



The Kingfisher

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President's Message

Let me begin by saying thank you. I am honored to be President of what I think is a fantastic bird club. One of my goals as President is to encourage all of you to participate in the many great birding events that occur throughout the year.

We have a wonderful line-up of programs and walks scheduled. I hope all of you consider participating in a club walk. We have enthusiastic leaders who are always willing to share their knowledge. Whether you're a beginning birder or an experienced one, I suggest you consider attending a Cape Cod Bird Club walk. I've been on many walks over the years and I've met some of the nicest people who are knowledgeable about birds, nature, and many other topics. You never know what you will learn from attending a bird walk. I learned about cupolas during a walk I attended. So it's not always about the birds. You might also learn about plants, butterflies, dragonflies, mammals, and architecture!

Every year there are several fun and exciting events for club members to participate in.

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The first event I will mention is the CCBC's Annual Feeder Census. Within this newsletter there's a checklist for this event. I encourage all of you to take some time each month to watch your feeders and check off the species you see. This is a fun event you can participate in from the comfort of your own home. From November through May we ask that you watch your feeders on the second weekend of each month and record the number of each species you see. The record for the highest number of participants for this census is 28. That's not a lot considering that our club has over 500 members. With your help we can break this record.

This year we have decided to bring back the club's annual picnic. Thanks to Bob Prescott and Melissa Lowe of Mass. Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (WBWS) for suggesting this. As many of you know, WBWS has been renovating its Nature Center for the past year; its grand opening was on August 12th. If you missed this, here is your chance to see the newly renovated nature center.

The CCBC Annual Picnic will take place on Sept. 30th, 2006 at 10 AM. Meet at the Nature Center for a bird walk along the sanctuary

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CCBC Programs - September 11th and October 9th

Sept. 11 - "Wild Birds and Wild Energy" - Simon Perkins

What is the relationship between wind turbines and birds and Mass Audubon's particular mission, i.e. protecting the nature of Massachusetts including the ecology of Nantucket Sound?

Simon Perkins, Field Ornithologist for the Massachusetts Audubon Society, is the author of numerous publications on ornithology, neotropical ecology, and conservation.

He's the regional editor for the bird journal, North American Birds and authored the book, Birds of Sea and Shore.

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Oct. 9 - "The Christmas Bird Count: From Historical Conservation to 21st Century Citizen Science" - Geoffrey S. LeBaron

Most birders have probably participated on a Christmas Bird Count but do they realize that, just by counting birds and contributing data in a program like the CBC, they are helping further our understanding of how bird populations are doing on a hemispheric level!

Geoffrey S LeBaron, Christmas Bird Count Director of the National Audubon Society, will tell us how, since its inception on Christmas Day 1900, Christmas Bird Census (now "Count") volunteers have been counting

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Field Walks – September - October

Dan Furbish, Coordinator

CCBC - WALKS

All are welcome to join our field walks which are free. New birders are always welcome! A call or e-mail to the leader is appreciated. In case of inclement weather, check with leader! Please check www.massbird.org/CCBC often for added trips or changes!

SEPTEMBER 2006

Sept 9 - SAT - 8AM - East Sandwich Game Farm. We'll look for shorebirds in the salt marsh and check the thickets and grasslands for fall migrants. Meet in the Game Farm parking lot off Route 6A in Sandwich. Rain cancels. Leader: Phil Kyle, 508-495-0196

Sept 11 - MON - 8AM - Fort Hill, Eastham. Looking for early fall specialties on marsh, shore and the grasslands of one of the most beautiful sites on the Cape. Park in lower parking lot. Leader: Ginie Page, 508-349-6810 or vgpage@juno.com

Sept 12 - TUES - 8AM - Sandwich. We'll check the Spring Hill Beach area, including Stauffer's Puddle, for shorebirds, terns, and gulls. Meet at the Christy's on Route 6A across from Ploughed Neck Road. Rain cancels. Leader: Ellie Winslow, 508-888-1760 or birderellie@verizon.net

Sept 15 - FRI - 8AM - Eastham. Meet at the far end of the Coast Guard Station parking lot in Eastham. We'll walk the marsh area west of the dunes in search of shorebirds, terns, ducks and whatever else may be present. Generally, we get a pretty good list there with perhaps a surprise or two. Mark Tuttle, 508-362-3015

Sept 16 - SAT - 8AM - Wing Island Banding Station, Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, 869 Rte. 6A, Brewster. Sponsored by the CCMNH, Wing Island Bird Banding Station, has been in operation since Sept. 2000 and is situated on 80 acres abutting a sprawling salt marsh and 300 acres of conservation

land. Over 150 species of birds utilize the land and the surrounding waterways. We'll join Certified Master Bander, Sue Finnegan, as she checks the nets and maybe get a demonstration of bird banding. Here's your chance to get an up close and personal look at those "Confusing Fall Warblers!" Limited participation. Contact leader for more details. Rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 17. For more information check out website www.wingisland.org. This trip is being co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club. Eddie Giles, East Bridgewater, 508-378-3370, emgiles@verizon.net.

Sept 19 - TUES - 8AM Bournedale - Beal Conservation Area. We'll try our hand at remaining Fall Warblers, lingering Black Crowned Night Herons and Wild Turkeys. Always a fun and productive place to bird. Meet in the parking lot by the Herring Run. Go over the Sagamore Bridge, circle around the rotary and follow signs for RT 6 West, along the Cape Cod Canal. Turn right at the traffic light at the bottom of the hill. Take the next left, then bear left again on Bournedale Rd. Look for the parking lot on the right. Rain cancels. Leader: Dick Jurkowski, 508-428-8494

Sept 30 - SAT - ANNUAL PICNIC 10AM - Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. Meet at the Nature Center for a 2 hour walk through the sanctuary. We'll return to the nature center for lunch. Please bring a brown bag lunch. **At 1:00PM, Bob Prescott will give a talk on "Birds of Wellfleet Bay"** focusing on the coastal birds found at the sanctuary in the late summer including shorebirds, herons, and egrets. Leaders: Mary Keleher, 508-477-1473 or maryeak@yahoo.com and Ginie Page, 508-349-6810 or vgpage@juno.com

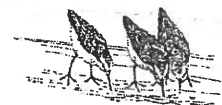
OCTOBER 2006

Oct 8 - Sunday - 7:30AM - Noon - Cumberland Farm Fields - Middleboro-Halifax. Meet at the Dunkin' Donuts at the Rte 44 rotary in Middleboro, MA at 7:30AM. We'll look for

Virginia rails, several species of sparrows, a possible dickcissel and maybe a blue grosbeak, warblers, indigo buntings, raptors. Rain cancels. Leader: Dan Furbish, YellowRail@adelphia.net

Oct 19 - THURS - 4 PM - Marstons Mills - Meet at the Marstons Mills Airport parking area. (Take Exit 5 off Rte 6, and head south on Rte 149 to the Race Lane roundabout, take a right on Race Lane. Airport is 1/2 mile on right.) We'll be looking at West Barnstable Conservation Area/Crooked Cartway. Let's be adventuresome and try a new area! We hope to see Ruffed Grouse, Northern Bobwhites and other birds of the field, and hear Great Horned Owls, Scarlet Tanagers and other birds of the early evening. Who knows what we may see or hear. Rain cancels. Leader: Dick Jurkowski, 508-428-8494

Oct 28 - SAT - 7AM - Mashpee River Woodlands. Meet in the parking area on Quinquisset Ave. (From the Mashpee Rotary head east towards Hyannis. Take first right. Parking area is around the corner on the right.) We'll carpool to River Road and walk back to the main parking area. Be prepared to walk approximately 2 miles. Leader: Mary Keleher, 508-477-1473 or maryeak@yahoo.com



Simon Perkins (Cont'd from page 1)

In addition to lecturing throughout New England, he has led US and international tours to over 30 countries for many years, Simon Perkins is a founding member of the Massachusetts Avian Records Committee and a current member of the Nuttall Ornithological Club.

Join us at 7:30 PM to hear more on this timely topic!

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trails. The walk will last approximately two hours. We'll return to the nature center for lunch. (Please bring a brown bag lunch.) Bob Prescott will give a talk on "Birds of Wellfleet Bay" at 1:00 PM!

During the first week of December, club members are welcome to participate in the 24th Annual Cape Cod Waterfowl Census. The dates for this event are December 2nd and 3rd. If you would like more information on this event, please contact Blair Nikula at 508-432-6348 or Michael Dettrey at 508-398-9484.

The club's Members' Night is held during our December meeting. Thanks to Peter Bono, last year's Members' Night went digital for the first time. Peter has again volunteered to assist in the slide portion of our Members' Night. Check page 7 for instructions on how to submit your slides.

In addition to the slide show, there will be door prizes, a bake sale, and a silent auction. Items for the club's silent auctions come from donations made by club members. If you have any items to donate (books or other bird-related items), please contact Cynthia Franklin at 508-349-1633 or cvf@juno.com.

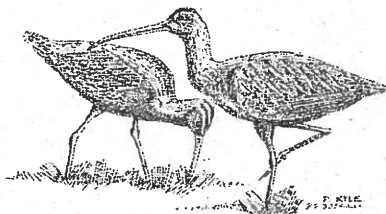
Also in December, members are encouraged to participate in the 106th Christmas Bird Count. From December 14, 2006, through January 5, 2007, tens of thousands of observers all over North America and beyond will participate in an effort to count every bird of every species in a count circle. The Cape Cod area hosts several Christmas Bird Counts including one to Stellwagen Bank. The dates for these counts will be available in our November/December newsletter.

In May 2007, the club will be hosting the 2nd Annual Birding Cape Cod Weekend Event. Members of the club will lead walks to top birding areas throughout Cape Cod. These areas are based on the areas mentioned in the newly revised book, *Birding Cape Cod*. There will be one walk in each town on both Saturday and Sunday. The dates for this event will be announced early next year.

The last event I will mention is Massachusetts Audubon Society's (MAS) Bird-a-thon. During the month of May, sponsors pledge money toward the number of bird species seen by a team during this 24-hour birding event. On the day of the event, Bird-a-thon teams assemble and have fun trying to find as many birds by sight or sound as possible. Go birding as a MAS sanctuary Bird-a-thon team member or as an independent birder. Either way you will be helping to raise money for MAS. For more information contact Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary at 508-349-2615.

I hope all of you choose to participate in one of these great birding events.

Mary Keleher



Scholarship Recipient

For the third year, the Cape Cod Bird Club has presented a \$500 scholarship to an outstanding environmental science student at the Cape Cod Community College.

We are proud to announce that this year's award was presented to **DIANE CALIRI** of East Orleans.

Diane is a busy mother of two who has been studying Environmental Technology since the fall of 2005. She holds a 4.0 GPA and will graduate with an Associates Degree in the Spring of 2007. Diane can also be found working as a Volunteer Naturalist at the Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary.

Diane's interests lie in the management of coastal zone habitats and wetlands. Her main focus is preserving and improving these habitats on Cape Cod for the benefit of the native flora and fauna that depend on them.

We'll met Diane at an upcoming CCBC meeting soon!



At the CCBC Board Transition meeting in June, **Diane Silverstein** was presented with this Roger Everett "Bluebird" in appreciation of Diane's hard work and outstanding efforts as our Club President and her passion for Bluebirds. Thank you, Diane, for a job well done!

Cape Cod Bird Club Programs - 2006-2007

- Nov. 13 - Don Scott - Birds of Central & South America
- Dec. 11 - MEMBERS' NIGHT
- Jan. 8 - Blair Nikula - Penguins, Petrels and Prions: An Antarctic Adventure
- Feb. 12 - Peter Bono - Birds of Thailand
- Mar. 12 - Al Hinde - Wintering Raptors of the Great Basin
- Apr. 9 - John Van de Graff - Birds of Point Pelee Ontario
- May 14 - Christopher Dalton - The Natural History and Energetics of Cormorants

BIRDING CAPE COD WEEKEND EVENT - A BIG SUCCESS!

Mary Keleher

This Spring, May 20th and 21st, the Cape Cod Bird Club hosted what some are now calling the "First Annual Birding Cape Cod Weekend Event."

There were 33 walks lined up for the weekend and 32 of them went off as scheduled. The walks were based on areas mentioned in the newly revised book *Birding Cape Cod*.

Though we do not have an exact number of participants because many of them attended more than one walk during the event, the total number of participants for all the walks was 367 — 200 on Saturday and 167 on Sunday. There were 40 participants at the Pilgrim Heights Hawk Watch on Saturday and over 50 on Sunday. Every walk had 2 or more participants.

The weather for the weekend was almost perfect, with temperatures ranging from the upper 40's in the early morning to low to mid 60's in the afternoon. Winds were gusty on both afternoons, blowing west/southwest. There were showers overnight Saturday in some areas of the Cape and threatening storm clouds did produce rain and strong winds in areas late on Sunday. These winds as well as the rain were most likely the cause of the low numbers of American Woodcocks seen (only 2) and no Whip-poor-wills being reported during the scheduled dusk walks. Other misses were both Cuckoos and Hermit Thrushes and Warbler numbers were very low.

Highlights include: a report of a basic plumage first year female LAPLAND LONGSPUR on Saturday at Hardings Beach in Chatham; a WORM-EATING WARBLER seen by two observers at the Punkhorn Conservation Area in Brewster on Saturday; a late DARK-EYED JUNCO reported from the East Sandwich Game Farm on Saturday, an immature BALD EAGLE flushed from a tree at Crowes Pasture in Dennis and possibly the same bird seen from the Punkhorn Conservation Area in Brewster on Saturday. An AMERICAN BITTERN was observed from both the Pilgrim Heights walk and hawk watch and 210 Blue Jays and 93 Cedar Waxwings were also reported from the hawk watch. A BOBOLINK was seen at MAS Long Pasture Sanctuary in Barnstable on Saturday and 7 PURPLE MARTINS were reported, 2 at the West Harwich Conservation Area Saturday and 5 from the Hawk Watch.

A VESPER SPARROW was reported from Marconi in Wellfleet on Sunday.

The total number of species seen was 132 for the weekend, 114 on Saturday and 109 on Sunday.

Canada Goose - 66
 Brant - 12
 Mute Swan - 8
 Wood Duck - 5
 American Black Duck - 23
 Mallard - 28
 Common Eider - 1
 White-winged Scoter - 40
 Red-breasted Merganser - 11
 Northern Bobwhite - 6
 Common Loon - 51
 Northern Gannet - 33
 Double-crested Cormorant - 186+
 Amer. Bittern 2 (Same bird possibly seen twice)
 Great Blue Heron - 12
 Great Egret - 10
 Snowy Egret - 4
 Green Heron - 7
 Black-crowned Night Heron - 23
 Turkey Vulture - 14
 Osprey - 79
 Northern Harrier - 7
 Bald Eagle - 2 (Same bird possibly seen twice)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk - 13
 Cooper's Hawk - 6
 Red-shouldered Hawk - 1
 Broad-winged Hawk - 40
 Red-tailed Hawk - 15
 American Kestrel - 10
 Virginia Rail - 1
 Black-bellied Plover - 62
 Semipalmated Plover - 1
 Piping Plover - 10
 American Oystercatcher - 5
 Greater Yellowlegs - 10
 Solitary Sandpiper - 1
 Willet - 58
 Spotted Sandpiper - 6
 Whimbrel - 3
 Ruddy Turnstone - 9
 Sanderling - 12
 Semipalmated Sandpiper - 18
 Least Sandpiper - 4
 Dunlin - 1
 American Woodcock - 2
 Laughing Gull - 91
 Bonaparte's Gull - 11
 Ring-billed Gull - 28
 Herring Gull - 153+
 Great Black-backed Gull - 148+
 Common Tern - 82
 Least Tern - 64
 Mourning Dove - 62
 Chimney Swift - 39
 Ruby-throated Hummingbird - 9
 Belted Kingfisher - 9

Red-bellied Woodpecker - 7
 Yellow-bellied Sapsucker - 2
 Downy Woodpecker - 39
 Hairy Woodpecker - 16
 Northern Flicker - 18
 Eastern Wood-Pee-wee - 1
 Eastern Phoebe - 6
 Great-crested Flycatcher - 59
 Eastern Kingbird - 26
 Blue-headed Vireo - 1
 Red-eyed Vireo - 16
 Blue Jay - 360+
 American Crow - 205+
 Fish Crow - 10
 Horned Lark - 9
 Purple Martin - 7
 Tree Swallow - 104
 Northern Rough-winged Swallow - 6
 Bank Swallow - 2
 Barn Swallow - 56
 Black-capped Chickadee - 233
 Tufted Titmouse - 89
 Red-breasted Nuthatch - 9
 White-breasted Nuthatch - 23
 Carolina Wren - 4
 House Wren - 21
 Marsh Wren - 6
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 2
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - 4
 Eastern Bluebird - 1
 Wood Thrush - 1
 American Robin - 130+
 Gray Catbird - 184+
 Northern Mockingbird - 18
 European Starling ***
 Cedar Waxwing - 313
 Northern Parula - 10
 Yellow Warbler - 76
 Magnolia Warbler - 2
 Yellow-rumped Warbler - 1
 Black-throated Green Warbler - 2
 Blackburnian Warbler - 1
 Pine Warbler - 85
 Prairie Warbler - 20
 Bay-breasted Warbler - 1
 Blackpoll Warbler - 3
 Black-and-white Warbler - 10
 American Redstart - 9
 Worm-eating Warbler - 1
 Ovenbird - 36
 Common Yellowthroat - 113
 Scarlet Tanager - 10
 Eastern Towhee - 119+
 Chipping Sparrow - 80
 Field Sparrow - 8
 Vesper Sparrow - 1
 Grasshopper Sparrow - 4
 Savannah Sparrow - 5
 Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed Sparrow - 1
 Song Sparrow - 86+
 Swamp Sparrow - 1
 White-throated Sparrow - 13

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Carl Bergfors, Jr. Memorial

Diane Silverstein



In 2004, Cape Cod Bird Club member Carl Bergfors, Jr. passed away and his family generously requested that any donations in his memory from friends and family be made to the Cape Cod Bird Club. A man who loved birding and regularly took part in census activity, Carl was obviously well-loved and respected. Nearly \$1,000 was received.

This summer, installation of a granite bench in Carl's memory began at Wing Island, on the grounds of the Cape Cod Museum of Natural

History. Peter Johnson, a CCMNH Trustee and a strong supporter of this endeavor, met with me over the winter as we selected a lovely location on Wing Island. A short distance down the main trail, there is a beautiful area featuring a sundial created with granite pillars of varying sizes. Carl's bench is the perfect complement for this very peaceful spot. On behalf of the Club and the Museum, Peter worked for approval of this project from the Town of Brewster (since this is their land) and approval was received in July.

The Club's thanks also goes to Michael Dettrey who coordinated the installation process. On July 26, under Michael's direction, a small group worked to get this very heavy bench onto a dolly and down the boardwalk out to Wing Island. Joining Michael

Christmas Count - cont'd from Page 1

birds in specific areas in the Holiday season — and also keeping track of how much time and effort they expend to tally those birds. The CBC is the great granddaddy of what has come to be called Citizen Science, where volunteer citizens partake in an activity and contribute data to a larger program. Scooped at by many scientists for decades, in recent times the CBC and other large volunteer-generated data sets have become the wave of future investigation for conservation biologists.

Population declines and increases, wintering ranges creeping northward with time, and the patterns of irruptive species over the years can all be studied by investigations using Christmas Bird Count data.

This program will look at the CBC in past, present, and future tenses, including stories — as investigated using the online CBC tool set — about how some species of birds are doing on local, regional, and continental scales. 🐦

were Carl's wife, Patricia Bergfors and their sons, Peter and Carl, along with Greg Hirth and Dick Jurkowski. This hardy group spent several hours transporting and installing the bench. With the installation of the plaque and a few more details, it should be complete as you read this.

The bench and the location are a beautiful tribute to one of our Cape Cod Bird Club members, Carl Bergfors, Jr.

Birding Weekend Stats (Cont'd from page 4)

- Dark-eyed Junco - 1
- Lapland Longspur - 1
- Northern Cardinal - 104+
- Rose-breasted Grosbeak - 1
- Bobolink - 1
- Red-winged Blackbird - 238+
- Common Grackle - 244+
- Brown-headed Cowbird - 47
- Orchard Oriole - 4
- Baltimore Oriole - 93
- Purple Finch - 2
- House Finch - 28
- American Goldfinch - 203+
- House Sparrow *** 🐦

Club History — Looking Back

The first meeting of what we now know as The Cape Cod Bird Club was called on November 20, 1971 by Mrs. Lucien Rowell and Mrs. Herbert Whitlock for the purpose of forming a bird club. Twenty-two people assembled at 10 a.m. at the Cape Cod Bank & Trust in Orleans. Mrs. Rowell presided, assisted by Mrs. Whitlock; Mrs. H. Whitman Newell acted as Secretary-Treasurer. Those present agreed that monthly meetings (on the first Monday of each month if a meeting place could be found) and two field trips a month would be an excellent way to begin. Mr. Richard Cunningham agreed to lead the first field trip on Saturday morning, Dec. 11th.

The following were appointed to assist him as a Field Trip Committee: Mr. & Mrs. Randy Bartlett, Mr. Robert F. Pease, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Bailey, and Mr. Lester Walsh. It was agreed to name the new organization the Cape Cod Bird Club.

Annual dues were set: \$3 for individual memberships, \$5 for a family and 50 cents for students. Everyone was pleased with this first meeting and it was decided that, at the end of three months, there would be a formal election of officers and by-laws would be considered. 🐦

Nature's Power

*Time stops. We pause,
Breathe in the beauty of the fall,
Of Mother Nature's power to create
And change and love us all,
She who, no matter how we live,
Or what we do, and this for sure,
Will leave us free, forgive,
Repair, endure.*

Robert F. Pease

Ludlow Griscom Award

The coveted Ludlow Griscom Award for 2006 was presented early and it was given to not just one person but to two members who have proved themselves to be a special 'team' within the Cape Cod Bird Club.

Stauffer and Elinore Miller were told they were being awarded the Ludlow Griscom Award, much to their surprise, at the November meeting — prior to their leaving for a new home in Virginia. (The beautifully carved Kingfisher was sent to them in April.)

The impact that Stauffer and Ellie made within the Cape Cod Bird Club and the Cape community was substantial. Soon after coming to the Cape, wanting to share their intense interest and love of birding, the Millers jumped into the CCBC and both became very active immediately.

Ellie served as the Program Director 2001-2003 and also was the editor of the newsletter, 1999-2001. Writing also for the Cape Cod Times, Ellie's articles on nature and the fun of birding provided education to readers and pointed them to the varied activities of our CCBC. Today, many newer members are a result of Ellie's columns. "Club auctioneer" was another title she enjoyed as she coaxed us all to 'bid higher' to benefit Birders' Exchange.

Stauffer served on the CCBC Board 1998-2001 as Walks Coordinator. He consistently was involved in coordinating and leading the annual counts for Waterfowl, Christmas, and Breeding Birds.

Stauffer helped us all become better birders in his quiet and unassuming way. On a 'Stauffer Walk,' you knew he'd take the time needed to have you really 'see' the bird. Constantly seeking out new and interesting places to bird, Stauffer added many new sites to the list, e.g. Stauffer's Puddle and his Rhode Island trek.

We wish the Millers well in their new location. Happy Birding! Congratulations to you both!

In case any of you are wondering where Stauffer and Ellie Miller went and how they're doing, here's a brief update from Ellie.

We left the Cape on December 1st, our two cats riding for the first time in a car, and took two days to get to Charlottesville, VA. We stayed until March 1st in a 3-room furnished rental, one of many attached units.

We had emphasized to the realtor we worked with online that we wanted to live in a new house in the country, preferably where it was wooded. However, in a very short time, we realized we didn't want to live in the country. We dismissed Plan A for two reasons: One, black bears make bird feeding next to impossible; two, the traffic to get from any rural area into town is far more daunting than we wanted to handle. Therefore, we ended up in a brick two-story 1950 house close to downtown and all the other necessities of life. We do have a smallish but thick woods behind us.

We went to our first bird club meeting one week after our arrival. It's much smaller than the Cape's club and most members belong mostly for the programs. Only a few lead field trips. Stauffer saw a challenge and said he'd like to lead a field trip on a Thursday. A Thursday? We NEVER do week-day field trips! Well, he persisted and, to the surprise of those in the know, he had a nice turnout. He's continued to lead weekday trips and has built up a nice following, just as he did on the Cape.

Our yard birds are nothing special, just the usual expected species.

We miss our Hairy Woodpeckers, but occasionally we see or hear a Pileated. A house wren began nesting in mid-July in one of our houses (presumably a second family), and a bluebird inspected the same house in the spring. We hear and see both American and Fish Crows together all around the county, which surprised us as we are many hours away from the coast. We frequently see both Cooper's and Sharp-shinned Hawks circling and calling over our house. Our yard list is now somewhere in the low 40s. The squirrels here have no idea how to reach suet or seeds, so they are not a problem.

We're both involved in many activities in Charlottesville and have been able to attend quite a number of concerts, lectures and bus tours. Stauffer has seen a lot of his family now that we are so much closer to them and can keep up with activity at the 40-plus-acre marsh he owns in WV (Stauffer's Marsh).

We miss you all and the Cape, but it's been a good move for us. We'd love to hear from you at either Stauffer's email or our home address: 1698 Rugby Avenue, Charlottesville, VA 22903.

Ellie and Stauffer

CCBC MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE AT MEETINGS

Birding Cape Cod	\$ 15.95
CCBC Caps	15.00
CCBC Decals	1.00
CCBC Checklist	.75
CCBC Patches	3.00
CCBC Pins	5.00
Binoc/Camera Straps	12.50
Organizer Packs	17.00

Audubon of Florida's Bald Eagle Stamp Program

Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Maitland, Florida is an urban environmental nature center that specializes in the rescue, medical care, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured and orphaned raptors. More than 40 percent of over 700 annual patients are returned to the wild. Some 20 different species of raptors, which cannot be returned to the wild due to injuries, are used in our conservation education programs. Audubon Center for Birds of Prey is a non-profit organization and relies on visitor admissions, donations and adoptions to support its work.

Over twenty years ago, the arrival of an injured Red-tailed Hawk at the Audubon Society state headquarters, then in Maitland, marked the beginning of an ambitious effort to preserve birds of prey that has changed Florida's skies forever!

The dream began with Doris Mager, the 'Eagle Lady' who sought funding for a place where injured hawks, eagles, owls and others could receive prompt professional care and children could also learn about them and ways to protect their environment. Funds were received in memory of Madalyn Baldwin, who loved raptors, and the dream became a reality.

Over the years, CCBC member, Bessie Tirrell, has faithfully collected our stamps and postcards which are mailed to Maitland, FL and sold at auc-

tions to collectors and manufacturers of stamp kits. With the proceeds, the Center is able to purchase extra supplies and treats for the birds in its care.

The following items are the most useful to the program. (Both canceled and uncanceled items are accepted.) Unused postcards of any type, any foreign stamps, any size commemoratives, air-mail or special handling stamps, stamps affixed to envelopes but not canceled, S&H green stamps or other trading stamps, any small-size stamps except the current single-letter rate. Only undamaged stamps can be sold. No metered stamps or stamps with heavily smeared cancels.

BIRDERS' EXCHANGE

Birders' Exchange was founded in 1990 by the Manomet Center for Conservation Science (MCCS).

In 1996, MCCS (in Manomet, MA) partnered with American Birding Association (ABA) to run the program and a productive partnership blossomed, building on the extensive birder network of ABA and the conservation links with Latin America at MCCS. Since late February 2002, the ABA has run the program in its entirety and has made clear that it will continue to develop and expand the program, based on the vision set forth by the MCCS.

Since its inception, Birders' Exchange has served more than 500 groups in 30 countries and territories. In 2003 alone, Birders' Exchange supplied equipment to dozens of programs in: Antigua, Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, St. Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Should you wish to help, please consider donating some of the following items:

Binoculars – we especially are in need of rubber armored and/or waterproof binoculars
 Digital cameras
 GPS Units
 Spotting scopes
 Tripods
 Field guides to Neotropical birds
 Field guides to North American birds
 Ornithology texts
 Laptop computers
 Backpacks

The equipment must be in good working order. For example, the binoculars must be in proper alignment, the focus wheel in operation, and the glass without flaws.

For more info,
www.americanbirding.org/bex

Welcome New Members!

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 James Jordan, Jr., W. Dennis
 Kevin Keleher, Plymouth
 Ann MacDonald, W. Yarmouth
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 Margery Milkus, S. Chatham
 Alan Nagel, Iowa City, IA
 Bradley Rode', Buzzards Bay
 Gale Ross, Andover
 Peter & Barbara Schaible, Brewster

Digital Slide Show Rules for Members Night

Club member Peter Bono has again volunteered to assist in the digital slide portion of this year's Members' Night, Monday, December 11, 2006.

For members interested in showing images, a list of instructions on how to participate follows.

Contact Peter Bono ASAP if you intend to participate, even if you are not yet prepared to email the zip file containing your images. This will give Peter an idea of how many presenters we will have. Generally we ask that members submit 10-15 images.

1. Send up to 15 digital images in jpg format in a zip file attachment to Peter Bono at pbono@prba.com.

2. Crop (if necessary) and resize the original camera image to 1024 x 768 resolution.

3. Name each file as follows: "XXX_YYYYYYY.jpg" where XXX are your initials and YYYYYYYY is the species name. Use the underscore character (_) for spaces in the bird's name. For example, PRB_Black-fronted_Piping-guan.jpg.

4. Send your images by November 30 to allow Peter enough time to put the whole slide show together. If you have questions, call Peter at 508-375-9421.

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