



Potomac Valley Audubon Society

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Calendar of Pending Events

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January 20: Winter bird walk at USGS Fish Health Laboratory property in Leetown. Meet walk leaders Doug Pifer and Heather Walsh at 8:00 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 703-303-1026 or adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org.

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., at the Morgan County Board of Education Office. right after the Master Naturalist Program Open House. 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 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 17: 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.

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.

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.