

## Miscellanea

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## Obituary

John B. Bazuin, Jr. (1947-2016)

John B. Bazuin, Jr., of Annandale, Virginia, a longtime member of the Virginia Natural History Society (joined in 1994), died of pneumonia on 27 January 2016 at the age of 68. He is survived by two sisters, three nieces, two great-nieces, and a great-nephew. John was born on 20 August 1947 in Washington, DC and grew up in Great Falls, VA. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in biology from the University of Virginia in 1969 and 1976, respectively. John spent most of his career as a pesticide action reviewer for the US Environmental Protection Agency, retiring in 2010. His previous positions included serving as an observer on Japanese long-line tuna boats to monitor compliance, record catch totals, and document sightings of marine mammals and turtles.

John had broad interests in natural history and was also a longtime member of several other societies, including the Virginia Society of Ornithology (member since 1973; society president, 1989-1991), Virginia Herpetological Society (member since at least 1979), Virginia Native Plant Society, Audubon Naturalist Society, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the Hawk Migration Association of North America. He was also interested in Civil War history and archaeology, and served as a volunteer for surface surveys and excavations at several prehistoric sites in eastern Virginia.

John was well-known among Virginia's birding community. He participated in many surveys and counts spanning several decades and frequently submitted observations that were included in state or regional compilations published in *American Birds*, *National Audubon Society Field Notes*, *North American Birds*, *The Raven*, and *Virginia Birds*. John led numerous birding field trips in Virginia and was a volunteer steward at the Bethel Beach Natural Area Preserve in Mathews County.

John published at least the following papers or notes related to Virginia's natural history:

1980. Some noteworthy bird records from Louisa County, Virginia, from 1974 to 1979. *Raven* 51(4): 59-64.

1983. Reptiles and amphibians of the dioritic section of the Green Springs igneous intrusion, Louisa County, Virginia. *Catesbeiana* 3(1): 13-16.

1990. Upland Sandpipers in northern Loudoun County, Virginia - history and 1989 research. *Raven* 61(2): 55-65.

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1991. Northern Harrier. Pp. 496-497 *In* K. Terwilliger (coordinator), *Virginia's Endangered Species: Proceedings of a Symposium*. McDonald and Woodward Publishing Company, Blacksburg, VA.

1991. Upland Sandpiper. Pp. 504-505 *In* K. Terwilliger (coordinator), *Virginia's Endangered Species: Proceedings of a Symposium*. McDonald and Woodward Publishing Company, Blacksburg, VA.

1992. The Wilson's Storm-Petrel in Chesapeake Bay. *Raven* 63(1): 3-14.

1992. The Jackson Miles Abbott Wetland Refuge. *Raven* 63(2): 103-104.

1994. Field Notes: *Gastrophryne carolinensis* (Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toad). *Catesbeiana* 14(1):13.

1997. Eastern Narrow-mouthed Toads (*Gastrophryne carolinensis*) in Mathews County, Virginia. *Catesbeiana* 17(1):17-20.

1997. Site 15. Lake Anna, Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Orange counties. Pp. 117-119 *In* D. W. Johnston (compiler), *A Guide to Bird Finding in Virginia*. American Birding Association, Inc., Colorado Springs, CO.

1998. First Herring Gull nest on the Virginia Western Shore. *Raven* 69(1): 39-43.

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