



AUGUSTA  
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“Both the cockroach and the bird would get along very well without us,  
although the cockroach would miss us most.”

~ Joseph Wood Krutch

### October Meeting

**Date:** Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
**Place:** AMC Lifetime Building/Blue Ridge  
 Community College Education Center  
**Program:** Panama

**Speaker:** Teta Kain



When birders decide to visit Panama, they often chose “Canopy Lodge” and “Canopy Tower.” Established only a few years ago, these two birding meccas are truly unique. Hidden away on the flanks of an ancient, extinct volcano Canopy Lodge is

home to a myriad of colorful birds and exotic animals. Canopy Tower is a converted radar tower that overlooks the Panama Canal and once stood guard over the ships passing through the canal. Teta, along with five other ladies from Lynchburg, visited both the lodge and tower in May 2008 and this presentation highlights the special birds and animals they saw and the exciting adventures they experi-



enced, included a daring trip down a zip line through a wild jungle.

### Field Trips

Hello fellow birders. Once again we embark upon another season of field trips for your birding pleasure. If anyone out there has an ideal or a special place they want to share please contact Jo King [kingbird10@yahoo.com](mailto:kingbird10@yahoo.com) or Allen Lerner [larnersky@mindspring.com](mailto:larnersky@mindspring.com).

**Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>:** Swoope & Augusta Wetlands  
**Meeting Place & Time:** Woodrow Wilson Parkway  
 Holiday Inn (exit 225 off I-81) lower parking lot,  
 8:00 AM.

**Coordinator:** Allen Lerner at [larnersky@mindspring.com](mailto:larnersky@mindspring.com) or 886-1416

Join Allen in looking for late migrant warblers & hoping to find migrating sparrows, early waterfowl & maybe some late shorebirds. We will be checking out the open fields & some of the ponds in the area of Swoope & then heading for the Augusta Wetlands to look for any additional migrants. Bring snacks & dress for the weather. The trip will go come rain or shine.

**Wednesday, October 14th:** McCormick's Mill  
**Meeting Place & Time:** Staunton Mall Parking Lot behind McDonald's, 8:30 a.m. or meet at the Mill by 9:00 a.m.

**Trip Leader:** Jo King, at [kingbird10@yahoo.com](mailto:kingbird10@yahoo.com) or 886-3022 or 430-0186

Join Jo King on this morning walk as she will be looking for late fall migrants and returning winter birds. We are at 137 species on the checklist for McCormick's. Lets see if we can add to the list! Rain will cancel this walk. Dress for the weather and bring a snack if you wish.

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**Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Lake Moomaw & Bath County  
**Meeting place / time:** Staunton Big Lots parking lot, 7:30 AM

**Coordinator:** Allen Lerner at [larnersky@mind-spring.com](mailto:larnersky@mind-spring.com) or 886-1416

Join Allen Lerner on this annual fall adventure into Bath County where we will be looking for sparrows, kinglets, Red-breasted Nuthatches, loons, grebes, ducks, eagles, etc. Dress for the weather & bring snacks. Heavy rain or ice & fog will cancel the trip.

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### Special Note Regarding Field Trips

-- All trips are subject to be cancelled due to heavy fog , rain , snow or ice . The trip leader will let you know or call the trip leader to find out because YOUR safety is our main concern.

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## WINGBEATS

Let's take a trip to find the "Gems of the Southwest."

This wonderful place in Arizona is the area from Tucson south to the border with Mexico, then east to the New Mexico border, encompassing the Santa Rita Mountains (Madera Canyon), Huachuca Mountains (Ramsey Canyon, Miller Canyon and Ash Canyon) and the Chiricahua Mountains (Cave Creek and Rustler Park).

Depending of the time of the year with August being the best, it is possible to see up to 15 species of hummingbirds with 12 just about guaranteed. A visit any other time from April through October should garner 8-12 of these jewels.

While birding about a decade ago in the Green Valley, AZ area (Madera Canyon), I had the good fortune to become acquainted with George West.



George is a Professor of Zoophysiology Emeritus (retired) from the University of Alaska, the author of "A Birders Guide to Alaska" by the American Birding Association, as well as a licensed bander. He has been banding hummingbirds in Arizona for about 10 years and I have been privileged to participate in the netting, measuring, making notes, feeding and releasing several hundred of these magnificent gems. These trips and the banding have yielded 15 species for me: Lucifer, Broad-billed, White-eared, Violet-crowned, Blue-throated, Magnificent, Plain-capped Starthroat, Black-chinned, Costa's, Anna's, Calliope, Broad-tailed, Rufous, Allen's and Berylline.



A well-planned trip for five days: two for travel, three for birding, should yield 150+ birds, including 9-12 hummingbirds with close to 100 lifers for first trippers. I highly recommend you consider this part of the country to add to your "Gems" collection.

-Walt Childs, President

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### More Birds Per Pound Than The Competition!

The Bird Seed Sale has begun! Please find attached to this newsletter a copy of the 2010 ABC Bird Seed Order Form. We strongly encourage you to share the form with your friends, neighbors, and relatives. Help us get the word out that our seed is better than all the rest! This years sale is organized by Steve Grande and the students at Mary

Baldwin College. The college mascot may be a squirrel, but the seed is for the birds!

- Grant Simmons



### ABC Meeting Minutes

The September meeting convened at 7:05pm. New officers were introduced, and there was a discussion on using resources on the website. Other topics discussed were:

- Jo King and Alan Lerner were thanked for their continuing leadership of many interesting field trips to varied locations.
- Jo and Walt did a presentation at a local assisted living facility in Staunton.
- Update on the Kiptopeke Challenge: Alan's team won first place, with 125 species! He also has a photo in Coastal Wildlife. There are 3 new members on this years team, and they are looking for sponsors. Profits benefit birding causes like bird banding, the hawk watch and the Cerulean Warbler project.
- Seed Sale: Grant advised us that the seed sale is back this year, with Mary Baldwin students helping to solicit orders, and Crista helping to coordinate the effort. Blanks need to be in by Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, and pickup date is Oct.24<sup>th</sup>.
- YuLee talked about her book, Birds of Augusta Co., and reminded members that it is a great resource and available for \$15.
- Phoebe Shaw spoke on her experiences at Nature Camp this past summer.
- Visitors: Robert Plank's brother was visiting from Colorado.

#### Field Trips:

- Diane Holsinger is organizing a field trip to Costa Rica in Feb. 2010.
- John Spahr is planning a trip to Cuba in March 2010.

- There will be a bird walk at Shirley Plantation on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. A fee is involved - check with them for more details.

We wrapped up the evening with a wonderful program presented by Brenda Tekin, wildlife photographer. The event described in the program was a field trip to Magee Marsh, on the southern shore of Lake Erie, and many of our members were fortunate enough to be part of this adventure. Brenda's photographs were amazing in their scope and detail, and she often walked us through the process of trying to capture that perfect shot. We were treated to spectacular photos of the shoreline, boardwalk, lighthouse and of course some of the many species of birds that were seen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessie Shaw, Secretary

### Treasurer's Report submitted by Catherine Kohus

8/31/2009 – 9/30/2009

<b>REGULAR OPERATING FUND</b>		
BALANCE - 8/31/2009	\$ 4,843.98	
INCOME		
EXPENSES	\$ 234.46	
<b>BALANCE - 9/30/2009</b>		<b>\$ 4,609.52</b>
<b>EDUCATION/CONSERVATION FUND</b>		
BALANCE - 8/31/2009	\$ 5,323.82	
INCOME		
EXPENSES	\$ 975.00	
<b>BALANCE - 9/30/2009</b>		<b>\$ 4,348.82</b>
<b>TOTAL BALANCE ALL FUNDS - 9/30/2009</b>		<b>\$ 8,958.34</b>



## Bird Quiz!

Can you identify the bird below?



The answer will be revealed at the next bird club meeting. See you then!

## Send change of address to:

Paul Callo  
467 Chinquapin Dr.,  
Lyndhurst, VA 22952  
Email: [pcallo@mbc.edu](mailto:pcallo@mbc.edu)

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## Virginia Society of Ornithology Website

[virginiabirds.net](http://virginiabirds.net)

## Augusta Bird Club Website

[www.augustabirdclub.org](http://www.augustabirdclub.org)

# Augusta Bird Club Bird Seed Sale

Order Deadline: 14 October, 2009

Order Pickup: 24 October, 2009

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Augusta County Government Center, Rt. 11 Verona VA

**Make checks payable to: AUGUSTA BIRD CLUB**  
**Mail to: Spencer Center for Civic and Global Engagement**  
**c/o Seed Sale**  
**Mary Baldwin College**  
**Staunton, VA 24401**

*For more information call: (540) 887-7181*

*Or e-mail: [civicengagement@mbc.edu](mailto:civicengagement@mbc.edu) or [Grantdws@comcast.net](mailto:Grantdws@comcast.net)*

**The following prices include VA Sales Tax**



**Note:** We now offer **DELIVERY** for customers who live within a 20 mile radius of Augusta County Government Center for a modest fee of **\$5 per 100 pounds of seed**. Please indicate on the order blank if you desire this service and include the appropriate delivery fee with your payment. Also, please include location directions and delivery instructions at the bottom of the page. **Those who do NOT pick-up on sale day will also** be charged this fee.

No.	Description	Each	Total
	25 lb. Black Oil Sunflower Seed	\$10.50	
	50 lb. Black Oil Sunflower Seed	\$20.00	
	25 lb. Augusta Premium Wild Bird Food	\$11.50	
	50 lb. Augusta Premium Wild Bird Food	\$22.00	
	10 lb. Nyjer Seed	\$12.00	
	20 lb. Nyjer Seed	\$21.00	
	5 lb. Sunflower Chips	\$7.00	
	20 lb. Sunflower Chips	\$25.00	
	5 lb. Peanut Halves	\$6.00	
	20 lb. Peanut Halves	\$22.00	
	DELIVERY @ \$5.00 PER 100 lbs.		
	<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>		

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