



## **FALL MIGRATION HAWK WATCH EASTERN SHORE OF VIRGINIA NWR-KIPTOPEKE, CHINCOTEQUE-SEPTEMBER 26-30, 2012.**

Imagine a place where you can see 200 migrating songbirds, hold a Black-throated Blue Warbler in your hand, while kettles of raptors fly high overhead. Start every morning like Christmas where surprises await for you at the bird banding station run by the Coastal Virginia Wildlife Observatory like Hooded Warbler and Yellow-breasted Chat which you can hold in your hands. Plunge into excellent birding sites such as Chincoteague National Park, Assateague National Seashore, Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge and numerous other hot spots. Kiptopeke State Park will be a focus where there is a national Hawk Watch site and also has an excellent raptor banding station. Along with some great birds such as Black Tern and Green-winged Teal will be the famous wild ponies at Chincoteque. We will visit numerous other sites such as Wallis Wharf, Eyrehall, and Eastern Shore NWR. It has all the birds and excitement of Cape May with one tenth of the people, plus delicious Maryland Crab cakes, southern hospitality and seafood. We will be staying in Cape Charles historical cottage enjoying early fall, searching for great birds and experiencing Virginian southern charm.

### **TRIP INCLUDES**

- \*5 days of expert birding**
- \*Instruction in advanced birding skills and resources focusing on hawk i.d.**
- \*Van transportation to all sites and park admission fees**
- \*4 nights in Cape Charles cottage**
- \*4 breakfasts**
- \*3 lunches**

**COST-\$895 not including airfare**

**(\*\*For a full description of a past trips [www.birdadventure.com/virginia](http://www.birdadventure.com/virginia))**



### **WEDNESDAY-9/26**

**Travel Day to Eastern Shore. Ft. Lauderdale group fly into Norfolk**

**If time birding on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.**

**Evening arrival at Cape Charles. Dinner at Famous Stringrays**

## **THURSDAY-9/27-Kiptopeke State Park & Eastern Shore N.W.R.**

### **Breakfast**

**Kiptopeke State Park early morning fly-in bird banding station**

([www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/kip.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/kip.shtml)) [www.cvwo.org](http://www.cvwo.org)

**Butterfly Garden area for songbirds**

**Baywood Trail looking for woodpeckers and migrating species**

**Hawk Watch to search for migrating raptors ([www.cvwo.org](http://www.cvwo.org))**

**Lunch at Kiptopeke State Park**

**Eastern Shore National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center & trail**

(<http://www.gov/northeast/easternshore/>)

**Marsh trail to estuary overlook & observation deck**

**Walk to boat channel to search for Black Duck, Clapper Rails**



**Kiptopeke Songbird Banding** In the past 30 years, more than a quarter of a million birds have been banded at Kiptopeke State Park to increase our understanding of these migrants and their travels. This program begins at the Birding Staging Shelter and involves a short walk on a level grass trail. [www.cvwo.org](http://www.cvwo.org)

**Kiptopeke Hawk Observatory** Raptors, such as eagles, hawks and falcons, migrate down the Eastern Shore in great numbers. Since 1977, more than 500,000 raptors have been recorded flying over Kiptopeke State Park.

**Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge Wise Point Hike** Explore the peninsula's tip from the pine forest on the Refuge to the beach near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Wise Point is the area where many migrating neotropical species and monarch butterflies stop and refuel before crossing the Bay or flying to Central or South America

## **FRIDAY-9/28 Chincoteague National Park, Assateague National Seashore- schedule may vary based on tide-drive north**

### **Breakfast**

**Stop along estuary marsh**

**Chincoteague National Park Visitor Center-introduction to park, pineland**

(<http://www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco/>)

**Woodland Trail-Brown-headed Nuthatch**

**Lunch (provided)**

**Swan Pool estuary for shorebirds, Black Tern, waterfowl, shorebirds**

**Assateague National Seashore-look for beach shorebirds, gulls, and terns.**

(<http://www.nps.gov/asis>)

**Chincoteague Wildlife Drive-waterfowl and shorebirds, Horses?**

**Dinner at a seafood restaurant and sweet potato biscuits**



## **SATURDAY-9/29**

### **Breakfast**

**Kiptopeke State Park early morning fly in-bird banding station**

### **Oyster Harbor**

**Willis Wharf Estuary picnic lunch at Wallis Wharf**

**Eyre Hall-Flycatchers and songbirds**

**Cape Charles birding spots (CES 05)**

**Cape Charles Museum, fishing jetty, harbor, beach, and more**

**Happy Hour-gazebo, beachside Cape Charles**

**Eyre Hall-Eyre Hall, a bayside tract of more than 600 acres on Cherrystone Creek, has impressive habitat diversity. You will see open fields, mature forests, freshwater marshes and ponds, tidal mud flats, open saltwater and beaches. Eyre Hall was built in 1760 by the five-times great-grandfather of the present owners on land he acquired in 1750.**

## **SUNDAY-9/28**

### **Breakfast**

**Last bird banding trip to Kiptopeke and Butterfly Garden walk**

**Chesapeake Bay-Bridge Tunnel-gulls, pelagics, and migrants**

### **Lunch**

**First Landing/Seashore State Park-migrants, shorebirds if time**

**Airport fly out**

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**DEPOSIT OF \$450 DUE BY JULY 15<sup>th</sup>. FINAL PAYMENT DUE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>.  
5 people required for trip.**

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Thanks!!**

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