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Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

With the recent warm weather and fitness resolutions for the new year, many people are sharing the Wallops roadway with vehicles. This Safety section of this months newsletter focuses on Vehicle & Pedestrian Safety.

SECURITY/SAFETY POLICIES & PRACTICES:

1. PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS: You are reminded that any pedestrian approaching or in a crosswalk has the right of way and drivers must come to a complete stop.



2. CENTER SPEED LIMITS: At Wallops there are various speed limits. However, no speed limit is higher than 40mph on either the Main Base of Wallops Island or the causeway. Drivers therefore, must be aware of and obey posted speed limits while traveling in any of these areas.

3. STOP SIGNS: State vehicle laws mandate a complete stop at stop signs and red lights.

4. PARKING RESTRICTIONS: Parking is not authorized in fire/safety areas at any time. Fire/safety areas, loading docks and spaces reserved for persons with disabilities are subject to enforcement 24 hours a day. Other reserved and timed spaces are subject to enforcement during regular duty hours (6:00am- 7:00pm Monday through Friday). Timed spaces are intended to be used by individuals visiting a building, not by the building's occupants and never should be used to park a car longer than the time marked on the ground.

5. MANDATORY SEAT BELT USE: State law requires the use of seatbelts by all occupants of a motor vehicle during operation.

6. DISPLAY OF NASA/GSFC BADGES: Employees and visitors are required to prominently display their NASA or GSFC badge at or above the waistline while on the Center.



7. CELL PHONE USE AND TEXTING WHILE DRIVING: NASA Procedural Requirement 8715, Subject: NASA General Safety Program Requirements, states that employees shall not use hand-held communication devices while the vehicle is in motion. The only exception to this is for emergency, security, and fire vehicles during official operation. This definition of hand-held devices includes; cell phones, UHF radios, or other hand-held wireless communication devices.

8. PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE RESTRICTIONS: Pedestrians and bicycles are not permitted on the runways or the causeway bridge. Bicycles must adhere to the same policies and practices as vehicles.



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 **BIRD STUDIES**
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The Great Backyard Bird Count

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Art by Charley Harper

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free, fun, and easy event that creates a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Anyone can participate anywhere. All data submitted during the GBBC is used by researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society.

- **Count birds anywhere** you like for at least 15 minutes. Keep track of the numbers and species of birds you see and how long you watched.
- **Make your best estimate** of how many birds you saw of each species. Huge flocks may be a challenge, but your best guess is still valuable.
- **Enter your list (s) online** at <http://www.birdcount.org> Add a new checklist for each new day, new location or if you counted again at a different time at the same location or on the same day.

Bird populations are always shifting and changing. For example, 2014 GBBC data highlighted a large increase of Snowy Owls across the northeastern, mid-Atlantic and Great Lakes regions of the United States.

Source: <http://www.birdcount.org>

Tricky Bird Identifications

Is it a Black-capped or a Carolina Chickadee?



These species are very similar and can be confusing for eastern bird watchers to identify. The ranges of these species do not overlap much, so for most people a quick look at the range map will show which species is likely to occur.

Woodpeckers with Red Heads



1. Northern Flicker, 2. Pileated Woodpecker, 3. Red-headed Woodpecker



Ask the Inspector

Dear Sherlock,
If I don't have a hazardous waste sticker and I need to label a hazardous waste container, what should I do? Signed, Sticker Less

Dear Sticker Less,
You can write the words "Hazardous Waste" on the container with a marker or grease crayon. Write words to identify the contents on the container also and call x1718 to request a sticker.

Biobased and Recycled Content Purchasing Information Due January 15, 2016

If you or anyone in your organization requested or purchased items on the list at <http://www3.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/tools/cpg/products/index.htm> or <http://www.biopreferred.gov/BioPreferred/> please provide the information to Marianne Simko at Marianne.F.Simko@nasa.gov by January 15. For more information refer to the Safety and Environmental newsletter December issue or call Marianne Simko at x2127 or Kelly Busquets at x2041.