



## Potomac Valley Audubon Society

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### Calendar of Pending Events

Updated September 2, 2017

**September 12: United Way Day of Caring work days at three PVAS nature preserves.**

Yankauer, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Cool Spring, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Stauffer's Marsh, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to help spruce up these preserves for a few hours or the whole day. Lunch and a free t-shirt will be provided to all volunteers. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For more info contact Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**September 13: 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. Dr. Diana Gaviria, medical director and deputy health officer for Washington County Health Department, will discuss the impact of climate change on public health. For more info contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**September 16: Monarch Alliance Fall Milkweed and native plant sale.** 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Sunny Meadows Garden Center in Washington County, MD, at 7437 Sharpsburg Pike (Route 65). Three varieties of milkweed will be offered, along with other native plants and cultivars. Members of the Monarch Alliance will be on hand to provide planting guidance. For more info contact Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [info@monarchalliance.org](mailto:info@monarchalliance.org).

**September 20: Hawk-watch in the Bolivar Heights section of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.** Meet watch leader Deb Hale at 9:00 a.m. at the Bolivar Heights parking area off Whitman Avenue. Watch will last 2 to 3 hours. The watch group will be mostly stationary so this is a good event for those who cannot do much walking. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register and get directions on the PVAS website. For more info contact Deb at 304-535-1528 or [debhale72@gmail.com](mailto:debhale72@gmail.com).

**September 20: Maintenance work day at the Eidolon Nature Preserve in Morgan County.** 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**September 20: Hawk watch at Washington Monument State Park on South Mountain near Boonsboro, MD.** Co-sponsored with the Washington County (MD) Bird Club. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot at the park. Watch will last until noon but participants are welcome to stay longer. Free and open to anyone interested but space very limited and pre-registration essential. Register and get detailed directions on the PVAS website. For more info contact Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**September 23: Natural History Workshop—Nature Sketching.** 8:30-10:30 a.m. at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County. The workshop will be taught by Susan Brookreson, of Martinsburg, who is an experienced arts educator and Master Naturalist. It will be aimed at those with little or no drawing experience although all skill levels will be welcome. It will focus on teaching drawing techniques that quickly capture as much information as possible about subjects being observed in nature. Everyone welcome but pre-registration and a fee will be required. Pre-register on the PVAS website. The fee will be \$15 for the general public and \$10 for PVAS members. See the PVAS webpage for details and pre-register there or contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**September 27: Hawk watch at Washington Monument State Park on South Mountain near Boonsboro, MD.** Co-sponsored with the Washington County (MD) Bird Club. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the upper parking lot at the park. Watch will last until noon but participants are welcome to stay longer. Free and open to anyone interested but space very limited and pre-registration essential. Register and get detailed directions on the PVAS website. For more info contact Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com).

**September 28: Natural History Workshop—Purple Martins.** 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County. The instructor will be Chip Hussion, a local enthusiast who has developed a large, successful Purple Martin colony. The workshop will cover the basics of starting and maintaining successful colonies, including tips for siting and building or buying proper houses. Everyone welcome but pre-registration and a fee will be required. Pre-register on the PVAS website. The fee will be \$15 for the general public and \$10 for PVAS members. See the PVAS webpage for details and pre-register there or contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**September 29: Maintenance work day at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County.** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**October 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. 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 703-303-1026 or [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org).

**October 12: Maintenance work day at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County.** 1:00-4:00 p.m. 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**October 13: Fall Hike at the Eidolon Nature Preserve in Morgan County.** 10:00 a.m.-12 noon. A good opportunity to see the fall foliage, birds and other wildlife at this 354-acre mountaintop preserve. Free and open to everyone. Pre-registration recommended but not

required. Register and get directions on the PVAS website. For more info contact Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**October 18: Bird Walk in the Virinius Island section of the Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.** 7:30-10:30 a.m. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register and get directions on the PVAS website. For more info contact walk leader Deb Hale at 304-535-1528 or [debhale72@gmail.com](mailto:debhale72@gmail.com).

**October 21: Fall Bird Walk at the National Conservation Training Center outside Shepherdstown.** 7:30-11:00 a.m. To be led by naturalist Jim Farley. Free and everyone welcome but because this is a federal facility pre-registration by October 16 is essential. Register on the PVAS website. For more info, contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**October 28: 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).

**November 1: Maintenance work day at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County.** 9:00 a.m.-2 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**November 4: Evening field trip to owl-banding station near Hedgesville, WV.** 6:00-10:00 p.m. Watch birding expert Bob Dean catch, band, and release migrating Northern Saw-Whet Owls, the smallest owl in eastern North America. Free and family friendly. Participation is very limited so pre-registration is essential. Register and get more info on the PVAS website. Or contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**November 6: Evening field trip to owl-banding station near Hedgesville, WV.** 5:00-10:00 p.m. Watch birding expert Bob Dean catch, band, and release migrating Northern Saw-Whet Owls, the smallest owl in eastern North America. Free and family friendly. Participation is very limited so pre-registration is essential. Register and get more info on the PVAS website. Or contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**November 8: 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. Naturalist Wil Hershberger will give a presentation on the study of bird songs, with a special focus on the Vesper Sparrow. For more info contact Krista Hawley at [adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org) or 703-303-1026.

**November 9: Maintenance work day at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County.** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. 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 Bridget Tinsley at 304-261-6016 or [bridget@potomacaudubon.org](mailto:bridget@potomacaudubon.org).

**November 10: Vulture watch and walk in the Bolivar Heights section of Harpers Ferry**

**National Historical Park.** Meet leader Deb Hale at 4:30 p.m. at the Bolivar Heights parking area off Whitman Avenue. Event will last 1 hour. Free and open to anyone with an interest. Pre-registration recommended but not required. Register and get directions on the PVAS website. For more info contact Deb at 304-535-1528 or [debhale72@gmail.com](mailto:debhale72@gmail.com).

**November 25: 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).

**December 23: 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).