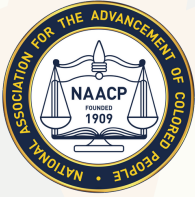


BLACK AND LATIN/HISPANIC BIRDER & NATURALIST SERIES



UPTON HILL REGIONAL PARK
6060 WILSON BLVD. ARLINGTON, VA 22205



Register here: <https://forms.gle/omGFvog2kTnwcyUW6>

Upton Hill Regional Park is hosting a series of Black and Latin/Hispanic Birding and Naturalist walks on **Saturday September 18th, October 30th, and November 6th** in collaboration with Audubon Society of Northern Virginia and Arlington Regional Master Naturalists. Global birder Musa Murawih, Melody Mobley, the first African American female forester in the USDA Forest Service, and local naturalist Yolanda Villacampa will lead the walks as guests of NOVA Parks Naturalist Matt Felperin. All are welcome. Assistance is available to help pay park fees.

Registration is \$8 per person. We encourage those who are interested in attending but may not have the financial means to do so to contact Park Manager Evan McGurrin 703-534-3437 x 102 to register for fee support. Face masks are requested by participants unless medically prevented when social distancing is not possible. Please bring your binoculars. Audubon Society of Northern Virginia has generously provided binoculars that will be available for loan on the day of the event.

Please show your appreciation to our sponsor Arlington NAACP, Environmental Climate Justice Committee by becoming a member on their website.



Musa Murawih grew up in Sudan to a Bedouin family. He immigrated to the US in 1999 when he attended graduate school at the University of Denver. He credits a Nile Valley Sunbird, which he saw when he was five, with getting him into birding. A breeding male American Goldfinch introduced him to birding in North America.



Melody Starya Mobley was born in Louisville, Kentucky, and completed her degree in forest management in 1979 from the University of Washington. In 1977 Melody began working for the USDA Forest Service part-time in Skykomish. After graduating as the first African-American woman with a degree in forest management from the UW, Melody went on to explore much of the country during her 28-year career with the USDA Forest Service. Melody holds the distinction of being the first Black female forester in the USDA Forest Service.



Ever since a child growing up in Arlington, VA, **Yolanda Villacampa's** interest in nature and animals drew her to seek the outdoors. During college years at GMU in Fairfax, VA, (BA in Biology), she worked as a seasonal park ranger in Arlington. She is a park naturalist with the Arlington County Nature Centers & a 10 yr. Arlington Regional Master Naturalist volunteer. As a full-time Museum Specialist (Zoology) at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, she works on worldwide research collections and photographs a variety of mollusks and other invertebrates. Her Hispanic heritage spans two continents and travels have taken her to Spain and Ecuador, where her parents were born. Yolanda was born in Washington DC.