



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).**

May 14: Mother's Day bird walk along the Final Attack Trail section of the Antietam National Battlefield.* Meet walk leader Sandy Sagalkin 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 Sandy at 240-291-6465 or sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com.

May 14: Mother's Day bird walk at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County.* Meet walk leader Beth Poole at 7:30 a.m. in the Preserve parking lot. 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 or 703-303-1026.

May 19: 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.

May 20: Bird walk on the property associated with the Fish Health Laboratory at the US Geological Survey's Leetown Science Center. To be led by Bob Dean and Heather Walsh. Meet at 7:30 in the Lab's parking area, on Reservoir Road, right off Leetown 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 or 703-303-1026.

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 20: Monarch Alliance milkweed sale, fundraiser and educational program. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hagerstown's Kiwanis Park. Information on how to create monarch waystations and butterfly gardens will be available, and experts will be on hand to answer questions. There will also be children's activities, including face painting, coloring, monarch stickers, life cycle models and more. The City of Hagerstown is sponsoring the milkweed sale portion of this event,

and it is offering two varieties of milkweed: Butterfly Weed and Swamp Milkweed. All purchases must be made through the City's website at www.hagerstownmd.org/637/Kiwanis-Park and they can be picked up at the Park on the day of the event. For more info contact Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com.

May 24: Morning program in Berkeley Springs. 10:00 a.m. at the Morgan County Board of Education building at 247 Harrison Avenue. Botanist Larry Stritch will give a presentation entitled "Pollinators: The Simple Truth, We Can't Live Without Them." Free and open to everyone. For more info contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

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.

May 26: Monarch Alliance plant sale at the Sunny Meadows Garden Center. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Information on how to create monarch waystations and butterfly gardens will be available, and experts will be on hand to answer questions. The Garden Center is at 7437 Sharpsburg Pike, Boonsboro. For more info contact Sandy Sagalkin at 240-291-6465 or sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com.

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.

May 29: 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.

May 31: Visit to a successful Purple Martin colony in the Charles Town area. To be led by veteran birder Joette Borzik. Starts at 7:30 a.m. For more info go to the PVAS website or contact Joette at pep4223@comcast.net or 240-440-4221.

May 31: Maintenance Work Day at the Stauffer's Marsh 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.

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.

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June 4: Natural History Workshop on field journaling. 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve. To be led by Carolyn Duckworth, a professional writer for the National Park Service. Free but space limited to 10 people and pre-registration required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info go to the PVAS website or contact Krista Hawley at 703-303-1026 or adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org.

June 14: Bird walk the North Schoolhouse Ridge section of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Meet walk leader Deb Hale at 7:00 a.m. in the section parking lot. 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 Deb at debhale72@gmail.com or 304-535-1528.

June 17: PVAS Annual Meeting and BBQ Dinner. 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Yankauer Nature Preserve in Berkeley County. All members and volunteers are invited. Dinner is free but registration required; register on the PVAS website. Annual meeting portion of event will include announcement of board election results, recognition of volunteers, and recognition of annual Birdathon winners.

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.

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. For more info contact Sandy at 240-291-6465 or 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.

August 5: Singing Insect Walk at the Cool Spring Nature Preserve in Jefferson County. Learn first-hand from expert Wil Hershberger about the singing insects heard in this region during the summer months. A family-oriented event especially suited to young children. Meet at 7:30 p.m. in the preserve parking lot. Free and open to everyone but space will be limited and pre-registration is required. Register on the PVAS website. For more info, contact Krista Hawley at adultprograms@potomacaudubon.org or 703-303-1026.

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 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 or 703-303-1026.

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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.

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 or 703-303-1026.