

# KENT COUNTY BIRD CLUB

## WINTER-SPRING 2009-2010 MEETING DATES

Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in Wesley Hall at Heron Point, off East Campus Avenue, Chestertown. Light refreshments follow the program.

**December 15** (third Tuesday) – The Big Picture, My Big Photo Year in 2008 – George Jett

**March 9** – Brown-headed Cowbirds – David Curson

**April 13** – Turner’s Creek and Sassafras NRMA – Wayne Gilchrest

**May 11** – Bats (and Birds) of the Amazon – Gwen Brewer

**June 6** – (SUNDAY) – Annual Club Picnic, 5:00 pm. Join us for a potluck picnic at the Lodge at Eastern Neck NWR. Includes a short meeting to elect officers for next year and gather speaker and trip suggestions from members.

## WINTER-SPRING FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2009-JUNE 2010

All field trips will meet at the “Dollar General” parking lot (The old A&P, off Philosopher’s Terrace) in Chestertown unless otherwise specified. If you have questions, please contact the trip leaders. (Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568, e-mail: rossgull@baybroadband.net)

December 20 – (SUNDAY) – **Lower Kent County Christmas Bird Count**. Full day of counting, followed by count down dinner. Contact compiler Nancy Martin for area assignments or more information.

January 10 – (SUNDAY) - Field Trip, 8:00 AM. Kick off your birding year with a half-day at **Eastern Neck NWR** for waterfowl and winter land birds.

January 23 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 AM. **Ocean City**, Worcester County. Winter specialties include gannet, sea ducks, alcids, gulls, Purple Sandpipers, and wintering passerines. Full day. Dress warmly, bring lunch and warm beverage.

February 7 – (SUNDAY) – Field Trip: **Winter Count**. Full day. Join the field crew or count in your neighborhood, anywhere in Kent County. Contact one of the leaders for more information.

February 21 – (SUNDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 AM. **Chesapeake Farms**, Kent County. Wintering waterfowl, raptors, White-crowned and other sparrows. Half day, bring snacks.

March 7 – (SUNDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 AM. **Blackwater NWR**, Dorchester County. Prime wintering waterfowl and eagle country. Full day, bring lunch.

March 27 - (SATURDAY) – Field Trip: **Owl Prowl**. Meet at the Eastern Neck NWR Lodge at 7:00 PM. With cooperative weather, we hope this trip will bring us face to face with an owl or two after an introduction to local species and their calls.

April 10 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 AM. **Terrapin Point Park**, Kent Island. We will search the fields and woods for songbird migrants including sparrows & early warblers, and the Bay for water birds. Full day, bring lunch.

April 18 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 AM. **Turner’s Creek & Sassafras NRMA**. Early migrants and open-country birds – Caspian Tern, swallows, gnatcatcher, Osprey & Bald Eagle. Half day.

May 1 – (SATURDAY) – **Beginner’s Bird Walk**, 9:00 AM. **Heron Point**. Meet in the main parking lot for a leisurely walk along the river looking for early spring migrants: swallows, warblers, vireos, sparrows. Two hours.

May 8 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip: **May Count**. An all-day effort to census as much of Kent County as possible. Join a field party or count in your neighborhood. Contact one of the leaders for details.

May 22 – (SATURDAY) – Field Trip, 8:00 AM. **Delaware Bay Shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs**. The annual May gathering of northbound shorebirds feeding on Horseshoe Crab eggs along the shores of Delaware Bay is a migration spectacle. Full day, bring lunch.