and red-shouldered hawks were seen. There were also two immature and one adult Bald Eagle, and one Osprey. Thanks to Betsy Saunders for leading the trip.

Al Warfield

From The Kitchen Window – November / December 2006

Windows: a passageway for light; an outlet for our eyes, our minds; a stimulus for our waking images – wherever we are.....

Caroline and I were very fortunate to be able to visit Hawaii and several of its islands, not only to be involved with National Audubon at the director's meetings there, but to visit and explore a very different landscape and culture than what's in our own backyard. Our first morning on the islands overlooked an urban parking lot, and from the window we watched Zebra Doves cavorting on the hotel ledge – a life bird that soon became incredibly ordinary. Our second morning we awoke to wonderful sounds of unknown birds and a pair of Kalij Pheasants feeding on the lawn, along with a very friendly cat named Dixon.

Another morning we awoke on a macadamia and coffee farm to views out the window of distant surf and crowing roosters – wild chickens (jungle fowl). The signs of disturbed earth from wild pigs were everywhere.

Oahu was the island of big surf and sandy beaches for us. The Waimea Audubon Center is not only a place of ancient priests and ancestors with deep cultural significance for native Hawaiians, but of significant natural history and value, too. It reaches from a mountain to the sea, in a landscape quickly being pressured by our present day thirst for accessible places and fast entertainment. We stayed with a local Audubon friend and visited with a native Hawaiian leader during our stay for the Audubon meetings. The morning chorus from our windows there included the sounds of doves and bulbuls and, of course, crowing roosters.

Our last island window was on Kaua'i, which is home to the rainiest spot on earth, and here again we did experience the beauty of the land and the friendliest people. On all the islands we visited, we had to travel away from the coastal habitats and the sea to the high and often isolated places to find the stressed populations of native bird species. These were birds such as the Akiapola'au, not to be found out any window, but instead in lava-surrounded forest high atop the Big Island on the slopes of Mauna Kea.

And finally, it's always great to be back home. The birds out back seem to have gotten along just fine without us, and they seem ready to welcome the winter visitors who will soon arrive as our eastern birds move with the seasons.

November's full moon, named the Beaver Moon, is November 5th. December 4th is the full moon named the Cold Moon; and the winter solstice occurs at 7:22 p.m. EST on December 21st. (Future date: 2007's first full moon of the year, the Wolf Moon, occurs on January 3rd.) Cassiopeia and Orion dominate the night sky.

John Coe

Birdathon 2006 Update

Well, May 2006 was an amazing month! The teams formed, the pledges were amassed, the 24-hour forays were carefully planned, and the birds were all tallied for a greatly successful Birdathon 2006.

This year we recorded 186 bird species, and with over \$4,000 collected to date (We're still receiving our final pledges.) we have far surpassed our 2005 totals with more birds in Virginia identified during May and more money raised for conservation.

Keep your eyes open for future news of conservation projects in the James River Park System, at Presquile NWR and other parts of the James River Wetlands IBA and other area projects that RAS is supporting with our Birdathon funds.

Thank you to all who participated Together we are making a significant difference for all the birds, wildlife and habitat.

Caroline Coe, Margaret Ebbs, and Julie Kacmarcik

Co-chairs, RAS Birdathon 2006



Zeiss Sports Optics President Robert Siemers hands Julie Kacmarcik the \$1,000 Birdathon donation the company gave to the 2006 RAS Birdathon. We wish to thank Zeiss for its generous support of RAS and of conservation in Virginia.

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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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Welcome to New Members of Richmond Audubon Society

Each month many new members join RAS or transfer in from other National Audubon Society chapters. To all of you who are new members to RAS, our chapter has many activities, including interesting monthly meetings with speakers, numerous field trips of all kinds, an annual auction and an annual picnic. We have an informative website and a great listserv where you can learn what is going on in the area and report your sightings. Please become an active member by coming to the meetings and field trips, identifying yourself as a new member, and meeting other people with similar interests. Visit our website for details at www.richmondaudubon.org.

Lori Rutledge
Membership Chair



The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Ducklings
One of the 2006 Birdathon teams
Photo from Julie Kacmarcik

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To renew or discontinue your membership, please contact National Audubon Society. See your Audubon Magazine for contact information, or the NAS website, <http://www.audubon.org/nas/contact.html>.



Tree Planting at Presquile NWR



On October 3, approximately 40 volunteers planted several species of deciduous trees at Presquile National Wildlife Refuge. The volunteers came from several organizations including RAS. This was one of several planting dates in September and October, 2006. In this picture Aimee Weldon (far right) is giving the basic talk about the IBA, what we were trying to do by planting the trees, and the procedure to follow. The morning went very quickly and the trees seemed to appear as if by magic with so many people working. The last date is October 21st.

Photo by *Al Warfield*

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