

Hampton Roads Bird Club
General Meeting Minutes
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2015

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. ID Challenge: Northern Waterthrush; Louisiana Waterthrush Blackpoll Warbler (female).
3. EXCOM Member Reports:
 - a. President: Dave announced several upcoming area events:
 - i. Suffolk Outdoor Adventure Expo (9 May). Volunteers are being solicited to lead bird walks; contact Dr. Dash for details if you're interested in helping out.
 - ii. VSO Annual Meeting will be held 8-10 May in Wintergreen, VA.
 - iii. VSO Field Trip to Piney Grove will be 30 May, providing an opportunity to see the Red-cockaded Woodpecker.
 - iv. VSO Field Trip to Blacksburg, VA will be 12-14 June.
 - v. Nominations are being solicited for HRBC Executive Committee membership for 2015-2016. Election for the Executive Committee will be held at the May meeting; therefore anyone interested in running for or nominating a member for an Executive Committee position needs to advise Dave prior to the meeting. Dave also presented the current slate of nominees and requested that the members present advise if there were any objections; there were none.
 - b. Field Trip Coordinator: Craney Island trip went very well; Hoffer Island was also on the itinerary for the trip. A total of 82 species were seen, including Eurasian Widgeon and Common Mergansers. Field Trip to the Dismal Swamp will be 11 April, and the Richmond/Bell Isle Field Trip will be 16 May.
 - c. Hospitality: Virginia thanked everyone who provided snacks for the meeting, and advised that she had sufficient volunteers for the June picnic.
 - d. Newsletter Editor: Tom is, as always, looking for book reviewers, event announcements, or general articles for the newsletter.
 - e. There were no reports from the Membership, Treasurer, Website/
 - f. Publicity: Jessica advised that she would be giving a talk on native plants at the Countryside Gardens Spring Fling, April 18, at 1:00 p.m.
 - g. Special presentation: 3 sophomore students from the Hampton University biology program gave an informative presentation on their analysis of Hampton Roads Bird Club species count data from our bimonthly field trips through Newport News Park. Species counts by season were analyzed and compared to eBird reports over the same period. HRBC members have reported a total of 172 species over the years!
 - h. Guest Speaker: "Trip Photos from Colombia, South America" by Inge Curtis. Inge gave a wonderful presentation on her thirteen-day tour of eight of Columbia's

national parks. Her informative and often humorous narration was only exceeded by the quality of her amazing photographs!

4. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
5. Next meeting will be held Thursday, May 14, at the usual time and place--6:30 PM, Sandy Bottom Park.