



# THE DRUMMER

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RUSSELL COUNTY BIRD CLUB  
MEETINGS ARE THE 4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY  
AT THE LEBANON COMMUNITY ROOM  
AT 7:30 PM

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**MEETING:** There was no meeting because of the snow storm.

**HAPPENINGS:** The trip to Va. Beach, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and Chincoteague had five people. Bob Riggs, Larry McDaniel, Janet Brown and Dave & Diana Worley. The weather was beautiful and the Birding fabulous. The highlights of the trip were: Black-tailed Gull, Painted Bunting, Snowy Owl, King and Common Eiders, Tundra and Mute Swans, and thousands of other waterfowl and birds. You missed the trip of a lifetime. Janet got 26 life birds, Dave 14, Diana 32, Larry 1 and Bob 5.

The trip to Burkes Garden had 33 participants, our members were Janice Martin, Wallace Coffey, Bob & Jean Montgomery, Larry McDaniel, Dave Worley, Dean, Nina & Sean Gates. We had a great time and spotted the following: 5 Rough-legged Hawks, 1 Golden Eagle, 10 Red-tailed Hawks, 1 Common Goldeneye, dozens of Horned Larks, and numerous other birds.

The fields at Elk Garden are flooded with water and birds. Bob and Dave found a male and female Northern Pintail, Wood Ducks, Canada Geese and others on 12 February. Check it out.

The Owling trip for Feb. 21 will include a side trip for American Woodcock. Meet at the Lebanon Community Room at 3 pm. Bob Riggs will lead.

Bob & Jean Montgomery have been getting a lot of Evening Grosbeaks at their feeder. If you want to see them, call 889-2932.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>., Dave Worley will lead a trip to Hidden Valley Lake, There will be a hike of about 3 miles. The migrants should be plentiful by this time. Expect some beautiful birds.

Please try to attend the meetings, a lot of effort is put into bringing you a good program each month. If you would like to present the program one month, contact Bob Riggs at 889-5007.

Our newest member is Janet Brown of Johnson City, Tennessee. Janet is very active in all the clubs in this area.

If any of you need a checklist for any state contact Dave at 880-1373 or 1374. I can fix you up in just a few minutes.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** Hi fellow birders. We really got buried by snow last month so the meeting was cancelled. With everyone's busy schedule and several birding trips planned, I decided to wait until this meeting to setup future programs.

The February meeting will be on OWLS, Dean, Nina & Sean will present the program they planned last month.

During the heavy snows, the birds really needed the extra boost provided by our feeders. But I enjoyed the entertainment provided by them as much as they enjoyed the food. The bright colors of the Cardinals and the Towhees against the white of the snow was dazzling. The Chickadees and the Titmice rushing back and forth, their energetic haste seemed to expend as much energy as they got from the seeds. The regal entrance of the Fox Sparrow as he feed with the Whited-throated and Song Sparrows, suggested that the sunflower seeds scattered under the pine trees were his own personal domain. You should have seen the frantic scramble to get out of sight, as the Sharp-Shinned Hawk crossed the yard looking for dinner.

What a show they put on for me. My feathered friends are always a delight.

I hope to see you at the meeting on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Riggs

I still need articles for the newsletter. Let me know what you are doing. 880-1373

If you want to do a particular trip or find a certain bird, just ask. We want to do things for the members.

**Upcoming events:**

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>-Owling trip 3pm Lebanon Community Room

Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>-Regular meeting

March 21<sup>st</sup>-Hidden Valley Lake