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Editor's Note

In 2023, I will enter my sixteenth year as The Mail Bag's editor. Can hardly believe it has been that long. Chuck Conrad was at the helm for nearly eighteen years before his passing. Beginning in January, 2023, I also take on the presidency of the Brooks Bird Club. So, this might be my last Editor's Note for a few years, as I will most likely combine the two in some way, as to not overload our front page with multiple messages. After all these years, I sometimes find it difficult to come up with new notes as it is!



As you've undoubtedly noticed, the issues have been shorter recently. Time for my periodic plea for content. Over the years, we've had a few reliable contributors, as well as some great stories on trips or birds of the writer's region. The Mail Bag needs the membership to contribute more than ever, as so many people, both young and old, are moving away from both print media, and long-form reading altogether. Please consider contributing notes or stories of any length, as well as photographs. Everyone is given full credit, and color photos are published on the BBC website in color. The only thing I ask is that we stay on, or close, to the topic of birds, and not reprints of articles and such unless they directly affect birds in West Virginia. Thank you, everyone!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, CINDY SLATER

Twelve months before Christmas and all through the club...

We had a wonderful 90th Anniversary at Hawks Nest State Park which you will be able to read about in this issue of the Mail Bag. Karen performed a wonderful program and Jodi could not have been a more gracious guide for us on Saturday finishing up with a great evening program. Quickly following the 90th was the Eastern Shore trip which was another success event as well. You are welcome to read about that as well later in this issue of the Mail Bag.

I find myself constantly reminded and surprised at how quickly time passes. It has truly been an honor and a wonderful experience to be president of the Brooks Bird Club for three years. I would like to thank everyone for their patience, guidance, assistance, patience...you hopefully get the idea. In all seriousness, I could not have done this without all the support and kindness I have received from everyone during my Presidential stint. I am grateful for everyone. I am now passing the gavel to Ryan, who I also want to thank for his continued patience with me. Especially, when I constantly push the limits on the Mail Bag deadlines that he gives to me.

Now, don't forget to get out and help with your local Christmas Counts, Feeder Watches, AND you still have time to buy a Brooks Bird Club Membership for all of your friends or co-workers this year for Christmas! Above all Happy Birding to ALL and to All a wonderful Holiday!

– Your BBC President, Cindy Slater

2022 EASTERN SHORE TRIP A SUCCESS

On Thursday November 10th, 15 avid birders from WV, VA, PA and OH met in Chincoteague for the annual Eastern Shore trip led by Cindy Slater. The weather was beautiful as the group set off to explore. We made our way down Main Street, stopping at Mariner's Point then continued to the Beach Access Road. The group then hit Swan Cove and finished with a walk around Wildlife Loop. A few highlights from Thursday included Tundra Swan, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Brant, and a beautiful Snow Bunting.

Friday the 11th brought in the rain but didn't stop our adventure. After breakfast the caravan made it's way up to Rehoboth. Stops were made along the way at George Island Landing, Ocean City Sunset Park, and Indian River Inlet, just to name a few. Highlights from Friday included Red-throated Loon, Brown Pelican and an Iceland Gull.

On Saturday the 12th, the 15 became 17 as two others joined the fun. We set off to Bombay Hook NWR where we spent several hours exploring the area. Bombay Hook definitely did not disappoint. Prime Hook NWR was our next stop. A nice stroll down the board walk trail brought a few more species to our list and ended the day. Highlights from Saturday included Hudsonian Godwit, Cackling Goose, and a Seaside Sparrow.

Sunday brought an end to our great birding adventure. Goodbyes were said to old friends and new as we each departed for home or to continue birding. The highlight from Sunday was the species count which surpassed our goal of 90 (for the 90th anniversary) and hit a grand total of 107. Sunshine and rain, good friends, delicious seafood and days filled with birds made the perfect trip to the Eastern Shore. Hope to see everyone again next year.

– Contributed by Kelly Schetselaar

2022-2023 WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

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CORRESPONDENCE

We would love to hear from members of the BBC. What have you been doing? Have you taken recent trips? What interesting birds or plants have you seen in your locality or backyard?

The Club looks forward to little notes on Christmas cards and dues notices, but feel free to get in touch with us at other times of the year too. Even just a line or two would be of interest to our readers, especially if we haven't seen or heard from you in a while.

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For those of you who prefer email, correspondences may be sent to: jslater1120@yahoo.com

BROOKS BIRD CLUB 90TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Hawks Nest State Park – October 28-30, 2022 *Submitted by Chris Slater-Jones*

“Oh, the West Virginia hills! How majestic and how grand,” Yes, growing up, I remember hearing my dad singing those lyrics, with the rest of the family following suit, while traveling the back roads and mountainsides on our way to nature events and outings around the state. The author, Ellen King, had it right and so did my dad each time he was moved to break into song. The anniversary weekend brought it back to the forefront of my memory. We couldn’t have asked for a more beautiful autumn weekend, the sun shining, mild temperatures, and wonderful company. The mountains provided a perfect back-drop for the views from the lodge at Hawks Nest State Park.

The weekend started off with an afternoon board meeting at the lodge followed by a delicious buffet dinner. Cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, chicken, vegetables, salad, and strawberry shortcake were among some of the tasty options. Storyteller Karen Vuranch captured the attention of the group with her engaging evening program. Her living history performance dressed as Indian captive Mary Draper Ingles was both educational and entertaining.

Saturday morning, after a filling breakfast buffet and a group photograph outside the lodge, we caravanned, led by Jodi French-Burr, out National Park Service guide, east on Route 60 and south at Lookout, through Winona, to the Nuttallburg Coal Tipple on the New River. As a New River Gorge National Park naturalist and historian, she shared that the company town produced high quality coal from the late 1800s until the 1950s; the process was fascinating.

From there, we headed further east on Route 60 to Babcock State Park and a tour of the working Gristmill. The pictures gleaned from that park were beautiful. The Glade Creek Grist Mill was built in 1976 and is a replica of the original Cooper’s Mill that had been nearby. The 900 pound grindstone is still used today. Lunch together at the top of the park afforded a picturesque vista across the gorge.

The afternoon allowed for individual choice in sightseeing, birdwatching, botanizing, and hiking. A delicious buffet dinner at the lodge offered choices that included meats, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, and pumpkin pie. Jodi French provided the evening program. Her presentation covered all manner of animals, birds, flora and fauna, and interesting historical details from that region of West Virginia.

After breakfast on Sunday morning, followed by a membership meeting and bird count, friends headed on their way. Even though the bird count goal was to get 90 for the 90th, 59 species were appreciated by all for the weekend total. Very nice! Much thanks to Cindy Slater and everyone else who worked hard to make the weekend so enjoyable and memorable. “Is it any wonder then, that my heart with rapture thrills, as I stand once more with loved ones, on those West Virginia hills?”



The Glade Creek Grist Mill at Babcock State Park. Photo by Chris Slater-Jones.



The mixed vulture roost next to the lodge at Hawks Nest. Photo by Ryan Tomazin



P.J. Murray inspects the Nuttallburg Coal Tipple. Photo by Chris Slater-Jones.



Jodi French-Burr leads at the Nuttallburg Coal Tipple. Photo by Chris Slater-Jones.

INTERESTING SIGHTINGS AROUND THE STATE

Meadowlarks seem to be on the move! Today in a large active pasture I heard many meadowlarks singing as I arrived. As I walked along I saw several flocks of 12 or more and “kicked up” singles and small groups as I moved through the pasture. Great day!

– Jack O’Connell, Greenbrier County, WV, 10/3/22

Here are my highlights of a rainy weekend in Grant, Hardy, and Pendleton counties after Hurricane Ian. 73 species were noted on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3 in Hardy County (Wardensville Sewage ponds and Kimsey Run Lake), Grant County (mostly Thorn Run Rd, Belle Babb Rd, Stony River Dam Rd Lake, Mt Storm Lake, and South Mill Creek Lake) and Pendleton County (mostly Broad Run Rd Lake and Little Fork Rd Lake) during the rain produced by the remnants of tropical storm Ian.

Despite the cold constant rain and drizzle (I was expecting much heavier rain), it was a very fun weekend that included: State Lifer Caspian Tern (1) at Belle Babb, 2 at Mt Storm Lake, first Grant county records in eBird; American Golden-Plover flyover calling at Mt Storm Lake; Pectoral Sandpipers - 1 at Kimsey Run Lake, 29 flying around but not landing at Stony River Dam Road Lake; Semipalmated Sandpiper, a Pendleton County Lifer for me, at Little Fork Road Lake; 17 Bald Eagles; 11 American Kestrels; 19 American Phoebes (they seemed to be everywhere!); over 1,000 Tree Swallows, including 720 at Kimsey Run Lake (scoped carefully for other species); 1 late Cliff Swallow at Stony River Dam Road (hoped it was a Cave Swallow, but dark throat and pale rump and forehead excluded that); 2 Brown Creepers, first of the year for me, in a mixed flock of warblers at Little Fork Road; 2 Lincoln’s Sparrows, first of the year for me, at Stony River Dam Road and in Petersburg by the elementary school. Just a few warblers including 1 Tennessee, 1 Common Yellowthroat, 2 Cape May, 7 Pine, 18 Yellow-rumped, 4 Black-throated Green, and 1 Wilson’s.

– Fred Atwood, Oakton, VA and Cabins, WV. 10/3/22

We had a good morning of birds in our yard today. First of season Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Common Yellowthroat, Tennessee, Hooded, Cape May, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Blackpoll & Yellow-rumped warblers. Three Rose-breasted Grosbeaks.

We didn’t know for sure how cold it would be overnight so we put the windshield wipers up so they wouldn’t freeze to the glass. When we looked out this morning we saw an Eastern Phoebe perched on one of the outstretched wipers. It seemed to appreciate the vantage point. In the afternoon, we parked at the Gatrell Rock Overlook in Pipestem S.P. For nearly an hour, we were entertained by the birds visiting a row of 16 dogwoods (loaded with berries) and two cedars. The dining birds were mostly Wood & Swainson’s thrushes, bluebirds, robins and American Goldfinches, with a few flickers and waxwings and one (true to his name) Hermit Thrush. The food frenzy was briefly halted when a Sharp-shinned Hawk collected a goldfinch. Birds sure are a joy!

Jim & Judy Phillips, Pipestem, WV, 10/4/22

Mike Griffith, Janet Keating and I hit a few birding spots along Rt. 2 Sunday morning. At the Robert C. Byrd Locks and Dam, we found one White-rumped Sandpiper (previous late record for this area was in late September), one Pectoral Sandpiper, two Wilson’s Snipe, a Green Heron and two juvenile Black-crowned Night-herons. We also found two Wilson’s Snipe and two Great Egrets at Crab Creek and a Northern Harrier at Gallipolis Ferry.

– Gary O. Rankin, Lavalette, WV, 10/24/22

Just a few quick sightings of interest from around the Morgantown area recently. On Saturday morning, Hannah Clipp and I made a brief, doe-season-shortened foray to Little Indian Creek where the best birds were some migrant Purple Finches and a Winter Wren. We took a nice walk around Cheat Lake Park on Sunday, finding a Ruddy Duck, Common Loon, and Pied-billed Grebe as the first obvious water-bird migrants I have seen on the Lake so far. Though an early-ish Surf Scoter Was seen earlier in the week along the Mon River. Today, I had a large skein of Snow Geese moving high to the southeast while doing a lunchtime walk near the hospital. And then at home, I had a large group of Purple Finches at the feeders. I also had Red-breasted Nuthatch. Both rare birds for my yard and seems in keeping with the great, annual Winter Finch Forecast. Hopefully numbers of both will pick up and remain through the winter.

– Derek Courtney, Morgantown, WV, 10/24/22

With perfect conditions last night caught a record 44 Saw-whet Owls! Also caught #500 for this station, year 18. Another record is my best year (2016) caught 53 for the season; I’m at 54 now! Peak migration here is not for another week or so! Hatch-year to adults broke down 50/50. Had one bird we caught 3 times!!

Lots of heavy birds too! Only 1 male, 3 unknowns, and the rest female. Just a magical night!

– Joey Herron, Fairmont WV, banding at Valley Falls State Park, 10/28/22



“This happened this morning. Landed on Walt’s shoulder. Was there about five minutes.” - Photo by Christy Carr

INTERESTING SIGHTINGS (con.)

What are the chances of seeing two Northern Harriers in two consecutive days? Well it happened. Coming back from Winchester I decided to take Ward Clip Rd. Getting into the open area I see this bird with a white rump coming from the big field on the left, crossing the road and starting to circle over an unmowed area next to a house under construction. I got out of the car and just leaned on the rail fence and watched. This time it was a beautiful brown female. So exciting to watch even without binoculars.

There is something elegant about their movement.

After a while she moved over to the neighbor's yard, hovering very much like a kestrel, looking for rodents. Unfortunately that lawn was mowed within an inch of its life, not exactly habitat. The hawk finally landed on a small tree sticking out of some shrubs.

– Bruni Haydl, Charles Town, WV, 10/28/22

Two days ago I saw a post that Evening Grosbeaks were seen at a feeder in Randolph County. I have never had them at my feeders and heard that they prefer “shelf-type” feeders. I didn't have one of these so I built one this morning while having my coffee. I put it out right away and was thrilled to see three Purple Finches at the feeder this afternoon - my first of the year. I went outside to get a photo of the finches and just as I was getting the photo four Evening Grosbeaks appeared! How exciting! I was left out of the Evening Grosbeak irruption a couple of years ago and they were worth the wait! I hope that many others will get to see these cool birds.

– Jack O'Connell, Greenbrier County, WV, 10/28/22

On Sunday morning, David Patick, Janet Keating, Mike Griffith and I birded some of the usual spots along Rt. 2 between Green Bottom WMA and Gallipolis Ferry, mostly looking for Nelson's Sparrows (no luck there!). We were surprised to find two Soras feeding along the cattails at Ashton Ponds along with five Wilson's Snipe. This is the latest that we have seen Sora in our region (October 18 previous late date; BLORV). At Robert C. Byrd Locks & Dam, we found at least three Vesper Sparrows among the Song, Swamp and Savannah Sparrows. There was also a Green Heron at the Goose Ponds at RCBL&D, which may be the same one we have seeing the last couple of weeks. The Green Heron sighting is also a late date for our area of the state (October 29 previous late date; BLORV). Lastly, Mike spotted a beautiful male Northern Harrier at Ashton Wetlands that we watched glide around the nearby fields. There was also a nice flock of about 12+ Rusty Blackbirds feeding at the Ashton Wetlands. (BLORV - Birds of the Lower Ohio River Valley [on Brooks Bird Club website])

– Gary O. Rankin, Lavalette, WV, 10/31/22

I was birding a week ago from the car saw Ruby-crown Kinglet & Magnolia Warbler in the weeds. The Magnolia Warbler was working getting the bugs from the burdock plant and got caught in it. The warbler was hanging upside down like being caught in a mist net and could not free itself. I got out of the car to release the warbler, and it fluttered its wings and got free from the burdock plant. I wonder if I had not been there to frighten the warbler if it would have stayed stuck in the plant

This is how they came up with the idea for velcro. Looked on Google; bats, hummers and some birds can get caught in the burrs from burdock. Nasty plant for dogs, cows, horses. My first experience with birds being caught in this plant. The perils of being a bird

– Diane Holsinger, 10/31/22



Pine Warbler caught in the barn window.

– photo by Cynthia Burkhart

CORRESPONDENCE

Received a nice note from Jane Whitaker in part saying: “Whenever I get a Mailbag it brings back so many memories. I do miss not being able to get to BBC outings.

My backyard life list is about 65 birds. Although I live in the city I have a game camera on my deck aimed at my heated bird bath. Have gotten two species of fox, rabbits, opossum and raccoon. Also many interesting birds. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and tell all the BBC'ers I miss and think of them often.” – Jane

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The WV Division of Natural Resources is stocking more than 20,000 bobwhite quail this autumn at wildlife management areas across the state.

According to Gov. Jim Justice, the division has stocked more than 12,000 and will continue stocking through October, weather and habitat conditions permitting, through the governor's new quail-stocking initiative.

“I've missed these little rascals, and lots of people have,” Gov. Justice said.

“It's a bird that has been here forever, and it's wildlife we need to protect and bring back. This is a great step forward, and I'm proud to be part of this. I know it will work.”

– sent in by Jim Triplett, Charleston, WV

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Bibbee member Jim Phillips fell and broke his ankle. He'll probably be out of commission for a while. Thought everyone would want to know. Keep him in your thoughts and get well wishes. Just in case, his address is PO Box 206, Pipestem WV 25979.



– Sightings taken from
WVBird ListServ

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CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

HANDLAN CHAPTER

Jan. 7, 2023 – TENTATIVE Annual eagle count in the Hinton area, all day. Check for updates. (Tentatively, the 2nd date of the eagle watch is March 4). Contact Jim Philips if you would like to participate.

Jan. 9, 2023 – Monthly chapter meeting, South Charleston Library, 6.30 pm. Hanging Rock Bird Observatory with Dale Porter. Board meets at 6 pm. All members welcome to board meeting.

HEADQUARTERS CHAPTER

Jan. 3, 2023 – Doors open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. The program will be Jim Butler, speaking on “Birds and Wild Life in India”. Please bring a covered dish to share, and your own beverage and place setting.

Feb. 7, 2023 – Doors open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. The program will be Ryan Tomazin, presenting “Seeing Without Seeing; Hearing Without Hearing”, based on holistic birding. Please bring a covered dish to share, and your own beverage and place setting.

MOUNTWOOD CHAPTER

*January Coordinator – Pat Collins
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Jan. 12, 2023 – “The Wilds”, Ohio, all-day trip. 9:00am, WV Welcome Center, Williamstown, bring lunch.

Jan. 19, 2023 – Duck Route, Muskingum River. 8:00am, Rinky Dink’s in Marietta, bring lunch.

Jan. 26, 2023 – Open – To be determined based on recent bird sightings.

*February Coordinator – Gene Hilton
304-428-8641*

Feb. 2, 2023 – Sandy Creek Backwater & area. 9:00am, Boat ramp, Northwest Pipe Drive.

Feb. 9, 2023 – Ohio River north. 8:00am, Burger King, Rt. 68 & I-77, bring lunch.

Feb. 16, 2023 – Ohio River south. 9:00am, Park & Ride, OH Rt. 339 / Rt. 7; bring lunch.

Feb. 23-24, 2023 – Funk / Killbuck, Ohio - overnight. Details later.

March Coordinator – Dick Esker 304-863-8765

Mar. 2, 2023 – Sandy Creek Backwater & area. 9:00am. Boat ramp, Northwest Drive.

Mar. 9, 2023 – Seneca Lake, Ohio. 8:00am, WV Welcome Center, Williamstown, bring lunch.

Mar. 16, 2023 – Ohio River north. 8:00am, WV Welcome Center, Williamstown, bring lunch.

Mar. 23, 2023 – Ohio River Islands NWR. 8:00am, ORINWR Parking Lot.

Mar. 30, 2023 – McDonough Wildlife Refuge. 8:00am, McDonough parking lot.

ANNIVERSARY NOTES

This is a “For what it’s worth” note. This past weekend was the Brooks Bird Club’s 90th celebration. We were at Hawks Nest State Park. On Saturday we visited the New River Gorge NP. Jodi French-Burr was our guide and did an amazing job!

Saturday afternoon we got to go out on our own. Our car group (Alma Lowry, Ryan Tomazin, Allen and Mindy Waldron) decided we’d go to 2 of our favorite Fayette locations, the New River Bird Observatory area, and the area behind the J.W. Ruby Welcome Center.

New River Bird Observatory (Wolf Creek Park between Oak Hill and Fayetteville) is the location of our MAPS station. We had Wilson’s Snipe; Red-bellied, Downy and Pileated woodpeckers; Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, Common Raven, Cedar Waxwing, White-breasted Nuthatch, Gray Catbird, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, American Goldfinch, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Rusty Blackbirds, Yellow-rumped Warbler and a few more.

J.W. and Hazel Ruby Welcome Center is located right off of Rt. 19 south of Oak Hill. It is an open area of several thousand acres and can get quite birdy. We only stayed about one half hour and found Red-tailed Hawk, Field Sparrow, and White-crowned Sparrows. We came back on the way home on Sunday and found a large flock of American Pipits.

– Allen and Mindy Waldron, Raleigh Co., 11/1/22



The Nuttallburg Coal Tipple. Photo by Chris Slater-Jones.

BROOKS BIRD CLUB EARLY SPRING MEETING

MARCH 10-12, 2023

NORTH BEND STATE PARK

The Early Spring Meeting will be at North Bend State Park. Come and join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, programs, field trips, adventures and our board and general membership meetings. Registration and check-in time is 3:00 pm on Friday with dinner at 6:30 pm. Departure will be on Sunday after the annual membership meeting.

Evening programs look to be Nick Liadis, founder of Bird Lab, and Ross Brittain, Northern Saw-whet Owl researcher.

North Bend State Park is nestled in the north-western section of WV and is easily accessible from four-lane U.S. 50 that goes from Parkersburg to Clarksburg across north central WV.

* Driving east, take U.S. 50 to junction with WV 31 South. Take WV 31 South to Cairo and follow the signs to the park.

* Driving west, take US 50 to WV 16 at Ellenboro, then WV 16 to Harrisville and follow the signs to the park.

As last meeting, lunch on Sunday is not included since, in the past, many left before lunch. The price for the weekend has been reduced accordingly. You may still have lunch at the dining room on Sunday but you will have to pay for it separately.

Deadline for reservations is February 3, 2023

Make checks payable to **BROOKS BIRD CLUB** and mail to:

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Washington, WV 26181

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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FULL TIME – INCLUDES ALL MEALS, LODGING AND REGISTRATION

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NAME OF PERSON SHARING ROOM _____

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

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View from the Hawks Nest

The BBC spent a pleasant weekend in the southern part of the state in October, enjoying our 90th Anniversary as an organization. Story and more photos inside.

Photo by Ryan Tomazin

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