



May 2008 Newsletter

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MAY MEETING

Backyard Birding in Kenya

Liz and Dr. Sam Williams were in Kenya on a faith-based, short-term medical mission in Kijabe one hour north of Nairobi. Liz and Sam took many photos of birds and other wildlife. Most of the photos were taken in the backyard of the house on the compound where they stayed. The yard had the only bird bath in the area—an active spot in this parched habitat.

They were rewarded with an amazingly broad spectrum of birds: thrushes, shrikes, bee-eaters, sunbirds, ibises, warblers, finches, sparrows, barbets, babblers, starlings, plovers, and raptors are only a few of the families they spotted. The photos Sam and Liz took were up close and gorgeous. Many of the birds posed only a few feet from their door.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

RVBC Annual Picnic, August 17, Sunday 4 P.M.

Mark your calendars for our Club picnic. This year's annual RVBC summer picnic will be on Sunday, August 17th, starting at 4:00 PM, at the park shelter at Walrond Park. Bring a dish to pass and share. Picnic tables

Bluebird Nesting Boxes for Sale at May Meeting

Now is the time to purchase that new bluebird nesting box you've been thinking about. The club will have some for sale at our May meeting. Boxes are \$15.00. Boxes with carved designs will be \$20.00 and the Troyer boxes, a good choice if you have problems with House Sparrows nesting in your bluebird boxes, will be for sale at the modest price of \$15.00. Poles and predator baffles will also be available for \$20.00.

NEXT MEETING:

**May 12, 7:00 P.M.
Grandin Court Baptist
Church**

APRIL MEETING

Members' Night

You are invited to bring 5 minutes worth of slides, videos, carvings, photos, photos on CD, etc. of your best bird images. If you plan to participate, please call Bill Grant (389-3294) and let him know what you plan to present and if you will need special equipment. We will have a digital projector, slide projector, a TV with VCR, CD and DVD player available.

We have many terrific photographers in our club so please share your work.

Please join us for dinner before the meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Brambleton Deli at 3655 Brambleton Road.

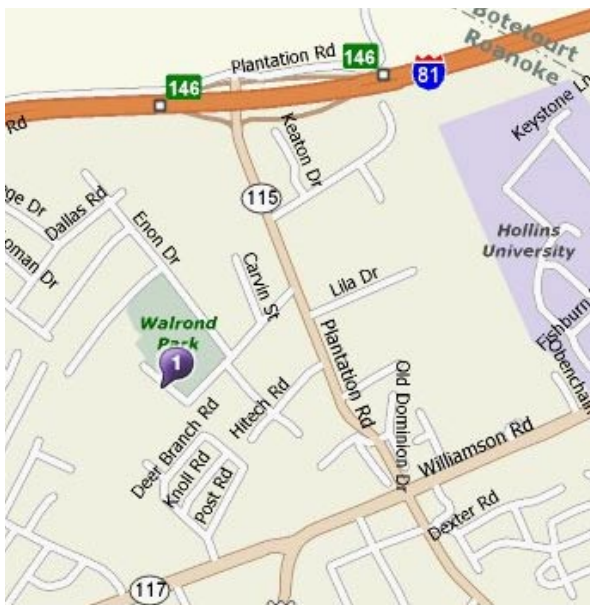
under the shelter are available as are nearby restrooms. So mark the date and time on your calendar and join us in celebrating the summer of 2008.

Walrond Park is located on Walrond Drive which is off of Plantation Road between I-81 and Williamson Road.

See map on page two or click on Mapquest link for directions:

<http://www.mapquest.com/mq/3-jNp00zFmxByM>

Map to Walrond Park



Mountain Lake Migratory Bird Festival May 16-18 and VSO Meeting

The joint meeting and festival will take place at the Mountain Lake Hotel in Giles County. **Advance registration is necessary for the field trips.** Registration can be done online: www.mountainlakebirding.com. For more information contact Peggy Opengari at 540-921-4340. Please contact Alyce Quinn (540-719-0109) for carpooling info and if you wish to find someone to share a room.

New Club Member

Please welcome Zach Thompson from Daleville, VA to the club.

Thank You to Our Refreshment Committee

Thank you Ann Allen, Nancy Luce, Alyce Quinn, Linda Boast, Carole Massart, Deborah Ingram, Candy Andrzejewski, Robin Austin, Polly Holloway, Eleanor Dye, Liz Williams, and Diane Crompton for graciously provided us with good food and refreshments at our meetings this past year.

Liz Williams recipe for *Earthquake Cake* served at the April Meeting:

In bottom of a 9 x 13 pan sprinkle:

1 cup chopped pecans

1 cup coconut

Pour a German chocolate cake mix (made according to the directions on the cake box) on top of the nuts and coconut.

Beat together and top the cake mix with:

1 stick softened butter

1 8 oz. pkg cream cheese

3 3/4 cup confectioners sugar

Bake at 350° for 50 minutes.

Roanoke Valley Bird Club 2009 Calendar

Please submit photos or artwork for our 2009 calendar by September 1 to Carl Boast: 3368 Hickory Cove Lane, Moneta, VA 24121. Or give submissions directly to Carl at the May 12 meeting, the August 17 picnic, or any other time you might see him before Sept. 1.

The images should be in 8 x 10 horizontal (landscape) format suitable for scanning and reproduction. Please put a brief description on a label on the back of the submission indicating the subject, location and time of year (month or season) depicted. *Do not include any self identifying information on the submission label.* Do provide your name on an accompanying sheet however. A committee will select the final images for the calendar from the received submissions. Submitted materials will be returned. If you would like to be on the selection committee please contact Carl at: carlandlinda@earthlink.net or phone: 540-297-7336.

Birds of the Roanoke Valley

Barry Kinzie is planning to revise and update the *Birds of the Roanoke Valley* by late 2010. The first edition was published in 1985.

During the next few years, Barry will be asking birders for accurate bird watching records. First-of-the-season, last-of-the-season, and peak counts will be published.

Example records:

Hooded Warbler early spring date: (1) 12 Apr 2008, foot of Poor Mtn., E.&C. Burroughs.

Common Loon peak count (200+) 14 Apr 2007, Carvin's Cove, B. James.

FIELD TRIPS

CHAIRMAN BETH GRIFFIN 265-4853

DON'T FORGET TO SHARE THE COST OF GAS WHEN YOU CARPOOL

May 4, Sunday, 8:00 A.M. Mill Mountain

Meet leader Bill Hunley (774-2397) in front of the Discovery Center on Mill Mountain. You will be amazed how many migrants you can see atop this mountain. Expect 1 to 1.5 miles of easy walking.

May 10, 8 A.M. Booker T. Washington National Monument

Bill and Anne Tucker will lead this walk. A carpool will leave from underneath the big Tanglewood Mall sign on Electric Rd. at 7 A.M.

To get to the Monument, go south on Hwy 220. Turn left at Wirtz Road (there is a stoplight and the Plateau Plaza at that intersection). Travel Wirtz Rd. until it ends at Hwy 122. Turn left and drive several miles to the Monument.

May 10, International Migratory Bird Day at the Peaks of Otter

The National Park Service will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day on May 10 at the Peaks of Otter. Located on the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 86, the Peaks of Otter are a triangle of three mountains around a beautiful highland lake. On Migratory Bird Day, you'll look for some of the amazing species of migratory birds that pass through the Peaks of Otter, like the Scarlet Tanager, Veery, Wood Thrush, and Kentucky Warbler. You might spot a Golden Eagle, American Kestrel, Red-tailed Hawk, or a Peregrine Falcon.

One of the primary activities will be a count of birds observed. There are various kinds of bird counts including a stationary count, an area count, and a traveling count. The hike at the Peaks of Otter will be a traveling count along one of the forest trails. Our information will be added to a growing pool of data helping scientists better understand birds.

The Migratory Bird Day walk on May 10 leaves from the Lodge at 9 A.M. Mention the date and time of the hike when you contact the Peaks of Otter Lodge. Bird walks are subject to weather. Space is limited. To participate, pre-register by sending an e-mail to peaksotter@aol.com or call the Lodge at (540) 586-1081, 1-800-542-5927. There is no charge for the bird walks.

May 16-19, Virginia National Wildlife Refuge and Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge



Beth Griffin (265-4853) and other club members are birding the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge And Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge May 16 -19. Anyone who is interested in joining us should call Beth Griffin ASAP as hotels are filling up.

July 12, 7:30 A.M. Whitetop Mountain in Grayson County

Alyce and Tim Quinn (719-0109) will lead us on this trip. Whitetop Mountain is the second highest summit in Virginia. This is a great venue for finding Chestnut-sided Warbler, Black-capped Chickadee, Dark-eyed Junco, Blue-headed Vireo, and Black-throated Green Warbler. We might also see treetop-hopping Red Crossbills.

Whitetop Mountain is approximately 2.5 hours from Roanoke. Some members may wish to travel on Friday and stay overnight nearby.

We're still working out the details but the trip will start in the area of Whitetop Mountain at 7:30 A.M. If you are interested in going please contact Alyce Quinn after May 19th for more details.

August 2, 8:30 A.M. Austin Residence (Bent Mountain)

As part of their annual open house, Robin and Allen Austin (929-9071) will be leading a bird walk in the area around their home. The field trip starts at 8:30 A.M. and is followed by a lunch provided by the Austins for those who want to stay. There is even an evening campfire for those who want to make a day of it or who just want to arrive later. If you've never been to the Austins', call for directions.

FIELD NOTES

April 5, Salisbury Furnace

BIRDERS CAUGHT IN LOVE TRIANGLE—When Norris Ford, Gary Brunk, and John & Eunice Hudgins were in the car leaving George Moore's Farm, they encountered a pair of Wild Turkeys in the road. The hen ran off to the side of the road, but the gobbler fanned his tail, put his head down, gobbled, and came straight at their car and then at the last moment decided it was more rewarding to chase the hen. The group was pleased that they got to enjoy this "first in a lifetime experience."

Bill Hunley led the group and other birds sighted were: Great Egret, Tree Swallow, Canada Goose, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, American Robin, Common Grackle, Belted Kingfisher, Chipping Sparrow, European Starling, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Bluebird, Black Vulture, Common Raven, Mourning Dove, White-throated Sparrow, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Song Sparrow, Red-tailed Hawk, Killdeer, House Finch, Carolina Chickadee, Pileated Woodpecker, Louisiana Waterthrush, Purple Finch, Blue Jay, Common Crow, Yellow-throated Warbler, Tufted Titmouse, Northern Cardinal, Wood Duck, Great Blue Heron, Eastern Phoebe, Turkey Vulture, and American Kestrel.

April 12, Lick Run Greenway

Dodging the raindrops, four hearty birders—Diane Clampton, Zach Thompson, Henry Woodward, and leader Rupert Cutler were rewarded with excellent, close, and lengthy views of a Blue-headed Vireo. The other 31 species seen were: Great Blue Heron, Green Heron, Turkey Vulture, Mallard, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Rock Dove, Mourning Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, (Swallow, Species Unknown), Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, European Starling, Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Song Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Grackle, American Goldfinch, and House Sparrow.

April 19, Bent Mountain/Poor Mountain

Leaders Robin and Allen Austin guided 14 birders to the marsh behind Bent Mountain Elementary School and then traveled up Poor Mountain searching for high elevation migrants. Afterwards Robin and Allen graciously hosted the group to lunch at their home.

Species spotted: Yellow-rumped Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Black-and-White Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Pine Siskin, Magnolia Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Swamp Sparrow, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Thrasher, Tufted Titmouse, Tree Swallow, Barn Swallow, Chimney Swift, Carolina Chickadee, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, House Finch, Common Grackle, European Starling, Mallard, Carolina Wren, House Wren, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Eastern Phoebe, Broad-winged Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, American Goldfinch, Brown-headed Cowbird, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-winged Blackbird, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Towhee, Blue Jay, Wild Turkey, and Northern Cardinal.

April 26, Warbler Road

On a warm sunny morning, fourteen birders led by Tim and Alyce Quinn were well rewarded on this trip. Highlights: Summer Tanager, Baltimore Oriole, Orchard Oriole, White-eyed Vireo, Cerulean Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Black-and-White Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Ovenbird, Louisiana Waterthrush, Wood Thrush, Red-eyed Vireo, American Redstart, Hooded Warbler, Northern Parula, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Indigo Bunting, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Wood Duck, Coopers Hawk, and Red-breasted Nuthatch.

SIGHTINGS

On March 29, Kent Davis sighted a Great Egret on the Roanoke River Greenway at the Franklin Road Bridge. On March 30, Kent found a Red-shouldered Hawk calling on Dogwood Lane behind VA Western Community College.

At her home in early April Alyce Quinn sighted Prairie Warblers. She noted that Pine Siskins, Purple Finches and White-throated Sparrows were still gracing her residence.

Liz Williams reported that a neighbor in Salem spotted Red Crossbills on March 19 and April 1. Liz also reported seeing Fish Crows in Salem.

On April 15, Linda Cory saw a Common Redpoll for the first time in her yard. Linda's thistle feeder is two feet from her kitchen window and the Redpoll was trying to get the seed despite protests from the American Goldfinches.

Kent Davis spotted five Yellow-crowned Night Herons on the evening of April 17 in Smith Park.

Bill and Katie James saw 21 Broad-winged Hawks in the Hollins area in the late afternoon.

On April 18, Linda Cory photographed Pine Siskins at her thistle feeder.

Carol Whiteside saw her first Ruby-throated Hummingbird of the season on April 17 at her feeder.

Margaret Brown reported a sighting of four Northern Bobwhite on Brandon Ave. in Roanoke in early April.

Norma and Joel Shapiro reported seeing Red-breasted Nuthatches and a Louisiana Waterthrush in early April.

In early April Carol Rosenberg spotted Hermit Thrush and Brown-headed Nuthatch near her home.

Laurie Spangler saw a Ruby-throated Hummingbird on April 20th. On April 21 Laurie spotted a Black-and-White Warbler at Blackhorse Gap.



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Breeding Bird Survey Needs Volunteers

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is looking for volunteers to run currently vacant Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) routes. The BBS is the longest-running North American breeding landbird survey, and is invaluable to the bird conservation community for tracking the status and trends of breeding bird populations.

There are plenty of opportunities this year, as nine routes are currently vacant. You can view a list of vacant routes and a map showing their generalized location at the BBS website at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/results/routemaps/virginia.cfm?CountryNum=840&StateNumber=88>.

Requirements for participation include:

- 1) Access to suitable transportation to complete the survey.
- 2) Good hearing and eyesight, including the ability to hear high-pitched vocalizations.
- 3) The ability to identify all breeding birds in the area by sight and sound. Knowledge of bird songs is extremely important, because most birds counted on these surveys are singing males.
- 4) New BBS participants must also successfully complete the BBS Methodology Training Program before their data will be used in any BBS analyses. The training program ensures that participants are familiar with BBS methodology, and can be completed online in less than one hour.

If you meet the first three criteria and would like to participate, and are able and willing to commit to running a route for two or more years, please contact Sergio Harding at sergio.harding@dgif.virginia.gov, or at 804-367-0143.

For information on the BBS, please visit the website at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/>. The VA BBS depends entirely on volunteers for its continued success.

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Great Backyard Bird Count Sets New Records

New York, NY & Ithaca, NY, March 2008—Bird watchers outdid themselves during the 2008 Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society, with sponsorship by Wild Birds Unlimited. Participants submitted more than 85,700 checklists during the four-day event, February 15-18, surpassing last year's all-time record by several thousand. Participants also identified a record 635 species and sent in thousands of stunning bird images from around the continent.

Birders who had heard about the massive seed production failure in trees across northern Canada were expecting a huge influx of northern finches coming south to look for food. "As predicted, there were record numbers of GBBC reports for Pine Grosbeak," says Rob Fergus, Senior Scientist with the National Audubon Society. It was also a

banner year for Common Redpolls and Evening Grosbeaks, reported in their highest numbers in several years.

In this year's GBBC, Yellow-billed Magpie numbers hit a new low. Magpies, crows, and jays are especially susceptible to the West Nile virus. For the past few years the population of Yellow-billed Magpies has declined following the spread of the virus to California. Nationwide, American Crow and Blue Jay numbers appear to have



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stabilized somewhat, but require continued monitoring as the populations of these birds continue to adapt to the presence of this new disease. The GBBC charts the explosive geographic expansion of Eurasian Collared-Doves. The species has spread aggressively since it was introduced in Florida in 1980 and made new inroads this year. For the first time, GBBC records of this bird came from British Columbia, Manitoba, and Oregon.

Some species showed up in Great Backyard Bird Count reports for the very first time, including a Masked Duck in Texas—a bird that is usually found in the tropics. An Arctic Loon, seldom seen outside Alaska, was spotted in California. An Ivory Gull wandered down from the high Arctic to show up on a checklist in South Dakota. "Each year, awareness of the GBBC seems to spread," says Cornell Lab of Ornithology Citizen Science Director Janis Dickinson. "Committed individuals, nature centers, parks, and schools adopted the GBBC as their own in an unprecedented way this year. They held bird walks, ID workshops, and many other events tied to the count." Preschoolers built feeders out of milk jugs. An artist painted a mural of urban birds in Hollywood. One participant commented, "Participating in the bird count has given my children a little taste of what it is like to be a scientist."

For an even more detailed summary of this year's results, visit the GBBC web site at www.birdcount.org. You can explore maps, see beautiful photos, prize-drawing winners, and the list cities and towns that topped their state or province for the number of checklists submitted—our "checklist champs."

The Great Backyard Bird Count returns February 13-16, 2009!

Top 10 most-reported birds in the 2008 GBBC:

- 1) Northern Cardinal
- 2) Mourning Dove
- 3) Dark-eyed Junco
- 4) Downy Woodpecker
- 5) American Goldfinch
- 6) Blue Jay
- 7) House Finch
- 8) Tufted Titmouse
- 9) Black-capped Chickadee
- 10) American Crow

For more information on the GBBC visit
www.birds.cornell.edu

American Woodcocks Observed on Blue Ridge Parkway

The American Woodcock is present throughout the year in Augusta County, but is primarily a spring transient, found most often on the Blue Ridge Parkway, south of Waynesboro. For many years, members of Augusta Bird Club have watched the courtship display of this chunky brown shorebird in late March or early April. This year on March 29, beginning at eight o'clock at the Humpback Rocks parking area, several club members watched four male birds perform their aerial display, while two birds remained on the ground.

Just before dark, you first hear the strange call, "peent peent." And then the male leaps from the ground, ascending in a widening spiral to over 300 feet! At the peak of this ecstatic performance, he zigzags rapidly down to earth, with the wind whistling through his wings, and making chirping sounds, he lands like a falling leaf near the spot where he took off. He struts across a patch of open ground, sounds his "peent" notes again, then soars to repeat the aerial dance.

Under a bright moon, when light is just at the right candlepower, he may perform all night. Often a female joins him on the field and watches the show. Finally he mates with her. The females then nest and rear the broods with no help from the males. The nest may be near the singing field. Woodcocks live where the soil is moist. They dig for earthworms, in damp woods, alder thickets, and along edges of second growth forest.

Being nocturnal in their habits, American Woodcocks are difficult to see in daylight as they rest on the forest floor, protected by their "dead-leaf" brown color. We have four breeding records for the American Woodcock in Augusta County, but most of our records are in spring at this ancestral dancing ground.

Every spring, I think of the words of the poet Jon Swan who wrote: "Each March I watch to see the Woodcock skim

the ground, turn and spiral up to build his bell, then break it up and come down through his music to the earth." He describes the sound as "like standing in a bell... the bell broke and fell, ringing around me a new music, the sound now as if each of the pieces sang, liquid and ecstatic." An inconvenient time to go birdwatching, it's well worth the trip.

Yulee Larner

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Bluebirds Nesting in April

The Bluebird has been one of the best loved of all American birds since early colonial times, and is a symbol of love and happiness. It is mentioned more often than any other bird in American poetry and songs.

Because introduced species, the House Sparrows and Starlings, took over their nest sites, the shortage of natural cavities for nesting, overuse of insecticides and other problems, the Bluebird came close to extinction in the 1960s, with its population reduced about ninety per cent.

When conservationists realized the situation, a program to "bring back the bluebirds" was initiated throughout the country. In 1972, members of Augusta Bird Club placed 150 nest boxes for bluebirds throughout the county. Boxes were added each year, so that by 1995, from 524 nest boxes, 1533 young bluebirds fledged that year. It was estimated that from 1972 to 1995, the number of fledglings exceeded 16,000!

Recently there has been a tremendous increase in the number of Tree Swallows taking over the boxes; sometimes producing more Tree Swallows than Bluebirds.

Area residents are encouraged to participate in the cavity-nesting program. Provide a nest box, and perhaps the bluebird of happiness will come to you!

Yulee Larner

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Hummingbirds Arriving in April

April is the time to watch for Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, as they are returning from Mexico or Panama where they spent the winter. In Augusta County, our earliest arrival date was April 9, 1998. You can now put out your syrup feeders – remember the formula for sugar syrup is one part sugar to four parts water. Bring to boil and then refrigerate.

Many hummers are heading north, some going as far as Canada. Others stay to nest in our area, with breeding records from late May through August. They are more common during migration in spring and again from August into October.

The Ruby-throated is the only hummingbird to nest in eastern North America. Hummingbirds are our smallest songbirds; the male Ruby-throat weighs about the same as 2 ½ paper clips. They fly 600 miles non-stop across the Gulf of Mexico,



storing up enough fat to make the crossing. Their nest of plant down, covered with lichens, is about the size of a marshmallow, just large enough to hold two white eggs.

On July 25, 1984, I counted twenty hummers in a mimosa tree near Verona, and fifty-three were counted on September 3, 2005, flying over Rockfish Gap.

Yulee Larner

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Listen to the Mockingbird

Many years ago, I enjoyed listening to the song, “Listen to the mockingbird, listen to the mockingbird, still singing where the weeping willows wave.” At that time, I probably wouldn’t have known a Mockingbird if I saw one, but now I have learned many interesting facts about this popular mimic thrush.

More than 200 years ago, Mark Catesby heard the Mockingbird singing in South Carolina, and he was the first to record, scientifically, this bird that is now so familiar to us. Mockingbirds imitate other birds so perfectly that the difference can be told only by electronic analysis. One bird in Boston was recorded singing thirty-nine bird songs and fifty bird calls.

They imitate not only bird songs, but many other sounds as well. At Virginia Tech in 1976, students in their dorm rooms with windows open, were typing term papers. They were surprised to hear a Mockingbird imitating the pecking sound of typing keys, and even the “ding” of the carriage return.

Sometimes during mating season, especially on a moonlit night, the male may sing to his ladylove until dawn, a trait that does little to increase his popularity with folks who would rather be sleeping!

Yulee Larner

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Internet Sites of Interest:

Roanoke Birds listserv:
<http://groups.google.com/group/roanokebirds>

New River Birds listserv:
<http://groups.google.com/group/NRVBirds>

Franklin, Henry, and Patrick Counties Birds listserv:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fhpbirds/>

Virginia Society of Ornithology:
<http://www.virginiabirds.net/>

American Bird Conservancy:
<http://www.abcbirds.org/>

BirdSource:
<http://www.birdsource.org/>

Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology:
<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/>

National Wildlife Federation:
<http://www.nwf.org/>

National Audubon Society:
<http://www.audubon.org/>

American Birding Association:
<http://www.americanbirding.org/>

Environmental Defense Fund:
<http://www.edf.org>

Virginia Bluebird Society:
<http://www.virginiabluebirds.org/index.html>

North American Bluebird Society:
<http://www.nabluebirdsociety.org/index.htm>

Virginia Native Plant Society:
<http://www.vnps.org>

birding.about.com - a general guide to birding:
<http://birding.about.com/>

www.theaviary.com: <http://www.theaviary.com/bi.shtml>

Mountain Naturalist: <http://mountainnaturalist.blogspot.com/>

If there are any birding/nature sites you would like to see listed in the newsletter please email cesiler@yahoo.com



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Individual **\$12** _____

Family **\$20** _____

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Adopt-a-BlueBird **\$15** _____

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Contribution **\$** _____

Total Submitted **\$** _____