

MEETINGS – Free, at: St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, (off Route 997, near Scotland exit off I-81) 2695 Luther Dr, Chambersburg, PA 17202. Zoom option available for meetings, unless otherwise noted. For some meetings, the speaker may deliver the presentation from a remote location.

FIELD TRIPS – Free, most take place on Saturdays. Leaders' name(s) in **bold print**; please call to sign up. Arrive early for prompt departure times. If you cannot go on a scheduled trip, contact the leader for a possible mid-week option.

FILMS – Free, 7:00 PM, Chambersburg Area Middle School South, 1151 E. McKinley St., Chambersburg. Door prizes at end of program. Donations welcome.

NORLO PARK native garden – 3050 Lincoln Way East, Fayetteville.

**2024-2025; Tentative Please check
www.ConococheagueAudubon.org for updates.**

Year-round BIRD WALKS
SOAR (Studying Ornithology Around the Region) walks, 8:00 AM first and third Saturdays; various locations in Franklin County. **Larry and Sharon Williams**, 717-655-7414; see Buttonwood Nature Center, 717-762-0373, <https://buttonwoodnaturecenter.org> for schedule.

Sept. 2, 2024, Monday FIELD TRIP
7:15 AM for FALL MIGRANTS. Meet at 7:15 AM at the Park and Ride, Scotland Exit 20, I-81 northbound. One mile walk in wet grass at Heisey Orchard. Then by car on Michaux SF roads with additional walk(s) of up to half mile, with trip ending between 12 and 1 PM. Bring binoculars and snack. **Bill Oyler**, 717-360-5191, oylerbill@gmail.com.

Sept. 9, Monday MEETING
7:00 PM *Eastern Australia, A Birding Tour*, by Jeanne Verhulst. Arranged by Janet Tice.

Sept. 14, Saturday FIELD TRIP
7:00 AM for FALL MIGRANTS. Walk along part of Cumberland Valley Rail Trail in Chambersburg. Meet at Big Lots parking lot, 184 Southgate Mall; will carpool to rail-trail parking. Bring binoculars. **Debby Hook**, 717-372-0228.

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Sept. 28, Saturday CONSERVATION CLEAN-UP
Adopt-A-Highway clean-up on 2 miles of Route 997 (Black Gap Road) west from I-81. Pick up trash on section with wide shoulders, easy walking. Supplies provided. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Scotland Park & Ride, I-81 exit 20. Sign up with John Greer, 443-255-8871, jngreer@aol.com.

Oct. 14, Monday MEETING
6:45 PM Youth Contest Bird Photos & Lists due.
7:00 PM *Adrenaline Birding; Big Day/Big Months/Big Years*, by Andy Markel. Arranged by Dave Ebbitt.

Nov. 11, Monday MEETING
7:00 PM Youth Contest Winners announced tonight.
"Breeding Bird Surveys in our National Parks: Catocin's Top Ten" by Becky Loncosky. Arranged by Lisa Coombs.

November 14, Thursday at CAMS FILM
7:00 PM *Islands of Wonder: Madagascar*, PBS. Door prizes.

Dec. 9, Monday MEETING
7:00 pm *Diversity in the Andes*, by Terri Kochert and Debby Hook. Spectacular plumage at all altitudes is a key to ecotourism in Colombia and Ecuador.

Dec. 14, Saturday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
All day, Chambersburg area (PACH). **Valerie Barnes**, 717-352-4397.

Dec. 17, Tuesday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
All day, Franklin/Fulton Counties (PABT). **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, verngauthier14@gmail.com.

Dec. 30, Monday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
All day, York Springs area. **Tim Johnson**, 717-409-4805, tj359@sbcglobal.net.

Dec 28, 2024, Saturday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT
All day, Newville area. **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, verngauthier14@gmail.com.

January 13, 2025 Monday MEETING
6:00 PM Covered dish dinner and members' photo show. All are welcome.

January 16, Thursday at CAMS FILM
7:00 PM *Woodpeckers: The Hole Story*, PBS. Door prizes.

Feb. 10, Monday MEETING
7:00 PM *Humming With the Hummingbirds: Small is Beautiful*, David & Joyce Leaman. Arranged by Rhetta Martin.

Feb. 14 -16, Fri.-Sun. FIELD TRIP
Blackwater NWR, Maryland, auto tour for WATER FOWL. Leave from Martins' home at 9:00 AM Friday. Bring scopes, binoculars, and lunch. Make your own motel arrangements. **Eric and Rhetta Martin**, 717-597-8675, home or 223-205-7910, Rhetta.

March 1, Saturday FIELD TRIP
8:00 AM Middle Creek WMA, Lancaster County auto tour for WATERFOWL. Meet at the Park & Ride, Scotland, Exit 20, I-81 northbound. Bring scopes, binoculars, and lunch. **Eric and Rhetta Martin**, 717-597-8675.

March 6, Thursday at CAMS FILM
7:00 PM *Frogs: The Thin Green Line*, PBS. Door prizes.

March 8, Saturday CONSERVATION CLEAN-UP
Adopt-A-Highway clean-up on 2 miles of Route 997 (Black Gap Road) west from I-81. Pick up trash on section with wide shoulders, easy walking. Supplies provided. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Scotland Park & Ride, I-81 exit 20. Sign up with John Greer, 443-255-8871, jngreer@aol.com.

March 10, Monday MEETING
7:00 PM *Birds with a Gettysburg Address*, Bonnie Portzline. Arranged by Lisa Coombs.

March 13, Thursday FIELD TRIP
7:15 PM Tentative outing for WOODCOCKS at Heisey Road orchard with Bob Keener. Head to 5207 Heisey Rd, Shippensburg but park 0.10 mile off of Stillhouse Hollow Rd. Bring flashlights. **Bob Keener**, 717-532-9723 or 717-658-8765.

April 12, Saturday WORK DAY
9:30 AM Work at NORLO PARK native garden. Bring garden tools and gloves. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

April 14, Monday MEETING
7:00 PM Annual business meeting and elections. All chapter members welcome. *Radio-tracking Passerines in Early Successional Habitat*, by Grace Muench. Arranged by Dave Ebbitt.

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April 26, Saturday WORK DAY
9:30 AM Work at NORLO PARK native garden. Bring garden tools and gloves. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

May 3, Saturday FIELD TRIP
7:00 AM Horse Valley for SPRING MIGRANTS. Meet at North Pointe Center, US 11 north of Chambersburg. Bring lunch and binoculars. **Valerie Barnes**, 717-352-4397 or **Donna Hocker**, 717-491-2171.

May 8, Thursday FIELD TRIP
6:30 AM Stillhouse Hollow, Heisey Road Orchard, and some local farms for SPRING MIGRANTS. Leave from 5207 Heisey Road, Shippensburg. Bring scopes, binoculars, and lunch. **Bob Keener**, 717-532-9723 or 717-658-8765.

May 8, Thursday FIELD TRIP
5:00 PM Edenville area for WHIP-POOR-WILLS and BOBOLINKS. Leave from Sunnyway Foods parking lot, 49 Warm Spring Road, Chambersburg. Bring scopes and binoculars. **Eric and Rhetta Martin**, 717-597-8675.

May 9, Friday FIELD TRIP
6:00 PM Lehman property for SPRING MIGRANTS. Meet at 750 Tallow Hill Road, Chambersburg, to walk around a pond, meadows and woods. **Larry Lehman**, 717-263-7203.

May 10, Saturday WORK DAY
9:30 AM Work at NORLO PARK native garden. Bring garden tools and gloves. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

May 12, Monday MEETING
7:00 PM *PA Third Bird Atlas Update, One Year into the 5 Year Project*, by John Carter. Arranged by Val Barnes.

May 17, Saturday FIELD TRIP
7:00 AM Fort McCord area for SPRING ARRIVALS/MIGRANTS. Meet at North Pointe Center, US 11 north of Chambersburg. Some walking. Bring lunch and binoculars. **Bill Oyler**, 717-360-5191.

June 6 – 16, Fri-Mon CONSERVATION COUNT
PA Breeding Bird Blitz all day one or more of the 11 days. Join a team to help raise funds for PA Conservation sponsored by the Pennsylvania Society for Ornithology. See www.breedingbirdblitz.org for info. **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, verngauthier14@gmail.com.

June 7, Saturday **WORKSHOP**
 7:45 AM Beginning Birders' Workshop. Meet at Visitors' Center in Caledonia State Park, Fayetteville; park in first parking lot beyond Visitors' Center. Bring binoculars; a few pairs available for loan. Pre-register with **Dave Cooney**, 717-264-2116 or **Janet Tice**, 717-372-0379, jwtice1@comcast.net.

June 14, Saturday **FIELD TRIP**
 7:00 AM South Mountain/Caledonia/Michaux Important Birding Area (IBA) for RESIDENT SONGBIRDS. Leave from last parking lot beyond Visitors' Center in Caledonia State Park. Bring scopes and binoculars. **Eric and Rhetta Martin**, 717-597-8675.

June 21, Saturday **FIELD TRIP**
 7:30 AM Especially for BEGINNING BIRDERS. Walk along part of Cumberland Valley Rail Trail in Chambersburg. Meet at Big Lots parking lot, 184 Southgate Mall; will carpool to rail-trail parking. Bring binoculars and field guide. **Debby Hook**, 717-372-0228.

July 14, Monday **GARDEN EVENT**
 6:00 PM *Beyond Beauty: Native Plants & Pollinators Event*. Norlo Park Native Plants Garden. Rain date Wednesday, July 16. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

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Joint Executive Committee/Board Meetings

At St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, unless otherwise noted.

September 23, 2024 Monday 6:30 PM
November 18 Monday 6:30 PM
February 24, 2025 Monday 6:30 PM
March 24 **ZOOM ONLY** Monday 6:30 PM
 budget meeting (officers)
April 28 **ZOOM ONLY** Monday 6:30 PM
 field trip planning; 7:30 PM, board mtg.
July 21 Monday 6:30 PM

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Audubon Help Desk – 844-428-3826

Chapter-only membership is \$15 a year. To join, send check to Conococheague Audubon, PO Box 20, Fayetteville, PA 17222.

ACTIVITIES

Tentative. Check for updates at <https://www.ConococheagueAudubon.org>



**2024-2025 Season
 Conococheague
 Audubon**

Serving our Valley Since 1961

- Conococheague Audubon Society meets the second Monday each month, September through May, at 7 PM. St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2695 Luther Dr, Chambersburg, PA 17202.
- Program topics focus on birds, wildlife and conservation. All are welcome.
- Nature films, produced by PBS, are shown each year at Chambersburg Area Middle School South.

The group takes many free field trips throughout the year.

Projects

Audubon Adventures for Classrooms	
Christmas Bird Counts	
Norlo Park Native Plants Garden	
Educational Exhibits and Presentations	
Interpretive Sign at Chambersburg's CV Rail-Trail	
Beginning Birders' Workshop	Checklist of Birds
Bluebird Trail	Nature Film Series
Field Trip Records	Scholarships
Michaux site monitoring	Youth Contests

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