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Feature Photo: Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*) fruit collected for Dept. of Forestry Fall Nut Collection. Photo by Barb Creel at HRC Meeting 10/08/25.

A Message from the President

by Janet Harper

Great big Kudos to Picnic Committee members Judy Jones, Alice Kopinitz, Dean Shostak, Shirley Devan, Rick Brown, and Pam Schnabel. They did a wonderful job planning yet another fun picnic. Ted and Judy Sargent are very generous to host this day-long event year after year! They always greet everyone with a smile and make all of us feel welcome, making this time truly special.

It's always nice to get together on such a beautiful property, but adding so many activities makes it even better. Bill and I missed the bird walk and bike ride, but I'm sure they were fun. We arrived just in time for the owl pellet dissection and folks were really enjoying finding all the skulls and tiny bones in each pellet; there were enough bones in most to identify what the owls had eaten. Adrienne and Gary's butterfly and plant walk is always a good chance for us to see new things and to be reminded of the names of plants we've seen before. And of course, dinner was great! As usual there was plenty of tasty food! Thank you to all involved in the planning, shopping, hauling of equipment, setting up, leading of activities, and cleaning up. Your efforts made everything run smoothly. It really does take a village!

Reflecting on the day's success leads me to think about our chapter's broader impact. As we identify projects to write about for the annual report, I am reminded of the great things we accomplish every year as a chapter. Our volunteers are a very dedicated group. We have many long-standing projects and continue to add some new ones every year. I am wondering, however, if we have enough projects on the weekends and/or holidays to meet the needs of our working members. The last several years we have increased the number of younger, still-working members and we want to make sure they can participate in volunteer activities.

Do you have ideas for scheduling chapter activities outside regular working hours for our working members? I would love to hear your thoughts about this.

Meanwhile, if you're **looking for weekend activities**: Jeff Honig's Yorktown wildlife mapping is on the last Sunday of each month, and Tory Gussman just sent an email about "Pop-up" mappings to be offered periodically on Saturdays at various locations. The Greenspring's and College Creek Beach trash pickups have some Saturday dates, and I can add some weekend times to the Charles Brown Park cleanups. Many of our Outreach/Education events are on weekends.

Along similar lines, are you happy with the **type of volunteer activities** we have? Are there areas of interest we are not covering? Do you have ideas for new projects? HRC is what we make of it, so please speak up if you have ideas for project changes. Your input and feedback help us grow and better serve our community. If you have suggestions or ideas, please email them to jharpva@gmail.com or bring them up at our next meeting. Sharing your thoughts will help shape future chapter activities! Thanks for all you do!

On the Calendar

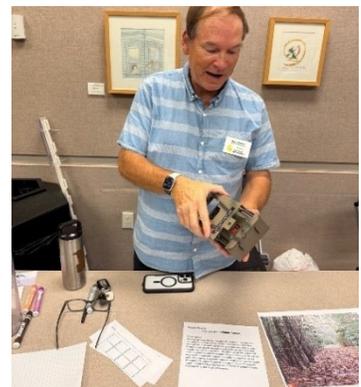
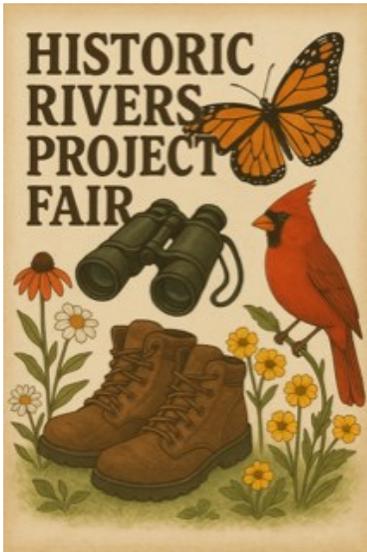
See Better Impact and HRC Google Group monthly Continuing education (CE) emails for more opportunities.

Saturday	Nov 8	Litter Pickup at Greensprings Nature Trail 9am with Suzanne Stern
Sunday	Nov 9	Weekend Weeders 1:30-3pm at Magruder Elementary See page 13 for info
Tuesday	Nov 11	CE: Bird & Pine Savanna Ecology Walk at Piney Grove 8-10:30am TNC
Tuesday	Nov 11	Native Seed Collection 1:30-4:30pm at Piney Grove Nature Conservancy
Wednesday	Nov 12	HRC General Meeting 6-7:45pm at JCC Library and Zoom [CE "VMN Past, Present, Future" with Michelle Prysby, VMN Director]
Saturday	Nov 15	CE Mushrooms 10-11am at JCC Rec Center Register w/ Botanical Garden
Saturday	Nov 15	Registration opens for Winter Wildlife Festival Virginia Beach Parks & Rec
Wednesday	Nov 19	CE Know Your YORK Watershed System Webinar 12pm VIMS Event
Thursday	Nov 20	CE Bird Walk 8-10am with Nancy Barnhardt at Bassett Trace Nature Trail
Saturday	Nov 22	CE Bird Walk 8-10am with Scott Helmer at New Quarter Park
Wednesday	Dec 3	Native Seed Collection 1:30-4:30pm at Piney Grove Nature Conservancy
Wednesday	Dec 3	HRC Board Meeting 6:30-7:30pm Contact Janet Harper for Zoom Link

Weekly Wildlife Mapping: Hope to see you at one of the upcoming events at York River State Park (every Monday), New Quarter Park (2nd and 4th Tuesdays), Greensprings Trail (2nd and 4th Thursdays), Jamestown Island (1st Wednesday), and Yorktown Battlefield (Last Sunday). Check email for any last-minute changes.

Snapshots of the First HRC Projects Fair

Dean Shostak, HRC Vice President and Program Chair, organized the first HRC Projects Fair, in place of our usual monthly speaker at the October 8th chapter meeting. After a short business meeting, members had the opportunity to visit various tables hosted by project champions and participants. Projects related to birding, wildlife mapping, oyster restoration, wildlife camera traps, outreach at local schools, and trail maintenance were just a few of the projects spotlighted. Cookies were available during the event, and prizes, including gift cards to local nature-based businesses, were raffled at the end of the night. About 75 members were in attendance, including many new members of Basic Training Cohort XIX. Photos by Barb Creel and Janie Moyers.



SHIP Nature Explorers Club at CBB by Marie Robertson



Pictured Above: CBB Nature Explorer club participants look for signs of habitat with Jennifer Smith and Robert Ambrose.

The fall **Williamsburg-James City County SHIP** (School Health Initiative Program) clubs are in full swing and we have a wonderful group of 14 enthusiastic students who have joined the club at Clara Byrd Baker (CBB) Elementary School. The club is in its third year, with several returning students and some new students. Historic Rivers Chapter volunteers who are helping this session include Robert Ambrose (3rd year), Sherry Brubaker (3rd year), Cynthia Ferentinos (2nd year), Jennifer Smith (2nd year) and Jamie Serafin (new recruit).

In our first session, we reviewed the components of habitat, why habitat is important, and signs of habitat. Then students explored the native pollinator garden and surrounding area for signs of habitat, finding plenty of spiders, beetles, ants and other signs of habitat (e.g. empty chrysalises from eclosed butterflies, signs of squirrels' nests). With the rainy conditions on October 28th, we stayed in the school library for a presentation on moths by Jennifer Smith. Students learned about the unique life cycle of giant silk moths, viewed Jennifer's displays, and spent time making moth crafts that had been created for BugFest. There was also a nature exploration table with interesting nature items contributed by Sherry Brubaker, Jamie Serafin and Marie Robertson. Students played with the silk fluff from milkweed seed pods, examined leaves, nuts and fruit from various plants, and saw real examples of oak apple galls. We have 5 more SHIP club sessions and hope for nice weather so we can spend our time outdoors.

CBB Pollinator Garden Collaboration by Marie Robertson

Thanks to a recent collaboration with Berkeley Middle School students in the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), weeds in the native pollinator garden at Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School are being pulled faster than ever! On two weekends in October, Berkeley students met Keith Navia and Marie Robertson at the garden to help remove weeds and dig up a few plants for the recent plant swap at the Williamsburg Regional Library. The students earn volunteer hours for the NJHS and are learning about the importance of native plants within our ecosystem.

On one recent workday, many empty Monarch chrysalises were discovered hanging in the mountain mint, bee balm, and goldenrod that grow alongside the milkweed. We also



Pictured: Keith Navia, Berkeley Middle School NJHS members, and Marie Robertson during a workday at the pollinator garden. [Parental permission granted for photo].

discovered a female Green Lynx spider (*Peucetia viridans*) guarding her egg sac and recently hatched babies in the mountain mint. This spider is uniquely adapted to living on plants, as it does not use a web to capture its prey. Instead, it pounces on its prey like a cat, hence the association with a lynx. They are active during the day, and the females fiercely guard their egg sacs, sometimes spitting venom when threatened.

Another interesting, though less pleasant, discovery was the parasitic golden/field dodder plant (*Cuscuta campestris*) that was growing within and on one of the goldenrod plants. Keith and Marie worked carefully to extricate the dodder and dispose of it and will vigilantly monitor the garden in the upcoming growing season for signs of more dodder. If you are interested in helping in the pollinator garden at Clara Byrd Baker Elementary School, please contact Marie at mschwiet@gmail.com We offer weekend volunteer time and can train you if you are not familiar with native plants.



Pictured Above: (Top) The Green Lynx spider guarding her egg sac and babies—directly to the left of the spider. (Bottom) Closeup up of parasitic dodder plant—*Cuscuta campestris*.

King Tide at College Creek Beach by Martha Moss



On Saturday, October 12th my husband Ralph and I went to College Creek Beach and there was no beach at all at the usual entrance...only water all the way out. Pictured is a College of William and Mary photography student with a Rodenstock view camera capturing the tidal event.

Editor's Note: Learn more about Perigean king tides and the annual "Catch the King" tide mapping event at wetlandswatch.org/catchtheking. If you are curious,

you can see the location of the photography student pictured above in relation to the beach along the Colonial Parkway on Google Maps at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/xR8EisSmWMY8NYJc7>.



2025 Nancy Norton Spirit Award Winners Announced at HRC Annual Picnic by Judy Jones

Each year, one of the highlights of the day long picnic is the presentation of the Nancy Norton Spirit Award. The award recognizes a chapter member who has been part of HRC for at least a decade and who embodies the dedication, enthusiasm, and drive to make a difference—qualities that Nancy herself brought to our community. This year, the decision was crystal clear: *Jeanette Navia shines in every way.*

A proud member of Cohort III, Jeanette joined the Historic Rivers Chapter (HRC) of Virginia Master Naturalists in 2007 and has since contributed more than 2,600 volunteer hours across a remarkable range of activities. From wildlife mapping and litter pickup to bluebird monitoring, butterfly counts, Big Tree surveys, and seasonal bird counts—her impact is woven into the fabric of our chapter’s work.

Yet one of Jeanette’s most invaluable contributions often happens behind the scenes: her role as our webmaster and tech guru. Whether troubleshooting listserv issues or ensuring our Zoom meetings run smoothly, Jeanette’s technical expertise keeps us connected and operational. Without her, we’d be navigating a much less functional digital landscape.

Jeanette exemplifies the heart and soul of HRC. She offers her time, talents, and warmth generously—always ready with a solution, a smile, and a helping hand. Her spirit lifts us all. Congratulations, Jeanette! Your award is richly deserved, and your presence continues to inspire us all.

This year a second Nancy Norton Spirit Award winner was announced. If you’ve attended the Fall Picnic at any point over the past twelve years, then you already know: *our incredible day is a gift from Ted Sargent, Cohort IV.* Alongside his wife, Judy, Ted helps plan and coordinate our twelve-hour celebration—but their

contributions go far beyond logistics. Ted generously provides the venue, the bathrooms, the kitchen, and the canoes. He even rents the tables and purchases the bushel of crabs that have become a beloved tradition.

None of this comes as a surprise to those who know Ted. He is simply extraordinary. His energy, thoughtfulness, and unwavering commitment to our HRC chapter are unmatched. Ted is the driving force behind the success of our annual picnic, and the creative spark behind our photo contest and library display “Through the Eye of a Naturalist” each year.

Ted is a dynamic, hard-working member who not only knew and cherished Nancy Norton, but also shares her values and vision for protecting our environment. It was a true honor and joy to present him with the Nancy Norton Spirit Award this year—*a tribute he richly deserves.*



Pictured above: (Top) Jeanette Navia, Nancy Norton Spirit Award winner with commemorative plaque. Photo by Barb Creel. (Below) Judy and Ted Sargent. Ted, Nancy Norton Spirit Award winner. Photo by Adrienne Frank.

Snapshots from the 2025 HRC Annual Picnic

“Our fall picnic was a resounding success, with nearly 125 attendees joining us throughout the day. The potluck dinner was the highlight, drawing about 75 guests who enjoyed a delicious spread of crabs, burgers, hot dogs, and an array of outstanding sides and desserts. Given the number of competing events in the area that day, our chapter can be proud of such a strong turnout and enthusiastic participation.” —HRC Hospitality

Photos by Barb Creel, Dorothy Geyer, Judy Jones, and Stephanie Schmuck. People and places at the picnic site along the Chickahominy River





Brickyard Landing Closes for the Winter by Judy Kinshaw-Ellis

What a year it has been for the riparian buffer garden at Brickyard Landing Park. Two years ago this month, the first 80 trees and shrubs went in the ground. This fall, volunteers installed a dozen dwarf wax myrtle and a few native dogwoods to finish out the first phases of the riparian buffer garden. There is still work to be done, but for those of us who worked that week in November 2023, we could not have imagined how it would look today.

Thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers and county park staff, so much has been accomplished. This year, volunteers weeded and mulched all the beds. Park employees installed interpretive signs and six-foot benches and edged all the planting beds. Volunteers installed three dry riverbed swales, which work to slow stormwater and hold it until it soaks into the ground. It really looks like a park.

This late in the season most of the blooms of the summer have faded, while the native grasses are putting on a show. The vast majority of the plants installed over the past two years have thrived. We have noted species that were not successful and will use that information moving forward. We also did not have the results we wanted with our meadow plantings, but we will try again next year.

If you are part of our core of stalwart volunteers who has made this garden what it is, thank you for making this project work. If you have been out to weed, water, mulch, or plant, or have dropped off cardboard, thank you. Every effort is appreciated. We always need more help. We plan to keep Monday and Thursday mornings as workdays, and we will start back in February or March. If you have not been out to see the garden, it is worth the drive.

Pictured: (Above) Pink Muhly Grass is a beautiful fall plant and peaks when most other plants have bloomed. **(Below)** Photos from Oct 27 workday by Mike Whitfield: (1) Judy with cardboard donations for suppressing weeds, (2) Donna Benson—co-lead moving mulch, and (3) new “Meadow Habitat” interpretive sign.





Library Hosts a Fall Plant Share with an Emphasis on Native Plants by Cynthia Ferentinos

The first Williamsburg Regional Library (WRL) Fall Plant Share took place on Saturday, October 25th in the Stryker Center and on the community green. Volunteers from various organizations, including the Historic Rivers Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists, collaborated and provided substantial volunteer support to help make the event a success!

The WRL Seed Exchange, the Historic Rivers Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists, the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardeners, the Virginia Native Plant Society (VNPS) and the Colonial Triangle Unit of the American Herb Society shared information with 40-60 people at each of the tables.

Members of these organizations contributed most of the plants that were donated. Approximately 75% of these plants were native to Virginia. **Volunteers sorted the plants into ideal growing conditions (pictured left)** in terms of light and soil moisture, with separate categories for herbs and houseplants. Educational signs included photos of some of the native plants, their common and scientific names, ideal growing conditions, wildlife benefit and any other relevant facts, such as toxicity. "Plant This, Not That" activity signs borrowed from the James City County Parks and Recreation Department helped people learn about the harm created by non-native invasive plants and the native plants that are better for wildlife and easier to maintain.

Judy Kinshaw-Ellis, a Master Naturalist and Master Gardener, gave a presentation (pictured right) on "Neat Native Plants That Attract Pollinators and Not Complaints from HOAs" to 48 attendees. Twenty-two people completed surveys afterwards and were unanimous that they found the presentation and the information tables to be educational.

At 3pm attendees picked up free plants. Remaining houseplants were added to the WRL Seed Exchange supply; some will be donated to the JCCL Natural Playground, and the remainder will be donated to the May VNPS Native Plant sale, which funds scholarships for kids to attend Nature Camp.

It was a beautiful autumn day and ideal weather for planting. We were delighted to provide attendees with plants and information to help them as they consider adding native plants to their yards.

Basic Training Cohort XIX in October by Donna Benson

October was a whirlwind month for our Basic Training Cohort XIX!

Things kicked off on October 7 with a fascinating talk by William & Mary student Ian Howard, who wowed the class with his insights on evolution and the modern approach to naming species. Ian's blend of humor, energy, and expertise made the science come alive!

On October 11, the group gathered at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden for a hands-on native plant workshop. Due to illness, the morning lecture had to be postponed but several talented chapter members jumped right in to save the day. Adrienne Frank, Gary Driscoll, and Shirley Devan led small groups through a dichotomous key activity, while Donna Ware treated participants to a tour of the calcareous ravine and her beautifully tended native plantings.

The month wrapped up on October 21 with the ever-popular ornithology class led by Nancy Barnhart. Her boundless knowledge and enthusiasm for our feathered friends never fail to inspire! The timing was perfect—just ahead of the start of Project FeederWatch on November 1, giving trainees a great opportunity to put their new bird-watching skills to work.

Several of the trainees also participated in other chapter events throughout the month, including the Project Fair at the monthly chapter meeting on October 8, the annual chapter picnic on October 18, and the library's "Fall Plant Share" featuring native plants on October 25—all wonderful opportunities to connect with fellow volunteers and explore new projects and interests.

Kudos to all the presenters and volunteers who made October such a fun and educational month for Cohort XIX!

Pictured below: (Left) Ian Howard, William & Mary student, presented on Biology and Evolution. **(Center)** Field day presenters at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden: Donna Ware, and three HRC dichotomous key leaders—Adrienne Frank, Gary Driscole, and Shirley Devan. **(Right)** Trainees on a plant walk with Donna Ware.



Save the Date and Mobilize: December 14, 2025, Christmas Bird Count by Shirley Devan, CBC Compiler

The Williamsburg Bird Club's 49th Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is Sunday, December 14, 2025. We hope you will plan to join us for this important citizen science project – either as a field participant or a feeder watcher – or both! Master Naturalists are important members of our team!

Our CBC circle has 12 sectors, each with an experienced birder assisted by one or more volunteers. Plus, over half of our contributors are feeder watchers. The boundaries of our count circle are shown in the map pictured right.

In 2024, we had 131 total participants:

- 63 participating as field observers
- 47 participating as feeder watchers
- 21 participating as both field observers and feeder watchers

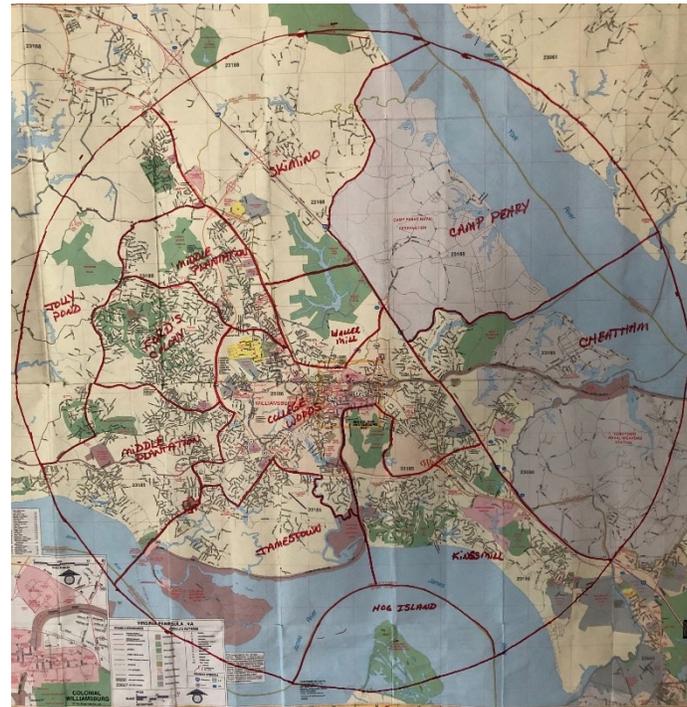
In 2024, we counted almost 33,000 individual birds in our 15-mile-diameter circle, and we counted 112 species.

National Audubon Society, which organizes the counts worldwide and accepts our data each year, has begun a three-year modernizing campaign. This first year they have launched a new sign-up platform online so that each count circle can sign up and recruit its own participants.

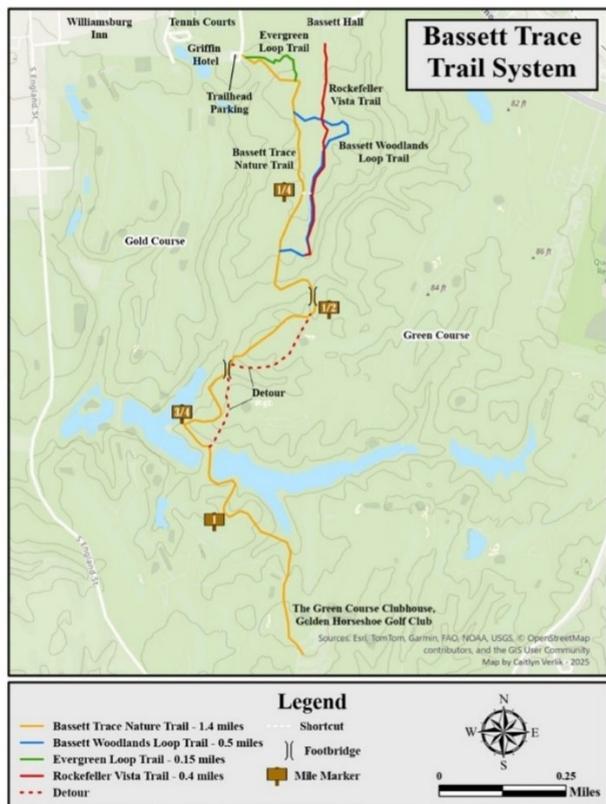
This online platform is called Mobilize. Our Bird Club is a pilot club this year! I have set up our circle already and entered our 12 sectors by name (plus a few subsectors). Each of these is called an “event” in Mobilize and you can sign up online for your usual sector, a new sector, or for your backyard feeder. I'll be able to see the volunteers in each sector and so can the sector leaders. This new platform is intended to streamline, manage, and track count participants. Almost all our volunteers are tech-savvy and email savvy, so I am confident you can comfortably sign up for your favorite area. I'll be able to communicate with all volunteers with one email if all volunteers are signed up in our Mobilize Count Circle.

Here is the link to sign up for our December 14 CBC: <https://mobilize.us/s/AcJlly>. Feel free to sign up any time! If you have questions, please contact me at: Shirley_devan@icloud.com. If you're reluctant to sign up online, let me know and I can enter you in your preferred sector online.

National Audubon has scheduled a webinar for all CBC participants for December 1. I'll make sure you get that info and webinar signup link. In future years, National Audubon will update their method of collecting data from compilers. Meanwhile, for 2025, as compiler, I will accept your data in your usual formats – eBird, email or spreadsheet. And we still must tally our time and distance in the field. Thank you in advance for helping with our 49th Christmas Bird Count.



Shorter Shares from HRC Members and Beyond



Updated Bassett Trace Nature Trail System Map —by Rick Brown

One of our new Master Naturalist Cohort XIX members, Caitlyn Verlik, is a wizard with GIS mapping. She recently walked the trail and then prepared a beautiful, updated map of Bassett Trace for us. This map now incorporates all the trails, loops, detours, and the Vista for the first time ever.

The “[Trail Map](#)” has been added to two Colonial Williamsburg webpages include the Arboretum & Gardens page so that visitors can see where the trail goes and what it has to offer.

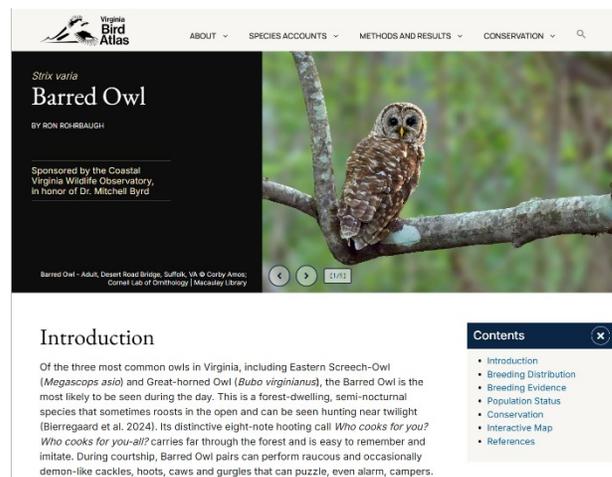
Caitlyn had this to say after the map was shared with trail volunteers: “I’m glad the map was well received. I’d be happy to help with other mapping projects as well.” If you have a trail that needs mapping contact Caitlyn using the [member roster](#) on Better Impact.

Board Positions Open in March 2026—by J. Harper

The HRC Nominating Committee is in the process of identifying potential candidates for board positions. We’ll need to fill the following positions:

- President
- Co-secretary
- Basic Training Co-Chair
- Field Trip Chair
- Continuing Education Chair
- Member-at-Large

Our [Operating handbook](#), posted on Better Impact describes the duties of each board position. If you think you might be interested in a position OR if you would like to nominate someone else as a potential candidate, please let me know ASAP. I’d be happy to answer any questions you might have.



Vabirdatlas.org

The Second Virginia Breeding Bird Atlas is now live! The Atlas offers insights into bird species breeding in the Commonwealth and related information. The Atlas website is being released in two phases, with the last phase expected in early 2026. Check out the updated “Species Accounts” for 203 breeding birds at vabirdatlas.org/species-accounts/. Contents include detailed maps, data sets, as well as stunning pictures of birds.

In Case You Missed It: A Few Recently Recorded Continuing Education (CE) Opportunities

Blue Ridge PRISM (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) Webinar: Fall 2025 Invasive Plant Identification Online Workshop youtu.be/9y5wyQgQoic

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Webinar: The Impacts of Climate on Fisheries Issues youtu.be/dYiejHLVkuC

Monarch Joint Venture: The State of Monarch Conservation 2025 youtu.be/Vl5glDgAbew

Seabrook Island Birders presentation: “From Beidler Forest to Barranquilla, Colombia: How Audubon is following the Prothonotary Warbler across the hemisphere” with guest speaker Matt Johnson youtu.be/5jcrwGYQVk

VMN Webinar: Chapter Leadership Demystified viriniamasternaturalist.org/continuing-education/webinar-series/

Williamsburg Bird Club Speaker: Dr. Daniel Cristol on “Life Bird,” an unpublished manuscript. youtu.be/M8RHgayXwRE

Wild Virginia Webinar: Wilderness Initiatives in Virginia’s National Forests: A Story of Collaboration, Persistence, and Patience youtu.be/jq0MOQi9gaM

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation Webinar: The Secret Lives of Bumble Bees: Nest and Overwintering youtu.be/MjoOY1Tp1kE

You can find playlists of more approved HRC Continuing Education that are publicly available at youtube.com/@CEHistoricRivers.

For organizations that do not post on YouTube find links in Better Impact directly on each CE opportunity listing.



Weekend Weeders: Sundays 1:30-3:00pm —by Stephanie Schmuck



Weekend Weeders is an activity with the 4H Schoolyard Habitat Outreach program. This is a joint Master Gardener-Master Naturalist project with York County and Poquoson public schools. We maintain the native plant habitats at the public schools every Sunday afternoon from 1:30-3:00pm.

The next weeding opportunity is November 9th at Magruder Elementary School (700 Penniman Road, Williamsburg VA 23185, near the Wawa on Merrimac Trail/Route 143). We always welcome extra hands!

Save the Date: Sunday, January 25, 2026, native plant propagation workshop at the Yorktown Public Library. More Weekend Weeders dates and school locations to come.

Pictured: (Top) Stephanie Schmuck at the HRC Projects Fair with the 4H Schoolyard Habitat display, (Bottom) Weeders on October 19th at Seaford Elementary School, Yorktown.

The **Virginia Master Naturalist** Program is a statewide corps of volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities. Interested Virginians become Master Naturalists through training and volunteer service. The program is jointly sponsored by seven state organizations including the Virginia Cooperative Extension and is based in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation within the College of Natural Resources and Environment at Virginia Tech.

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Possible ID: Tobacco budworm (*Heliothis virescens*) spotted at HRC picnic on 10/18/25. Photo by Stephanie Schmuck.



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