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VSO Annual Meeting

Harrisonburg, Virginia May 13–15, 2011

The annual meeting of the Virginia Society of Ornithology will be held May 13 – 15 in Harrisonburg located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. Hosted by the Rockingham Bird Club and headquartered at the Holiday Inn the meeting will feature a banquet, field trips, exhibits, vendors, a technical paper session, and the VSO's annual business meeting. The banquet speaker will be Dan Kristol, professor of Biology at the College of William and Mary.

Rockingham County lies astride the Shenandoah Valley extending from Shenandoah Mountain in the west to the Blue Ridge in the east. Both mountain ranges are flyways for spring migrants as well as breeding grounds for numerous species and should offer abundant opportunities for excellent birding along the ridge tops and in the foothills. Much of the lowlands in the valley are farmed providing good habitat for grassland birds and featuring numerous stock ponds that attract a variety of shorebirds. Lake Shenandoah, just east of Harrisonburg, is a popular year around birding spot.

The Holiday Inn at 1400 East Market Street will be the meeting headquarters (540 433-2523; www.holidayinn.com). A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$84, plus tax. Reservations must be made by May 1, using the

code "RBC", to obtain the special rate. Other lodging options include the Jameson Inn (540 442-1515) and the Sleep Inn (540 433-7100).

All meals, other than the banquet, are on your own. A list of conveniently located restaurants will be provided at registration.

To register for the meeting and the banquet use the registration form on page 7 or download the form from the Rockingham Bird Club website, www.rockinghambirdclub.com. The registration deadline is May 1, 2011.

Upon arrival registration packets can be picked up at the VSO table located in the Tropical Court at the motel. Participants may also sign up for field trips at that time.

Direct questions to Elizabeth Ihle, 540-234-8296 or eliza51@aol.com.

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Dates to Remember

OUTER BANKS PELAGIC
FEB 11, 2011

OUTER BANKS FIELD TRIP
FEB 11–13, 2011

MAY 13–15, 2011
ANNUAL MEETING

Please check the mailing label on this issue of the Newsletter and look on the header line above your name. If there is a number 10, it is time to renew your membership. The VSO will be sending out renewal notices early next year, but these mailings are expensive and it will save the organization money if you renew now. The renewal form is on the back page of this issue.



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President's Message: Learning from Geese

As I write this I am cruising on the Hudson River enjoying the fall colors. I thought I might see more waterfowl on the river but, alas, I have only heard an occasional Wood Duck, seen a few Mallards and, of course, seen and heard many Canada Geese. I've read that geese conserve energy by flying in a v-formation. According to F. Reed Hainsworth in his 1987 *Journal of Experimental Biology* article, 'Precision and dynamics of positioning by Canada Geese in formation,' geese flying in formation experience an average savings in induced power of about 36% compared with solo flight. The trailing geese experience more energy savings than the lead goose although even the lead goose expends less energy than it would if flying solo. The entire flock benefits from the efforts of those at the front of the flock. In migration, flocks may be loose family groups, which helps explain why a goose would be willing to lead. Otherwise, the behavior of the lead goose is intriguing as it appears to be altruistic.



The well known 'Goose Story' compares our actions to those of geese flying in flocks. The story appears on numerous web sites, such as www.hotelnewsresource.com/studies/study0195.htm and its origins are uncertain, although some attribute it to the late Dr. Harry Clarke Noyes. A few of the points made in the story are:

- ▶ *People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.*
- ▶ *If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are.*
- ▶ *It is sensible to take turns doing demanding jobs.*

Although all the points may not be scientifically based they are relevant for the VSO. Members of the VSO share a common direction - the mission of the VSO, which is to encourage the systematic study of birds in Virginia, to stimulate interest in birds, and to assist the conservation of wildlife and other natural resources. We can only accomplish this by working together and sharing the responsibilities of leadership of the VSO.

How long have you been 'flying with the VSO flock?' An organization is only as strong as its volunteers. Are you ready to do more? You may have to expend a bit more energy but you and the organization will benefit. You can start by doing something fairly easy like recruiting your friends to become VSO members (particularly those who post on the VA-Bird listserv or belong to your local bird club), or attending a VSO annual meeting (especially if you haven't before) or using Virginia eBird to report your bird sightings. If you want to do even more you can help with the next Breeding Bird Atlas; encourage your local bird club to host a VSO annual meeting (2014 is the next available year so there is plenty of time to prepare) or adopt an Important Bird Area; or volunteer to serve on a VSO committee or the VSO Board. If you have any questions, want more information, or are ready to volunteer, contact me (bruno@lynchburg.edu or 1012 Harrods Ct, Lynchburg, VA 24503).

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You may also mail your submission on a PC formatted diskette. Hard copy may be mailed, but must be received two weeks prior to deadline.

Submissions may be edited for style or length.

2011 Submission Schedule

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Copy Due</u>
Spring 2011	Jan 21
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Fall 2011	Aug 12
Winter 2011	Oct 28

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Brian Patteson Outer Banks Pelagic Trip Friday – February 11, 2011

Brian Patteson has offered to run a pelagic trip again this year as an early extension of the VSO Outer Banks field trip. The minimum number of participants required for the trip is 10 (maximum of 20), and the special rate is \$150 per person. In case of inclement weather on Friday, participants will be able to reschedule for Brian's regular trip on Saturday or his Sunday weather date depending on available space.

Join Brian and his crew aboard the Stormy Petrel II for a pelagic trip to look for winter seabirds. The waters off Cape Hatteras are even better than those off Virginia for Great Skua, Red Phalarope, and Razorbill. There is also a good chance to see Northern Fulmar, Manx Shearwater, Little Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake, Dovekie, and Atlantic Puffin. Northern Gannets are common to abundant here, and the chumming usually attracts many gulls including Lesser Black-backed, and sometimes Iceland, Glaucous, Thayer's, and California. Bottlenose Dolphins are usually seen in good numbers, and there is a chance to see Loggerhead Sea Turtles and Humpback Whales. Basking Sharks and the endangered Northern Right Whale are sometimes seen. Many of these birds and animals can be found just a few miles off shore, in contrast to the Virginia capes where winter trips typically range 60 or more miles off shore. The Stormy Petrel II has a full walk-around layout as well as a heated cabin, high railings, and excellent stability. Warm clothing and a two piece rain suit are nevertheless essential for these trips. A selection of photos from past winter trips off Cape Hatteras can be seen at www.seabirding.com/Winter%20Gallery.htm

The trip will begin at 6:00 AM at either Hatteras, NC or Wanchese, NC. (Directions will be sent to via email with trip confirmation) Those wishing to stay at the Comfort Inn North Oceanfront in Kill Devil Hills prior to the trip, will receive the special VSO rate.

To register: Contact Brian Patteson at patteson1@embarqmail.com or by mail, and send your payment of \$150 (Checks made payable to Brian Patteson, Inc.) to Brian Patteson, P.O. Box 772, Hatteras, NC 27943. Early registration is encouraged because sometimes these trips fill to capacity, and unlike last year's trip this is NOT an exclusive VSO trip.

VSO Winter Field Trip North Carolina Outer Banks February 11-13, 2010 Leaders: Bill Akers & Jerry Via

The Outer Banks of North Carolina always hold surprises for participants of the VSO's winter field trip. Back by popular demand is an optional Friday pelagic trip out of Hatteras and a Sunday visit to Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge.

Lodging: The Comfort Inn at Kill Devil Hills will be the trip headquarters. The special VSO room rate is \$65 for oceanfront and \$60 for street side plus tax (currently 12%). Ocean front rooms are available on a first come, first served basis. Contact information for the hotel is: 1601 S. Virginia Dare Trail, P.O. Box 308, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27949; Phone: 252 441-6333. Reservations must be made by January 14 to get the special VSO rate.

Meals are on your own. A complimentary breakfast buffet breakfast is now included with your stay, beginning each morning at 6:30 AM. You can select from coffee, juice, fruit, cereal, Danish, hard-boiled eggs, and make-your-own waffles. Participants should bring lunch provisions for Saturday. For dinner there are many fine restaurants in the area.

Program: A program of events and announcements will be available at the front desk on Friday morning.

Friday: Optional Pelagic Trip with Brian Patteson. This is NOT an exclusive trip for VSO, so participants should make reservations early to ensure a spot. On Friday evening an orientation and slide program will be presented at 8:30 PM in the conference room near the lobby.

Saturday: All day will be spent visiting the impoundments of Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge and the beaches of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The generally milder climate and the proximity of the Gulf Stream make for an interesting combination of wintering waterfowl, shorebirds, ocean birds and sometimes whales. Participants may be divided into smaller groups, but every group will visit all areas. Participants should bring lunch.

Saturday Evening: There will be a tally at 6:00 PM in the VSO conference room at the hotel.

Sunday Morning: Participants will travel in caravan to Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge. The trip will depart from the hotel at 8:00 AM, giving those wishing to continue straight home from the field trip time to check out of their rooms.

Come prepared for variable weather, lots of birds and a good time. If you have any questions, contact Bill Akers at 540 951-7692, bill.akersj@comcast.net or Meredith Bell at 804 824-4958, merandlee@cox.net.

2011 Annual Meeting Field Trips

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Shenandoah National Park/Skyline Drive (Pocosin Cabin/ Fire Road, South River Picnic Area & Eaton Hollow). These sites offer excellent birding in the upper elevations of the Appalachian Mountains, at the eastern border of Rockingham County. Habitat is predominately oak and hickory forest interspersed with occasional shrubby and brushy areas. Frequently observed breeding warblers include Cerulean, Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Green, and Black-and-white, among others. Canada Warblers typically breed near Pocosin Cabin, a prime birding location with brushy, shrubby areas and a spring-fed water source. Other frequent finds include Veery, Wood Thrush, Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Least and Acadian Flycatcher. Eaton Hollow Overlook has been a reliable location for Yellow-breasted Chat. This trip will include some walking along Pocosin Fire Road and maintained hiking trails. More information can be found at <http://www.celebrateshenandoah.org/>

Switzer Dam (Shenandoah Mountain). This area is in the foothills of Shenandoah Mountain in western Rockingham County and is accessed via a narrow Forest Service road that winds down the mountain from a higher elevation. The mixed evergreen/deciduous forest, elevation, and water sources make it a prime area to see birds usually found farther north. Breeding birds commonly found include Northern Parula, Blackburnian, Pine, and Black-throated Green Warblers. Many other warbler species and vireos are routinely found here; Cerulean Warblers are frequently reported at one higher-elevation site. "Winter" birds such as Golden-crowned Kinglets and Red-breasted Nuthatches are occasionally seen throughout the warmer months. Typically, many birds are found along the road. However, the trip will include a few walking sections, on mostly level but sometimes uneven trails, for those who are able.

Shenandoah Mountain (Bother Knob/Reddish Knob). Reddish Knob and Bother Knob are along the ridge of Shenandoah Mt. near Rockingham County's southwestern border with Augusta County. The mountain ridgeline defines the border between the two Virginias. Several northerly species can be found at these higher elevations including breeding Yellow-rumped, Canada, and Black-throated Blue Warblers; Blue-headed Vireo; Black-capped Chickadee; Red-breasted Nuthatch; and Golden-crowned Kinglet. In 2009, near Bother Knob, Red-breasted Nuthatches were observed both nest-building and later feeding young. This trip combines driving and walking. Roads at the higher elevations are not well-maintained.

Bear Trap Farm Road (access point to Shenandoah Mountain, US Forest Service Rd. 536, Narrowback Rd.). Located in northern Augusta County, Forest Service Road #536 winds through four miles of deciduous and mixed woods before being gated at a second-growth area. Usual forest birds such as Broad-winged Hawk, Ovenbird, and Scarlet Tanager can be found along the four-mile drive. Walking a mile or so beyond the gate into the second-growth area often allows good views of Prairie Warblers, the specialty species for this site. Hooded, Worm-eating, and Black-and-white Warblers; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; and Eastern Towhee are among the other reliable finds at this stop. Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Ruffed Grouse, and Wild Turkey are occasionally seen as well.

Madison Run Fire Road (Shenandoah National Park). Entering the Shenandoah National Park at the foot of the Appalachians, just east of the Town of Grottoes, this well-maintained fire road travels gently uphill along Madison Run, a usually fast-moving creek, for about 1.2 miles before ascending more steeply to eventually reach Skyline Drive. The creek, rocky outcroppings and mixed evergreen/deciduous forest host Louisiana Waterthrush, Ovenbird, Pine Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Brown Creeper, White-breasted Nuthatch (and occasionally Red-breasted Nuthatch) and Hermit Thrush among others. Leonard's Pond, described below, is a possible stop on the return drive to Harrisonburg.

Harrisonburg City: Forest & Park Trip (two sites)
Edith J. Carrier Arboretum – Located on the campus of James Madison University, this patch of deciduous woods with two small ponds and connecting stream provides a good stopover point for migrating songbirds. Migrants found at the arboretum in recent years include Mourning, Bay-breasted, Black-throated Blue, Canada, and Hooded Warblers; Northern Waterthrush; Scarlet Tanager; Rose-breasted Grosbeak; and a variety of thrushes including Wood, Swainson's, and Gray-cheeked. The Arboretum is a recent addition to the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' "Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trails" (site MLS03A). More information on the arboretum may be found at <http://www.jmu.edu/arboretum/index.html>.
Hillendale Park – With picnic shelters, walking trails and a playground area, this Harrisonburg City Park is only partially developed. A small creek winds through the park, and undeveloped habitat includes both forested areas and grassy areas interspersed with occasional deciduous trees and Eastern Red Cedars. Last spring's migrant warbler sightings here included Cape May, Northern Parula, Black-throated Blue,

Black-throated Green, Black-and-white, and Yellow-rumped. Other possibilities include Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, vireos, and Baltimore Oriole. A Loggerhead Shrike was also seen occasionally from mid-April through June.

Lake Shenandoah. This 37-acre public fishing lake near Harrisonburg City, owned by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, is surrounded by a variety of habitat: shrubby areas, a golf course, white pine forest, deciduous forest and residential development. Prior-year sightings have included Common Yellowthroat; and Nashville, Palm and Pine Warblers. Other species occurring in May include Baltimore and Orchard Orioles, Green and Great Blue Herons, Belted Kingfisher, Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks, Swainson's Thrush, Double-crested Cormorant and vireos including warbling. This is a level walk, about a mile roundtrip on a grassy path. A visit to Leonard's Pond, described below, will follow this trip.

Augusta Springs Wetlands. This handicapped-accessible site in Augusta County features a boardwalk trail around a marshy pond and walking trails through hardwood forest interspersed with pines, all within the George Washington National Forest. Possibilities include Red-Tailed and Broad-Winged Hawks, Worm-eating Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Black-billed and Yellow-billed Cuckoos, Acadian Flycatcher and Wood Duck.

Leonard's Pond. The pond will be an add-on to other trips, not a main destination. It is a small, very shallow, privately-owned farm pond surrounded by pasture. While water level varies with rainfall, mudflats are nearly always present. Spring shorebird migrants seen here have included: Spotted, Solitary, Pectoral, Semi-palmated and Least Sandpipers; Semi-palmated Plover; Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs; as well as an occasional Short-billed Dowitcher, Dunlin, and White-rumped Sandpiper. The pond is viewed from Faughts Road, just fifteen minutes southwest of Harrisonburg.

Annual Meeting Call for Papers

The Virginia Society of Ornithology invites scientific presentations for its 2011 Annual Meeting to be held May 13-15, in Harrisonburg. Presentations should be 15 minutes long, including time for questions and will be scheduled between 1:30 and 4:00 PM on Saturday afternoon. Static displays (such as posters) will also be accepted, space permitting. Submissions will be added to the program on a first-come, first-served basis until the schedule is full. Please submit the following information about your presentation no later than April 1, 2011:

Whether proposing a presentation or static display

Presenting author's name

Presenting author's contact information: postal address, email address, phone number

Institutional affiliation (if applicable)

Names of co-authors (if applicable)

Title of poster or presentation

Brief abstract

Audio-visual presentation needs (e.g. laptop, LCD projector, slide projector, or other equipment)

If you have questions or would like more detailed information, contact Clair Mellinger:

mellinac@emu.edu (preferred), 2926 Koffee Lane, Harrisonburg, VA, 22801, 540 433-1752.

Annual Exhibit Space Available

Space for exhibits will be available at the Holiday Inn. The charge for vendors is \$10. There will be limited tables and chairs available. To reserve space contact Phyllis Showalter, pshowalter@verizon.net.

Jackson Abbott Conservation Award A Call for Nominations — Deadline February 15, 2011

The Virginia Society of Ornithologists is seeking nominations for the Jackson M. Abbott Conservation Award, given for outstanding work in conserving Virginia's birds and/or the state's natural areas.

Nominations, including at least three letters of recommendation and a list of the nominee's accomplishments, should be submitted no later than February 15, 2011. The Conservation Committee will make its recommendations to the VSO Board at its March meeting. The award will be presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Send proposals or requests for information to:

Stephen Eccles
Conservation Committee Chair
stephendeccles@gmail.com

Visit the VSO on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Virginia-Society-of-Ornithology/255442192640>

Report of VSO Chincoteague Field Trip

The 90 people who attended the VSO field trip September 10 – 12 in Chincoteague had a fantastic birding experience with perfect weather Friday and Saturday and a trip tally of 148 species, possibly a record high. Everyone got to see the White-cheeked Pintail at some point over the weekend as well as an amazing amount of waterfowl with both teal species abundant. So many people signed up for the Wash Flats bus trip that a second trip was held on Sunday morning. Highlights on the flats included Merlin, Peregrine Falcon, Glossy Ibis and Cape May Warbler.

The weekend was well organized by trip leaders, Jerry Via and Bill Akers. Ruth Beck and her son, Michael, led the beach motorcade trips and their group had a Whimbrel on Saturday. Meredith Bell and her husband, Lee, led a group of 24 on the birding and biking trip on Saturday morning where, in addition to the White-cheeked Pintail, everyone had great looks at a Solitary Sandpiper, heard a Marsh Wren, and were surprised by a fly-by Yellow-billed Cuckoo. Meredith and Lee also had good birding from their room on the second floor of the Refuge Inn with a Black-throated Green Warbler both days, and a Philadelphia Vireo early Saturday afternoon. They were able to alerted everyone who was close by so they could also enjoy these birds. Meredith Bell, VSO Field Trips Co-chair

Cumulative Trip List

Canada Goose	Peregrine Falcon	Rock Pigeon	Cedar Waxwing
Wood Duck	Clapper Rail	Eurasian Collared-Dove	Nashville Warbler
Gadwall	Virginia Rail	Mourning Dove	Yellow Warbler
American Wigeon	Sora	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Magnolia Warbler
American Black Duck	Black-bellied Plover	Great Horned Owl	Cape May Warbler
Mallard	American Golden Plover	Common Nighthawk	Black-throated Blue
Blue-winged Teal	Semipalmated Plover	Chuck-will's-widow	Warbler
Northern Shoveler	Killdeer	Chimney Swift	Yellow-rumped Warbler
White-cheeked Pintail	American Oystercatcher	Ruby-throated	Black-throated Green Warbler
Northern Pintail	Black-necked Stilt	Hummingbird	Blackburnian Warbler
Green-winged Teal	American Avocet	Belted Kingfisher	Pine Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Spotted Sandpiper	Red-headed Woodpecker	Prairie Warbler
Northern Bobwhite	Solitary Sandpiper	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Palm Warbler (Western)
Wild Turkey	Greater Yellowlegs	Downy Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Willet	Northern Flicker	American Redstart
Brown Pelican	Lesser Yellowlegs	Pileated Woodpecker	Ovenbird
Double-crested	Whimbrel	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Northern Waterthrush
Cormorant	Marbled Godwit	Eastern Kingbird	Louisiana Waterthrush
Great Blue Heron	Ruddy Turnstone	White-eyed Vireo	Common Yellowthroat
Great Egret	Red Knot	Philadelphia Vireo	Field Sparrow
Snowy Egret	Sanderling	Red-eyed Vireo	Lark Sparrow
Little Blue Heron	Semipalmated Sandpiper	Blue Jay	Scarlet Tanager
Tricolored Heron	Western Sandpiper	American Crow	Northern Cardinal
Cattle Egret	Least Sandpiper	Fish Crow	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Green Heron	White-rumped Sandpiper	Tree Swallow	Blue Grosbeak
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Pectoral Sandpiper	Carolina Chickadee	Indigo Bunting
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Short-billed Dowitcher	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Bobolink
White Ibis	Wilson's Phalarope	White-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Glossy Ibis	Laughing Gull	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Common Grackle
Black Vulture	Ring-billed Gull	Carolina Wren	Boat-tailed Grackle
Turkey Vulture	Herring Gull	House Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Osprey	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Marsh Wren	Orchard Oriole
Bald Eagle	Great Black-backed Gull	Veery	Baltimore Oriole
Northern Harrier	Caspian Tern	Swainson's Thrush	House Finch
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Common Tern	American Robin	American Goldfinch
American Kestrel	Forster's Tern	Gray Catbird	House Sparrow
Merlin	Royal Tern	Northern Mockingbird	
	Sandwich Tern	Brown Thrasher	
	Black Skimmer	European Starling	



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2011 Annual Meeting Registration Form

This form may be used for registration of one or two participants.

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Secondary Phone (cell or work): _____

Email Address: _____

Registration Fee: Number (1 or 2) ____ x \$42 = _____

Saturday evening buffet: Number (1 or 2) ____ x \$30 = _____

Includes free continental breakfast on Saturday.

Breakfast on your own Sunday.

Total Payment = _____

Registration fee includes all field trips and meeting activities except the banquet.

Please make check payable to the Rockingham Bird Club. Mail completed form and check to: Elizabeth Ihle, 2491 Fairview Rd., Mount Crawford, VA 22841.

Your registration form must be received by May 1, 2011.

Participants are responsible for their own lodging. **A limited number of rooms are available at a reduced rate at Harrisonburg's Holiday Inn. Make reservations by May 1 to take advantage of the reduced rate.**

For questions contact Elizabeth Ihle at 540-234-8296 or eliza51@aol.com.

New Members

August 13, 2010–October 29, 2010

A Warm welcome to the following new members:

Drs. John & Elaine Becher, Virginia Beach

Joy Chambers, Alexandria

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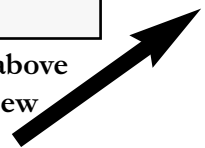
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