

The Roanoke Valley Bird Club

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December 9, 7:00 pm
Grandin Court Baptist
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RVBC NEWSLETTER

December 2013



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT
KENT DAVIS

Dear Roanoke Valley Bird Club Members,

I hope you enjoy our new monthly column, "Bird of the Month." I chose this particular first bird because it's a winter resident in our area and the peak count for this bird was 45 on a Roanoke Christmas Bird Count (Dec. 15, 1979). I bet we can break that record but you will need to volunteer for one of the upcoming Christmas Bird Counts.

On Christmas day 1900, ornithologist Frank M. Chapman of the Audubon Society along with 27 other members held the first Christmas Bird Count.

Last year over 71,000 people participated in over 2,300 locations. The National Audubon Society now partners with Bird Studies Canada and others. The count runs from Dec 14, 2013 - Jan 5, 2013. The greatest number of bird species ever reported by any U.S. location in a single count is 250, observed on December 19, 2005, in the Matagorda County, Texas.

Please join us for the 114th Christmas Bird Count by contacting the following:

Dec. 14, Roanoke Christmas Bird Count. Contact Bill Hunley 774-2397 or whunley@mbc.edu

Dec. 15, Fincastle Christmas Bird Count. Contact Eunice Hudgins 389-4056 or uvauu@aol.com or Barry Kinzie 992-2743 or peckerridge@intelos.net

Dec. 17, Peaks of Otter Christmas Bird Count. Contact Barry Kinzie 992-2743 or peckerridge@intelos.net

I hope you can join us for one or all of the Christmas Bird Counts.



Thanks and good birding this holiday season,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent".

kedjr@cox.net
540-344-8377

Next Meeting:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 7:00 PM

Grandin Court Baptist Church

Featured Program:

"Shared Memories"

This is always a fun holiday meeting where you provide the entertainment (and goodies) for the group, so go through your birding memories! Please bring slides or digital photos; we will have a 35 mm slide projector and a digital projector available. You may bring either a CD or a thumb drive with digitals. If you have any questions, please contact Butch Kelly 384-7029. We're looking forward to your presentation!

The meeting refreshments will be **pot luck**,
Please bring your favorite to share!

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

The previous program during the November Meeting featured **Michael and Rose Townsend** who presented "The Sandhill Cranes Return to Kearney, Nebraska."

The Roanoke Valley Bird Club

Roanoke, Virginia



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The RVBC Newsletter is published monthly from September through May with the deadline for each issue on the **20th of the month** prior to publication. Photos and articles are gladly accepted for publication as room allows and may be sent electronically, but if original photos are mailed please include a SASE for photo return.

Thank you!

Carol Whiteside

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Cover Story ~ Meet a Member

FRED CRAMER

RVBC LIFETIME MEMBER

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I have been a member of the Roanoke Valley Bird Club for 33 years. I was invited to give a program to the club by **Butch Kelly** who was teaching one of my sons at the time. I decided to join in order to learn more about birds.

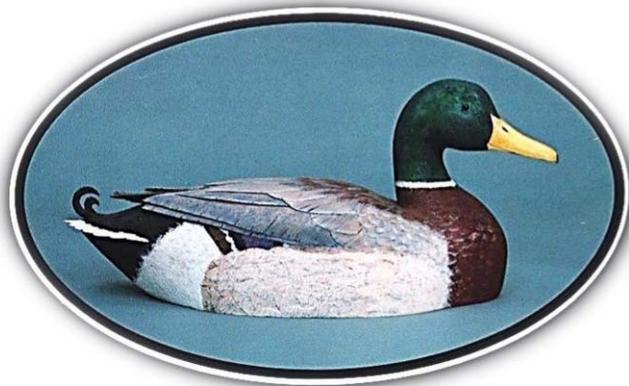
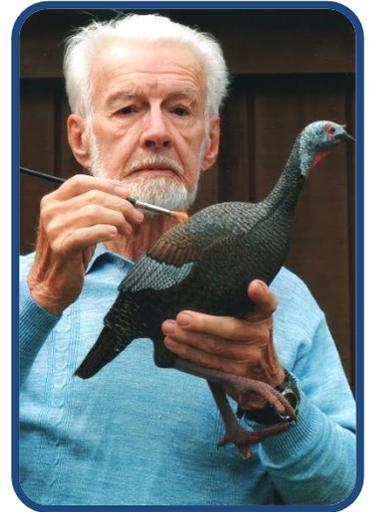
I monitored the bluebird boxes for many years and served as president for two years. I was asked by **Jim Ayers**, who was president at the time, to design a logo for the club, the one that is currently used.

As an artist and photographer, I had always found birds to be an interesting subject. About the time I joined the club, I also began to carve birds. Photos are a helpful reference for that.

I was born in Roanoke and except for four years in the Air Force, I have lived in this area ever since. I retired sixteen years ago after operating my art and photography and advertising business, **Cramer Graphics**, for thirty years. I still enjoy painting, carving and shooting nature photos.

I have a large garden and enjoy building (studio, workshop and remodeling projects). Hunting and fishing fill up whatever time remains.

Anyone interested in my work is welcome to visit. My wife, **Katheryn** and I live at 2147 Feather Road, Vinton 890-8026.

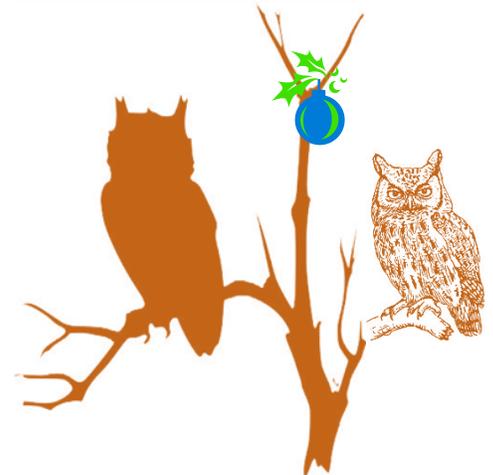


Note: Fred's work has won many ribbons and awards ranging from local shows to world-wide competition at the Ward Foundation and Mid-Atlantic Shows. It is sought by corporate and private collectors and by many who simply share the love of nature and have an appreciation for original art. The birds and mammals Fred creates from tupelo or basswood are most often based on photos as well as many hours of field observation. This research is essential for accuracy of anatomy, color and pose, and is rewarded when a viewer asks, "Are those birds real?"

Left – Mallard drake, life-size, Tupelo

Who Gives the Hoot!

RVBC shirt update: There has been some discussion at recent board meetings about possibly changing the club's logo. So rather than having all of you who signed up to purchase a shirt end up with an obsolete product, we are going to hold off ordering them till that issue is resolved. If we do indeed change the logo, you will be given the option of which one to have put on your shirt. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Welcome New Members!



Louise Buerdsell, Thaxton
Mary Justice, Roanoke
Carole McMinn, Vinton
Michael & Rose Townsend, Roanoke

RVBC Store

Avian Life Savers	\$7 - \$9
Bluebird House	\$15
Pole/Predator Guard additional	\$20
Books, gently used	\$ Make Offer!
Hummer Feeders, handmade	\$5
Kinzie, <i>Birds and Birding the Rke. Valley</i>	\$15
Nesting Material	\$2 - \$5

Holiday Gifts!

Available at the December Meeting

RVBC CALENDAR



Now available for
purchase during

**DECEMBER 9
MEETING**

\$12



Please Contact:

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BIRDS OF THE BLUE RIDGES JANUARY - FEBRUARY 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**

The 2013 ~ 2014 Nominating Committee

*Robin Jordan
Eunice Hudgins
Carol Whiteside*

**Offers to the membership
During the December Meeting**

**No changes for
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.



Calendar of Events

Linda Cory, Field Trip Chairman, 580-5214



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** This is always a fun holiday meeting where you provide the entertainment (and goodies) for the group, so go through your birding memories! Please bring slides or digital photos; we will have a 35 mm slide projector and a digital projector available. You may bring either a CD or a thumb drive with digitals. If you have any questions, please contact VP Program Director **Butch Kelly** 384-7029. We're looking forward to your presentation!
- 11 SECOND WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK WALK - Greenfield Lake, Wednesday, December 11, 8:30 AM** Please join naturalist **Laura Beltran** (706-220-0980) for a walk around Greenfield Lake in Botetourt County. We will 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.



Christmas Bird Counts 2013 *by Eunice Hudgins*



Since the Christmas Bird Count began 114 years ago, it has relied on dedicated volunteers like you to help conservation researchers track long-term health of bird populations from Canada to Latin America.

Territories are assigned to small groups of volunteers. A few walk their assigned areas while others drive, stopping frequently to observe and listen for birds. Every bird is counted and a tally is done at the end of the count period.

The Roanoke Valley Bird Club does three counts. Lots of eyes and ears are needed. If you are a new birder, or feel uneasy about identifying birds, please know that an experienced birder will be in each group. It's a great way to learn and a fun way to enjoy winter birds. Please volunteer to help with one or all three of the counts below:

- 14 Roanoke Christmas Bird Count**, contact **Bill Hunley** (774-2397 or wjhunley@gmail.com) for an assigned territory.
- 15 Fincastle Christmas Bird Count**, contact **Eunice Hudgins** (389-4056 or uvaau@aol.com) or **Barry Kinzie** (992-2743 or peckerridge@ntelos.net) for an assigned territory. There will be homemade soup at noon at Barry's home followed by tallies of the Roanoke and Fincastle counts.
- 17 Peaks of Otter Christmas Bird Count**, contact **Barry Kinzie** (992-2743 or peckerridge@ntelos.net) for an assigned area before December 17. This is not a field trip, but a chance to count birds above 1,500 feet elevation. Barry will be at the Peaks of Otter Visitor Center at 7:30 AM if you have questions. He will be back at the Center at 12:30 PM if you want to turn in your count – or - you can either email or snail mail (PO Box 446, Troutville, VA 24175) your results to him.

JANUARY 2014

- 4 Birds of the Blue Ridges** -Five Sat. classes taught by **Ed Kinser** 9am-noon at the Bent Mountain Community Center. See ad on page 4.
- 8 Second Wednesday Midweek Walk - Greenfield Lake, Wednesday, January 8, 8:30 am.** Please join naturalist **Laura Beltran** (706-220-0980) for a walk around Greenfield Lake in Botetourt County. We will 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.
- 13 RVBC MEETING, 7:00 PM** Featuring guest speaker Sarah Karpanty, Associate Professor of Wildlife Management. at Virginia Tech. She will be talking about the research on the Red Knot, a shore bird that is getting more and rarer.



Sightings

11/2/13 Rupert Cutler sighted four yellow-rumped warblers and a kingfisher along the Lick Run Greenway at MP 2.6.

11/5/13 Waid Park in Franklin County, **Kent Davis'** highlights included 2 American Woodcock in different locations and a Swamp Sparrow among 20 sightings.

11/11/13 Rupert Cutler noted that Stew Hubbell was out for a little stroll on the Roanoke Valley Greenways when he came upon this awesome adult bald eagle perched on a sycamore tree in Wasena Park near the Vic Thomas Bridge. He was walking the dog, finished the walk, returned home and got his Canon Rebel with 500 mm lens and came back. Bird was still there!



11/21/13 Emily Painter watched a vulture approach road kill from the right side of the (SW county) road. From the left side of the road was a Great Blue Heron going for the same. She said she's never seen that before! Then she came home to a Great Horned Owl in a tree over the pasture.

November 11 Membership Meeting Reported Sightings

Butch Kelly spotted a Bald Eagle and Pine Siskins in Catawba.

Tim Quinn saw a Bald Eagle in downtown Roanoke.

Carl Boast saw a Winter Wren at his home at Smith Mountain Lake.

Eleanor Dye saw a Great-Blue Heron flying in Vinton.

Sid and Mary Lou Barritt saw a Great-Blue Heron flying over their pond in Roanoke.

Jill Overstreet has Juncos and Pine Siskins at her home in Roanoke where she also saw a Red-Shouldered Hawk. On a birdwalk with **Kent Davis** at the Sewage Treatment Plant Jill saw a Bald Eagle and a Pectoral Sandpiper!

Robin Jordan saw a Brown Creeper in Catawba.

Field Trips



11/13/13 8:30 - 11:30 AM Greenfield Recreation Park, Botetourt County, led by **Laura Beltran** with eleven RVBC members: **Kent Davis, Mike Smith, Barry Kinzie, Eunice Hudgins, Pat Popper, Holly Woodson, Candy Andrzejewski, Joanne Deeryberry, Mary Harshfield, and Sherman Bamford**. There were 46 species viewed featuring: American Black Duck, Northern Shoveler, Ruddy Duck, Wilson's Snipe, Winter Wren and Fox Sparrow.

Bird of the Month

WILSON'S SNIPE

Gallinago delicata

A common shorebird of wet, grassy spots, the Wilson's Snipe has an extremely long bill that it uses to probe in the mud for small invertebrates. Its camouflage is so good that it often is not seen before it flushes from the grass.

From Barry Kinzie's *Birds and Birding the Roanoke Valley*:

Preface: When the ground is frozen and snow covered in the winter, snipe move to springs and warm seeps where the ground is not frozen.

Status: Uncommon spring and fall transient and winter resident (Sept. 5 – May 5).



Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) is a small, stocky shorebird. This species was considered to be a subspecies of the Common Snipe (*G. gallinago*) until 2003 when it was given its own species status, though this is not recognized by all taxonomic authorities. Wilson's Snipe differs from the latter species in having a narrower white trailing edge to the wings, and eight pairs of tail feathers instead of the typical seven of the Common Snipe. Its common name commemorates the American ornithologist Alexander Wilson.

They breed in marshes, bogs, tundra and wet meadows in Canada and the northern United States. They are year-round residents on the U.S. Pacific coast. The eastern population migrates to the southern United States and to northern South America. It may be that climate change causes these birds to move to their breeding range earlier and leave later than 100 years ago. The Wilson's Snipe was reduced near the end of the 19th century by hunting and habitat destruction. However, this bird remains fairly common and not considered threatened. They forage in soft mud, probing or picking up food by sight and eating insects, earthworms, and plant material. The long bill of the Wilson's Snipe is flexible. The tips can be opened and closed with no movement at the base of the bill. Sensory pits at the tip of the bill allow the snipe to feel its prey deep in the mud. Well-camouflaged, they are usually shy and conceal themselves close to ground vegetation, flushing only when approached closely. They fly off in a series of aerial zig-zags to confuse predators.

The male performs "winnowing" display during courtship, flying high in circles and then taking shallow dives to produce a distinctive sound. They have been observed "winnowing" throughout the day and long into the night. They nest in a well-hidden location on the ground. The clutch size of the Wilson's Snipe is almost always four eggs. The male snipe takes the first two chicks to hatch and leaves the nest with them. The female takes the last two and cares for them. Apparently the parents have no contact after that point.

SHUT THE [HECK] UP

Tim Boucher

Ahhh: The tranquility of nature...a quiet walk in the forest...just you and nature...soaking it in...birds singing around you...peace on Earth...and then the peace is shattered by hikers, birders, nature-lovers — by their TALKING! But it's not just your peace they're disrupting. Now you have data: Their talking alone can reduce the number of species that you see — by up to a third! Outrage!

This recent study in a Peruvian forest has proven what loners like me (or "solitude lovers," as I like to call us) have suspected for ages: If you talk while in the field, you will see and hear less. Birds (and mammals too, probably) are impacted by even a low speaking volume (such as 50db, that found in a library). The consequence? A decline of 35% in total detections and 33% in species richness. Even worse, not only do you see and hear less, but it appears there's less to actually see: talking also impacts birds' breeding behavior, predator detection, and territory defense. Ultimately, the more sensitive (and usually rarer) species may move away from the area of disturbance. So, by all means, get out and enjoy nature...just talk about it before and after!



STUDY DOCUMENTS EFFECTS OF ROAD NOISES ON MIGRATORY BIRDS

By: RALPH POORE Boise State University

A first-of-its-kind study by Boise State University researchers shows that the negative effects of roads on wildlife are largely because of traffic noise.

Biologists have known that bird populations decline near roads. But pinpointing noise as a cause has been a problem because past studies of the effects of road noise on wildlife were conducted in the presence of the other confounding effects of roads. These include visual disturbances, collisions and chemical pollution, among others.

"We present the first study to experimentally apply traffic noise to a roadless area at a landscape scale, thus avoiding the other confounding aspects of roads present in past studies," said Christopher J. W. McClure, post-doctoral research associate in the Department of Biological Sciences.

"Understanding the effects of road noise can help wildlife managers in the selection, conservation and management of habitat for birds," said Jesse R. Barber, assistant professor of biological sciences and one of McClure's fellow researchers.

Beside McClure and Barber, researchers in the study include Heidi E. Ware, graduate student; Jay Carlisle, assistant research professor and research director of the Idaho Bird Observatory; and Gregory Kaltenecker, executive director of the Idaho Bird Observatory.



Researchers created a phantom road on a ridge southeast from Lucky Peak, near the Idaho Bird Observatory's field site. Putting speakers in trees, they played roadway sounds at intervals, alternating four days of noise on with four days off during the autumn migratory period. The researchers conducted daily bird surveys along their phantom road and at a nearby control site.

"We documented more than a one-quarter decline in bird abundance and almost complete avoidance by some species between noise-on and noise-off periods along the phantom road," Barber said. "There were no such effects at control sites. This suggests that traffic noise is a major driver of the effects of roads on populations of animals."

The results of the Boise State study, "An experimental investigation into the effects of traffic noise on distributions of birds: avoiding the phantom road," has been published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B.

2013 RVBC SEED SALE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
NORTHWEST TRUE VALUE HARDWARE



Many thanks to those who bought seed to make the 2013 Seed Sale very successful, we sold \$7799.25 of seed which made \$1015.60 profit for this RVBC fund raiser. It would not have been possible without the work contributed by the volunteers, they are: **Sid and Mary Lou Barritt, Laura Beltran, Carl and Linda Boast, Cris Cowan, Kent Davis, Norris Ford, Eunice Hudgins, Robin Jordan, Sandy Lane, Jerry O'Brien, Martha Pillow, Tim and Alyce Quinn, Bob and Ellen Rummel, Gus Sronce, Carol Whiteside.**

Not pictured: Robin Austin, Michael Belcher, Nathan Overstreet, Bryan Tolbert.

Thank You!



BIRD FEEDER DRAWING

By Eunice Hudgins

Bring your \$1.00 bills to the December meeting!

Appalachian Birding Company is now selling their organically grown seed at Northwest Hardware. They were kind enough to donate three bags of their seed to our sale which were given away in drawings. They also gave us a feeder filled with 3 pounds of sunflower chips which will be given away at our December meeting through a drawing. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each and you may buy as many tickets as you want.



Bird Rehab Corner



MAUREEN EIGER (540) 342-4890

Category IIA, State and Federally Permitted Avian Rehabilitator

This was a very crazy year for bird rehab. I received over 170 calls from the public, sometimes just simple bird questions or about a bird "being a problem." Some calls were referred to me by our Roanoke Valley Bird Club members, thank you!

The Wild Bird Rehab fund is for baby bird season which extends from March 1 through Sept 1. This year during that period I took in 64 birds representing 17 different species. The release rate for this period was 52%, which is higher than what the national average is for rehab birds (some say it's 30-40 %.) My total release rate will be computed for the year after Dec 31. A few birds that I received were brought to me by RVBC members.

Unfortunately, a lot of baby birds did not even make it to my door. They died in transit, or while the person was getting a box ready, or looked back in the box to see if the bird was still alive and found it dead. I spoke to a lot of sad people and hopefully they felt better after I shared with them some comforting words. I am proud to say, that this year I helped more people successfully re-nest baby birds than last year. Also, I was successful in treating a few birds that I thought would not make it, but they survived and were released back into the wild!

Another case was the three Bluebirds that came in because "she was going on vacation and needed someone to take the birds." This person fed them the wrong diet for their first three weeks. She told me that one bird, of the original four she had taken in, had already died. As I examined them I saw that their feather quality was very poor and they were underweight. Of the three birds, two were in somewhat better shape and went through an early molt with a new proper, and extra enriched diet. They became waterproof and were able to fly well. Unfortunately the third Bluebird had such poor feather quality on its wings that it was not able to fly when wet. My Vet Sponsor, Dr. Paul Stewart and I worked out a plan. He pulled three feathers from each wing (while the bird was under anesthesia) to induce an early molt. A somewhat risky move, as you can damage the follicles when you pull out a bird's feathers. Three and a half weeks later the bird's new wing feathers grew in and they were perfect. She could fly when she was wet! All three Bluebirds were released and are still visiting my back yard.



(See above before/after photos.)

Some bird cases are what I call "preventable." For instance, I received a Yellow-billed Cuckoo nestling; it was never kept warm, and was fed bread and water for two days. I was called when the bird stopped eating. Barely alive, it arrived cold to the touch and with a swollen belly. Sadly no matter how I tried, it did not survive the night. If they had called when they first found it, just kept it warm and did not feed it, I probably could have saved that little nestling.

Actually, that case was my final straw; I then realized I really need to get out and educate the public because there are so many preventable cases. I hope RVBC members will join me and become bird ambassadors, too. **Please let people know that when they see an orphaned or injured bird, don't hesitate, put the bird in a paper or cloth lined box and keep it warm. Don't feed the bird. Then call a Bird Rehabber for instructions.** So many birds can be saved if people would just do those simple things.

On behalf of myself and the birds that are flying free again, I thank you for your support. Without the Wild Bird Rehab fund and RVBC members bringing in the extra items that are needed, it would be a big financial hardship to continue on. I hope to be of service to you if needed. Just give me a call (540) 342-4890.



One example was a Brown Thrasher that came in with Avian Pox. A bird diagnosed with Avian Pox is considered highly contagious; therefore, Wild Bird Rehabilitators are told to euthanize them. Fortunately, I was informed by a friend, Dr. Vanessa Rolfe, about a new medicine that cures Avian Pox. I contacted the company and got some of the medicine to try. I followed their protocols, and sure enough the thrasher was cured and released after 70 days. So now I can save dry pox birds without infecting the other birds in rehab.



The Roanoke Valley Bird Club
 c/o Eleanor Dye
 P.O. Box 74
 Vinton, Virginia 24179

Happy Holidays!



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? _____

- Student \$ 7 _____
- Individual \$12 _____
- Family \$20 _____
- Adopt-a-Bluebird \$15 _____
- Sustaining \$30 _____
- Additional Contribution \$ _____
- Total Submitted \$ _____

Mail with check payable to RVBC
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 Vinton, VA 24179

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