



Become a Bird Sleuth at New Quarter Park this fall

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Come to New Quarter Park on four Saturdays this fall and have fun outdoors while looking for birds.

Bird Sleuth, a program for 9- to 12-year-olds, will be held on four Saturdays – September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12 – from 8 to 10 a.m., to coincide with the regular second Saturday Williamsburg Bird Club walks at the park.

Kids will learn how to identify the most frequently observed birds by sounds, silhouettes, and behaviors. Each session will involve looking for birds, recording the species of birds seen, and recording bird observations online at eBird, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's largest citizen science program Web site.

Bird Sleuth program participants will also have an opportunity to participate in the Williamsburg Bird Club's Christmas Bird Count, to be held on December 20, with members of the Williamsburg Bird Club. Bird Sleuth will be taught by certified Virginia Master Naturalists (Historic Rivers Chapter) and members of the Williamsburg Bird Club.

All participants should bring a bird guide and binoculars if they have them. A limited number of guides and binoculars will be available to borrow. Register for Bird Sleuth by calling York County Parks and Recreation at 890-3500. Adults may participate too, but they must be accompanied by a 9- to 12-year-old student.



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