



**Talbot County Chapter
Maryland Ornithological Society
Schedule Spring 2015**



- Sunday, Jan. 4 Rare bird chase. Respond to rare bird alerts.
Call Les Roslund (410-763-8169) to report target bird(s) and locale.
Leader: Dave Palmer (410-829-3376)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
- Sunday, Jan. 11 Eastern Talbot Fields & Landings
There are birds in those apparently bare winter fields and lots to see at
the landings along the Choptank. Half day trip.
Leader: Charles Hopkins (410-763-8742)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM
- Sunday, Jan. 18 Caroline County/Ridgely Fields. Annual winter trip in search of Snow
Buntings, Lapland Longspurs and larks.
Leader: Danny Poet (410-827-8651)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM OR meet leader at Route 50
& Route 404 Park-and-Ride lot at 7:20AM.
Soup and Coffee Brunch hosts: Les & Joan Coble.
- Sunday, Jan. 25 Pickering Creek Audubon Center. Expect a variety of sparrows,
wintering waterfowl and possibly the return of a golden eagle.
Leader: Dave Palmer (410-829-3376)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM OR meet at Pickering Creek
parking lot at 7:20AM.
- Sunday, Feb. 1 Cambridge waterfront & Dorchester County
Leader: Dave Bent (410-822-2133)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM
- Sunday, Feb. 8 Ocean City and environs for Harlequin Duck, Eiders, Gannet, Purple
Early Departure Sandpiper, Razorbill, Willet, Peregrine possible. Trip with MOS Youth.
6:30AM Leader: Wayne Bell (410-820-6002) **Depart Easton Acme parking lot**
6:30AM. Meet leader at Ocean City Inlet, South jetty parking lot at
8:00AM. Bring lunch. Soup, drinks and warmth provided at trip
leader's condo at noon. Return to Easton 5-6:00PM.
- Monday, Feb. 9 Meeting: Program To Be Announced
7:00PM at Bayleigh Chase (aka William Hill Manor Auditorium) 501
Dutchman's Lane, Easton.

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- Sunday, Feb. 15 Oxford & environs. When ducks begin migrating northward the water around Oxford always holds interest for what may be found. The banks along the waterfront allow potentially fine views when the winds are calm. Land birding, especially fields outside of town, sometimes yields winter birds such as Horned Lark and Pipits.
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM
Leader: Tom Corl (202-215-1684) & Les Coble (410-820-6165)
- Sunday, Feb. 22 Wye Island. In search of waterfowl, sparrows, and possible early migrants.
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM **OR** meet Danny at the Wye Island Bridge at 7:30 A.M.
Leader: Danny Poet (401-827-8651).
- Sunday, Mar. 1 Dorchester County. Our itinerary will be dictated in part by any rarities that might be present in Dorchester County. It could take us to Hooper's Island, Toddville, or Elliott's Island. High rafts of Redheads, a few Long-billed Dowitchers, a Rough-legged Hawk or two, and perhaps an American Bittern would make for a nice afternoon. We will stay afield late enough look for Short-eared Owls and Black-crowned Night Herons, and to listen for rails. Dinner afterwards in Cambridge is optional. Noon departure.
Depart Acme parking lot at Noon
Leader: Wayne Bell (410-820-6002)
- Sunday, Mar. 8 Casson's Neck Dorchester County. Home of the Wests. Bird their 100+ acres with a mix of open fields and pastures, over a mile of waterfront, marsh, hedgerows and forests. We should get a nice variety of birds.
Early Departure 6:30AM
NOTE: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
Leader: Terry Allen (410-829-5840)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot 6:30 A.M.
Daylight Saving Time begins.
- Monday, Mar. 9 Meeting. 7:00PM at Bayleigh Chase Auditorium (aka William Hill Manor Auditorium), 501 Dutchman's Lane, Easton. Speaker & subject to be announced.
- Sunday, Mar. 15 Southern Dorchester County and unexplored areas of Blackwater NWR for eagles, harriers, sparrows and possibly a short-eared owl or two.
Leader: Dave Palmer (410-829-3376)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
- Sunday, Mar. 22 Easton Waste Water Treatment Plant & environs
Leaders: Paul & Priscilla Thut (410-745-6657)
Breakfast hosts: Terry & Patty Allen & Savana
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.

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- Sunday, Mar. 29 Southwestern Caroline County in and around the village of Choptank. Views over the Choptank River can be rewarding in early spring for waterfowl and unusual gulls. Will visit Poplar neck Marsh for marsh birds and sparrows.
Leader: Dave Palmer (410-829-3376)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
- Sunday, Apr. 5 Urban Birding: We will again (our 7th year) bird the variety of habitats around the Target Shopping Center as well as nearby locations in search of wintering birds and early spring migrants. Every year we have seen our FOY Rough-winged Swallows on this trip. We will scan fields, open water, tidal guts, wood margins and hedgerows for early arriving migrants as well as wintering birds.
Easter Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
Leader: Terry Allen (410-829-5840)
- Sunday, April 12 Belt Woods, Old growth forest in Prince Georges County. Property
Reservation Required protected in Maryland Wildlands program. Chan Robbins was studying forest interior dwelling birds on this property in 1947.
Bird club leader: Cathy Cooper (410-822-3451) **Reservation Required**
Leader at the site is the property manager.
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
- Monday, Apr. 13 Meeting. 7:00PM at Bayleigh Chase (aka William Hill Manor)
Auditorium, 501 Dutchman's Lane, Easton. Program TBA
- Sunday, Apr. 19 East of Route 50 in search of arriving northbound transient species in forested bottomlands in close proximity to Easton.
Leader: Jan Reese (410-745-2875)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7:00AM
- Saturday, April 25** Smith Island excursion. Arrangements through Delmarva Birding
Depart 8:00 AM Weekend. Terry can answer questions.
from Leader: Terry Allen (410-829-5840) pattyallen10@hotmail.com.
Crisfield dock Cost to be determined, includes crab cake lunch. All Day trip 8:00AM-4:00PM. Depart Somer's Cove Marina in Crisfield at 8:00 AM; travel across Tangier Sound and make stops on Smith Island at the villages of Ewell and Tylerton to bird and take in the sights. Always a nice mix of waterbirds, herons, egrets, Brown Pelicans and a few migrant songbirds. Directions and more information will follow via our listserv.

- Sunday, Apr. 26 Hope House Farm. This property provides a mixed habitat of forest, forest edge, fields and tidal waterfront. We will be looking for new spring arrivals including thrush species, flycatchers and orioles. Numerous sparrows should be present, and the property provides nesting sites for a full range of woodpeckers. Lingering waterfowl may be seen on the broad reach of water that can be viewed. Raptors may also be around, especially nesting Eagles and Osprey.
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
Leader: Les Roslund (410-763-8169)
Breakfast hosts: Carolyn and Les Roslund
- Sunday, May 3 Annual spring trip to the Pocomoke Swamp. We will bird the edge of the Nassawango Creek Preserve along Johnson Rd. in search of migrant and resident songbirds with a focus on wood warblers. This location yields an average of 14-17 species of warblers, as well as vireos, tanagers, Indigo Buntings, Blue Grosbeaks and Red-shouldered Hawk. ALL DAY TRIP. Bring lunch, drinks and snacks.
Early Departure 6:30 AM
Leader: Terry Allen (410-829-5840)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 6:30AM.
- Sunday, May 10 Millington WMA. Prime migration location; possibly 12-15 warbler species (incl. Hooded & Kentucky), vireos, thrushes, flycatchers
Mother's Day
Leader: Vince DeSanctis (410-886-2009)
Depart Easton Acme 6:30AM
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- May 15 – 17 Annual Meeting Maryland Ornithological Society in Hagerstown
- Sunday, May 17 Bombay Hook - One of the highlights of the birding year. Over 100 species possible. Full day trip, bring lunch & insect repellent.
Depart Easton Acme 6:30AM
Leader: Charles Hopkins (410-763-8742)
Depart Easton Acme parking lot 6:30AM
- Sunday, May 24 North Dorchester County (N.Tara Road, Hurlock area) Chesapeake Forest/Brookview, Dorchester Co. Previous trips produced 70+ species,
Depart Easton Acme 6:30AM
Early departure 6:30 AM.
Leader: Dave Bent
- Sunday, May 31 Governor Bridge Natural Area in Prince Georges County
Leader: Vince DeSanctis
Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.

Sunday June 7

Tuckahoe: Nesting birds of field and woodland, and the ever-present chance of a late migrant, make this walk at Caroline County's premier State Park a morning of "what is around the next corner?" We will search different areas of the wooded sections, both near the Creek and upland adjacent the fields.

Leader: Les Coble (410-820-6165)

Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.

Our *Monday evening meetings* begin at 7:00PM with the scheduled program and Q and A with the speaker and then are followed by a business meeting. We meet in the auditorium at Bayleigh Chase (aka William Hill Manor) at 501 Dutchman's Lane in Easton. William Hill Manor is on Dutchman's Lane between Route 50 and South Washington Street, on the north side of the street. Drive in the main entrance off Dutchman's Lane and bear right in front of the main building.

All of our walks, trips and meetings are free and open to the public. A \$3 donation is suggested at each hosted breakfast. When carpooling on out of county/state trips, please offer to help with the cost of gas.

The Talbot e-mail birding hotline keeps members informed of sightings, regional rare bird alerts, and special announcements. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to Les (lroslund@bluecrab.org). Send bird sightings or bird alerts directly to Les. Website: <http://www.mdbirds.org/about/chapters/talbot.html>

We are grateful to all landowners who have embraced our love of this region's wonderful array of resident and migratory birds and have invited us to enjoy them on their private properties.

Talbot Chapter Officers

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"Every Day a Bluebird Day"