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Eastern Bird Banding Association

Founded 1923

EBBA Annual Conference April 11,12,13, 1997 Cape Charles, Virginia

This year's annual conference will be held in a unique natural wonderland. Cape Charles is best described as a "Cape May" without the development. With a natural necklace of barrier islands, the Eastern Shore of Virginia terminates at Cape Charles. Here the waters of the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay blend their respective treasures. Cape Charles is also a migratory bottleneck second to none.

The conference will be hosted by the Sunset Beach Inn. The Inn has a private white sand beach on the Chesapeake Bay and is noted for spectacular sunsets. This property adjoins the Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge. There is a good restaurant and lounge on site. For those who might prefer to bring an RV, Sunset Beach Inn also has an RV campground with full hook-ups (including satellite TV) available on the property. The lobby has a gift shop stocked with Eastern Shore gifts and birding merchandise. There is even a boat ramp available to guests of the Inn providing access to the Bay and the Atlantic.

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN LODGING ARRANGEMENTS

Sunset Beach Inn 1(800) 899- 4SUN, (757) 331- 4SUN Prices based on double occupancy.
Queen \$39.95, twin doubles \$49.95, king \$39.95 additional persons \$5.00.

Days Inn Cape Charles (757) 331-1000 Distance from conference: approximately 2.5 miles.
Restaurant (serving breakfast and dinner), lounge and 102 rooms.
Rates = \$34.00 - \$54.00 dbl. with additional persons \$5.00.

Peacock Motor Inn 1(800) 292-9764, (757) 331-2121

An older motel located 6 miles north of the conference site on route 13. Within one block of the "Cape Center," a local restaurant noted for its excellent food. Rates \$38.00 dbl.

Rittenhouse Motor Lodge (757) 331-2768

Another small (13 rooms) motel located approximately 7 miles north of the conference on route 13. Beautifully landscaped with a small stream on the property - all under a canopy of mature loblolly pines. Good birding outside your door. Rates \$49.93 - \$58.59.

CAMPING



Kiptopeke State Park

A 375 acre park on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay with a well-kept campground. Tent sites are \$14.00, RV with water and electric \$18.00 and RV with full hook-ups \$20.00 (price includes satellite TV hook-ups). Nice trails with elevated boardwalks over the dune areas. Good birding with nearly a mile of beach frontage. **1-800 933-PARK**

Bed & Breakfasts

Located in the town of Cape Charles approximately 10 miles north of the conference.

Cape Charles House.....	(757) 331- 4920
Sea Gate B & B.....	(757) 331- 2206
Sunset Inn B & B.....	(757) 331- 3113
Nottingham Ridge.....	(757) 331- 1010
Picketts Harbor B&B.....	(757) 331- 2212

Points of Interest

This area is rich with sites you might want to include in your travel plans. Maybe the conference could be part of a family vacation. Here are a few spots you may want to consider:

Colonial Williamsburg.....	1(800)-HISTORY
Virginia Beach.....	1(800)-VABEACH
Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.....	(757)-336-6122
Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge.....	(757)-1331-2760
Norfolk Naval Base (free tours of ships)	
Yorktown	
Virginia Marine Museum (just south of Virginia Beach)	

How to Get There

From the north: You may take I-95(quickest) or route 13 (most scenic). Sunset Beach Inn is located on route 13 just north of the toll booths for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. If traveling I-95, exit onto 1-295 just north of Richmond. Then take I-64 east toward Virginia Beach. After crossing the Hampton Roads Tunnel proceed approximately ten miles and exit onto route 13 north. This will take you to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (\$10.00 toll). This bridge is 17.6 miles long! The Sunset Beach Inn is located on the left just past the toll plaza.

From the west: I-64 to route 13 north. Then follow the directions as listed above.

From the south: I-95 to Emporia, Virginia, turn east onto route 58. Follow route 58 to I-64 toward Virginia Beach. Exit onto route 13 north (beyond the VA Beach exits) and then follow the directions as listed above.

Air Connections



Norfolk International Airport is the most convenient airport. NIA is located only 9 miles from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

EBBA Speakers

The following is a partial list of this year's program.

1. David M. Whalen *Autumnn Migration Of Northern Saw-whet Owls on the Lower Delmarva Peninsula.*
2. Michael D. Wilson *Autumn Migration of Bicknell's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes at Kiptopeke, Virginia.*
3. Don Schwab *Banding in the Dismal Swamp.*
4. Don Schwab *Passerine Banding at Kiptopeke.*
5. Brian Sullivan *Raptor Counts - Coordinated Efforts.*
6. Don Patterson *Migratory Bird Investigations.*
7. Steve Cardano *Ospreys on the Patuxant River.*
8. Fred Atwood *A Bird Banding Station in New Guinea.*
9. Gary Constanzo *Waterfowl Diseases in the Chesapeake.*
- IO. Tony Quezon, Mark Tashiro *Cyber Birds -Internet Sites for Birders and Banders*
11. BBL Representative *Annual Bird Banding Laboratory Report*
12. Carla Dove, Smithsonian Institute, National Museum of Natural History, Division of Birds
Banquet Program Speaker

***The Bucket Raffle will be coordinated by Alan & Carol Gehret (610) 287-4490.
Please notify them in advance if you have a donation.***

Field trips

Palagic Trip: Travel off shore from Virginia Beach to view some very special species. Cost additional. Seats limited. Advanced reservations required. Contact **Earl Hodnett (703) 239-1206** for further details.

Field Trip to Dismal Swamp by Don Schwab 10 people max.

Birds of the Coastal Marsh Canoe Trip led by Kiptopeke State Park staff. Seats limited. Reservations required. Contact **Earl Hodnett (703) 239-1206**.

Spring Migration Count will be in progress at Kiptopeke State Park. Visitors and assistance welcome!

Other Field Trips To Be Announced

Please return the enclosed registration form as soon as possible.

