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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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### **Blackwater NWR Holds Bird Walks Highlighting Fall Migration**

There are several bird walks scheduled for the fall of 2007 at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge highlighting the migratory birds. Whether you are a novice bird watcher or a seasoned veteran, you will not want to miss the opportunity to observe and identify the diverse array of fall migrants, from warblers and wading birds to numerous species of waterfowl and raptors, including the bald eagle.

The next bird walk will be held on Saturday, October 6 at 8:00 a.m. with experienced birder Terry Allen. Other bird walks will be led by veteran birders Harry Armistead, Shirley Bailey, and Norm Saunders. Participants will meet at the Blackwater NWR Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. for each bird walk, which usually lasts 3 to 4 hours. The schedule will be as follows:

Saturday	October 6	Terry Allen
Saturday	October 20	Shirley Bailey
Sunday	October 21	Norm Saunders
Sunday	October 28	Harry Armistead
Saturday	November 3	Shirley Bailey
Saturday	November 10	Terry Allen
Sunday	November 18	Norm Saunders
Sunday	November 25	Harry Armistead
Saturday	December 1	Terry Allen
Sunday	December 9	Harry Armistead
Sunday	December 16	Norm Saunders

Bring your binoculars and bird guide. The birding party usually car pools, stopping at various points around the refuge's Wildlife Drive. There is no fee for this activity.

\*Note: Please include these dates in your activities calendar! Thanks!