

**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.

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**2025-2026; 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 at various locations in Franklin County. **Larry and Sharon Williams**, 717-655-7414. See Buttonwood Nature Center, 717-762-0373, <https://buttonwoodnaturecenter.org> for location schedule.

**September 1, 2025, Monday FIELD TRIP**  
7:15 AM for FALL MIGRANTS. Meet at 7:15 AM at the Park & Ride, Scotland Exit 20, I-81 northbound. Field trip includes walking in wet grass at Heisey Orchard and other possible walks as we travel Michaux SF roads, with field trip ending by 1:00 PM. Bring binoculars and snack or lunch. **Bill Oyler**, 717-360-5191, [oylerbill@gmail.com](mailto:oylerbill@gmail.com).

**September 8, Monday BIRDING & MEETING**  
**Birding at 6:00 PM, Program at 7:00 PM.** Anyone wanting to bird before the meeting, please gather in the parking lot at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church at 6:00 PM. Bring binoculars if you have them. The meeting will start, as usual, at 7:00 PM. Members Ron George and Tracy Snyder will wow us with excellent bird photos, birding insights, and their wonderful program - "*Bird is a Verb*" - terrific for beginning and experienced birders alike. Arranged by Valerie Barnes.

Check our website for updates and maps to all locations:  
[www.ConococheagueAudubon.org](http://www.ConococheagueAudubon.org).

**Sept. 27, 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 AM at Scotland Park & Ride, I-81 exit 20. Sign up with **Joe & Vanessa Miller**, 717-377-6507 (Joe), [millerhouse@embarqmail.com](mailto:millerhouse@embarqmail.com).

**October 13, Monday MEETING**  
**6:45 PM** Youth Contest Bird Photos & Lists due.  
7:00 PM *5 Years of Birding in our Mobile Home*, by Jeff & Sue Schmaltz. Arranged by Jeff Schmaltz.

**November 10, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM Youth Contest Winners announced tonight. *Big Year 2024*, by Kyle Rambo. Arranged by Dave Ebbitt.

**November 13, Thursday at CAMS FILM**  
7:00 PM *Journey of the Broad-winged Hawk*, PBS. Depicts the migration of the broad-winged hawk from NH to PA to TX to Ecuador. Door prizes.

**December 8, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *Adrenaline Birding Big Month*, by Andy Markel. Arranged by John Carter.

**December 16, Tuesday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**  
All day, Franklin/Fulton Counties (PABT). **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, [verngauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:verngauthier14@gmail.com).

**December 20, Saturday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**  
All day, Chambersburg area (PACH). **Lisa Coombs**, 715-602-2838.

**December 22, Monday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**  
All day, York Springs area. **Tim Johnson**, 717-409-4805, [tj359@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tj359@sbcglobal.net).

**January 3, 2026, Sat CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**  
All day, Newville area. **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, [verngauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:verngauthier14@gmail.com).

**January 12, Monday MEETING**  
**6:00 PM** Covered dish dinner and members' photo show. All are welcome.

**January 29, Thursday at CAMS FILM**  
7:00 PM *Islands of Wonder: Borneo*, PBS. A journey from Borneo's rich coral reefs, through lush jungles to its mountainous heart, reveals it is no paradise, and the struggles for survival are the secret to a greater variety of life than found on almost any other island, from orangutans to sun bears and flying snakes. Door prizes.

**February 9, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *Notes from PA Atlas Observing*, by Doug Powless. Arranged by Val Barnes.

**February 20 - 22, Fri. – Sun. FIELD TRIP**  
Blackwater NWR, Maryland, auto tour for WATERFOWL. 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 5, Thursday at CAMS FILM**  
7:00 PM *Watching Warblers*, Michael & Judy Fleth. This film explores the lives of the 39 warbler species that nest in Eastern North America. Door prizes.

**March 7, 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 9, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *Results of Recent MD & DC Breeding Bird Atlas*, by Gabriel Foley. Arranged by Dave Ebbitt.

**March 19, 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**, 717-658-8765.

**March 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 AM at Scotland Park & Ride, I-81 exit 20. Sign up with **Joe & Vanessa Miller**, 717-377-6507 (Joe), [millerhouse@embarqmail.com](mailto:millerhouse@embarqmail.com).

**April 11, Saturday WORK DAY**  
9:30 AM Work at NORLO PARK native garden. Bring garden tools and gloves. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

**April 13, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM Annual business meeting and elections. All chapter members welcome. *Conservation of the Eastern Bluebird*, by Lynn & Dorian Runt. Arranged by Jim Hook.

**April 25, Saturday WORK DAY**  
9:30 AM Work at NORLO PARK native garden. Bring garden tools and gloves. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

**May 7, 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**, 717-658-8765.

**May 8, 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. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

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

**May 9, Saturday FIELD TRIP**  
7:00 AM Little Cove for SPRING MIGRANTS. Meet at the entrance of Buchanan's Birthplace State Park. Bring lunch and binoculars. **Valerie Barnes**, 717-352-4397 or **Donna Hocker**, 717-491-2171.

**May 9, Saturday FIELD TRIP**  
**5:00 PM** Edenville area for WHIP-POOR-WILLS and BOBOLINKS. Leave from Weis parking lot, 49 Warm Spring Road, Chambersburg. Bring scopes and binoculars. **Eric and Rhetta Martin**, 717-597-8675.

**May 11, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *Birds with a Gettysburg Address*, by Bonnie Portzline. Arranged by Lisa Coombs.

**May 13, Wednesday NEW FIELD TRIP**  
7:00 AM Letort Spring Garden Preserve (Carlisle) for SPRING MIGRANTS. Meet at the Park & Ride, Scotland, Exit 20, I-81 northbound. Walking up to 2.5 miles on flat, easy paths. Bring binoculars and snacks. **John Greer**, 443-255-8871.

**May 16, Saturday FIELD TRIP**  
7:00 AM Fort McCord area for SPRING ARRIVALS/ MIGRANTS. Meet at North Pointe Center, US 11 north of Chambersburg (parking lot behind McDonald's). Some walking. Bring lunch and binoculars. **Bill Oyler**, 717-360-5191, [oylerbill@gmail.com](mailto:oylerbill@gmail.com).

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**June 5 - 15, 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](http://www.breedingbirdblitz.org) for info. **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, [vern\\_gauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:vern_gauthier14@gmail.com).

**June 6, 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](mailto:jwtice1@comcast.net).

**June 13, 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 20, Saturday FIELD TRIP**  
7:30 AM Especially for BEGINNING BIRDERS. Walk along part of Cumberland Valley Rail Trail in Chambersburg. Meet at county parking lot off Hood Street north of the Ice Cream Station. Bring binoculars and water. **Debby Hook**, 717-372-0228.

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**Joint Executive Committee/Board Meetings**

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

**September 22, 2025** Monday 6:30 PM  
**November 24** Monday 6:30 PM  
**February 23, 2026** Monday 6:30 PM  
**March 23 ZOOM ONLY** Monday 6:30 PM  
 budget meeting (officers)  
**April 27 ZOOM ONLY** Monday 6:30 PM  
 field trip planning; 7:30 PM, board mtg.  
**July 21** **Tuesday** 6:30 PM

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**ACTIVITIES**

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



**2025-2026 Season  
Conococheague  
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Serving our Valley Since 1961

- Conococheague Audubon Society meets the second Monday each month, September through May, at 7:00 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 are shown each year at Chambersburg Area Middle School South.

The group takes many free field trips throughout the year.

**Projects**

Classroom Support	Bluebird Trail
Christmas Bird Counts	Checklist of Birds
Norlo Park Native Plants Garden	
Educational Exhibits and Presentations	
Interpretive Sign at Chambersburg's CV Rail-Trail	
Beginning Birders' Workshop	
Field Trip Records	Scholarships
Michaux Site Monitoring	Nature Film Series

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