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VSO acquires “Bramble Hill” - Unique Birding Sanctuary in Highland County

By Dan Bieker, VSO President

Many VSO members are familiar with Bramble Hill, former home of the late Margaret O’Bryan, and her husband Wayne. Margaret once served on the VSO Board and was also a founding member of the Richmond Audubon Society. For many years Margaret welcomed any and all birders to this 30-acre birding sanctuary in Highland County, home to many uncommon breeding species, most notably Golden-winged Warblers. Thanks to the generosity of Wayne O’Bryan, who recently donated Bramble Hill to the VSO in honor of Margaret, we will now steward the property, manage the habitat and continue to welcome birders to enjoy this special place.

The property straddles the Virginia-West Virginia state line in the Blue Grass Valley area of Highland County, often referred to as Virginia’s “Little Switzerland” due to the stunning landscape of mountains, grasslands and pristine streams. Read further on in the newsletter for more details about the property and visiting there.

This summer, as the VSO welcomes several new board members, we also say goodbye to long-time board member Lenny Bankester. Lenny served as President for several years and helped guide the VSO through the Breeding Bird Atlas and the many logistical and fiscal challenges involved. His calm demeanor, sense of humor and attention to detail over the years will be missed, and we hope to see him out on the trails.

We also recognize the class of 2021 Directors whose terms are expiring: Patti Reum, Lisa Koerner Perry and Cheryl Jacobson, as well as James Fox, who will continue as va-bird freelist administrator but move into a more active role with VSO publications. Patti and Lisa will stay on in officer roles respectively as Conservation Chair and Webmaster. Cheryl, who also serves as president of the VSO affiliate Williamsburg Bird Club, will be leaving after many years of service and valuable input to the board.

At the same time, we welcome incoming VSO President Terri Cuthriell, who takes the helm in July. Terri is also a long-time board member and has served faithfully as VSO Treasurer for many years. She spends countless volunteer hours in dedication to the VSO, and her involvement in all aspects of the organization is much appreciated.

More and more group activities are starting to take shape as the pandemic recedes, a welcome trend. Stay tuned over the summer for announcements, activity notices and ways to stay involved. The VSO faces many challenges and opportunities, all in the spirit of preserving and enjoying the diverse birdlife Virginia has to offer.

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Highland County's "Bramble Hill"

By Dan Bieker, VSO President

The VSO is pleased to announce the acquisition of Bramble Hill, a 30-acre birding preserve in the scenic Blue Grass Valley region of Highland County.

This is the former home of the late Margaret O'Bryan, an avid bird lover well-known to many in the VSO for welcoming birders to her beloved sanctuary over the years. In her honor, Margaret's husband Wayne has donated Bramble Hill to the VSO, which will now manage the property in the spirit of keeping her legacy alive.



Welcome to Bramble Hill

There were many factors for the VSO to consider in the transaction, and it took over a year to cross all the "t"s and dot the "i"s. Now that the property is officially acquired, we hope that the VSO membership will help to treasure and preserve this unique asset. Located in a quiet setting with stunning scenery and starry nighttime skies, Bramble Hill and vicinity is home to an abundance of wildlife. Habitat management will focus on Golden-winged Warblers,



Meadow habitat at Bramble Hill

but other notable nesting species on or immediately adjacent to the property include Yellow-breasted Chat, Willow Flycatcher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Black and Yellow-billed Cuckoo, American Kestrel, Cliff Swallow, Chestnut-sided and Yellow Warbler, and Bobolink.

Bramble Hill is convenient for exploring other good birding sites in Blue Grass Valley and points west on into Monongahela National Forest. Some notable breeders, usually associated with more northerly, montane habitats include Mourning, Blackburnian, Canada, Yellow-rumped and Magnolia Warbler, Northern Waterthrush, Veery, Hermit and Swainson's Thrush, Purple Finch, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Ruffed Grouse, Long-eared and Northern Saw-whet Owl, Alder Flycatcher, Winter Wren, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Vesper, Savannah and Swamp Sparrow, and long-shot (but possible) Northern Goshawk, Pine Siskin and Nashville Warbler.



The house at Bramble Hill

The three-bedroom, two-bath home on the property is in good condition, and we hope to have a full-time tenant living on the premises. The VSO welcomes inquiries from anyone who might be interested in renting or leasing the house. For details and additional info, contact Dan Bieker:

danbieker@gmail.com

The property is located at 3314 Wimer Mountain Road, north of Bluegrass, Virginia, and straddles the Virginia-West Virginia state line. Visitors can park

along the roadside; please be sure to pull off to the side as far as possible. Once a tenant is in place for the house, access beyond the road will be by appointment. Until then birders may walk up the driveway along the meadow to the right, around the house and up the slope in the back of the property.

To honor Margaret's wishes and to protect the many unique species at Bramble Hill, please observe the following rules when visiting:

- The use of audio lures to attract birds or other wildlife species, especially playback by cell phone or speaker, is strictly prohibited at all times.
- Visitors should be as quiet as possible. Please stay well clear of and do not disturb or look inside nesting boxes. Boxes are in place for kestrels, bluebirds and screech owls, all of which are actively used.

- Visitors may walk around the barn, but access inside any level of the barn may be dangerous and is prohibited.
- No pets are permitted on the property.
- Visitors to Bramble Hill, and Highland County in general, should be careful at all times not to impede local traffic. Driving slowly along many of the backroads is a great opportunity to enjoy the landscape and find birds but can understandably aggravate local residents working and going about their business. Do not stop in the middle of the road for a sighting and pull over immediately if impeding a vehicle approaching from the rear.

Check out more details for birding the area at <https://birdingvirginia.org/highland>



View from Bramble Hill

VSO Fall Field Trip: Chincoteague, VA September 10-12, 2021

We're excited to announce that we **WILL** have the VSO trip to Chincoteague September 10-12. VSO is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all participants. By registering for this event, you agree to abide by the policy VSO has adopted for attendees: Participants at all VSO meetings, field trips, and properties, shall follow all CDC and federal, state and local guidelines regarding Covid-19. Additionally, participants shall respect the Covid-19 requirements of businesses where VSO activities take place.

We'll provide instructions later about other precautions that may need to be in place, based on guidelines in place closer to the date.

TRIP REGISTRATION

To help us plan for the weekend, please register in advance. Provide the names of participants in your party with your mobile number and email address so we can contact you if needed. Register with Meredith Bell, trip coordinator, at merandlee@gmail.com or 804-824-4958, and be sure to state if you want to register for the Saturday morning boat trip (details below).

HEADQUARTERS

The Refuge Inn on Beach Road in Chincoteague will be the host hotel (800-544-8469 or 757-336-5511). Currently, masks are required when you are in the hotel. Room rates for Friday and Saturday nights are \$114.75 (plus tax) per night for a single or a double room, minimum two-night stay. For those arriving a



Royal Tern at Chincoteague in fall. Photo by Seth Honig

day early or staying an extra day, the rate for Thursday and Sunday nights will be \$102.00. The Refuge Inn is non-smoking and no pets are allowed. Check-in time is 4:00pm, and check-out time is 11:00 am. To assure the VSO rate, **make reservations by August 12** and state you are with the VSO when you call.

NOTE: There is a **one-week** cancellation notice if you decide to cancel your reservation.

MEALS

The Refuge Inn offers a complimentary continental breakfast for guests. Right now, the breakfast area is closed, and they provide a bagged breakfast for each guest. We'll update you closer to the date if there's a change in this arrangement. All meals are on your own. Many eating establishments in Chincoteague offer take-out or outdoor dining if restrictions around indoor dining are in place.

WEEKEND OVERVIEW

Due to the small size of the Refuge Inn conference room, we will not have a Friday night orientation. Instead, we'll hold a Zoom call early in the week of the trip, to overview the weekend and have a special presentation by Jerry Via. We'll record the call and send the link afterwards for those who can't attend the live call.



Scoping Swan Cove

BOAT TRIP SATURDAY, 11th – ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

There will be a special birding by boat trip **Saturday at 8:30am** (2 hours) with a local boat captain and his crew. You have a chance to check out the marshes and tidal flats up-close during the outgoing tide for interesting water birds and raptors. The fee per person is \$33. Details about how/where to pay will be provided later. Bring additional cash for tip (to crew) on the boat. Departure is from the Curtis Merritt Marina at the Sound end of Chincoteague Island, 2246 Curtis Merritt Lane. Be there at 8:15am, 15 minutes before departure. Since the boat holds 100, and we've never exceeded 60 attendees, we don't anticipate the need to limit participants. At this time, masks are required for entry onto and departure from the boat.



Chincoteague Lighthouse. Photo by Dixie Sommers

OTHER FIELD TRIPS

At time of this announcement, the bus trips to Wash Flats are suspended. If the Refuge starts offering them again before September, Meredith will notify all trip registrants. Other field trips for the weekend

will be finalized and announced as we receive information about openings on the Refuge.

Currently both Visitor Centers and all restrooms are closed, and beach parking is limited. The Wildlife Loop and the Island Nature Trail in Chincoteague are open and will be part of our itinerary.

SATURDAY EVENING

Weather permitting, we may have a tally of the day's species outdoors at 6:00pm, around the picnic tables on the pool-side of the Refuge Inn. You can bring a chair if you prefer to sit rather than stand.

OTHER LODGING IN THE AREA

If you are unable to get a room at the Refuge Motor Inn, you may want to try these motels close by: Best Western (757-336-6557), Days Inn by Wyndham (757-336-1900) and Comfort Suites (757-336-3700).

For additional information about lodging, restaurant options and COVID-19 updates, check out the Chincoteague town website:

www.chincoteaguechamber.com

TIDES

Tides for Assateague Beach, Toms Cove starting with September 10, 2021.							
Day	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible	
F	Low	5:12 AM	0.0	6:39 AM	Rise 10:32 AM	9	
	High	11:13 AM	4.9	7:17 PM	Set 9:37 PM		
	Low	5:46 PM	0.0				
	High	11:34 PM	4.2				
Sa	Low	5:59 AM	0.0	6:40 AM	Rise 11:44 AM	17	
	High	12:03 PM	4.9	7:15 PM	Set 10:12 PM		
	Low	6:43 PM	0.2				
Su	High	12:24 AM	3.9	6:41 AM	Rise 12:57 PM	26	
	Low	6:50 AM	0.2	7:14 PM	Set 10:53 PM		
	High	12:57 PM	4.8				
	Low	7:44 PM	0.5				

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The Virginia Atlas Publication Begins to Take Shape

By Dixie Sommers, VSO Newsletter Editor

Wondering what the 2nd Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas (VABBA2) will look like when it is done? The Atlas Final Products Committee is working hard to answer your question.

The committee, with members from the VSO, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources and Virginia Tech, has been working diligently to identify the audiences for the published Atlas, identify its components, and determine the content of the individual species accounts. Sergio Harding of DWR chairs the group. VSO representatives are Rexanne Bruno, Lisa Perry and Dixie Sommers.

Throughout our work so far, we have carefully reviewed and compared several atlases published for other states, Canadian provinces, and Great Britain, and consulted the results of the survey of Atlas volunteers conducted in 2020.

We also have discussed the preferred writing style, comparing various existing atlas examples. We generally prefer concise and non-technical styles that are most useful to our atlas audiences. And we have discussed but not yet decided on the format of the final atlas (book vs. website).

To date, we have identified the Atlas audience to include:

- a. Atlas volunteers, the birders who collected data in the field,
- b. Birders in addition to Atlas volunteers,
- c. Natural resource professionals, such as staff of federal, state, local and private entities like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Virginia

Department of Conservation and Recreation, and The Nature Conservancy,

- d. Land planners, such as local governments and Planning District Commissions that make zoning decisions and influence the creation of community greenspaces,
- e. Policymakers, including federal, state and local officials and non-governmental organization staff involved in formulating, amending, analyzing, and/or advocating for various environmental policies,
- f. Educators focused on natural resource content, and who can incorporate Atlas information into existing or planned educational programs,
- g. Academics who can use Atlas resources to help drive research, especially applied or conservation-related research,
- h. Private landowners, and
- i. General Public.

We have also identified chapters and appendices that will form the structure of the Atlas. These will provide background– what the Atlas is for, how it can be used, and how it was created – as well as discuss topics such as coverage and summary results and information for Virginia’s physiographic regions.

Finally, and perhaps most challenging, we are working on identifying the specific content to be presented in the species accounts. For each of Virginia’s 210 or so breeding species, the Atlas will include information derived from the Atlas data and other sources on topics such as distribution of the species within Virginia, change in distributions from the first Atlas, population trends in the state, breeding timing, and other topics. The information will be presented in various forms, such as text, maps, tables, and charts. Photographs will also be included.

Our decisions are driven by the goal of providing high quality Atlas products that meet the needs of our audiences. We must also consider the cost of producing the published Atlas, and understand that the more funds we can raise, the better and more complete the products will be. See below on how you can help!



While the Final Products Committee is working, the Dr. Ashley Peele and her team at Virginia Tech are reviewing and organizing the millions of Atlas field records to create databases that will be used to produce much of the final published Atlas. Their

work is funded by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, with the data clean-up continuing through 2021, and then moving on to data analysis and production of content for the published Atlas.

How You Can Help the VABBA2!

- ✦ Help the VSO fund our part of the final Atlas by donating on-line at www.virginiabirds.org or by mail to VSO, P.O. Box 5994, Williamsburg, VA 23188-5994. Thank you!
- ✦ Let us know your questions and comments by email to VSOAtlas@gmail.com
- ✦ Receive e-mail atlas updates from DWR by subscribing at <https://dwr.virginia.gov/atlas-updates/>
- ✦ Check out atlas information on the VSO website <http://www.virginiabirds.org/vabba2> and the DWR website www.dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/birds/virginia-breeding-bird-atlas.

Kestrel Update

By Patti Reum

As of early May, 66% (46) of the 69 kestrel boxes in Highland County were occupied by incubating kestrels. Two of these boxes were originally installed for use by Eastern Screech Owls. Several boxes that have been



American Kestrel nestlings

used consistently for the past 7 years were not occupied this year, for reasons unknown. It is still possible that some boxes may be used later this season. Clutch initiation date was usually sometime in the first week of April. These numbers represent an occupancy rate of approximately 65 percent.

The addition of John Spahr a sub-permittee under an existing banding license has allowed us to band birds both in the winter months using BC traps and adults occupying boxes in late April and May. We will also band nestlings once they reach an age of about 10 days when we can determine their sex. We have banded 111 birds so far. Two of these birds are recaptured birds that we banded here in Highland County. As more birds are banded, we hope to recapture more birds in the following breeding seasons.

We are thankful for the help of Lance and Jill Morrow, Charles Ziegenfus and Alan Williams.

Please Renew Your VSO Membership for 2021

By Shirley Devan, VSO Membership Secretary

Since the Spring newsletter, many of you have renewed for 2021! Many thanks!

But many who last renewed in 2020 and 2019 have not yet renewed. We encourage you to renew soon. We want to stay connected with you to provide insightful learning experiences and news! And we need your dues and donations to support the Breeding Bird Atlas, Conservation Awards and Student Scholarships.

If you're unsure of your membership status, the Membership Secretary is happy to check for you. Contact Shirley Devan at: vsomembership@cox.net

Dues are not expensive! If you're able, please consider renewing at a higher level - \$25 for the Family level; \$35 for the Sustaining level; or \$60 for a Contributing membership.

Use the membership renewal form on page 12 or renew online (safely and easily with your debit or credit card or PayPal account) at the VSO website: www.virginiabirds.org/membership-and-donate

The VSO is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, so your 2021 membership dues and any donations are tax deductible in 2021.

Your dues support these important VSO projects:

Virginia's Second Breeding Bird Atlas (VABBA2) has moved into the review, analysis, and publication phase. We're counting on you to make an additional [donation to the VABBA2](#). Every donation is important!

Youth Outreach and Scholarships: The VSO places strong emphasis on engaging young folks in conservation, especially birding. And we are proud to support graduate students across Virginia who are contributing to our knowledge of Virginia's avifauna.

American Kestrel Nest Box Project: Our future efforts will concentrate on continued monitoring as well as landowner education to enhance and protect habitat.

VSO-Sponsored Field Trips: We will continue to offer seasonal field trips to various regions of the state (and beyond) as soon as we can safely gather together. The 2021 Chincoteague Field Trip is already booked for September and the hotel is reserved! Stay tuned for more details as 2021 unrolls.

We hope you will support the VSO again in 2021 and help carry on our 90+ years of promoting and preserving Virginia's diverse birdlife. Thank you!

New VSO Members, February - May 2021

Ramona Bearor, Staunton, VA
Harriet Bell, Crozet, VA
Caroline Bertrand and Tom Bailey, Charlottesville, VA
Richard Booth, Charlottesville, VA
Allen Boynton, Troutdale, VA
Katherine Byers, Harrisonburg, VA
Lori Cash and Katy Marchello, Norfolk, VA
Patricia Dover-Bedwell, Marion, VA
Cynthia Dupuy, Williamsburg, VA
Bob Epperson, Bedford, VA
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Sandra Galletta, Winchester, VA
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Ross Geredien, College Park, MD
Barbara Giffin, Williamsburg, VA
Sherry Hackney, West Point, VA
Dana and Carol Hare, Winchester, VA

Linn Harrison and Dan Becker, Charlottesville, VA
Kathy Hixson, Arlington, VA
Mona Johnston, Falls Church, VA
Sharon Kearns, Leesburg, VA
Douglas Kibbe, Littleton, CO
Ronald King, Harrisonburg, VA
Linley Mahon, Ridgewood, NJ
Judy Molnar, Newport News, VA
Greg Moyers, Harrisonburg, VA
Maureen Nichols, Charlottesville, VA
Penelope Reighart, Charlottesville, VA
Gabriel Ricketts, Cross Junction, VA
Carol Siler, Roanoke, VA
Gary Smith, Frederick, MD
Jennifer and John Styrsky, Lynchburg, VA
Jody Vaccaro, Great Falls, VA
Mark Vmlabs, Leesburg, VA
Gary Witmer, Virginia Beach, VA

The Terns are Back in Town!

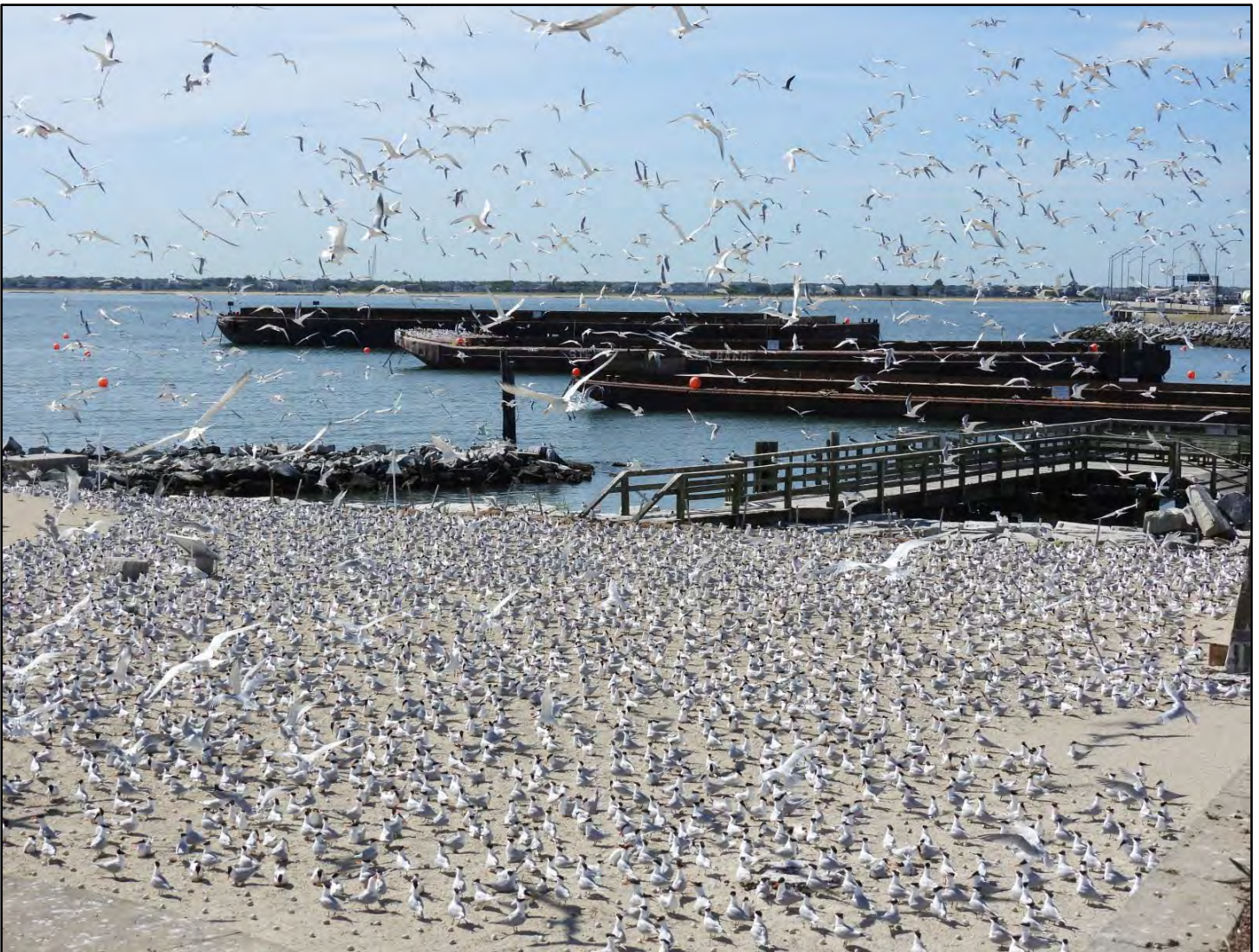
In her [May blog update](#), DWR Watchable Wildlife Biologist Meagan Thomas reports that nesting is well underway on Fort Wool and nearby barges at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT).

Not only are thousands of Royal Terns on eggs, but four nests have been verified for the state-threatened Gull-billed Terns, up from one nest in 2020. Sandwich and Common Terns, Black Skimmers and Laughing Gulls are also nesting.

Meagan's article includes several photos of the colony, include two 360-degree photos, a spiffy new feature. She also illustrates the variety of egg colors and patterns.

The monthly blog post is published in DWR's *Wildlife Notes from the Field Newsletter* on the third Thursday of each month. You can subscribe here: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/the-outdoor-report/> Just make sure you check the box for 'Wildlife Updates' to receive the correct once a month communication.

Fort Wool was converted to tern nesting habitat and supplemental barges were provided in 2020 after the terns' prior nesting area on South Island was converted to HRBT construction use. DWR is also working toward creating a new artificial island for seabird nesting, as well as regulations to backstop the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.



Terns nesting at Fort Wool and nearby barges. Photo by Meagan Thomas, courtesy Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

New VSO Award Winners

The VSO is pleased to announce the award of two Murray Awards (\$1,000 each), the Field Ornithology Scholarship (\$500) and the Youth Conservation Scholarship (\$500) for 2021. The Murray Award, in memory of Rev. J.J. Murray, Sr., promotes graduate and under-graduate research consisting of current or projected field studies on Virginia birds. Field Ornithology scholarships support students to participate in formal training to gain field ornithology skills, while the Youth Conservation Scholarship supports young birders in conservation activities.

Murray Award winner Garrett Rhyne (Louisiana State University) is organizing the deployment of geolocators across the range of the Swainson's Warbler with the collaboration of many partners. His work includes the two populations in Virginia from the far ends of the state: the Great Dismal Swamp and Appalachians.



Right- Garrett Rhyne with a Swainson's Warbler.



Michael Academia checking Osprey nest.

Michael Academia (William and Mary) will use his Murray Award to study Osprey reliance on menhaden and whether they may serve as an indicator species for menhaden stocks.

Mikayla Call (Virginia Tech) received the Field Ornithology Scholarship to hire an under-represented minority field technician to help with her research.

The Youth Conservation Scholarship goes to Eastern Shore high school student Oscar, photo at right, through Virginia Tech.



Oscar is ready!

VIRGINIA SOCIETY OF ORNITHOLOGY			
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2020			
BEGINNING BALANCES - January 1, 2020		DISBURSEMENTS	
General Fund	\$115,051.54	General Fund	\$19,430.72
Restricted Funds	\$58,009.99	Endowment Fund	\$250.00
Total	\$173,061.53	Conservation fund	\$2,500.00
		Kestrel Fund	\$312.90
RECEIPTS		VABBA2 Fund	\$41,400.00
Dues (General Fund)	\$21,800.00	Total	\$63,893.62
Other General Fund receipts	\$3,478.24		
Endowment Fund	\$1,992.84	ENDING BALANCES - December 31, 2020	
Conservation Fund	\$880.00		
Kestrel Fund	\$2,030.00	General Fund	\$120,899.06
VABBA2 Fund	\$34,234.62	Restricted Funds	\$52,684.55
Total	\$64,415.70	ENDING BALANCE	\$173,583.61
		Terri S. Cuthriell, Treasurer	
<i>Restricted Funds are the Endowment, Conservation, Kestrel, and VABBA2 Funds</i>			

26th ANNUAL PURPLE MARTIN FIELD DAY



Date: Saturday, June 26, 2021

Time: Presentations begin at 11:00 a.m. (Please arrive before 11:00 a.m.)

Location: A private farm in Louisa County, VA (central VA, about 60 miles NW of Richmond)

How do you attract Purple Martins? Lance Wood and several other presenters will teach you how to GET martins, attract MORE martins (if you already have some), and manage them properly so you will not LOSE them. Which martin housing is the safest?—GOURDS or HOUSES? Do martins in Virginia LIKE gourds or houses better? Will martins eat all my MOSQUITOES? Come and find out!!! At this event on the farm of Mrs. Merle Wood and her son, Purple Martin expert Lance Wood, you will learn the habitat martins require, and how to protect birds from snakes, hawks, owls, raccoons, House Sparrows, Starlings, wind damage, and lightning. See a spectacular martin colony that has grown from 4 martin pairs in 1992 to more than 100 pairs! This kind of growth happens only with proper equipment, knowledge of the best management techniques, and hard work by Purple Martin caretakers known as “landlords.” YOU can learn how to do it all!—FREE!

The program begins at 11:00 a.m. Bring your lunch to eat while you listen to presentations, enjoying watching hundreds of Purple Martins soaring and

feeding their nestlings! After the main program, you can buy gourds/seeds, and learn to grow gourds and modify them to create safe, long-lasting Purple Martin homes. You will receive free literature on martin attraction and management, and catalogs for high-quality martin equipment! Events end by 3:00 p.m. Come and join the fun!

No registration. Event is FREE, but donations are appreciated to help cover expenses.

BRING: Lawn chairs, shoes for wet grass, binoculars, notepad, bag lunch/drink, and camera.

Please do not bring pets—we will share ours with you!

DIRECTIONS, PHOTOS & MORE INFO:

www.purplemartinfieldday.org

RAIN POLICY: PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE THE MORNING OF THE EVENT TO BE SURE IT WILL BE HELD!

(Refresh web page often; if rain is predicted, we may need to cancel or post special instructions.)

Questions? Call Kathy at (434) 222-1831
(leave name, ph. #)



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New _____ Renewing _____ Gift _____

_____ Contributing Membership \$60 _____ Active Membership \$20
_____ Sustaining Membership \$35 _____ Student Membership \$10
_____ Family Membership \$25 _____ Life Membership (individual) \$500

I would like to make a donation to:

\$ _____ Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas 2 project \$ _____ VSO General Fund
\$ _____ VSO Conservation Fund \$ _____ VSO Endowment Fund

VSO Merchandise

Virginia's Birdlife "Gold Book" (Rottenborn, Brinkley 2007) \$20.00
VSO Arm Patch \$4.00
VSO Cloisonné Pin \$5.00
VSO Field Checklist FREE! Download the latest 2019 list at:
<http://www.virginiabirds.org/publications/field-checklist>

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO THE VSO:

VSO, PO BOX 5994, WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23188-5994

You may also join, renew and purchase items online at:
www.virginiabirds.org/membership-and-donate

If you have questions about your membership, contact Membership Secretary Shirley Devan at: vsomembership@cox.net

Your support means so much to the success of the VSO. Thank you!

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