Dear Delaware Valley Ornithological Club member,

With the club's first centennial celebration now history, we can look forward to its bicentennial, at which time we will all be pondering the National Audubon Society's 191st annual Christmas Counts. Thanks again to all who helped make the banquet an event worthy of a first-class birding club.

And so, the seventh annual interim Larus presents a few details on this year's counts for the tristate area.


DEC. 23: BELLEPLAIN, Paul Kosten, 609-861-5827.


DEC. 29: BRIGANTINE (Oceanville), Brian Moscattello, 201-871-7226; REHOBOTH, Del., Joe Swertinski, 302-292-1592; AUDUBON (Valley Forge), Russ Swett, 215-269-9675.


JAN. 12: PHILADELPHIA COUNTY WINTER BIRD COUNT. For information, call Keith Russell, 215-844-2810.

FIELD TRIPS:

JAN. 5-6: Annual DVOC Pocono Weekend. Meet at 8 a.m. Saturday morning at the Day's Inn, Routes 309 and 22, Allentown. For information, call Phil Street, 215-647-8324.

FEB. 16-18: NEW ENGLAND for Presidents Weekend. For information, call Earl Harrison, 215-592-7950.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:


JAN. 3: Annual meeting, election of officers; refreshments served.

JAN. 17: "North American Forest Fragmentation and Its Effects on Songbirds," Dr. James Lynch, of the Smithsonian Institution's Environmental Research Center.

FEB. 7: "Birds of Big Bend National Park and West Texas," Brian Moscattello, DVOC president.


MISCELLANY: George Reynard has done a magnificent job in creating a three-cassette club history of birders and birds. It is available for $10 at meetings or directly from George. For information, call him at 609-827-1421. Till the spring Larus, good birding and happy holidays.

Sandy Sherman
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