To all participants in HRBC bird walks and field trips

As we move toward another year of the Hampton Roads Bird Club’s activities in the field, a new set of requirements will take effect immediately for the safety, well-beginning, and peace of mind of all participants. All Sunday Walks and Field Trips will be limited to a group size that can follow a minimum 6-foot social distancing. Therefore, the size of the group will be proportional to the ability for members to spread out, but will not exceed 8 persons. If more than 8 persons are present, the group will be divided to ensure spacing requirements. A face covering is required while recreating on all trips. Participants will be required to wear it whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained. Whereas in the past we encouraged carpooling, sharing equipment, and a glance through a friend’s scope, NO materials will be shared on future trips. Failing to comply with social distancing guidelines, small group sizes, wearing a mask, and no sharing will cause the walk or field trip to be canceled on the spot.

The Hampton Roads Bird Club takes the responsibility for providing safe interactions seriously. With the paramount need of all parties to be proactive and mindful of the overall health of membership and participants, these measures must be in place.

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