



EASTERN SHORE BIRD CLUB

January – April 2024

Free Programs start at 5:30 p.m. in Academic Building at **Eastern Shore Community College***
Arrive at 5:00 p.m., members bring snacks to share; brief business meeting follows 1-hour presentation

Field Trips - *Contact leader for reservations, details and specific directions. Field trips generally last 2 hours unless noted otherwise. Always be prepared for ticks, mosquitoes, and the weather!*

Jan. 11 Field Trip:

Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

Saxis Wildlife Management Area, Meet at end of Hammock Road, Saxis, VA

Watch for winter raptors, short-eared owl and marsh birds; maybe catch a winter sunset

Leaders: Joanne & Hal Laskowski **757-665-4984** and Victor Klein

Jan. 25 Field Trip:

Thursday, 8:45 a.m.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel Islands *(Fills quickly)*

Observe winter waterfowl and shorebirds from a rare vantage point on Island 4.

\$10 /Limit of 15 Participants. Registration & Waiver Required by 1/11/2024

Leaders: Victor Klein **240-529-5424** and Mario Balitbit

Feb. 13 Field Trip:

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

Edward S.Brinkley Nature Preserve, 20001 Seaside Road, Cape Charles, VA

Identify a variety of winter waterfowl, raptors and sparrows.

Leaders: Maggie Long **610-500-9971** and Meriwether Payne

Feb. 22 Field Trip:

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.

- 8:00 p.m.

Owl Prowl at Brownsville Preserve, 11332 Brownsville Road, Nassawadox, VA

Meet at The Nature Conservancy office for an after-hours foray in search of nocturnal birds.

Limit of 15 Participants. Registration Required: info@birdingeasternshore.org

Leaders: Zak Poulton and Mario Balitbit

Mar. 9 Field Trip:

Saturday, 2:00 p.m.

- Sunset (opt.)

Chincoteague Waterfowl & More, Chincoteague Nat. Wildlife Refuge, VA

Caravan from Queen's Sound Landing to Wildlife Loop and Woodland Trail to see an amazing array of birdlife, perhaps even the American Woodcock!

Entrance Fee or Park Pass required.

Leaders: Gary Smith **803-292-6883** and Helen Belencan

March 19 Field Trip:

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

Meriwether's Seaview, 23039 Rose Cottage Road, Melfa, VA

Explore diverse habitats protected by conservation easement to see a wide variety of birds.

Leaders: Meriwether Payne **757-710-2454** and Joanne Laskowski

Apr.9 Program:

Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

TNC's Bird Conservation Projects on the Eastern Shore

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) staff will provide updates on its latest projects on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, including monitoring shorebirds and habitat restoration studies.

Apr. 22 Field Trip:

Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Bay Creek Nature Preserve Bird Walk, Bay Creek Parkway, Cape Charles, VA

A walk along the trail on the north side of Plantation Creek. Identify early spring warblers and migrants of bottomland swamps

Restricted Access/Limited to 15 Participants. Registration Required by 4/15/2024

Leaders: Walter Childs **410-353-0703**, Maggie Long, and Bay Creek Preserve Ranger Stanley Osmolenski

April 22 Activity:

Monday, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Birding on the Deck, Island House Restaurant, Wachapreague, VA

Join us for a relaxed evening of birding and socializing while enjoying the scenery.

No experience necessary. Dinner and/or drinks at your option.

Dinner Reservations *(Optional)*: Island House Restaurant 757-787-4242

For More Information: Roberta Kellam info@birdingeasternshore.org

* Meeting held at Eastern Shore Community College, Academic Building, 29316 Lankford Hwy., Melfa, VA 23410

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