

SPRING 2017 BIRD WALKS

All walks are free and will be on Saturdays except as noted. They will only be canceled for extremely inclement weather. Bring binoculars and dress appropriately for the weather. Included are a few events sponsored by other area organizations. For more information, contact David Daniels at Cotinga747@yahoo.com or (304) 276-7127.

Mar. 18—Waterfowl Trip, Cheat Lake. 8:00 am at Ruby & Ketchy's Restaurant on Route 857 east of Cheat Lake. 7:00 am if you'd like breakfast first. Leader: Derek Courtney.

Apr. 8—Tygart Lake/Pleasant Creek Wildlife Management Area. 8:00 am at southern boat ramp parking lot at Tygart Lake Marina. For those coming from Morgantown, meet at 7:00 am at Mountaineer Mall near the water tower. Leader: Joe Hildreth.

Apr. 8—Woodcock Walk, West Virginia Botanical Garden, Tyrone Road. 7:30 pm. LeJay Graffious will lead a search for American Woodcocks displaying over the old reservoir from sunset to dusk. Come join us to witness this amazing spectacle. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. All ages. Sponsored by the West Virginia Botanical Garden. Please pre-register online at www.wvbg.org. For questions related to the WVBG, please call (304) 322-2093.

Apr. 15—Fairfax Pond-Rehe Wildlife Management Area, Reedsville area, Preston County. 8:00 am where Decker's Creek Trail crosses Route 92 just south of Reedsville. Leader: David Daniels.

Apr. 22—Prickett's Fort State Park, Fairmont. 8:00 am at rail trail parking lot next to fort. Leader: Sue Olcott. Sponsored by WV DNR and the park.

Apr. 25 (Tuesday)—Core Arboretum, Morgantown. 7:30 am at arboretum parking lot on Monongahela Boulevard. Leader: Larry Schwab. Sponsored by the arboretum.

Apr. 29—Prickett's Fort State Park, Fairmont. 8:00 am at rail trail parking lot next to fort. Leader: Sue Olcott. Sponsored by WV DNR and the park.

May 2 (Tuesday)—Core Arboretum, Morgantown. 7:30 am at arboretum parking lot on Monongahela Boulevard. Leader: LeJay Graffious. Sponsored by the arboretum.

May 6—Prickett's Fort State Park, Fairmont. 8:00 am at rail trail parking lot next to fort. Leader: Sue Olcott. Sponsored by WV DNR and the park.

May 9 (Tuesday)—Core Arboretum, Morgantown. 7:30 am at arboretum parking lot on Monongahela Boulevard. Leader: LeJay Graffious. Sponsored by the arboretum.

May 13—Cooper's Rock State Forest, Morgantown Migratory Bird Day. 7:30 am at Raven Rock Trail parking lot. Leaders: David Daniels and Sue Olcott. Other leaders TBA. Sponsored by the Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia.

May 20—Dorsey's Knob Park, Morgantown. 8:00 am at mosaic wall parking area. Leader: John Boback.

May 27—Cranesville Swamp, Preston County. Meet at 8:00 am at the parking lot just south of the Bruceton Mills exit off I-68. We will car pool from there to Cranesville Swamp where we will meet a group from the Potomac Valley Audubon Society at 8:45. Co-sponsored by Mountaineer Audubon and the Potomac Valley Audubon Society. Leaders: David Daniels and LeJay Graffious.

Jun. 10—Spring Bird Walk, West Virginia Botanical Garden, Tyrone Road. 7:30 am. Join local birder LeJay Graffious on an early morning bird walk. We will be birding by eye and ear to search in the bushes and boughs for our feathered friends. Bring binoculars if you have them. All ages. Sponsored by the West Virginia Botanical Garden. Please pre-register online at www.wvbg.org. For questions related to the WVBG, please call (304) 322-2093.