

**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.

**2026-2027; Tentative. Please check [www.ConococheagueAudubon.org](http://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 5, 2026 Saturday FIELD TRIP**  
7:15 AM for FALL MIGRANTS. Meet 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).

**Sept 14, Mon PRE-MEETING INTRO & MEETING 6:00 PM** Introduction to Birding and Welcome to CAS for Beginning Birders and New Members, by Ron George. **7:00 PM** Regular Meeting. *Native Seed Workshop (Site Prep, Pre-treatment and Planting)*, James Thomson. Arranged by Mike Fagan.

**September 19, Saturday FIELD TRIP**  
8:00 AM BEGINNING BIRDER WALK, Furnace Run Park, 2244 Lindsay Lot Road, Shippensburg. Meet at visitor center parking area. Bring binoculars (or contact leader to borrow some). Come practice basic birding skills during a one-mile walk along park trails where we hope to see and hear fall migrants. **Ron George**, 717-446-4183, [writinron@comcast.net](mailto:writinron@comcast.net).

**Sept. 26, Saturday CONSERVATION CLEAN-UP**  
9:00 AM 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 the Park & Ride, Scotland Exit 20, I-81 northbound. Sign up with **Joe & Vanessa Miller**, 717-385-9641, [millerhouse@embarqmail.com](mailto:millerhouse@embarqmail.com).

**October 12, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *5 Years of Birding in our Mobile Home – Part 2* by Jeff & Sue Schmaltz. Arranged by Lisa Coombs.

**November 9, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *Protecting the Jewels of the Night - Firefly Education*, by Jill Zdunczyk of the Xerces Society. Arranged by Leslie Cerf.

**November 12, Thursday at CAMS FILM**  
7:00 PM *The Extraordinary Caterpillar*, Home Grown National Park. This film follows the scientists and community activists with this peek into the dazzling world of nature's tiniest superheroes. Door prizes.

**December 14, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *Birds of Malaysia and Philippines*, by Jeanne Verhulst, presented via Zoom. Arranged by Janet Tice.

**December 15, Tuesday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**  
All day, Franklin/Fulton Counties (PABT). **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, [vernauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:vernauthier14@gmail.com).

**December 19, Saturday CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**  
All day, Chambersburg area (PACH). **Lisa Coombs**, 715-602-2838, [lcoombs58@gmail.com](mailto:lcoombs58@gmail.com).

**January 2, 2027 Sat. CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**  
All day, Newville area (PANV). **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, [vernauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:vernauthier14@gmail.com).

**January 11, Monday MEETING**  
**6:00 PM** Covered dish dinner and members’ photo show. All are welcome.

**January 28, Thursday at CAMS FILM**  
7:00 PM *The Wilderness Idea*, Florentine Films. Tells the story of the two founders of American conservation, John Muir & Gifford Pinchot, and their historic battle over whether a remote valley in CA, Hetch Hetchy, should be dammed and flooded to form a reservoir. Door prizes.

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**February 8, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *Furnace Run Park*, by Alyssa Good. Arranged by Ron George.

**February 19 - 21, 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 4, Thursday at CAMS FILM**  
7:00 PM *On the Islands of Wonder: Hawaii*, PBS. Escape to a tropical island paradise in this third and final film showing of the Islands of Wonder series. Door prizes.

**March 6, 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, home or 223-205-7910, Rhetta.

**March 8, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *You Can Save 75 Birds Right in Your Yard*, by Jim Cubie. Arranged by Val Barnes.

**March 18, 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 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**, 717-385-9641, [millerhouse@embarqmail.com](mailto:millerhouse@embarqmail.com).  
**April 12, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *2025 – 2026 Scholarship Recipients Update*. Spring migration quiz. Business meeting and elections.

**April 17, Saturday WORK DAY**  
9:30 AM Work at NORLO PARK native garden. Bring garden tools and gloves. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

**May 1, Saturday WORK DAY**  
9:30 AM Work at NORLO PARK native garden. Bring garden tools and gloves. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

**May 6, 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 7, 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 8, 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. **Ian Hess**, 717-348-9616.

**May 8, 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 10, Monday MEETING**  
7:00 PM *Tree Health: Threats, Stressors, and Habitat Effects*, by Jennie Mazzone. Arranged by Ron George.

**May 15, Saturday WORK DAY**  
9:30 AM Work at NORLO PARK native garden. Bring garden tools and gloves. **Josh Donaldson**, 717-264-6920.

**May 15, Saturday NEW FIELD TRIP**  
7:30 AM Elk Hill Road in Cumberland Country for SPRING MIGRANTS. Meet at Colonel Denning State Park main parking area near Pavillion One and restrooms. We will carpool to Elk Hill Rd from there. Bring binoculars. **Vern Gauthier**, 717-385-9526, [vernauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:vernauthier14@gmail.com).

**May 29, 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 4 - 14, 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, [vernauthier14@gmail.com](mailto:vernauthier14@gmail.com).

**June 5, 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 are available for loan. Pre-register with **Janet Tice**, 717-372-0379, [jwtice1@comcast.net](mailto:jwtice1@comcast.net).

**June 12, 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**, 7717-597-8675, home or 223-205-7910, Rhetta.

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| At St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, unless otherwise noted. |                                          |                |
| September 28, 2026                                               |                                          | Monday 6:30 PM |
| November 23                                                      |                                          | Monday 6:30 PM |
| February 22, 2027                                                |                                          | Monday 6:30 PM |
| March 22                                                         | <b>ZOOM ONLY</b>                         | Monday 6:30 PM |
|                                                                  | budget meeting (officers)                |                |
| April 26                                                         | <b>ZOOM ONLY</b>                         | Monday 6:00 PM |
|                                                                  | field trip planning; 7:00 PM, board mtg. |                |
| July 26                                                          |                                          | Monday 6:30 PM |

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



# 2026-2027 Season Conococheague Audubon

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, the environment 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.

| <u>Projects</u>                                   |                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Student Bird Walks                                | Caledonia Bird Feeders       |
| Christmas Bird Counts                             | Checklist of Birds           |
| Norlo Park Native Plants Garden                   | Bluebird Trails              |
| Educational Exhibits and Presentations            |                              |
| Interpretive Sign at Chambersburg’s CV Rail-Trail |                              |
| Beginning Birders’ Workshop                       |                              |
| Field Trip Records                                | Student/Teacher Scholarships |
| Nature Film Series                                | Adopt-A-Highway Section      |

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