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FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 2018

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Detwiler Auditorium, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, 1501 Virginia Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

PROGRAM: Checking in with Virginia's Breeding Birds Thirty Years Later with Dr. Ashley Peele.

Virginia conducted its first breeding bird atlas (BBA) project to assess the status and distribution of breeding bird populations in the late 1980's. 2018 is the start of the third year for the second Virginia BBA project. The birding community has already contributed thousands of hours documenting the breeding status of Virginia birds. The resulting data have already provided many insights into how breeding bird distributions have changed over the last thirty years. State Atlas Coordinator, Dr. Ashley Peele, will highlight some of these changes, share interesting species findings and volunteer highlights, as well as discuss important needs for the remaining three years of this project. Join us to learn more about this exciting conservation project and how you can get involved.

Join us for dinner with Ashley before the meeting: Taste of Thai, 917 S. High Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802 at 5:30 PM. Please contact Robyn Puffenbarger, 540-908-7335 or rpuffenb@bridgewater.edu, in advance if you plan to attend.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIPS & RAPTOR/WATERFOWL COUNT - *Diane Lepkowski*

Members and guests are welcome on all field trips. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or adult who is responsible for the minor.

Highland County, Saturday February 3, with Mike Shank: Targets include wintering Golden Eagles and Bald Eagles. Meet at 7 AM at Bob-a-rea's parking lot on Rt. 42 in Bridgewater, across from the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department. We plan to return 3-4 PM. Bring lunch, snacks & drinks, and dress warmly; Highland is often ten degrees colder than Harrisonburg. Please contact Mike at tallwhiteoak@verizon.net or 540-810-7444 if you plan to attend.

Hillendale Monthly Walk, Monday, February 12: Kathy Byers would like to host the walk this month at her new home, "Ridge Lodge," conveniently located within walking distance to the park! Please meet at 8:00 AM on Monday, February 12 at 521 Ridge Rd. There should be enough parking in the driveway and cul-de-sac. Coffee, hot chocolate and some morning snacks will be served while we watch the feeders for the usual suspects. Then we can walk over into the park.

We will enter the park on the bike trails, which are a bit more primitive and can be quite muddy, so please plan accordingly. It's a five to ten minute walk from the house to the northwest corner of the park, with some birding opportunities along the way. Please let Tom (810-5898) or Kathy (820-6517) know if you will be joining the fun.

Annual Raptor and Waterfowl Count, Saturday February 17- Coordinator needed! This annual count covers all of Rockingham County. It's similar to the Christmas Bird Count but we count only raptors, waterfowl and a few select other species. Former coordinator Tom Lord has decided to step down but agreed to compile the data this year. Even if you can't spend part of the day afield, please consider helping out if there are private ponds or waterways you can access! Please contact Debbie Harrison (woodshar@aol.com) or Diane Lepkowski (dianelep1@yahoo.com) if you're able to lead in a sector, help or coordinate this year. Coordinating involves securing sector leaders.

TRIP REPORTS

Bald Eagle Trip to Kimsey Run Reservoir and Lost River, WV – Debbie Harrison

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, eight of us went on the usual trip to Lost City, WV area in search of bald eagles. We had a fun, cold (temps in the 20's), sunny, windy day and ended our count with 14 mature eagles plus 4 immature eagles. We also saw at least 2 American Kestrels, several ravens and also crows, and some song birds (chickadee, bluebirds, juncos, cardinals).

The "grand finale" was across Rt. 259 from the Lost River Animal Hospital. We had 4 mature bald eagles flying that could be seen in our binoculars all at once! We also found 3 immature birds in the same area (all the birds would be flying, and then perching, then flying-very active).

Our group then split and one car returned to Kimsey Run Reservoir, where we started the day with bluebirds and only 1 eagle. On our return, there were 2 mature eagles perched close to the boat launch area. Great looks even without the binoculars! We also had 2 eagles perched at Parker Hollow Reservoir. Other eagles were seen along Rt. 259, Parker Hollow Rd and Big Ridge Rd.

Hillandale Park – Tom Mizell

Well, who would have thought 2018 would be here already and we would have our first Hillandale walk of the year? It was sunny and 24 degrees as 6 members of the RBC eased out of their warm vehicles and gathered on January 16 at 8 AM at the parking lot and quickly put together a wish list. We donned gloves, jackets, insulated boots, stocking hats and for some of us not quite enough warm clothing. Our wish list of Winter Wren (sounds familiar), Brown Creeper, Yellow-rumped Warbler and Ruby Crowned Kinglet got us started toward the cabin.

Beginning at the lot we soon saw and/or heard Mourning Dove, Carolina Wren, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-bellied Woodpecker and Blue Jay. Before we left the pavement for the gravel path to the cabin we were distracted to the northeast by a small bird. Was this our wish list Ruby-crowned Kinglet? Searching and searching and looking at a small bird flitting high in a walnut tree across from the volleyball court we just could not make the call. It shared some of the treetop with Tufted Titmice and then flew away. As we neared the cabin we added Northern Cardinal and Downy Woodpecker. Northern Mockingbird and European Starling also made appearances. By 8:26 AM we listed 12

species. Walking along the golf course boundary we saw several more White-breasted Nuthatches; and Red-bellied Woodpeckers and White-throated Sparrows chirped from the brush. Standing and shivering some of us heard Northern Flicker while others heard Pileated Woodpecker. A large black and white bird flew in that bouncy pattern eastward. The Pileated people smiled as the Flicker people asked for silence in order to hear the Flicker again. Hmmmmm, silence. So we continued to the northwest corner. In a tall oak above one of the golf course fairways a falcon size bird was perched looking over its domain. Too far away to give us complete certainty of ID, we wavered between Merlin and American Kestrel. A couple of Blue Jays nosed into the perch area. Then they attacked and the unknown bird left leaving us with one of today's mysteries. Size-wise it was quite comparable to the Blue Jays.

By 9:40 we were in pursuit of "sparrows" and walked across the northwest pedestrian bridge. An American Robin saluted us. A few of us ventured onto the dirt bike trail in search of Juncos and sparrows when Randy Cline back on the main trail said "Yellow-bellied Sapsucker!" Momentum shifted and we left the sparrow search for now. We all got good looks at a striking Sapsucker in a walnut tree where the park road ends in a small loop. This was a text book example of a "Yellow-bellied" Sapsucker. After a few moments Randy and Fletcher Bingham found a Brown Creeper in the same general area. Another keeper! Before the walk was over we got looks at 3 more Sapsuckers, two in one tree in the southwest trail loop.

Winding our way back to the cabin as we completed our first loop we found numerous Juncos graveling along the trail. Several Northern Cardinals flitted about and another rusty colored bird appeared. A Fox Sparrow came into view for about 1 minute and then disappeared. The south loop supplied Song Sparrow and House Finches, Turkey Vultures and Black Vultures. By the time we completed the loop we were talking about Ruby-crowned Kinglet and a few other birds we had not seen this day. Almost before that word "Kinglet" crossed our lips a small bird seemed to fall most peculiarly into some small cedars along the trail. A cute little Ruby-crowned Kinglet decided to show itself bringing our total to 27 Species. As the temperature was now a toasty 34 degrees we thought our list was finished at 10:55 AM. Later in the day after getting an email from Anne Nielsen, our tally went to 28 as she saw two Northern Flickers and a Pileated Woodpecker as she drove out the park about an hour before we all left. Thanks Anne! Will we see you in February? We hope so. Dress warmly and bring an extra pair of gloves. Wait, we are not done yet. Today's assignment was for each attendee to submit a short statement on a specific bird seen at Hillandale. So, for what it's worth, here are a few submittals:

Carolina Wren

"The...Carolina Wren uses song to defend its territory throughout much of the year. The presence or absence of leaves on the vegetation (in summer or winter) has a huge impact on the way songs sound, degrading over distance more rapidly when there are leaves...When (study author) Marc Naguib broadcast undegraded or degraded songs at the same volume and from the same location, the wrens typically responded to the undegraded song by flying directly to the loudspeaker. When he broadcast degraded songs, however, the birds flew OVER the loudspeaker, as though they perceived the intruder to be further away. In other words, the wrens could tell the difference between degraded and undegraded song and adjusted their behavior accordingly." Tim Birkhead, *Bird Sense*, 2012, p. 86.

The North American Brown Creeper

Besides flying to trees and "walking up them", they may be found as high as 11,000 ft. above sea level, have a "decurved" bill and may be seen as vagrants in some Central American countries.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

This is the only woodpecker in eastern North America that is completely migratory. Both male and female have red caps and the male also has red on its throat. A white line extends along the front edge of its wing. The Sapsucker drills small holes often in horizontal lines in trees to make the sap run. With its brush shaped tongue it laps up the sap along with insects that have become trapped. Their handiwork benefits many other birds that are attracted to both the sap flow and the insects that are likewise attracted. Maple is a favorite but researchers have detected Sapsucker holes on 100s of species of trees and shrubs. In Hillandale we have observed Sapsucker rings on Maple, Walnut, Poplar and Cedar Trees just to name a few. It often makes a “mewy” call. (allaboutbirds.org)

Fox Sparrow

It was exciting to spot a Fox Sparrow at Hillandale Park during the January 16 field trip. Although they nest in the far north and migrate through here in the spring and the fall, most keep on going and winter farther south. But there are a few who decide that the Shenandoah Valley is the place to be and spend the winter here, where they can be found in dense, brushy thickets. They feed mostly on the ground, scratching for food towhee-style.

But why the name? Is the Fox Sparrow notably sly? Not at all. Although it likes dense undergrowth, it's a large sparrow, and the ones visiting us are rufous, much brighter than most sparrows. Actually, that's the clue we need: the Fox Sparrows we see are similar in color to the Red Fox. But on second thought, maybe it is sly, for in the West, the Fox Sparrows aren't reddish at all. That's where the slate-colored (mostly gray) and sooty (predominately brown) subspecies live, waiting to fool an unwary birder from the East.

BIRD SIGHTINGS

William Leigh reported a **Pine Siskin**, nine **Common Mergansers**, and a swimming bear at Switzer Dam on Dec. 29.

After a lull in sightings near the end of Dec., reports of the **Snowy Owl** in Mt. Crawford picked back up at the beginning of the year and continued through at least Jan. 12 near the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, typically seen perched on light poles around the Center and viewed from the McDonald's parking lot. Karen Shank reported that on Jan. 16, Timothy and Amanda Koogler saw what may have been the same bird (with dark markings) at their farm on Mount Crawford Avenue, Bridgewater.

During the deep freeze at the turn of the year, ducks were concentrated at the few spots with open water, including Silver Lake and Lake Campbell. Species seen at Silver Lake included **Northern Pintails, Gadwalls, Northern Shovelers, Greater and Lesser Scaup, Redhead, Hooded Merganser, Ring-necked Duck, American Wigeon** and the continuing **Long-tailed Duck**. Lake Campbell hosted **Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Gadwalls, American Wigeon, Green-winged Teal, Redheads, Ring-necked Ducks, Ruddy Duck, Greater Scaup, American Black Ducks, Greater White-fronted Goose, and Cackling Geese**.

Gabriel Mapel reported 42 **Eurasian Collared-Doves** at Lumber Mill Rd on Jan. 1.

Shaphan Shank reported an **American Woodcock** at the Union Springs dam on Jan. 1.

Jonathan Todd reported **Horned Larks** and a **Red-shouldered Hawk** at Shenstone Drive in Harrisonburg on Jan. 2.

Greg Moyers reported 32 **Greater White-fronted Geese** and a **Snow Goose** on the river in Bridgewater just east of the Rt. 42 bridge on Jan. 3. As many as 37 Greater White-fronted Geese were reported at this location in subsequent days. Bob Eggleston also reported **Northern Pintails** and **Gadwall** here on Jan. 5 and William Leigh reported two **Common Goldeneyes** on Jan. 6.

Diane Lepkowski reported a **Northern Harrier** near the Mt. Crawford McDonald's on Jan. 3.

Jonathan Todd reported a **Yellow-bellied Sapsucker** at Lake Shenandoah on Jan. 3. Jonathan saw a **Red-shouldered Hawk** on Port Republic Rd on the way to the lake.

Matt Gingerich reported a **Black-crowned Night-Heron** in the stream near Silver Lake on Jan. 5. Matt also had six **Cackling Geese** at Lake Terrace on the same date.

Huck Hutchens found at least seven **Common Mergansers** on the North River in Mt. Crawford along Fairview Rd on Jan. 6.

Diane Holsinger had a **Red-headed Woodpecker** at her place in Timberville on Jan. 7 and a **Brown Creeper** on Jan. 8.

On Jan. 11, Jonathan Todd reported a **Hermit Thrush** and a **Winter Wren** at Lake Shenandoah, a **Fox Sparrow** at Hillandale Park, and a **Red-shouldered Hawk** near Silver Lake.

Matt Gingerich reported **Red-breasted Nuthatches** and six **Red Crossbills** at Switzer Dam on Jan. 11, the continuing **Eurasian Collared-Doves** on Lumber Mill Rd on Jan. 12, a **Swamp Sparrow** on Mountain Valley Rd and a **Peregrine Falcon**, a **Bald Eagle**, and three **Trumpeter Swans** on Cold Spring Rd near Timberville on Jan. 13, and a **Short-Eared Owl** on Moore's Mill Rd on Jan. 14.

Greg Moyers, Diane Lepkowski, and William Leigh reported six **Common Mergansers** at Switzer Dam on Jan. 13.

Jonathan Todd reported a **Great Horned Owl** at Lake Shenandoah and a **Hooded Merganser** and **Cackling Goose** at Lake Campbell on Jan. 14.

Gabriel Mapel and Vic Laubach found three **Lapland Longspurs** in a flock of **Horned Larks** on Nicholson Rd and an **American Tree Sparrow** on Model Rd near Elkton on Jan. 17. They also found a **Cackling Goose** at Lake Shenandoah and a **Canvasback** and **Black-crowned Night-Heron** at Silver Lake.

Also on Jan. 17, Matt Gingerich reported **American Pipits** on Pineville Rd, a **Merlin** and **Savannah Sparrows** on Model Rd, a **Peregrine Falcon** on Captain Yancey Rd, and a **Lapland Longspur** on Lynnwood Rd.

Karen, Everett and Annie Shank's yard has turned up some good birds, including a continuing pair of **Red-shouldered Hawks**, a **Ruby-crowned Kinglet** on Jan. 17, and a **Palm Warbler** on Jan 21.

Kathy Fovargue reported a probable **Ring-billed Gull** at Lake Shenandoah on Jan. 22.

William Leigh reported several **Chipping Sparrows** at Slate Lick Fields on Jan. 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help and Field Trip Leaders needed: Virginia Society of Ornithology (VSO) Annual Meeting, Friday May 18 - Sunday May 20. The meeting will be held at Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg this year. While the VSO is officially hosting the meeting, they've asked for local help leading field trips and also manning the registration tables on Friday. Please let a RBC Board member

know if you'd like to help, and be ready for Board members to reach out to those of you we know are familiar with our local field trip sites!

Treasurer's Report - Steve White

Just a brief side note to our highly successful bird seed fundraiser in November. With the invoice from BFG Supply, which listed how many bags of each type of seed we ordered along with the weight of a single bag, I did some quick arithmetic. We sold over 11,500 pounds of seed, distributing it to our customers on 11 November. That's **5.75 tons!!!** Thanks again for your support of our seed sale, and special thanks to those hardy souls who helped us at the loading dock in getting all that seed stashed in vehicles for hauling home to the hungry birds. Your wild birds have probably already thanked you!

Project Feeder Watch 2017-2018, NOW through Friday, April 13: Consider participating! Contribute your feeder observations to this annual citizen science project. New participants will be able to log into online data entry and set up their count site on November 1. The last day to start a two-day count is Thursday, April 12. Information at: <https://feederwatch.org/>

118th CBC Summary Report

Our "VARC" Christmas Bird Count (CBC) circle is centered at Ottobine with a 7.5-mile radius. We see from *Birds of Rockingham County Virginia* (first edition) that Max Carpenter and Doc Jopson began our VARC circle CBC on December 26, 1954. That was the 55th overall year of the international Christmas Bird Count (CBC) which began in 1900. Our data sets are somewhat varied since we also know of related non-circular local CBCs from the 1930s ending in 1959. Currently on the Audubon-hosted website, their reports only show data beginning in 1956 (57th CBC year). Our VARC CBC master spreadsheet file also shows a record from 1951. The multiple sources show us that counting birds during the Christmas season is a long tradition locally with many contributors over time.

This year, I was excited to see a record number of 37 field participants, eclipsing by 1 our previous high. Also, although we had no new species this year, we soared to 82 species, 3 more than our previous record from the 116th only two years ago. We also had two "Count Week (CW)" species not identified on count day, but found during the three days before or three days after Saturday, December 16, 2017.

Misses:

As this was another Snowy Owl irruption year, we were fortunate to have another of these birds show up within the circle, but it settled just outside the circle only a few days before the count period. We never documented it back within the circle during our count week. As small consolation, on count day, while we stood within the circle where the bird was originally seen, we could see it by scope settled comfortably on a light post at a Wal-Mart distribution center across I-81 about 0.5 mile outside the edge of our circle.

Other general misses: 12 species were seen last year and not this year include: Wood Duck, Green-winged Teal (Am. - *Anas crecca carolinensis*), Ring-necked Duck, Ruddy Duck, Wild Turkey, Great Horned Owl (CW only), Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Thrasher, Palm Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, Fox Sparrow (CW only) and Purple Finch.

Sixteen species that were seen this year, but not last year were: Northern Pintail, Lesser Scaup, Long-tailed Duck, Hooded Merganser, Black Vulture, Golden Eagle, Merlin, Eastern Screech Owl, Eastern

Phoebe, Blue-headed Vireo, Cedar Waxwing, Savannah Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Snow Bunting, Rusty Blackbird and Common Grackle.

New all-time-highs (ATH): Canada Goose (499; previous 341), Golden Eagle (2; previous 1), Eurasian Collared-Dove (30; previous 20), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (14; previous 13) and Eastern Towhee (8; previous 5).

Six species tied previous ATH: Northern Shoveler (12), Northern Harrier (3), Merlin (2), Pileated Woodpecker (29), Blue-headed Vireo (1) +another CW bird, Swamp Sparrow (3), Snow Bunting (1).

Full count list: Canada Goose (499), Mute Swan (5), Gadwall (3), American Wigeon (1), Mallard (295), Northern Shoveler (12), Northern Pintail (1), Redhead (3), Lesser Scaup (1), Long-tailed Duck (1), Hooded Merganser (1), Pied-billed Grebe (3), Great Blue Heron (10), Black Vulture (30), Turkey Vulture (302), Bald Eagle (11), Northern Harrier (3), Sharp-shinned Hawk (4), Cooper's Hawk (6), Red-shouldered Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (56), Buteo, sp. (1), Golden Eagle (2), American Kestrel (46), Merlin (2), American Coot (1), Killdeer (14), Wilson's Snipe (7), Rock Pigeon (1149), Mourning Dove (477), Eurasian Collared-Dove (30), Eastern Screech Owl (5), Great Horned Owl (CW), Belted Kingfisher (14), Red-headed Woodpecker (4), Red-bellied Woodpecker (51), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (14), Downy Woodpecker (38), Hairy Woodpecker (17), Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker (19), Pileated Woodpecker (29), Eastern Phoebe (6), Blue-headed Vireo (Solitary Vireo) / includes sp. (1), Blue Jay (192), American Crow (247), Fish Crow (4), crow, sp. (6), Common Raven (26), Horned Lark (354), Carolina Chickadee (62), Black-capped Chickadee (6), chickadee, sp. (14), Tufted Titmouse (65), White-breasted Nuthatch (39), Brown Creeper (6), Carolina Wren (65), (Eastern) Winter Wren {Troglodytes hiemalis} (6), Golden-crowned Kinglet (39), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (7), Eastern Bluebird (178), Hermit Thrush (2), American Robin (181), Northern Mockingbird (74), European Starling (3513), American Pipit (6), Cedar Waxwing (61), Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler (23), Eastern Towhee (8), Field Sparrow (6), Savannah Sparrow (1), Fox Sparrow (CW), Song Sparrow (108), Swamp Sparrow (3), White-throated Sparrow (266), White-crowned Sparrow (192), Dark-eyed (Slate-colored) Junco (187), Snow Bunting (1), Northern Cardinal (211), Red-winged Blackbird (28), Eastern Meadowlark (11), Rusty Blackbird (38), Common Grackle (3500), Brown-headed Cowbird (487), House Finch (138), Pine Siskin (1), American Goldfinch (212) and House Sparrow (348).

Thanks to all for a superb effort again this year!
Gratefully, Bill Benish (VARC CBC Compiler)

Bird Club Book Club

In case your New Year's resolutions included learning more about nature, reading, and having fun, please consider joining the Bird Club Book Club which has been meeting for more than a dozen years. Currently, it's meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM and involves a carry-in supper at a member's house following by some good discussion.

At our last meeting we selected nine books which include some nature classics (*A Sand County Almanac* and *Silent Spring*), a book about coyotes and another about seashells (*Spirals in Time*), a history of birding in America, as well as books about birding, hawks, penguins, and bird intelligence. Some of our books are available in the library, and the rest can be ordered from local booksellers or on line.

February 28: *A Sand County Almanac*; March 22: *H Is for Hawk*; April 29: *The Genius of Birds*;

May 24: Silent Spring; June 28: Penguin Lessons; July 26: Spirals in Time; August 23: America's Other Audubon; September 27: Coyote America; October 25: Birding without Borders

We welcome new members. Questions: Please call Elizabeth Ihle (540-421-5257) or email her at eliza51@aol.com.

Bluebird Trail Results – Debbie Harrison

Our January program, by Doug Rogers, was very informative about bluebird life cycle and habitat. He also explained why and how we monitor our bluebird trail. I have reported our results to the VA Bluebird Society (VBS), along with the results from my personal trail at home. I encourage everyone to get involved! If you already have a trail, and would like to share your results with me, I am also the County Coordinator for Rockingham County and would add your data to my annual report to the VBS. If you would like to become a monitor for our trail at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds (or set up a new trail--we've had inquiries from the EJ Carrier Arboretum and some vineyards) just let me know. Training is provided; there are grants to restore old trails and/or build new trails from the VBS.

Summary of 2017 Bluebird boxes

Harrison Haven 5 bluebird boxes on trail

BB nests = 7
TS nests = 2

BB eggs laid = 30
TS eggs laid = 6

BB hatched = 24
TS hatched = 5

BB hatched = 18
TS fledged = 5

RBC @ fairgrounds 7 bluebird boxes on trail

BB nest attempts = 8
TS nests = 6
HW nests = 2

BB eggs laid = 24
TS eggs laid = 29
HW eggs laid = 7

BB fledged = 24
TS hatched = 15
HW hatched = 5

BB fledged = 15
TS fledged = 11
HW fledged = 5



NEW MEMBER

Molly Muldoon

**Droll Yankees Onyx Clever Clean 18" Sunflower/Mixed Seed Tube Feeder, \$35
Order by Friday Feb 23 – Special offer for RBC members!**

This post- Bird Seed Sale mini-fund raiser presents a GREAT deal for Club members. This feeder retails at around \$50. Thanks to a special offering to the Club by BFG Supply, our Bird Seed Sale provider, we're able to offer this exceptionally good deal to members.

This feeder was rated overall #1 in a NY Times review of bird feeders and is highly rated on amazon.com. It holds around 2lbs of seed and features a removable base for easy cleaning, 4 ports with perches, and a lifetime warranty against squirrel damage.

Orders & payment will be accepted at the February meeting (post-meeting, contact Kathy Byers, kkbymers77@gmail or 540-820-6517, for ordering information.)

Order, with payment, must be received by Friday Feb 23. Make checks payable to RBC. The Club will pick up the entire order from BFG in mid-March and contact members to arrange for you to pick up your feeders.



Upcoming Meeting Dates and Speakers

March 1, 2018 - Kim Bolyard on animal behavior

April 5, 2018 - Mark Adams on butterflies

May 3, 2018 - Jon Kastendiek on bird intelligence

June 7, 2018 - Greg Myers and Diane Lepkowski on our birds from the past year



NAME TAGS – a majority of members at the January meeting showed interest in having name tags available for club meetings. Starting in February, please find your name tag on the back table and wear for the duration of the meeting. Please return it after the meeting. Thanks!

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