

The Roanoke Valley Bird Club

Next Meeting:
November 11, 7:00 pm
Grandin Court Baptist
Church

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56 Years of Birding
1957-2013



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RVBC NEWSLETTER

November 2013



Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*)
Radford, Virginia ~ October 2013
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PULASKI, VIRGINIA



May 2013

Kirtland's Warbler (*Setophaga kirtlandii*) is a small songbird of the New World warbler family (Parulidae), named after Jared P. Kirtland, an Ohio doctor and amateur naturalist. **Nearly extinct just 50 years ago**, it is well on its way to recovery. It requires large areas (> 160 acres) of dense young jack pine for its breeding habitat. This habitat was historically created by wildfire, but today is primarily created through the harvest of mature jack pine, and planting of jack pine seedlings. Since the mid-19th century at least it has become a restricted-range endemic species. Almost the entire population spends the spring and summer in the northeastern Lower Peninsula of **Michigan** and winters in The Bahamas. *See article on page 3.*

Next Meeting:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:00 PM

Grandin Court Baptist Church

Featured program:

"The Sandhill Cranes Return to Kearney, Nebraska"

Michael and Rose Townsend will review their 5 day trip to Kearney, Nebraska to view the migration of the sandhill cranes. Over 3/4 of a million of these birds stop along the Platte River every year. Come and relive the Townsend's journey.

With many thanks, the meeting refreshments will be provided by
Sherry Krantz & Bob Miller

Please join us for dinner before the meeting
Brambleton Deli, 3655 Brambleton Road, 5:30 pm

The previous program during the October Meeting featured **Judy Guinan** who presented **Sex in the City: The Reproductive Behavior of Radford's Bluebirds.**



RVBC CALENDAR

Now available for purchase during

November 9 SEED SALE

November 11 MEETING

\$12

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Roanoke, Virginia



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Thank you!

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Cover Stories

North America's rarest songbird remains near all-time high in Michigan

Michigan's population of Kirtland's warblers - currently found only in Michigan, Wisconsin and Ontario - remains near an all-time high, according to the recent annual survey conducted by the Michigan DNR and other biologists, researchers and volunteers.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources sent this bulletin on 10/09/2013

A recent annual survey of the federally endangered Kirtland's warbler – uniquely Michigan because 98 percent of the entire population breeds within the state – shows its population still remains near an all-time high. Kirtland's warbler Biologists, researchers and volunteers observed 2,004 singing males during the official 2013 survey period – 2,063 males were observed in 2012. In 1974 and 1987, when the lowest survey numbers were recorded, only 167 singing males were found. “Although we do have a slight decrease of singing males this year,” said Dan Kennedy, DNR endangered species coordinator, “we are really excited to see these high numbers because many conservation groups have worked together for over 40 years to make this possible.”

The Kirtland's warbler survey is conducted each year in a joint effort between the DNR, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Michigan Audubon Society and numerous citizen volunteers. During early June, when birds are actively singing and defending their nesting area, warblers are noted by listening for their song. The song can be heard up to one-quarter of a mile away, providing an excellent way to detect birds with minimum disturbance. Only the males sing, so estimates of breeding population are obtained by doubling the number of singing males recorded.

This year, singing males (numbers in parentheses) were found in 12 northern Lower Peninsula counties: Antrim (4), Alcona (216), Clare (56), Crawford (345), Iosco (172), Kalkaska (75), Montmorency (73), Ogemaw (520), Oscoda (391), Otsego (22), Presque Isle (31) and Roscommon (68). Surveyors identified 31 singing males in six Upper Peninsula counties: Alger (4), Baraga (3), Chippewa (16), Delta (3), Luce (2) and Marquette (3). Twenty-one additional singing males were observed outside Michigan in Wisconsin (18) and Ontario (3).

Kirtland's warblers nest on the ground and typically select nesting sites in stands of jack pine between 4 and 20 years old. Historically, these stands of young jack pine were created by natural wildfires that frequently swept through northern Michigan. Modern fire suppression programs altered this natural process, reducing Kirtland's warbler habitat. The result was that the population of Kirtland's warblers declined to the point that they were listed as endangered.

To mimic the effects of wildfire and ensure the future of this species, the DNR, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service manage the forests through a combination of clear-cutting, burning, seeding and replanting to promote habitat for the Kirtland's warbler and many other species, including snowshoe hare, white-tailed deer, other songbird species and rare plants. Because large prescribed fires are neither safe nor economical in northern Michigan, approximately 3,000 acres of jack pine trees are harvested and replanted annually on state and federal lands.

“Our success is allowing managers to work with additional partners to transition from a mode of recovery to one of long-term sustainability,” said Kennedy. The DNR, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team have partnered with Huron Pines and other conservation organizations to start a new program: the Kirtland's Warbler Initiative. The goal of the Kirtland's Warbler Initiative is to have a broad coalition of partners working together to ensure the long-term sustainability of the rarest songbird in North America, the Kirtland's warbler.



Rufous Hummingbird Returns

The adult male rufous hummingbird recently seen [first part of October] in Radford, Virginia is believed to be the same bird that was banded as a juvenile in the same location last November. The bander has determined that enough numbers on the band correspond with the numbers recorded on the band from last fall to be nearly certain it is the same bird. To realize that this tiny bit of beautiful glitter has found its way from the northwestern area of North America to

Virginia twice is astounding. But even more impressive is that this bird found its way to the same house and same feeder station as last year. Some folks argue that banding is too stressful on birds. But banding is basic to bird migration studies. And if the banding from last fall was particularly stressful to this wanderer, either the experience wasn't all that stressful or the bird has a short memory. If either were the case, I expect the bird wouldn't have found its way back to the same spot after a year of peregrinations across the continent. We believe it has now departed after about two and a half weeks.

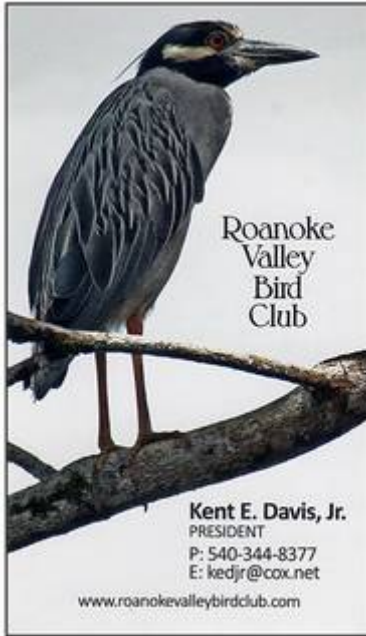


Close-up of band



Photos by Stan Bentley

Stan Bentley
Pulaski, Virginia



Who Gives the Hoot!



- CONGRATULATIONS **Bill Hundley** who was recently voted unanimously by the Board of Directors into the RVBC Lifetime Membership for his extended work in birding, for his service as a past president of the club and who continues to lead and teach birders.
- We have a new business card (*left*) for distribution featuring our unique signature bird, the **Yellow-crowned Night Heron**. If you would like some cards, please inquire to President Kent.
- **ANNOUNCING!** The board of directors has passed approval of any RVBC current member who recruits a new member will receive a copy of Barry Kinzie's book, *Birds and Birding the Roanoke Valley*. It may be picked up at the meeting.

Welcome New Member!



Sandy Lane of Roanoke

The 2013 ~ 2014
Nominating Committee
Robin Jordan
Eunice Hudgins
Carol Whiteside

**Offers to the membership
During the November Meeting**
The following slate for election:

2014 Officers:

President: **Kent Davis**
First Vice President, Programs: **Butch Kelly**
Second Vice President, Membership: **Eleanor Dye**
Secretary: **Candy Andrzejewski**
Treasurer: **Robin Austin**

2014 Directors-at-Large:

Eunice Hudgins
Alyce Quinn

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Lifetime Memberships

Linda Cory
Fred Cramer
Mike Donahue
Eunice Hudgins
Bill Hundley
Tina Kemper
Barry Kinzie
Carole Massart
Bill Opengari
Alyce Quinn
Mike Smith
Elly Wefel

Congratulations!

BIRDS OF THE BLUE RIDGES JAN-FEB 2014 Ed Kinser

The next session of "Birds of the Blue Ridges", taught by Ed Kinser, will begin on January 4, 2014, 9 AM-noon, at the Bent Mountain Community Center. There will be five classes, each on a Saturday morning, January 4 through February 1. In the event a class has to be canceled, it will be rescheduled for February 8th. The first hour of each class will be a presentation, covering such basic ornithology topics as anatomy, feather structure, behavior, and ecology, with emphasis on bird features that aid in identifying local birds. The second part of each class (approximately 10 AM-noon) will consist of a field trip to find local species. Maximum class size 20.

Registration:

Send \$50 check with note for "Bird Class," to:
Bent Mountain Center
P.O. Box 22
Bent Mt., VA 24059

Last reminder, we don't want to lose you!
Please renew your membership using the form on the back and send with check made to RVBC:
Eleanor Dye • P.O. Box 74 • Vinton, Virginia 24179



Sightings

10/1/13 Gala Wetlands, **Kent Davis'** and **Barry Kinzie's** highlights include: Osprey 1, Northern Harrier 1, Marsh Wren 2, American Pipit 6, Orange-crowned Warbler 1, Savannah Sparrow 1, Lincoln's Sparrow 2, Swamp Sparrow 2, and Bobolink 1.

10/2/13 Gala Wetlands, **Kent Davis'** and **Mike Smith's** highlights include: Osprey 1, Northern Harrier 1, Marsh Wren 1, American Pipit 3, Lincoln's Sparrow 5, Swamp Sparrow 2, White-crowned Sparrow 3.

10/19/13 **Robin** and **Allen Austin** report an immature Rufous Hummingbird visiting their gardens at their Bent Mountain home.

10/20/13 **Rupert Cutler** saw two golden-crowned kinglets and one ruby-crowned kinglet at mile post 2.1 on the Lick Run Greenway. Spectacular day weather-wise!

10/21/13 **Ed Kinser** spotted a blue-headed vireo on Bent Mountain.

10/28/13 **Kent Davis**, **Jill Overstreet** and **Gloria Parry** visited the Sewage Treatment Plant recording 26 species high-lighted by: Bald Eagle 1, Pectoral Sandpiper 1, Tree Swallow 1.

October 14 Membership Meeting Reported Sightings

Jill Overstreet had a Great-Horned Owl and a Coopers Hawk in her yard.

John and Judy Loop were at the Outer Banks and saw five Scissor-Tailed Flycatchers.

Elly and **Pam Wefel** had a Red-Headed Woodpecker at their feeder. (**Kent Davis** noted that Red-Headed Woodpeckers are moving around the area more than usual.)

Barry Witt saw a Bald Eagle.

Mary Lou and **Sid Barritt**, **Norris** and **Janie Ford**, and **Tom** and **Pat Johnson** saw a Bar-tailed Godwit at Chincoteague, VA.

Field Trips



10/5/13 **The Beaver Pond in Craig County**, led by **Kent Davis**, **Mike Smith** and **Eunice Hudgins** with 36 species viewed featuring: Sharp-shinned Hawk, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Black-capped Chickadee, Palm & Yellow-rumped Warblers and Lincoln's Sparrow. We really appreciate George & Betsy Barker allowing us to bird their lovely private property. We were a little late for the fall warbler migration, but they have invited us to return, so maybe we'll schedule a spring trip.

10/9/13 **Greenfield in Botetourt County**, ten club members enjoyed a nice crisp morning being led by **Barry Kinzie** for a four hour walk around Greenfield. There were fifty-four species recorded, high-lighted by: Pied-billed Grebe 7, Double-crested Cormorant 1, Great Blue Heron 5, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 1, Hairy Woodpecker 1, Peregrine Falcon 1, House Wren 1, Golden-crowned Kinglet 4, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1, and Red-winged Blackbird 2.

10/26/13 **Rural Retreat Lake in Wythe County**, Thirteen Members of the New River Valley Bird Club and **Kent Davis** and **Mike Smith** recorded 46 species, high-lighted by: Horned Grebe 1, Bald Eagle 1, Blue-headed Vireo 1, Marsh Wren 1, Swamp Sparrow 9.



Connie Marsh, Alyce Quinn, Joanne Derryberry, Eunice Hudgins, Pam and Elly Wefel. Not pictured: Tim Quinn photographer and counter.

The Big Sit

SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 12, 2013

This year's Big Sit was a drizzly one, so only a cold-hardy few showed up at the Quinns' that morning. Very few birds got the word that we were there to see them, but we did manage to spy 24 species. The best included both ruby-crowned and golden-crowned kinglets, ruby-throated hummingbird, yellow-rumped warbler (the only warbler species seen), Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks, and all possible woodpeckers except the red-headed.

Calendar of Events

Linda Cory, Field Trip Chairman, 580-5214



NOVEMBER

- 9 **SEED SALE** Northwest True Value Hardware, 7650 Williamson Road (near Hollins University). This is the Club's major annual fund raiser and we would greatly appreciate your support. Tell your friends, relatives, neighbors and spread the love of nature. You don't have to be a club member and you don't have to pre-order to purchase our bird seed! **Pick-up time 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. RVBC calendars will be available!**
****If you would like to volunteer to help set up, keep track of orders, visit with the public, or load bags, please contact Alyce Quinn: twoquinns@yahoo.com or phone 719-0109. Please bring any old, unwanted bird feeders to the sale or to the October meeting for resale donation, just make sure they're reasonably clean. **Please bring refreshments to share which are always appreciated!***
- 11 **RVBC MEETING, 7:00 PM**, Featured program: "The Sandhill Cranes Return to Kearney, Nebraska" with Michael and Rose Townsend who will review their 5 day trip to Kearney, Nebraska to view the migration of the sandhill cranes.
- 14 **MIDWEEK BIRD WALK - Greenfield Lake, Wednesday, November 14, 2013, 8:30 AM**
Our club is fortunate to have naturalist **Laura Beltran** (706-220-0980) leading our mid-week walks. Join her for a walk around Greenfield Lake in Botetourt County to search for waterfowl and songbirds. Mostly flat walking for about 1 1/2 miles. Meet at the second dirt parking lot (off of International Parkway) on the right across the road from the lake.
- 23 **CLAYTOR NATURE CENTER BIRD WALK – Saturday, November 23, 8:00 AM**
Meet Trip Leader **Bill Hunley** (774-2397) at in the parking lot of the Bonsack Kroger store on Rt. 460 east. We will carpool to the Claytor Nature Study Center near Bedford. The center has a wide array of habitats, so just about anything is possible. Expect to walk about 2 miles. <https://www.lynchburg.edu/claytor-nature-study-center>
- 30 **LICK RUN TRAIL November 30, 8:00 AM**
Join **Rupert Cutler** (345-7653) for a four-mile, easy walk on the Lick Run Greenway trail. We will walk through several habitats, including woods, creek bottom, marsh, and fields. The walk should take from 3-4 hours. We will meet at the Upper Washington Park swimming pool/picnic pavilion parking lot: parking lot is off Orange Avenue toward Lincoln Terrace School on Burrell Street. Take first left after turning onto Burrell Street from Orange Avenue and the parking lot is on the left.

DECEMBER

- 6-8 **VSO VIRGINIA FALL FIELD TRIP VIRGINIA BEACH, December 6-8, 2013 - http://www.virginiabirds.net/f_trips.html#vabeach2013**
The VSO annual field trip to Virginia Beach will be held Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 8, 2013. The kick-off for the weekend will be a Friday afternoon trip to Pleasure House Point led by Rexanne Bruno for those arriving early. Other field trips include a visit to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) on Saturday morning, a Saturday afternoon trip to Fisherman Island led by USFWS volunteers from Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge, and a tram ride at Back Bay NWR and False Cape State Park on Sunday morning. For additions to the schedule & updates, please check back for additions to the schedule & updates.
Trip Registration: It is important to register for the field trips as participation is limited. Register with the trip coordinator, Lee Adams by email by November 15. Include your name, e-mail address & cell phone number, and the field trips you are requesting. Please put VSO VA Beach trip in the subject line of the email.
Lodging: There will be blocks of rooms available at three oceanfront Choice Hotels with a variety of accommodations to suit everyone. Quality Inn & Suites (VA314) Eighth Street and Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, VA 23451(757) 428-8935 / FAX (757) 425-2769 \$58 + tax Reserve by November 11 2013.
Comfort Inn at the Beach (VA563) 2321 Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (757) 491-2400/ FAX (757) 491-8204 \$69 + tax Reserve by November 15, 2013
Comfort Inn and Suites Oceanfront (VA440) 2015 Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451(757) 425-8200/ FAX (757) 425-6521 \$79 + tax. Reserve by November 15, 2013.
To get the VSO rate you must mention Virginia Society of Ornithology when you call to reserve your room.
- 9 **RVBC MEETING, 7:00 PM** Details next month.
- 14 **Roanoke Christmas Bird Count, contact Bill Hundley** (774-2397 or whunley@mbc.edu) Details next month.
- 15 **Fincastle Christmas Bird Count, contact Eunice Hudgins** (389-4056 or uvaau@aol.com) or Barry Kinzie (992-2743 or peckerridge@ntelos.net) Details next month.
- 17 **Peaks of Otter Christmas Bird Count, contact Barry Kinzie** (992-2743 or peckerridge@ntelos.net) Details next month.

Meet a Member



ALYCE QUINN

My husband, **Tim**, and I joined the bird club shortly after moving to the area from St. Louis, nearly 20 years ago. We saw an announcement in the newspaper advertising an upcoming field trip and decided to tag along. That trip was Warbler Road, a

marathon all-day birding adventure, which we now have the pleasure of leading every year. When we first joined the club, we were very new birders and learned a lot from the "old-timers" like **Jim Ayers, Gary Carter, Kent Davis, Mike Donahue, John and Eunice Hudgins, Bill Hunley, Barry Kinzie, Mike Smith, and Kent and Kathy Summers**. Sadly some of them are no longer with us, but we're so glad that others are still active in the club and still sharing their knowledge.

I've served the club as Newsletter Editor (10 years), Vice President/Programs (two years), President (six years), and Director-at-Large, a position I still hold. For the past 15 years I've also been chairman of the Bluebird Trails, ably assisted for all those years by **Tim**, and for a good chunk of the time by **Pam and Elly Wefel**. I attend most of the club's meetings and field trips, and while I'm not a religious hawk watcher, most years I try to make it up to Harvey's Knob once or twice during the height of broad-winged hawk migration. I try not to miss the Big Spring Day tally, and if the timing is right and I'm in town rather than traveling to see family, I participate in the Roanoke and Fincastle Christmas Bird Counts. Just this year I gave up my position as Secretary of the VSO (Virginia Society of Ornithology) after serving for six years.

I started getting interested in birds back in St. Louis. I worked at the zoo there for ten years, and during my stint as a keeper in the Bird House some co-workers introduced me to birding. Shortly after Tim and I met we took a trip to Nebraska to see the Sandhill Cranes that congregate at certain times of year around the Platte River. At this time we had only just started to get interested in birds. During that trip we were hiking somewhere and kept hearing a sweet little bird call repeated over and over and wondered what it was. A woman walking by told us it was a Black-capped Chickadee. We were so impressed that someone would know what a bird was without ever even seeing it! From that moment we were hooked. I don't really know why I like birding so much, maybe just because I'm into all things nature and love being outside. When I hear or see a bird, I have a NEED to know what it is—which can sometimes be very frustrating, especially during fall migration when they aren't singing and look so different than they do in the spring!

Although I moved here from St. Louis, I'm originally from southeast Texas, near Houston. I cringe when I think of all the birds I missed seeing growing up there because I wasn't yet into birds. The rest of my family all still live there, so I visit pretty much every year around Christmas, usually managing to sneak in a little birding while there.

I'm not currently working, but I stay busy at home taking care of the house, the yard, the garden, our cats, llamas, guinea fowl, and the most recent addition to the "flock," a little bantam hen. Having llamas has led me to other hobbies as well. Because they get sheared every spring, and because I couldn't bear to just throw out all that beautiful "fiber" as their hair is called, I've been learning to spin so I can make yarn from it. That led to learning to knit so I can make Tim the llama socks he wants, and also to weave so I can make rugs—if I ever get that much yarn spun!

From the VSO newsletter, *The Raven*

In Praise of Alyce Quinn: VSO Secretary, July 1, 2007 -- June 30, 2013

On June 30 Alyce Quinn stepped down as the VSO Secretary, a position she held from 2007 to 2013. During those six years Alyce diligently attended and recorded the proceedings at VSO Board of Director meetings, summarized those in drafts of the minutes, sent them to board members for comments and corrections, circulated the revised minutes to the VSO board before its next meeting, submitted them for approval by the board at that next meeting, and maintained the permanent record of board meeting minutes. However, her contributions to the VSO went far beyond her exemplary service as a recording secretary. She was an effective monitor of board activities, sending timely and considerate reminders to board members who had agreed to do something for an upcoming meeting to ensure that it was done. Her attentiveness to detail as Secretary, aided by her excellent memory, enabled Alyce to remind the board of the history associated with items on the meeting agenda.

In addition to all of this, in 2009 Alyce assumed the responsibility for organizing and publishing the annual VSO Speaker's Directory. VSO chapters (and many other organizations throughout the state) use this booklet as a resource for their meeting programs. Alyce also converted this Speaker's Directory to an online resource, which reaches an even wider audience and is more easily accessible.

Alyce is also very active in her local bird club, the Roanoke Valley Bird Club (RVBC). She served as president of the RVBC for six years and has continued as a Director at Large for the past eight years. She edited the RVBC newsletter for eight years and chaired the RVBC Seed Sale for thirteen years. She has been active on the RVBC Bluebird Trail committee, has hosted the Bluebird Luau for fifteen years, and is currently the RVBC Bluebird Trail committee chair. She also leads field trips for the club.

Thank you Alyce for your contributions of time, talent, and effort to the RVBC and the VSO, and for a job well done as VSO Secretary.

Rexanne Bruno and Wes Brown, on behalf of the VSO

Roanoke Valley Bird Club members try to save a Red-Tailed Hawk

Maureen Eiger

Katie and Bill James found a downed Red-Tailed Hawk (RTH) on the side of the road while going up the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Hawk Watch. They got help from some of the other people at the hawk watch. They secured a laundry basket, towels, duct tape and a cover for the basket to put the hawk in and safely transported it to our "resident" bird rehabilitator, **Maureen Eiger**. Maureen alerted her Vet, Dr. Paul Stewart at Avian and Exotic Pet Clinic of Roanoke that she was bringing in a case that would need immediate attention. Katie and Bill met Maureen and transferred the hawk to **Maureen's** crate. He was in pretty bad shape. The bird definitely was hit by a car.



While at Avian and Exotic Pet Clinic of Roanoke, Maureen and Dr. Stewart did a brief exam and decided that the hawk should stay there overnight and get oxygen and pain medication. Dr. Stewart took an x-ray and checked out his eyes. In the meantime Maureen made tentative transportation arrangements and notified the Wildlife Center of Virginia of a possible case, should the hawk make it through the night.

Dr. Stewart had stabilized him enough that the next morning the RTH was standing on his hocks – a good sign. Now maybe he could make the trip to the Wildlife Center of Virginia for continued care. Maureen picked up the RTH at the Vet's office in the following morning. At her home she transferred him to a "transport box" and he was standing! **Judy Loope** was kind enough to transport him to the Wildlife Center of Virginia in Waynesboro, Virginia - almost a 2 hour drive.

Maureen called the Wildlife Center of Virginia later that day to find out how he was but he had taken a turn for the worse. Their Vet, Dr. Kristin was not sure RTH would make it to the morning; but RTH did. It was touch and go for a few days and the bird was on oxygen.

The RTH status x-ray results: 2 broken bones; the right Clavicle (the break was midway so could be fixed) and the Coracoid bone (this is the bone that helps a bird to fly up). Ocular changes in both eyes and a suspected retinal detachment in the right eye (not good). Also severe respiratory distress and an enlarged liver with plaques present. To confirm the positive Aspergillous titer, Dr. Kristin at the Wildlife Center of Virginia did an endoscopy and found Aspergillus granulomas in the bird's lungs, caudal air sac plaques, and pulmonary contusions (bruising and bleeding of the lungs) so while the bird was under anesthesia they put RTH to sleep.

We tried to save him but it was not possible. At least this bird did not have to suffer in pain for hours or maybe a day waiting to die on the side of the road. It was well fed and cared for and had pain medication – **we did the best we could. But sometimes you just can't save them, and it is so sad. So, R.I.P. Red-Tailed Hawk, we tried.**



RVBC T-Shirts

By popular demand, we are going to be ordering shirts with the RVBC logo embroidered on them. Place your order for either a short-sleeved t-shirt, a long-sleeved denim shirt, or a short-sleeved Henley by contacting Alyce Quinn at 540-719-0109 or twoquinns@yahoo.com. Only the denim shirts have pockets, but you can request a pocketed t-shirt if you wish. The price will go up by \$2. Be aware that the logo will be placed above the pocket. This applies also to the denim shirts.



Final cost of the shirts will be determined by how many are ordered, but the t-shirts will be around \$10, the Henleys around \$15 and the denim shirts around \$30. The Henleys are 60% cotton/40% polyester; the others are 100% cotton.

If you already put your name on the sign-up sheet at a club meeting, you'll find it on the chart below. If you did not include a size or what kind of shirt you wanted, you'll need to contact Alyce with that information. If you've since decided you don't want to order one, let her know that, too.

Deadline for ordering a shirt is November 11.

Did you know that we have a digitized logo on file at *Embroidery by Chalaine* in Vinton? You can go there any time and get the logo put on anything you want. They carry many items in the store, or you can bring something of your own.

Name	T Shirt	Henley	Denim Shirt	Size
Mary Lou Barritt	x			M
Bill Farmer			x	XL
Nancy Verity			x	M
Connie Marsh				
Robin Jordan				
Linda Barker		x		
Patty Arrington				
Andy Arrington				
David Brunstetter	x			L
Carl Boast	x			M
Linda Boast	x			L
Maureen Eiger	x			
Sally Evans	x			M
Dan James	x			
Marilyn Holzschuh	x			
Judy Loope	x			XL
Cris Cowan	x			L
Candy Andrzejewski			x	L, Tall
Butch Kelly	x			L
Kent Davis			x	XL
Barbara Bricks	x			
Jill Overstreet			x	
Mary Harshfield			x	M
Bob Miller			x	L
Barry Whitt			x	L
Caryl Connolly			x	M



The Roanoke Valley Bird Club
 c/o Eleanor Dye
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 Vinton, Virginia 24179

LAST REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE!



The Roanoke Valley Bird Club

Roanoke, Virginia

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

All memberships expire on August 31

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

How did you hear about the club? _____

- | | | |
|--|------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$ 7 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$12 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$20 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-a-Bluebird | \$15 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining | \$30 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Contribution | \$ | _____ |
| Total Submitted | \$ | _____ |

Mail with check payable to RVBC
 to:
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