Dear DVOC Member,

Consider this an interim Larus and blame it on the fact that a birding trip will keep me out of town long enough to detain production of the next newsletter.

Before I can get another Larus into the mail, the Christmas Bird Count period will have ended. Here's a partial list of area counts and their leaders.

      WYNCOTE. Sam Jones, 215-643-0692.
      WILMINGTON. Howard Brokaw, 302-655-8076.

DEC. 16 -- BOMBAY HOOK. Winston Wayne, 302-658-0282.

DEC. 22 -- REHOBOTH. Winston Wayne, 302-658-0282.
      OCEANVILLE. Jim Meritt, 609-227-5948.

DEC. 23 -- CAPE MAY. Keith Seager, 609-884-8778.
      CAPE HENLOPEN. J. Patterson, 302-737-0478.

DEC. 28 -- OCEAN CITY, Md. Herb Cutler.

DEC. 29 -- VALLEY FORGE AUDUBON (NEW COUNT). Tom Reeves,
            215-544-4217.

DEC. 30 -- BARNEGAT. Alan Brady, 215-598-7856.
      NW GLOUCESTER COUNTY. Jim Stasz, 609-547-1749.

John LaVia sends information on upcoming programs:

DEC. 6: '"The Kites of Sanatee,'" Clay Sutton.

DEC. 20: '"Birding in Japan,'" Armas Hill.

JAN. 3: Annual Meeting and CBC Reports.

JAN. 17: '"Conquering Cutucu,'" Frank Gill and Bob Ridgely.

The next field trip is the winter Poconos trip Jan. 12 and
13. Meet at the Holiday Inn, Allentown, junction of Routes
22 and 309, Saturday, Jan. 12, at 8 a.m. $28 fee includes
lodging at Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans
Ferry, and three meals. Bring lunch for Saturday and sleep-
ing bag. For information, call Phil Street, 215-687-6542
(work) or 215-363-7776 (home).

Good birding!

Sandy Sherman
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