



# Potomac Valley Audubon Society

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## Calendar of Pending Events

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**\* = Part of a series of PVAS events in May to mark the 25th annual observance of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD).**

**March 20: Bird walk at the Shannondale Springs Wildlife Management Area in Jefferson County.** Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the parking area by the boat launch site, off Mission Road. Free and everyone welcome. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Jim Farley at [jamesfarley@frontiernet.net](mailto:jamesfarley@frontiernet.net) or 540-686-2056.

**March 25: Natural History Workshop: Structural Pruning of Trees.** 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve. To be led by Shawn Walker, a local certified arborist. Successful completion will earn a standard first aid and CPR certificate from the Emergency Care Safety Institute. Open to everyone but space limited to 15 people and pre-registration required. Register on the PVAS website. Fee is \$20 for PVAS members and \$25 for others. The Preserve is located at 1469 Lloyd Road, about six miles southwest of Charles Town. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org).

**March 29: Bird walk in the Virginius Island section of the Harpers Ferry National Park.** Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the intersection of Shenandoah Street and Route 340. Free and everyone welcome. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Deb Hale at [debhale72@gmail.com](mailto:debhale72@gmail.com) or 304-535-1528.

**April 6: Natural History Workshop: Birding 101 begins.** This popular course for beginning birders, now in its 32nd year, is taught by local bird experts. It includes Thursday evening classroom sessions held at the National Conservation Training Center on April 6, 13, 20 and 27, and Saturday morning field trips to various locations in the area on April 8, 15, 22 and 29. Tuition for the full course package of classroom sessions and field trips is \$90 for PVAS members and \$110 for nonmembers. Class is currently full and a waitlist is being taken. Full details and waitlist instructions are available on the PVAS website. Or contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**April 8: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual PVAS Race for the Birds.** At Wild Goose Farm, 293 Shepherd Grade Road, Shepherdstown. Includes 5K and 10K trail runs at 9:00 a.m. and a 1-mile "Fun Run" for children at 10:45 a.m. All trail runners must pay a fee and register. For details and to register, go to the event website at <http://raceforthebirds.org> or contact race director Nan Johnson at [race4birds@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:race4birds@potomacaudubon.org). All proceeds benefit PVAS's educational programs for children.

**April 12: 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. Wil Hersberger, one of the area's leading naturalists, will present a program called "A Celebration of Bird Songs." Free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org).

**April 13: Advocacy Forum: Guide for the Uneasy Environmentalist.** 6:30-8:00 p.m. Frank Arts Center Auditorium, Shepherd University campus. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Panel discussion will explore ways to engage in effective advocacy on environmental and conservation issues. Panelists will include former Democratic State Representative Stephen Skinner; Dr. David Didden, Jefferson County Public Health Department; Mary Ann Hitt, Sierra Club; Christian Thomas, Sky Truth. Will include a post-event gathering from 8:30 p.m. onward at the Domestic Restaurant, 117 East German Street, Shepherdstown.

**April 15: Spring Wildflower Walk along the C&O Canal near Shepherdstown.** Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the large Canal parking lot on Canal Road, just south of the railroad bridge. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration requested; register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org).

**April 21: Maintenance work day at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County.** 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Will focus on trail clearing and invasive plant removal. 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**April 22: Earth Day bird walk along the Final Attack Trail section of the Antietam National Battlefield.** Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Burnside Bridge. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**April 22: Maintenance work day at the Eidolon Nature Preserve in Morgan County.** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Will focus on trail clearing. 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**April 23: Spring wildflower and nature walk at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County.** Walk will be led by master naturalists Mary Beth Ross and Wanda Miller and last from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Free and open to anyone with an interest but registration is requested; register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org).

**April 26: Bird walk in the Murphy's Farm section of the Harpers Ferry National Park.** Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the Park Visitors Center parking lot. Free and everyone welcome. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Deb Hale at [debhale72@gmail.com](mailto:debhale72@gmail.com) or 304-535-1528.

**April 26: Bird walk at the City of Hagerstown's Kiwanis Park.** Cosponsored by PVAS, the City, and the Washington County Bird Club. 8:00-9:30 a.m. To be led by local birding expert Sandy Sagalkin. Free and open to everyone but pre-registration required. Register on the City's

website at [www.hagerstownmd.org/birdwalks](http://www.hagerstownmd.org/birdwalks). For more info contact Sandy at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**April 29: Monarch Alliance Meeting.** 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the National Conservation Training Center. Open to Alliance and PVAS members. Activities will include a bird walk on the NCTC grounds, a meeting of the Alliance's coordinating committee, a lunch, a general membership meeting, and a visit to NCTC's Monarch waystation. Free but registration required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**April 30: Bird walk along the C&O Canal in the Williamsport area.** Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the National Park Service Visitor Center at Cushwa Basin in Williamsport. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**May 1-31: Eighth Annual Ruth Ann Dean Memorial Birdathon.\*** Teams and individuals will compete to identify the highest numbers of bird species they find in Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, and Washington counties and on the Potomac River bordering those counties within any 24-consecutive-hour-period during the month of May. Free and open to anyone who is interested, but all must pre-register. This year, those who participate are encouraged to seek pledges from neighbors and friends to help raise funds to improve Chimney Swift habitat on the Shepherd University campus. Get more info and register online on the PVAS website. Or contact Bridget Tinsley at [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**May 6: Bird walk along the C&O Canal in the Williamsport area.\*** Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the National Park Service Visitor Center at Cushwa Basin in Williamsport. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**May 6: Maintenance work day at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County.** 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Will focus on invasive plant removal. 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**May 7: Bird walk at the Eidolon Nature Preserve in Morgan County.\*** Meet at the preserve parking lot inside the preserve gates at 7:30 a.m. A good opportunity to see a variety of migrating and year-round birds before trees are in full foliage. In particular this will offer a chance to see the rare Cerulean Warbler, a species of concern that can be found in considerable numbers at Eidolon at this time of year. Walk will be led by Jon Boone and other local birders. Free and open to everyone. No pre-registration needed. For more info contact the Nature Niche Store in Berkeley Springs at 304-258-0992 or [natureniche@earthlink.net](mailto:natureniche@earthlink.net).

**May 7: Bird walk at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County.\*** Will begin at 7:30 a.m. and last two to three hours. Free and everyone welcome. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. The Preserve is located at 1469 Lloyd Road, about six miles southwest of Charles Town. For more info contact Lynne Wiseman at 304-676-2725 or [lewiseman@aol.com](mailto:lewiseman@aol.com).

**May 9: Bird walk at Grabill farm in Berkeley County.\*** Meet walk leader Bob Dean at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Hedgesville Shop and Save (formerly Food Lion) at 147 Roaring Lion Drive off Route 9. The walk group will drive to the farm from there. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org).

**May 10: Birding trip to Sideling Hill in Maryland.\*** Meet trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 7:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Authority, which is located at 18306 Col. Henry K. Douglas Dr., Hagerstown, MD (off Rt. 65, just south of US 70). From there, the trip group will drive north to Sideling Hill. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**May 10: 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. The speaker will be Larry Stritch, a retired U.S. Forest Service Botanist. He will review some of the spring wildflowers commonly found in the Eastern Panhandle, the habitats where they may be found, and their natural history. Free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org).

**May 11: Bird walk at the Claymont Mansion Property in Jefferson County.\*** Meet walk leader Joette Borzik at 7:00 a.m., at the gate to the Claymont entrance road, which is located at 667 Huyett Road. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Joette at 240-440-4221 or [pep4223@comcast.net](mailto:pep4223@comcast.net).

**May 12: Maintenance work day at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County.** 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Will focus on trail clearing and invasive plant removal. 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**May 12: Spring Wildflower Walk** in the Shannondale Springs Wildlife Management Area. Larry Stritch will lead this family-friendly walk, as a follow-on to his May 10 talk. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the boat launch area parking lot off Mission Road. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**May 14: Mother's Day bird walk along the Final Attack Trail section of the Antietam National Battlefield.\*** Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Burnside Bridge. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**May 14: Mother's Day nature walk at the Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve in Berkeley County.\*** Meet at 7:30 p.m. in the parking area at the north end of the preserve, which is located on the east side of Back Creek Valley Road (County Route 7), one-half mile south of Shanghai. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required.

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**May 20: PVAS Native Plant Sale.** To be held in Shepherdstown, in conjunction with that town's long-established annual Back Alley Garden Tour and Tea. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Saturday only. Location to be determined but probably on King Street behind the Public Library. Will feature high-quality native plants, with an emphasis on plants that benefit pollinators like honeybees and Monarch Butterflies. For more info, go to the PVAS website.

**May 25: Natural History Workshop: First Aid and CPR Certification Training.** 5:30-9:30 p.m. at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve. To be led by trainer Brian Kearney. Successful completion will earn a standard first aid and CPR certificate from the Emergency Care Safety Institute. Open to everyone but space limited to 10 people and pre-registration required. Register on the PVAS website. Fee is \$70 for PVAS members and \$75 for others. The Preserve is located at 1469 Lloyd Road, about six miles southwest of Charles Town. For more info contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org).

**May 27: Birding trip to two sites in Preston County, WV.** Co-sponsored by the Mountaineer Audubon Society. Trip will start at Cranesville Swamp Preserve at 9:00 a.m., move to Cooper's Rock State Forest at 12 noon, and end there at 3:00 p.m. Drive directly or carpool from the Shepherdstown Food Lion parking lot on Route 45 at 6:00 a.m. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration required. Register and get details on the PVAS website. For more info, contact Lynne Wiseman at 304-676-2725 or [lewiseman@aol.com](mailto:lewiseman@aol.com).

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**June 3: Bird walk along the C&O Canal in the Williamsport area.** Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the National Park Service Visitor Center at Cushwa Basin in Williamsport. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info go to the PVAS website or contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**June 24: Bird walk along the Final Attack Trail section of the Antietam National Battlefield.** Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Burnside Bridge. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**June 28: Bird walk at the City of Hagerstown's Kiwanis Park.** Cosponsored by PVAS, the City, and the Washington County Bird Club. 8:00-9:30 a.m. To be led by local birding expert Sandy Sagalkin. Free and open to everyone but pre-registration required. Register on the City's website at [www.hagerstownmd.org/birdwalks](http://www.hagerstownmd.org/birdwalks). For more info contact Sandy at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**July 22: Bird walk along the Final Attack Trail section of the Antietam National Battlefield.** Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Burnside Bridge. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).



**August 10: Natural History Workshop: "Butterflies for Beginners."** 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Hospice of the Panhandle Facility at 330 Hospice Lane, Kearneysville. Naturalist and photographer Penny Stritch will review identification of butterfly species, developing butterfly habitat, useful field guides and tips for photographing butterflies. Intended primarily for Master Naturalists but open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration required; register on the PVAS website. Fee is \$10 for PVAS members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more info contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**August 12: Butterfly Garden Tour.** 2:00-4:00 p.m. Penny Stritch will lead a tour of the extensive butterfly garden she has established on her property in Berkeley County. Free and open to anyone with an interest but space will be limited to only 15 people and everyone (including August 10 workshop participants) must register. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**August 19: Bird walk along the Final Attack Trail section of the Antietam National Battlefield.** Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Burnside Bridge. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info contact trip leader Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).