

Are You Interested In:

- Learning more about the birds, wildlife and native habitats of the Northern Neck?
- Learning about and participating in local conservation efforts?
- Making new friends with similar interests?

If you answered *yes* to any of these questions, we invite you to join the Northern Neck Audubon Society!

Monthly meeting information is posted in the local newspapers, in our newsletter, and on our website.

Hope to see you soon!

For details about Virginia's
Birding and Wildlife Trails,
check out
www.dgif.state.va.us

Join us for our monthly bird walks!

They're a great way to learn about local flora and fauna and to meet fellow bird lovers.

Check our website for more information.

BLUEBIRDS — A SUCCESS STORY

In 1975 NNAS initiated the "Bring Bluebirds Back to Virginia" campaign. That year we built 50 bluebird houses and sold them for \$3 each.

For the last 10 years, we have built an average of 1,000 boxes a year. That's more than 10,000 homes for our bluebird friends!




Recently, NNAS installed bluebird boxes and managed a bluebird trail along the King Carter Golf Course/Hills Quarter Trail. Careful monitoring (and preventing the hijacking of some nests by sparrows), has resulted in several hundred birds fledged during the first few years! What an exciting and gratifying success.

Through its Foundation, NNAS has provided funding to:

- local organizations so that natural preserves are more accessible to the public,
- academic organizations for important, original ornithological research, and
- programs such as Chesapeake Bay Foundation's *Teachers on the Bay*.

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Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Local Chapter Membership — \$15.00 renewable in June (Includes local newsletter and directory)

National and Local Membership — \$20.00 first year, \$35.00 thereafter (local newsletter and directory, plus National Audubon Magazine)

Make checks payable to *Audubon Society*

NORTHERN NECK AUDUBON SOCIETY



SHARING AND PRESERVING
THE UNIQUE NATURAL
TREASURE THAT IS THE
NORTHERN NECK

Virginia's Northern Neck

"A place where heaven and earth never agreed better to frame man's habitation."

Captain John Smith

Cradled between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers and projecting into the Chesapeake Bay, the Northern Neck is unique in its geography and unsurpassed natural beauty. With 1,100 miles of shoreline, 6,500 acres of nature preserves, 5,300 acres in parks and wildlife refuges, and more than 1,300 acres set aside in conservation easements, today's Northern Neck retains much of the beauty that captivated early colonists.

Wildlife thrives in the unspoiled landscape.

The Northern Neck is home to more than 3,600 different kinds of plants, fish, and animals, including the majestic American Bald Eagle.



As part of the Atlantic Migratory Bird Flyway, the Chesapeake Bay is home to more than 250 species of birds, including some at-risk species, and it hosts more than a million wintering waterfowl each year.

The Rappahannock River remains one of the most pristine tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay and supports Virginia's only known breeding population of Coastal Plain Swamp Sparrows.



Gerhard Hoffman

Fones Cliffs is a unique stretch of the Rappahannock River that boasts one of the largest and most important concentrations of American Bald Eagles in the Eastern United States.



Both the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers have areas designated as Important Bird Areas.

In fact, there are few better places to watch and learn about birds than Virginia's Northern Neck!

Northern Neck Audubon Society

The Northern Neck Audubon Society (NNAS) understands the importance of preserving and protecting not only birds and wildlife but their native habitats.



NNAS helps conserve and restore habitats through education, partnerships, individual and group activities, and stewardship.

Education

Monthly meetings provide opportunities to learn in a sociable setting. Local, regional, and national presenters offer in-depth insights and information on identifying and protecting the area's native species.

Whether canoeing past eagle aeries, spotting an elusive species on a bird walk, or visiting the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Island Education Center at Port Isobel, NNAS members combine fun and learning in their wildlife excursions.

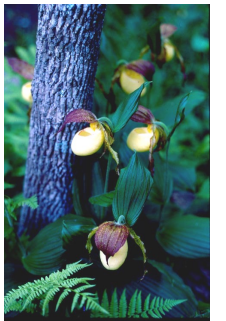
Conservation

As growth and development pressures in the Northern Neck increase, so does the importance of conserving our natural areas.

NNAS is committed to preserving as much of the area's natural habitat as possible, through Natural Area Preserves, conservation easements, and active partnerships with kindred organizations.

We played a vital role in establishing Natural Area Preserves in the Northern Neck, including those at Bushmill Stream, Hughlett Point, Dameron Marsh, and Hickory Hollow.

Hickory Hollow Nature Preserve is a 254 acre paradise of woodland trails, ravines, and marshlands. Owned and managed by NNAS, the preserve is home to several rare species of plants, such as the Kentucky Lady's Slipper pictured here, which exists nowhere else in the region.



NNAS currently holds conservation easements on six parcels covering nearly 400 acres, including a 70 acre tract at the headwaters of Chinn's Mill Pond that protects a blue heron rookery, an 11 acre tract at the headwaters of Tiper's Creek, and a 152 acre farm in Westmoreland County.