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Birding Region: Cypress & Pine

Site #24: Nanticoke Wildlife Area & Chapel Branch

3 miles SW of Seaford (302) 539-3160
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The Nanticoke River, which runs southwest from Seaford into Maryland and empties into the Chesapeake Bay, is bordered by several rich forest areas. Three recommended spots are along Chapel Branch, the Woodland Ferry area, and the woods surrounding the boat ramp at Phillips Landing.

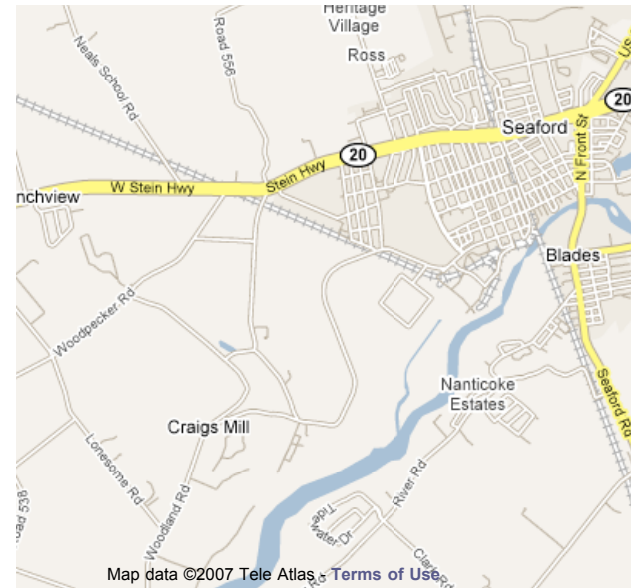
The woods near the confluence of Chapel Branch and the Nanticoke River are cited by local birders as the best location near Seaford for finding migrant songbirds and also boasts a rich assortment of breeding species. Two loop trails and several side trails offer a variety of options for walking. The large trees just before and on the hill after the boardwalk are especially worth checking.

Three miles southwest of Chapel Branch, the Woodland Ferry dock provides a place to scan the river for waterbirds. Just beyond the ferry, Woodland Church Road enters a nice patch of riverside forest for the next mile. When the small cable ferry at Woodland is running, it offers a fun, alternative route between Chapel Branch and Phillips Landing area, on the south side of the Nanticoke. The boat launch there is also surrounded by good quality forest. . . [Click to Continue](#)

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