



Potomac Valley Audubon Society

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Calendar of Pending Events

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January 27: Annual C&O Canal Midwinter Bird Survey. Join PVAS to help conduct this survey on a three-mile section of the canal from the Rumsey Bridge by Shepherdstown to Antietam Creek. Free and open to the public. Meet at the large National Park Service parking lot on Canal Road just south of the railroad bridge in time to leave from that location at 7:45 a.m. sharp. Count will last until about 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration not required but recommended. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Bill Telfair at 408-966-8895 or wbchtelfair@sbcglobal.net.

February 1: Winter tree-identification field trip at the Eidolon Nature Preserve in Morgan County. 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Meet at the preserve entrance gate. Trip leader Rodney Dever, a member of the WV Native Plant Society, will show how to identify trees through such clues as branching habits, overall shape, twigs, buds and bark. Free and everyone welcome. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. If the weather is especially inclement this day, the trip will be rescheduled to February 16. For more info contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

February 4: Winter bird walk at the Claymont property outside Charles Town. 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Free and everyone welcome. Children must be 12 or older and accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact walk leader Joette Borzik at pep4223@comcast.net or 240-440-4221.

February 7: PVAS program in Berkeley Springs. 10:00 a.m., in the Morgan County Board of Education Office building at 247 Harrison Avenue. Horticulturist James Dillon will give a presentation on the importance of considering plant functions as well as aesthetics in designing gardens. Free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org.

February 8: Public workshop on promoting biodiversity and good landscape practices in backyard properties large and small. 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the War Memorial Building in downtown Shepherdstown. Free and open to everyone. Light refreshments served 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Blue Ridge Conservation Alliance in cooperation with PVAS and others. Register in advance and get more info on the Alliance website at <http://blueridgeconseration.org/event/habitat>.

February 9: Maintenance work day at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County. 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Will focus on trail maintenance, removal of invasive plants, and habitat improvement. Anyone with an interest is welcome to volunteer to help. Tools, water and

first aid will be provided. Details and directions to the preserve are on the PVAS website. For more info, contact Amy Moore at 240-818-4714 or amy@potomacaudubon.org.

February 10: Natural History Workshop: Vernal-Pool Diseases. 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Will include a classroom session in the Fish Health Laboratory building of the US Geological Survey's Leetown Science Center and a visit to a vernal pool in the area. Instructor will be Kevin Oxenrider, a wildlife biologist with the WV Division of Natural Resources. Open to everyone but space limited to 25 people and pre-registration required. Register on the PVAS website. Fee is \$15 for PVAS members and \$20 for others. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org.

February 12: Maintenance work day at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County. 1:00-3:30 p.m. Will focus on trail maintenance and removal of invasive plants. Anyone with an interest is welcome to volunteer to help. Tools, water and first aid will be provided. Details and directions to the preserve are on the PVAS website. For more info, contact Kristin Alexander at 304-676-3397 or kristin@potomacaudubon.org.

February 14: PVAS monthly program. 7:00 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Main Office Building at the Hospice of the Panhandle Facility at 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service scientist Jim Siegel will give a presentation entitled "The Behavioral Ecology of Birds; Implications for Conservation." Free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

February 24: Maintenance work day at the Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve in Berkeley County. 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Will focus on preparatory work to convert the preserve's large open field to a pollinator meadow: removing invasive plants, using herbicides to control locust trees, building brush piles, and creating a fire break. Anyone with an interest is welcome to volunteer to help. Tools, water and first aid will be provided. Details and directions to the preserve are on the PVAS website. For more info, contact Steve Hartmann at 304-433-7777.

February 24: Volunteer work session at Shepherdstown's Morgan's Grove Park. 10:00 a.m. to about 12 noon. Session will be focused on severing invasive vines—both native and non-native—that are harming park trees. Arborist Shawn Walker will provide guidance and supervision. A good opportunity to help the park while learning proper techniques for handling invasive vines. Free and anyone with an interest is invited. Children welcome but they must be supervised carefully because tools will be involved. Pre-registration strongly encouraged but not required; register on the PVAS website. Tools, gloves and safety glasses will be provided but participants may also bring their own. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org.

March 10: Bird walk at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County. 7:30-9:30 a.m. To be led by local birding expert Lynne Wiseman. Free and everyone welcome. Children must be 12 or older and accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

March 14: PVAS monthly program. 7:00 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Main Office Building at the Hospice of the Panhandle Facility at 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville. Will feature a presentation about an annual National Conservation Training Center event called the

"Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress" The speaker will be Melissa Castiano, NCTC's Indigenous Youth Programs Coordinator. Free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

April 5: Maintenance work day at the Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve in Berkeley County. 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Will focus on maintaining trails and removing invasive plants. Anyone with an interest is welcome to volunteer to help. Tools, water and first aid will be provided. Details and directions to the preserve are on the PVAS website. For more info, contact Steve Hartmann at 304-433-7777.

April 10: Evening program in Boonsboro. Cosponsored by PVAS and the Boonsboro Environmental Council. 7:00 p.m. in the Shafer Park Community Center. The speaker will be Jim Cummins, an ecologist who was formerly Director of Living Resources of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. His presentation will be entitled "When Trees Were Old; Humans and Environmental Change in the Potomac Watershed." Free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

April 11: PVAS monthly program. 7:00 p.m. in the main meeting room of the Main Office Building at the Hospice of the Panhandle Facility at 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville. Andrew Wilson, an Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at Gettysburg College will give a presentation entitled "Drones and Birds; How Unmanned Aerial Vehicles are Changing Ornithology." Free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

April 12: Natural History Workshop: Birding 101 begins. This popular course for beginning birders, now in its 33rd year, is taught by local bird experts. It includes Thursday evening classroom sessions held at the National Conservation Training Center on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, and Saturday morning field trips to various locations in the area on April 14, 21, 28 and May 5. Tuition for the full course package of classroom sessions and field trips is \$90 for PVAS members and \$110 for nonmembers. Full details available on the PVAS website. Or contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

April 14: Spring bird walk at USGS Fish Health Laboratory property in Leetown. Meet walk leaders Bob Dean and Heather Walsh at 7:30 a.m. Free and everyone welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. The Laboratory is the large brown building with brown paneling in Leetown on the east side of the road; to search for it on Internet mapping sites, enter "407 Reservoir Road, Kearneysville, WV." For more info contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

April 28: PVAS program in Berkeley Springs. 10:00 a.m., in the Morgan County Board of Education Office building at 247 Harrison Avenue. Botanist Larry Stritch will present a program about spring wildflowers of the Eastern Panhandle. Following his talk, Dr. Stritch will lead a wildflower walk from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Eidolon Nature Preserve in Morgan County. Both events are free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org.