

Join us on the First and Third Sunday of each month at 7:00 AM at the parking lot behind the Ranger Station!

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The **December 15, 2013** Newport News Park Walk took place on the second day of the 2013 Audubon Christmas Bird Count. Many regular participants helped out with the Williamsburg CBC, but Mike Lowry, Tom Charlock, Stuart Sweetman, Marc Nichols, Jane Frigo and newcomer Fred Kohlman were able to carry on as usual. Skies were overcast but slowly cleared. Temperatures began in the forties and warmed slightly with the increasing sunshine. Great Blue Heron and Great Egret were almost missed! Finally one of each was spotted in the Spawning Pond. The Great Horned Owl was seen--always a pleasure. A total of **52 species** were identified. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Great Horned Owl	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Mute Swan	Belted Kingfisher	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Gadwall	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
American Wigeon	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Hermit Thrush
American Black Duck	Downy Woodpecker	American Robin
Mallard	Hairy Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Ring-necked Duck	Northern Flicker	Brown Thasher
Hooded Merganser	Pileated Woodpecker	European Starling
Ruddy Duck	Blue Jay	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	American Crow	Song Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	Carolina Chickadee	White-throated Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Tufted Titmouse	Dark-eyed Junco
Great Egret	White-breasted Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Black Vulture	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Brown Creeper	Common Grackle
Bald Eagle	Carolina Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Ring-billed Gull	Winter Wren	American Goldfinch
Mourning Dove		

The **December 1, 2013** Newport News Park Walk began with temperatures near freezing but skies clear and calm. Tom Charlock, Dave Youker, Sandy Robertson, Jason Strickland, Adam Bolinger, Geoff Giles, Richard Hudgins, Joseph Casey, Jane Frigo, Ned and Becky Rose, Marilyn and John Adair, and newcomers Patty Davis, David Epstein and Hannah Logan participated in the morning walk.. Ducks were not as abundant as previously but seven species were still identified. Brown-headed Nuthatches were heard but continued to be impossible to see. All woodpecker species with the exception of the recently elusive Red-headed were spotted. The resident beaver was still active at the first bridge. **53 species** were identified.

Canada Goose	Ring-billed Gull	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mute Swan	Mourning Dove	Eastern Bluebird
Gadwall	Belted Kingfisher	Hermit Thrush
American Wigeon	Red-bellied Woodpecker	American Robin
Mallard	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Northern Mockingbird
Ring-necked Duck	Downy Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Lesser Scaup	Hairy Woodpecker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Hooded Merganser	Northern Flicker	Eastern Towhee
Ruddy Duck	Pileated Woodpecker	Chipping Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Blue Jay	Song Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	Carolina Chickadee	White-throated Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Tufted Titmouse	Dark-eyed Junco
Great Egret	White-breasted Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Black Vulture	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Turkey Vulture	Brown Creeper	Common Grackle

Osprey
Bald Eagle
Red-tailed Hawk

Carolina Wren
Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet

Brown-headed Cowbird
American Goldfinch

The park was covered in a blanket of fog when the **November 17, 2013** walk began. Temperatures were mild and winds were calm. The rising sun gradually burned off the fog and gave the morning's participants another memorable experience. Sandy Robertson, Tom Charlock, Mike Lowry, Jason Strickland, Stuart Sweetman, Dave Singletary, Michelle Slosser, Jane Frigo, Walter and Gwen Harris, and Ned and Becky Rose identified **58 species** for the morning. Highlights included a lengthy show by an 8 point buck swimming after an immature male and then a doe. None in the birding group had witnessed such a spectacle before. At the same time but right on the shoreline, an adult Bald Eagle was enjoying his breakfast while his mate watched from a perch nearby. The eagles vocalized constantly which was wonderful to hear. Later in the morning, another adult perched right above the White Oak Trail Bridge giving many a close-up view. The group also was able to spot the Great Horned Owl in the Arboretum. There was a clueless squirrel scurrying about the branches being watched by the owl. When the squirrel finally noticed the owl, he made a speedy retreat. The last special sighting was of a female Pileated Woodpecker working a dead tree at the intersection of Swamp Point and the Swamp Bridge Trail. Winter Wrens were abundant! The Red-headed Woodpecker was missed and the group wondered where they might have relocated. One note, Michelle Slosser mentioned that Waterworks is lowering the level of the reservoir by about two feet. It will be interesting to see the impact. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Ring-billed Gull	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Mute Swan	Mourning Dove	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Wood Duck	Great Horned Owl	Eastern Bluebird
Gadwall	Belted Kingfisher	Hermit Thrush
American Black Duck	Red-bellied Woodpecker	American Robin
Mallard	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Northern Mockingbird
Ring-necked Duck	Downy Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Lesser Scaup	Hairy Woodpecker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Hooded Merganser	Northern Flicker	Eastern Towhee
Ruddy Duck	Pileated Woodpecker	Chipping Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Blue Jay	Song Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	American Crow	Swamp Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Carolina Chickadee	White-throated Sparrow
Black Vulture	Tufted Titmouse	Dark-eyed Junco
Turkey Vulture	White-breasted Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Osprey	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Bald Eagle	Brown Creeper	Common Grackle
Accipiter species	Carolina Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Winter Wren	American Goldfinch
Laughing Gull		

Fall was in full swing **November 3, 2013** at Newport New Park. Those participating in the morning walk included Daina Henry, Barbara Collum, Sandy Robertson, Ken Sheide, Susan Crockett, Phyllis Roth, Joyce Lowry, Bettye Fields, Betsy Garrett, Richard Hudgins, Angie Herring, Rock Moeslein, Dave Singletary, Jane Frigo, Kerri and Mike Barger, Ned and Becky Rose and George and Virginia Boyles. Conditions were clear and calm early but winds picked up making it feel quite chilly and blowing leaves were distracting. There is something unique to each walk and this morning it was a beaver sighting at the first bridge. The group had a wonderful view of a busy beaver gathering reeds and plant matter then carrying his bundle right under the bridge and over to the lodge in the cove. He seemed unaware of us until he reached the bridge and made a brief dive underwater. Shortly after that a Downy Woodpecker was spotted in the same area cleaning out a nesting hole for winter roosting. A Lesser Scaup was spotted early. More ducks were spotted above the Spawning Pond including Gadwall, American Wigeon, Black Duck and Mallard. Red-headed Woodpeckers have been absent at the usual spot, but Ken Sheide spotted a lone bird flying to the other side of the White Oak Trail. A total of **49 species** were identified.

Canada Goose	Red-tailed Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mute Swan	Laughing Gull	Eastern Bluebird
Gadwall	Ring-billed Gull	Hermit Thrush
American Wigeon	Belted Kingfisher	American Robin
American Black Duck	Red-headed Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Mallard	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Pine Warbler
Lesser Scaup	Downy Woodpecker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Northern Flicker	Eastern Towhee
Pied-billed Grebe	Blue Jay	Chipping Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	American Crow	Song Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Carolina Chickadee	White-throated Sparrow
Great Egret	Tufted Titmouse	Dark-eyed Junco
Black Vulture	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Turkey Vulture	Brown Creeper	Common Grackle
Osprey	Carolina Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Bald Eagle	Golden-crowned Kinglet	American Goldfinch
Cooper's Hawk		

October 20, 2013 was another great birding day at Newport News Park. Angela Herring, Judy Jones, Sandy Robertson, Joyce Lowry, Richard Hudgins, Sandy DiCarlo, Mike Lowry, Michelle Shinn, Marc Nichols, Lindsay Dudas, Jane Frigo, John and Marilyn Adair, Ned and Becky Rose, Gwen and Walter Harris, Virginia and George Boyles, Charm and Pete Peterman and newcomers Sherry Rollins and Lee and Yukari Hughes enjoyed the morning and identified a total of **55 species**. New duck arrivals included American Wigeon, Ruddy Duck and Gadwall. Marc Nichols spotted a Blue-headed Vireo at the Arboretum that was quite a treat for the group. Both male and female Common Yellowthroat also gave a nice view. Yellow-rumped Warbler's had arrived in abundance and a couple Winter Wrens were seen. Misses included owls and Red-headed Woodpeckers. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Belted Kingfisher	American Robin
Mute Swan	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Wood Duck	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Brown Thrasher
Gadwall	Downy Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
American Wigeon	Hairy Woodpecker	Common Yellowthroat
Mallard	Northern Flicker	Palm Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Blue-headed Vireo	Pine Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Blue Jay	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	American Crow	Eastern Towhee
Great Blue Heron	Fish Crow	Chipping Sparrow
Black Vulture	Carolina Chickadee	Field Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Tufted Titmouse	Song Sparrow
Osprey	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow
Bald Eagle	Carolina Wren	Northern Cardinal
Red-shouldered Hawk	Winger Wren	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Eastern Meadowlark
Laughing Gull	Eastern Bluebird	Common Grackle
Ring-billed Gull	Hermit Thrush	House Finch
Mourning Dove		

The Fall Festival took place, as usual, the first weekend in October so the regular park walk met at the campgrounds across the reservoir on **October 6, 2013**. The weather was perfect! The morning was clear, calm and comfortable. Sixteen people participated in the walk and included newcomer Barbara Collum, and returning birders Sandy Robertson, Geoff Giles, Tom Charlock, Bill Ferris, Angie Herring, Mike Lowry, Stuart Sweetman, Pete Peterman, Richard Hudgins, Brenda Gervais, Jane Frigo, Ned and Becky Rose and John and Marilyn Adair. The morning got off the a great start with a beautiful Bald Eagle flyover. The area behind the archery range was very busy as beautyberry bushes provided an abundance of beautiful and tasty fruit. Warblers included Black-and-white, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Parula, American Redstart, Magnolia and Pine. First of season species included Yellow-bellied

Sapsucker and Ruby-crowned Kinglet. A total of **46 species** were identified. A complete species list follows.

Mute Swan	Hairy Woodpecker	Gray Catbird
Mallard	Northern Flicker	Northern Mockingbird
Pied-billed Grebe	Pileated Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Great Blue Heron	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Black-and White Warbler
Green Heron	Red-eyed Vireo	Common Yellowthroat
Black Vulture	Blue Jay	American Redstart
Turkey Vulture	American Crow	Northern Parula
Osprey	Carolina Chickadee	Magnolia Warbler
Bald Eagle	Tufted Titmouse	Pine Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	White-breasted Nuthatch	Field Sparrow
Rock Pigeon	Brown Creeper	Northern Cardinal
Mourning Dove	Carolina Wren	Common Grackle
Chimney Swift	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird	House Finch
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	American Robin	American Goldfinch
Downy Woodpecker		

What a beautiful day for a bird walk in the park!. **September 15, 2013** at Newport News Park was simply perfect--cool, clear and calm. Newcomers Sandy Robertson and Judy Jones joined Dave Youker, Bill Ferris, Tom Charlock, Stuart Sweetman, Marc Nichols, Eileen O'Toole, Bryan Barmore, Jane Frigo, Lynn and Bill Chandler, Pete and Charm Peterman and Mike and Lindsey Lowry and were able to identify **56 species** for the morning. Yellow and Yellow-throated Warblers were spotted along with American Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Black-and-white Warbler, Northern Parula and Pine Warbler. All six woodpeckers were seen. No Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were spotted at the Arboretum but the lantana was still in full bloom. Owls were also a miss for the morning. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Gray Catbird
Mute Swan	Downy Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Mallard	Hairy Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Pied-billed Grebe	Northern Flicker	Cedar Waxwing
Great Blue Heron	Pileated Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
Green Heron	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Common Yellowthroat
Black Vulture	Adacian Flycatcher	American Redstart
Turkey Vulture	Red-eyed Vireo	Northern Parula
Osprey	Blue Jay	Yellow Warbler
Bald Eagle	American Crow	Pine Warbler
Cooper's Hawk	Carolina Chickadee	Yellow-throated Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Tufted Titmouse	Chipping Sparrow
Laughing Gull	White-breasted Nuthatch	Summer Tanager
Rock Pigeon	Brown-headed Nuthatch	NORthern Cardinal
Mourning Dove	Carolina Wren	Common Grackle
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	House Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Chinmey Swift	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	House Finch
Belted Kingfisher	Eastern Bluebird	American Goldfinch
Red-headed Woodpecker	American Robin	

September 1, 2013 was another hot and humid day. Eileen O'Toole, Sandy DiCarlo, Joyce Lowry, John Steinbach, Judy Remsberg, Rock Moelsein, Jane Frigo, Suzie Dubois, Marc Nichols, Charm and Pete Peterman, Barbara and Richard Hudgins, Lynn and Bill Chandler, Cathy and Terry Bond, John and Marilyn Adair and Virginia and George Boyles participated in the morning park walk. The group identified **45 bird species**, 2 cotton mouth snakes, a pair of HUGE snapping turtles and a box turtle. The early morning was particularly active with Black-and-white warblers and a Summer Tanager starting the day off. Three Bald Eagles were seen--two adult and one juvenile. Red-headed Woodpeckers were active across from the first bridge. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was having a feast on the Lantana by the shelters in the Arboretum. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Chimney Swift	Tufted Titmouse
Mute Swan	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	White-breasted Nuthatch
Mallard	Belted Kingfisher	Carolina Wren
Great Blue Heron	Red-headed Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Green Heron	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
Turkey Vulture	Downy Woodpecker	American Robin
Osprey	Hairy Woodpecker	Black-and-white Warbler
Bald Eagle	Northern Flicker	American Redstart
Cooper's Hawk	Pileated Woodpecker	Yellow-throated Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Chipping Sparrow
Laughing Gull	Great Crested Flycatcher	Summer Tanager
Ring-billed Gull	Red-eyed Vireo	Northern Cardinal
Rock Pigeon	Blue Jay	Common Grackle
Great Horned Owl	American Crow	House Finch
Barred Owl	Carolina Chickadee	American Goldfinch

Sunday morning, **August 18, 2013**, was calm but wet. In spite of the rain, Mike Lowry, Richard Hudgins, Marc Nichols and Jane Frigo spent several hours searching for fall migrants. They were not too successful, identifying only **30 species**. They did see a buck and doe with FOUR fawns! A complete species list follows.

Mute Swan	Belted Kingfisher	Carolina Wren
Mallard	Pileated Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Great Blue Heron	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Eastern Bluebird
Great Egret	Red-eyed Vireo	American Robin
Green Heron	Blue Jay	American Redstart
Black Vulture	American Crow	Pine Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Fish Crow	Chipping Sparrow
Osprey	Carolina Chickadee	Northern Cardinal
Laughing Gull	Tufted Titmouse	Common Grackle
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	White-breasted Nuthatch	American Goldfinch

August 4, 2013 was warm and calm. Temperatures began in the mid 70's and rose to the mid 80's. Winds were calm and overcast skies eventually cleared. Recent rains left the water levels very high! John and Marilyn Adair, George and Virginia Boyles, Lynn and Bill Chandler, Richard Hudgins, Bill Ferris, Angela Herring, John Steinbach, Cathy Bond, Marc Nichols, Michelle Shinn, Tom Charlock, Mike Lowry, Jane Frigo, Felicity Rask Ericson and Karel Peterse participated. Karel was visiting from Holland! The group did well identifying **51 species**. They also spotted a Ribbon Snake, Muskrat and Painted Turtle! The morning was enjoyable but typical of a quiet August day. Sadly, no owls could be found. Prothonotary Warblers were not spotted, either, but they should still be in the area. Everyone was looking forward to fall migration which should begin in a few weeks. A species list follows.

Canada Goose	Red-headed Woodpecker	Carolina Wren
Mute Swan	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
Mallard	Downy Woodpecker	American Robin
Great Blue Heron	Hairy Woodpecker	Gray Catbird
Great Egret	Northern Flicker	Northern Mockingbird
Green Heron	Pileated Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Black Vulture	Eastern Wood-Pewee	European Starling
Turkey Vulture	Great Crested Flycatcher	Pine Warbler
Osprey	Eastern Kingbird	Eastern Towhee
Bald Eagle	Red-eyed Vireo	Chipping Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	Blue Jay	Northern Cardinal
Red-shouldered Hawk	American Crow	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Laughing Gull	Fish Crow	Indigo Bunting
Mourning Dove	Carolina Chickadee	Red-winged Blackbird
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Tufted Titmouse	Common Grackle
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	White-breasted Nuthatch	House Finch
Belted Kingfisher	Brown-headed Nuthatch	American Goldfinch

There has been NO change in this summer's weather-- hot and humid. Tom Charlock, Geoff Giles, John Steinbach, Marc Nichols, Eileen O'Toole, Jane Frigo, George and Virginia Boyles, and John and Marilyn Adair turned out on for the **July 21, 2013** park walk. They were able to identify **49 species** including, after a lengthy discussion, a fly over Rough-legged Hawk! The group did not spend a long time searching for the Ruddy Duck seen previously this summer. Mike Lowry reported seeing a Common Loon earlier in the week but, it too, was not spotted this morning. Another miss for the morning was Prothonotary Warbler. Two Barred Owls were seen at the Swamp Bridge. That always makes for a great day! Several people got photos. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Red-bellied Woodpecker	White-breasted Nuthatch
Mute Swan	Downy Woodpecker	Carolina Wren
Mallard	Pileated Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
Great Blue Heron	Eastern Wood-Pewee	American Robin
Great Egret	Acadian Flycatcher	Northern Mockingbird
Green Heron	Great Crested Flycatcher	Brown Thrasher
Black Vulture	Eastern Kingbird	European Starling
Turkey Vulture	Yellow-throated Vireo	Northern Parula
Osprey	Red-eyed Vireo	Pine Warbler
Rough-legged Hawk	Blue Jay	Chipping Sparrow
Laughing Gull	American Crow	Northern Cardinal
Mourning Dove	Fish Crow	Indigo Bunting
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Purple Martin	Red-winged Blackbird
Barred Owl	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Common Grackle
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Carolina Chickadee	House Finch
Belted Kingfisher	Tufted Titmouse	American Goldfinch
Red-headed Woodpecker		

July 7, 2013 was hot and humid at Newport News Park. John Steinbach, Joyce Lowry, Eileen O'Toole, John Adair, Jason Strickland, Adam Bollinger, Sandy DiCarlo, Catherine Bond, Michelle Shinn, Mike Lowry, Jane Frigo, Virginia and George Boyles, and Barbara and Richard Hudgins sweated the morning away, but had a great time identifying **54 species**. The lone Ruddy Duck was still seen near the pipeline--very unusual for this time of year! A family of Pileated Woodpeckers gave the group close views. Some participants were able to see the long tongue probe the tree bark for tasty treats! Sadly, the Cedar Waxwing nest at the Arboretum was empty. Earlier in the month, Mike Lowry photographed hatchlings with their mouths gaping to be feed, but no activity was observed shortly after that day. The assumption was that the nest was unsuccessful in producing fledglings. On the way to the Swamp Bridge a Green Heron was seen hunting dragonflies. Instead of standing still in search of fish his head tracked the winged insects, his crown flaring up and down and his neck stretching in and out. The end of the morning walk produced THREE Barred Owls! One interesting note--not a single Canada Goose was seen. A complete species list follows.

Mute Swan	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
Mallard	Downy Woodpecker	American Robin
Ruddy Duck	Northern Flicker	Northern Mockingbird
Great Blue Heron	Pileated Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Great Egret	Eastern Wood-Pewee	European Starling
Green Heron	Acadian Flycatcher	Prothonotary Warbler
Black Vulture	Great Crested Flycatcher	Common Yellowthroat
Turkey Vulture	Eastern Kingbird	Northern Parula
Osprey	Red-eyed Vireo	Chipping Sparrow
Bald Eagle	Blue Jay	Summer Tanager
Cooper's Hawk	American Crow	Northern Cardinal
Red-tailed Hawk	Fish Crow	Indigo Bunting
Laughing Gull	Tree Swallow	Red-winged Blackbird
Rock Pigeon	Carolina Chickadee	Common Grackle
Mourning Dove	Tufted Titmouse	Brown-headed Cowbird
Barred Owl	White-breasted Nuthatch	Orchard Oriole

Belted Kingfisher
Red-headed Woodpecker

Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

House Finch
American Goldfinch

Father's Day, **June 16, 2013**, began with good weather and fourteen birders eager to see what could be found. Eileen O'Toole, Mike Lowry, Stuart Sweetman, John Steinbach, Jason Strickland, Adam Bolinger, Marc Nichols, Nancy Gruttman-Tyler, Jane Frigo and newcomers Lindsay Dudas, Irka Bargielowski, Erik Blosser, and Derek and Heather Hughes identified **58 species** for the morning. The lone Ruddy Duck was spotted, again, and theories as to why he hadn't migrated were discussed. The Yellow-billed Cuckoo was heard. The Virginia Rail responded to the tape at the Swamp Bridge but could not be seen. One highlight of the morning was the observation of a Cedar Waxwing on the nest at the Japanese Tea House. The group could see the yellow tail band sticking up from the nest through Mike Lowry's scope. By the next walk the group may be able to witness feeding behaviors. Alas, no owls were observed. It was still a great morning! A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Northern Flicker	Eastern Bluebird
Mute Swan	Pileated Woodpecker	American Robin
Wood Duck	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Northern Mockingbird
Mallard	Acadian Flycatcher	Brown Thrasher
Ruddy Duck	Eastern Phoebe	European Starling
Great Blue Heron	Great Crested Flycatcher	Cedar Waxwing
Great Egret	Eastern Kingbird	Prothonotary Warbler
Green Heron	Yellow-throated Vireo	Northern Parula
Black Vulture	Red-eyed Vireo	Pine Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Blue Jay	Chipping Sparrow
Osprey	American Crow	Summer Tanager
Red-tailed Hawk	Fish Crow	Northern Cardinal
Virginia Rail	Purple Martin	Indigo Bunting
Mourning Dove	Tree Swallow	Red-winged Blackbird
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Carolina Chickadee	Common Grackle
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Tufted Titmouse	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-headed Woodpecker	White-breasted Nuthatch	Orchard Oriole
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	House Finch
Downy Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	American Goldfinch
Hairy Woodpecker		

Sunday, **June 2, 2013** was a perfect day at the park. The sky was clear with a light breeze and temperatures staying in the mid 70's. Those participating in the morning walk included Frank Collins, Marc Nichols, Terry Moore, John Adair, Larry Svihla, Margaret Trejo, Stuart Sweetman, Eileen O'Toole, Joyce Lowry, Brenda Gervais, Adam Bollinger, Jane Frigo, Virginia and George Boyles, Barbara and Richard Hudgins, Jason and Jamie Strickland, Ned and Becky Rose, Angelina and Phil Bogart, and Mike, Lindsey and Ian Lowry. The group identified **58 species**. Two surprising sightings were a Ruddy Duck and a Common Loon. Two surprising misses were Double-crested Cormorant and Laughing Gull. The group was able to observe a Summer Tanager, a Great-crested Flycatcher, and a Cedar Waxwing bringing nesting material to their nest sites. It will be fun to check those nests again for further development. Those that stuck with the walk to the end were rewarded with an excellent view of the Barred Owl. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Downy Woodpecker	American Robin
Mute Swan	Pileated Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Wood Duck	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Brown Thrasher
Mallard	Acadian Flycatcher	European Starling
Ruddy Duck	Great Crested Flycatcher	Cedar Waxwing
Common Loon	Eastern Kingbird	Prothonotary Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Yellow-throated Vireo	Common Yellowthroat
Great Egret	Red-eyed Vireo	Northern Parula
Green Heron	Blue Jay	Pine Warbler
Black Vulture	American Crow	Chipping Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Fish Crow	Summer Tanager
Osprey	Tree Swallow	Scarlet Tanager

Red-shouldered Hawk	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Northern Cardinal
Virginia Rail	Carolina Chickadee	Indigo Bunting
Mourning Dove	Tufted Titmouse	Red-winged Blackbird
Barred Owl	White-breasted Nuthatch	Common Grackle
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Carolina Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Belted Kingfisher	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Orchard Oriole
Red-headed Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird	American Goldfinch
Red-bellied Woodpecker		

What a difference two weeks can make. **May 19, 2013** was pleasant with temperatures in the low 70's and calm winds. It was humid and cloudy. Dave Youker, Mike Lowry, Marc Nichols, Tom Charlock, Michelle Shinn, Jane Frigo, Ned and Becky Rose, Marilyn and John Adair, Gwen and Walter Harris, and Miles and Spencer Quirion participated in the morning walk. **72 species** were identified in addition to 5 non-poisonous water snakes and 2 HUGE cottonmouth's. Wood Duck's were spotted with young. Three Ruddy Ducks napping in the reservoir was a surprise! Acadian Flycatchers were in along with FOS Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush and Veery. Mike Lowry captured a photo of the Swainson's Thrush bringing his total species photographed at the park to 140! Both owl's were seen with the Barred Owl spotted in two locations. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Pileated Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Mute Swan	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Brown Thrasher
Wood Duck	Acadian Flycatcher	European Starling
Mallard	Eastern Phoebe	Cedar Waxwing
Ruddy Duck	Great Crested Flycatcher	Louisiana Waterthrush
Double-crested Cormorant	Eastern Kingbird	Black-and-white Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Red-eyed Vireo	Prothonotary Warbler
Great Egret	Blue Jay	Common Yellowthroat
Green Heron	American Crow	American Redstart
Black Vulture	Fish Crow	Northern Parula
Turkey Vulture	Purple Martin	Magnolia Warbler
Osprey	Tree Swallow	Blackpoll Warbler
Bald Eagle	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Pine Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Barn Swallow	Chipping Sparrow
Laughing Gull	Carolina Chickadee	Swamp Sparrow
Royal Tern	Tufted Titmouse	Summer Tanager
Mourning Dove	White-breasted Nuthatch	Scarlet Tanager
Great Horned Owl	Carolina Wren	Northern Cardinal
Barred Owl	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Blue Grosbeak
Chimney Swift	Eastern Bluebird	Red-winged Blackbird
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Veery	Common Grackle
Red-headed Woodpecker	Swainson's Thrush	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Wood Thrush	Orchard Oriole
Downy Woodpecker	American Robin	American Goldfinch

Where is Spring? **May 5, 2013** at Newport News Park felt more like Winter! Temperatures stayed in the 50's and stiff winds made warm coats and layered clothing necessary. Terri Cuthriel, Walter Harris, Mike Lowry, Bettye Fields, Pete Pererman, Virginia Boyles, Tom Charlock, Marc Nichols, Cathy Bond, Michelle Shinn, Nancy Gruttman-Tyler, Jane Frigo, Jason Strickland, Ned and Becky Rose and newcomers Susan Yager, Bruce Glendening and Sandy DiCarlo participated in a challenging morning that yielded a total of **78 species**. Winter ducks have departed. A Pied-billed Grebe spotted along with a pair of Wood Ducks with ducklings. Several Royal Terns put on quite a show along with the Ring-billed and Laughing Gulls. There was a brief glimpse of the Great Horned Owl at the Arboretum, but a lengthy, unobstructive view of a Barred Owl at the Swamp Bridge. First of season warblers included Black-and-white and Blackpoll. Yellow-rumped Warblers were still around. Summer and Scarlet Tanager's and an Orchard Oriole were spotted. A Rusty Blackbird along side a Common Grackle gave a rare opportunity for comparison. Overall it was another long but enjoyable day at the park. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Downy Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Wood Duck	Northern Flicker	Brown Thrasher
Mallard	Pileated Woodpecker	European Starling
Pied-billed Grebe	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Cedar Waxwing
Double-crested Cormorant	Eastern Phoebe	Black and White Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Great Crested Flycatcher	Prothonotary Warbler
Great Egret	Eastern Kingbird	Common Yellowthroat
Green Heron	Yellow-throated Vireo	Northern Parula
Black Vulture	Red-eyed Vireo	Blackpoll Warbler
Turkey Vulture	Blue Jay	Pine Warbler
Osprey	American Crow	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Bald Eagle	Fish Crow	Yellow-throated Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Purple Martin	Eastern Towhee
Red-shouldered Hawk	Tree Swallow	Chipping Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Swamp Sparrow
Laughing Gull	Barn Swallow	White-throated Sparrow
Ring-billed Gull	Carolina Chickadee	Summer Tanager
Royal Tern	Tufted Titmouse	Scarlet Tanager
Rock Pigeon	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Mourning Dove	White-breasted Nuthatch	Blue Grosbeak
Great Horned Owl	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Barred Owl	Carolina Wren	Rusty Blackbird
Chimney Swift	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Common Grackle
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Eastern Bluebird	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-headed Woodpecker	American Robin	Orchard Oriole
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Gray Catbird	American Goldfinch

The morning park walk on **April 21, 2013** was COLD and WINDY! Temperatures never got above the mid 50's and blustery winds made it feel much colder, inspite of the clear skies. Another large group of birders turned out to see what new birds may have arrived. Those birders included Felicity Ericson, Andy Hawkins, Stuart Sweetman, Cathy Bond, Eileen O'Toole, Mike Lowry, Judy Remsberg, Marc Nichols, Tom Charlock, Angela Herring, Becky Holliday, Jane Frigo, Phil and Angelina Bogart, Lee and Meredith Bell, John and Marilyn Adair and first timers Lew Dillon, Terry Moore, Robert Locher, Diane Richmond, Bonnie Baffer, Caroline Herath, Margaret Greene, and Ned and Rebecca Rose. Most winter ducks had departed but an American Coot and Pied-billed Grebe were seen. A beautiful pair of Wood Ducks were also observed. Although the Great Horned Owl could not be found, an excellent sighting of the elusive Barred Owl was enjoyed by those making it all the way to the Swamp Bridge. First of season spottings included Green Heron, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Northern Parula, Prothonotary Warbler, Chimney Swift, Red-eyed Vireo and an Indigo Bunting was heard. A complete listing of the **61 species** identified follows.

Canada Goose	Barred Owl	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Mute Swan	Chimney Swift	Eastern Bluebird
Wood Duck	Red-headed Woodpecker	American Robin
Mallard	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Pied-billed Grebe	Downy Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Double-crested Cormorant	Pileated Woodpecker	European Starling
Great Blue Heron	Great Crested Flycatcher	Cedar Waxwing
Great Egret	Eastern Kingbird	Prothonotary Warbler
Green Heron	Red-eyed Vireo	Common Yellowthroat
Black Vulture	Blue Jay	Northern Parula
Turkey Vulture	American Crow	Pine Warbler
Osprey	Fish Crow	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Bald Eagle	Purple Martin	Chipping Sparrow
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Tree Swallow	White-throated Sparrow
Cooper's Hawk	N. Rough-winged Swallow	Northern Cardinal
Red-tailed Hawk	Barn Swallow	Indigo Bunting
American Coot	Carolina Chickadee	Red-winged Blackbird

Laughing Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove

Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren

Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
American Goldfinch

Sunday, **April 7, 2013** at Newport News Park began with temperatures in the low 40's but rising to near 70! There was a little fog over the water but that cleared quickly. A large group, including regulars and several first timers, came to enjoy the morning and included: Becky Holliday, Geoff Giles, Susan Crockett, Bettye Fields, Andy Hawkins, Angie Herring, Brenda Gervais, Nick Flanders, Sandy Dicarolo, Rock Moelsein, Phyllis Roth, Mike Lowry, Marc Nichols, Tom Charlock, Elisa Enders, Jane Frigo, Bruce Glendenning, Steve and Kim Grimes, Richard and Barbara Hudgins, Virginia and George Boyles, Phil and Angelina Bogart, Marilyn and John Adair, Charm and Pete Peterman. **68 species** were identified for the morning along with a Mud Turtle and a Northern Watersnake. Spottings of interest included a Black-crowned Night Heron in breeding plumage, a flyover Common Merganser, a Wood Duck with ducklings, a lone Bonapart's Gull, two Marsh Wrens at the Swamp Bridge, a FOS Yellow-throated Warbler and a FOS Purple Martin. The group was able to locate the elusive Great Horned Owl which is always a treat. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Mourning Dove	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mute Swan	Great Horned Owl	Eastern Bluebird
Wood Duck	Belted Kingfisher	Hermit Thrush
Gadwall	Red-headed Woodpecker	American Robin
Mallard	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Ring-necked Duck	Downy Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Hooded Merganser	Northern Flicker	European Starling
Common Merganser	Pileated Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing
Ruddy Duck	Eastern Phoebe	Pine Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Blue Jay	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Double-crested Cormorant	American Crow	Yellow-throated Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Fish Crow	Chipping Sparrow
Great Egret	Purple Martin	Field Sparrow
Black-crowned Night-Heron	Tree Swallow	Song Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Carolina Chickadee	Swamp Sparrow
Osprey	Tufted Titmouse	White-throated Sparrow
Bald Eagle	White-breasted Nuthatch	Dark-eyed Junco
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Red-tailed Hawk	Brown Creeper	Red-winged Blackbird
Bonaparte's Gull	Carolina Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Laughing Gull	Marsh Wren	Pine Siskin
Ring-billed Gull	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	American Goldfinch
Rock Pigeon	Golden-crowned Kinglet	

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Seventeen people came out to spend at least a part of the **March 17, 2013**, holiday searching for birds. Those participating included Catherine Bond, Angie Herring, Stuart Sweetman, Bettye Fields, Geoff Giles, Marc Nichols, John Adair, Michelle Shinn, Jason Strickland, Jane Frigo, Phil and Angelina Bogart, Barbara and Richard Hudgins, and newcomers Brenda Gervais, Marie Smith and Jeannie Macomber. The weather was again miserable. Temperatures never made it out of the 40's and skies were overcast with threatening rain. Still the group was able to tally an impressive **67 species** for the morning which included a walk to the Swamp Bridge. The Great Horned Owl was a target bird that was only heard along with the Eastern Towhee. Seven species of woodpeckers were seen and seven species of sparrows. Tree Swallows were spotted but the Rough-winged and Barn Swallows seen Saturday could not be found. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Belted Kingfisher	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mute Swan	Red-headed Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
Wood Duck	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Hermit Thrush
Gadwall	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	American Robin
American Wigeon	Downy Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird

American Black Duck	Hairy Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Mallard	Northern Flicker	European Starling
Ring-necked Duck	Pileated Woodpecker	Pine Warbler
Lesser Scaup	Eastern Phoebe	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Hooded Merganser	Blue Jay	Eastern Towhee
Ruddy Duck	American Crow	Chipping Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Fish Crow	Field Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	Tree Swallow	Fox Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Carolina Chickadee	Song Sparrow
Great Egret	Tufted Titmouse	Swamp Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow
Osprey	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Dark-eyed Junco
Bald Eagle	Brown Creeper	Northern Cardinal
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Carolina Wren	Red-winged Blackbird
American Coot	House Wren	Common Grackle
Ring-billed Gull	Winter Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Mourning Dove	Golden-crowned Kinglet	American Goldfinch
Great Horned Owl		

The weather for the **March 3, 2013** park walk was again COLD and WINDY! In spite of the uncomfortable weather, 17 hardy birders showed up to explore the park. They included Geoff Giles, Marc Nichols, Richard Hudgins, Dave Youker, Tom Charlock, Angie Herring, Judy Remsberg, Nancy Gruttman-Tyler, Rock Moelsein, Michelle Shinn, Jane Frigo, George and Virginia Boyles, Marilyn and John Adair and first timers Joanne Sheffield and Becky Holliday. A special "thank you" goes to Marilyn Adair for sweetening the morning with a box of donut holes! Again the group skipped the walk to the Swamp Bridge but were still able to identify **59 species**. Ducks were abundant and included sightings of Wood Duck, Wigeon, Lesser Scaup and a single American Coot. The last bird of the morning was a single Tree Swallow! The group also got a FOS Osprey! Thanks to the keen eye of Marc Nichols, the group was able to view the Great Horned Owl at the Arboretum. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Cooper's Hawk	Brown-headed Nuthatch
Mute Swan	Red-tailed Hawk	Brown Creeper
Tundra Swan	American Coot	Carolina Wren
Wood Duck	Ring-billed Gull	Winter Wren
Gadwall	Mourning Dove	Golden-crowned Kinglet
American Wigeon	Great Horned Owl	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
American Black Duck	Belted Kingfisher	Eastern Bluebird
Mallard	Red-headed Woodpecker	American Robin
Ring-necked Duck	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Lesser Scaup	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Brown Thrasher
Hooded Merganser	Downy Woodpecker	Pine Warbler
Ruddy Duck	Northern Flicker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Pied-billed Grebe	Pileated Woodpecker	Song Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	Blue Jay	Swamp Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	American Crow	White-throated Sparrow
Great Egret	Fish Crow	Dark-eyed Junco
Black Vulture	Tree Swallow	Northern Cardinal
Turkey Vulture	Carolina Chickadee	Red-winged Blackbird
Osprey	Tufted Titmouse	American Goldfinch
Bald Eagle	White-breasted Nuthatch	

February 17, 2013 was clear but frigid and windy! Bridges and walkways were covered with a thin layer of ice. Elisa Enders, Mike Lowry, Phyllis Roth, Richard Hudgins, John Adair, Nancy Gruttman-Tyler, Phil Bogart, Michelle Shinn, Jane Frigo, Adam Bollinger, Jason Strickland and Jason's father (and newcomer) Lew Strickland braved at least part of the morning attempting to identify as many winter birds as possible. By unanimous vote the group agreed to skip the walk to the Swamp Bridge and ended the park walk around 11 AM. Both adult and immature Bald Eagles were seen and ducks

included Gadwall, American Wigeon, Mallard, Ring-necked and Hoodies. No Tundra Swans were seen. Red-headed Woodpeckers were again busy. A total of **45 species** were recorded. A special "thank you" goes out to Elisa and Nancy for tallying and submitting species numbers for the Great Backyard Bird Count. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Ring-billed Gull	Brown Creeper
Tundra Swan	Mourning Dove	Carolina Wren
Gadwall	Belted Kingfisher	Winter Wren
American Wigeon	Red-headed Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Mallard	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
Ring-necked Duck	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Hermit Thrush
Lesser Scaup	Hairy Woodpecker	American Robin
Hooded Merganser	Pileated Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Pied-billed Grebe	Blue Jay	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Double-Crested Cormorant	American Crow	Song Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Carolina Chickadee	White-throated Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Tufted Titmouse	Dark-eyed Junco
Bald Eagle	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Cooper's Hawk	White-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Brown-headed Nuthatch	American Goldfinch

February 3, 2013 began with temperatures in the upper 30's, skies overcast and winds calm. Fred Blystone, Eileen O'Toole, Bryan Barmore, Tom Charlock, Bill Ferris, Mike Lowry, Stuart Sweetman, Ernie Miller, Rock Moeslein, Phyllis Roth, Geoff Giles and Jane Frigo braved the chilly morning to identify **60 species**. The rising sun gave a spectacular glow to a soaring Bald Eagle as well as illuminating the trees bordering the reservoir. Ring-necked Ducks were in abundance. A pair of Red-shouldered Hawks at the stable also presented a memorable sighting. All expected woodpeckers were identified as well as nuthatches. Both Tundra and Mute Swans were seen. Misses included owls and American Goldfinches. The Virginia Rail was heard again at the Swamp Bridge. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Ring-billed Gull	Winter Wren
Mute Swan	Rock Pigeon	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Tundra Swan	Mourning Dove	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Gadwall	Belted Kingfisher	Eastern Bluebird
American Black Duck	Red-headed Woodpecker	Hermit Thrush
Mallard	Red-bellied Woodpecker	American Robin
Ring-necked Duck	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Northern Mockingbird
Lesser Scaup	Downy Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher
Hooded Merganser	Hairy Woodpecker	European Starling
Pied-billed Grebe	Northern Flicker	Cedar Waxwing
Double-crested Cormorant	Pileated Woodpecker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Blue Jay	Fox Sparrow
Black Vulture	American Crow	Song Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Carolina Chickadee	Swamp Sparrow
Bald Eagle	Tufted Titmouse	White-throated Sparrow
Red-shouldered Hawk	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Dark-eyed Junco
Red-tailed Hawk	White-breasted Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Virginia Rail	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Killdeer	Brown Creeper	Common Grackle
Laughing Gull	Carolina Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird

Skies were clear, winds were calm and the temperature was a cool 43 degrees when the **January 20, 2013** Newport News Park bird walk began. Fred Blystone, Felicity Ericson, John Adair, Nancy Gruttman-Tyler, Tom Charlock, Jason Strickland, Jane Frigo, Angie Herring, George and Virginia Boyles and newcomers Linda and Frank Schaff, Kay Williamson, Rita Bratteng and Barry Shumate participated. Several Bald Eagles of various ages were spotted over the reservoir. Ducks identified

included Gadwall, American Wigeon, American Black Duck, Mallard, Lesser Scaup, Ring-necked Duck, Hooded Merganser, American Coot and Pied-billed Grebe. No one spotted the Redhead seen on the previous walk. Two species that were extremely cooperative in providing lengthy views were a Winter Wren and a Hermit Thrush. The group elected to make a trip to the Swamp Bridge early in the morning to see if the Virginia Rail was still present. The group was not successful, however. The consensus was that the water level was too high as a result of the previous week's rain. A last minute stop at the Arboretum yielded views of Killdeer, Brown-headed Nuthatch and Red-tailed Hawk. No Eastern Bluebirds were spotted, probably because of the adjusted route. The total number for the morning was **46 species**. A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Killdeer	Brown Creeper
Tundra Swan	Ring-billed Gull	Carolina Wren
Gadwall	Belted Kingfisher	Winter Wren
American Wigeon	Red-headed Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Kinglet
American Black Duck	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Hermit Thrush
Mallard	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Northern Mockingbird
Ring-necked Duck	Downy Woodpecker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Lesser Scaup	Northern Flicker	Song Sparrow
Hooded Merganser	Blue Jay	Swamp Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	American Crow	White-throated Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	Carolina Chickadee	Dark-eyed Junco
Great Blue Heron	Tufted Titmouse	Northern Cardinal
Turkey Vulture	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird
Bald Eagle	White-breasted Nuthatch	Rusty Blackbird
Red-tailed Hawk	Brown-headed Nuthatch	American Goldfinch
American Coot		

Happy New Year 2013! The morning of **January 6** began with temperatures in the low 40's and showers ending. Marilyn and John Adair, Virginia and George Boyles, Miles and Spencer Quirion, Jason Strickland, Adam Bollinger, Dave Youker, Nancy Gruttman-Tyler, Geoff Giles, Fred Blystone, Barbara Hudgins and Jane Frigo, with brief visits from Michelle Shinn and Phil Bogart, spent the morning identifying **57 species**. A FOS Redhead duck was spotted among a group of Ring-necked ducks. Three Virginia Rails were heard at the Swamp Bridge. Woodpeckers were well represented as were nuthatches and Brown Creepers. No Tundra Swans and only one Mute Swan was spotted. Sadly, no owls were seen and it appears the Eastern Screech Owl nest discovered last month has been destroyed. Other wildlife observed included a busy beaver and an unusual red-tailed squirrel! A complete species list follows.

Canada Goose	Mourning Dove	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Mute Swan	Belted Kingfisher	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Gadwall	Red-headed Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird
American Wigeon	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Hermit Thrush
American Black Duck	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	American Robin
Mallard	Downy Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Redhead	Northern Flicker	European Starling
Ring-necked Duck	Pileated Woodpecker	Cedar Waxwing
Lesser Scaup	Blue Jay	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Hooded Merganser	American Crow	Field Sparrow
Ruddy Duck	Carolina Chickadee	Song Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Tufted Titmouse	Swamp Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	Red-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	White-breasted Nuthatch	Dark-eyed Junco
Great Egret	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Northern Cardinal
Turkey Vulture	Brown Creeper	Red-winged Blackbird
Bald Eagle	Carolina Wren	Common Grackle
Virginia Rail	House Wren	Brown-headed Cowbird
Rock Pigeon	Winter Wren	American Goldfinch