



MOS Calendar
Sep - Oct 2017
By Marilyn Veek

Friday, September 1

ANNUAL BIRDSEED SALE. Talbot. The sale opens, with a portion of proceeds going to Pickering Creek Audubon Center. Orders due by October 1; local pick up at Pickering Creek in mid-October. Contact Wayne Bell, 410-820-6002, wbell2@washcoll.edu, for price list and details.

Saturday, September 2

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Kinder Farm Park. Alan and Susan Young will lead this monthly trip. The park has a lot of trails and diverse habitat with fields and wooded areas to explore. Alan produced a checklist of the birds of the park, and walks and explores this area regularly. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at the Park. Contact leaders Alan and Susan Young, 410-991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com.

♣ **Carroll.** Morgan Run South. Moderate hike. We'll look for early migrants. 8 AM (half day). Meet at the parking lot at the end of Ben Rose Lane. Contact Bill Ellis, 443-520-8809.

♣ **Cecil.** Turkey Point Migrants and Hawk Watch Kickoff. Join us for the traditional kick-off to the annual Turkey Point Hawk Watch, which runs every day from Labor Day weekend through Thanksgiving. Walk through the woods and fields for migrant songbirds, including early warblers. Be prepared for a round-trip hike to the Point, a distance of about two miles. The pace will be leisurely. Most of the walking is on a gravel road with good footing, but there are a few hilly sections. Wear comfortable shoes/boots for walking. Bring drinks and/or snacks. Sunscreen and bug spray are strongly recommended. 7 AM (half day). Meet at the Turkey Point parking lot. Leader Sean "Bird Dog" McCandless, seanmccandless1@gmail.com.

♣ **Kent.** Bombay Hook NWR. The salt marshes of Delaware Bay host large numbers of herons, shorebirds, waterfowl, gulls, and raptors, while

there may be warblers and other migrants in roadside thickets. Bring lunch. 8 AM. Meet at Dollar General parking lot off Philosopher's Terrace, Chestertown. If you have questions, contact trip leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Fran Uhler Natural Area. Monthly walk. 7:30 AM. Meet at east end of Lemon's Bridge Rd, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton, kiwisuits@msn.com.

Sunday, September 3

♣ **Caroline.** Bird Walk at Tuckahoe SP. 8 AM. Meet at Queen Anne's side parking lot near boat ramp. Leader Danny Poet, birder231@hotmail.com.

♣ **Howard.** Dick Smith Memorial Butterfly Walk. Enjoy searching for late-summer butterflies with instruction on their identification. Easy walking on mowed paths around the community garden plots and Elkhorn meadow. We will continue on paved paths and mowed areas near the right-of-way alongside open, flowery wet meadows and brushy hillsides. Bring close-focus binoculars to view nectaring behavior. Cancelled if raining or overcast. No facilities. 9:30 AM, 2-3 hours. Meet at Elkhorn Garden Plots, Oakland Mills Rd opposite Dasher Ct. Leader Linda Hunt, raven10322@hotmail.com.

♣ **Talbot.** Tilghman Island. We will bird the Fairbanks and Black Walnut Point Road areas in search of late nesting species, plus early arriving southbound transient warblers, swallows, flycatchers, and vireos. 7:30 AM. Meet at the north end of the Black Walnut Point Rd parking lot. Leaders Vince DeSanctis, 410-886-2009, Jeff Effinger, 410-443-5016, and/or Jan Reese 410-745-2875.

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

♣ **Harford.** Ma & Pa Trail. Stroll a portion of this popular trail, walking from Annie's Playground towards Tollgate Rd in search of early migrants and local residents. The diverse habitats along the way promise a good variety of species. 7 AM. Meet at the parking lot near Annie's Playground on Smith Ln off Connolly Rd in Fallston. Leader Elaine Beery, ehbeery@yahoo.com or 410-272-6037.

Tuesday, September 5

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Leader Marty Brazeau, 410-440-1128 or tropicbirder56@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Baltimore.** Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. *Jim Meyers* on "Fall Hawk Migration in Baltimore." Jim is coordinator of the fall Hawk Watch at Cromwell Valley Park. Cromwell has become one of the premier hawk-watching sites in the Mid-Atlantic states; it is particularly notable for high counts of Broad-winged Hawks. Doors open at 7 PM for socializing and snacks, lecture starts about 7:20 PM.

Wednesday, September 6

♣ **Baltimore.** First Wednesday Walk at Fort McHenry. One of a series of morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. 8 AM (half day). Meet outside of park front gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

♣ **Baltimore.** Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry. Part of a series of evening bird walks at the Fort and wetland. Telescope may be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 6-8 PM. Meet outside of park front gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Joe Supik, 443-417-5015.

MEETING. **Carroll.** "The Maryland Bird Conservation Initiative" by *Chris Eberly*. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Center in Westminster. Contact Don Jewell, jewelldg@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Cecil.** Speaker TBA. 7-8:30 PM. Senior Center, Cecil County Admin Bldg, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton. For more information, contact Maryanne Dolan, maryanne.dolan@gmail.com.

Thursday, September 7

MEETING. **Frederick.** *Chris Eberly* will discuss the work of the Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership in identifying and prioritizing bird conservation needs and opportunities within Maryland. 7 PM at Homewood at Cruiland Farms. Contact Don Hambricht, 301-676-0635.

♣ **Howard.** Middle Patuxent Environmental Area. Moderate walking through wooded trails and along the river. Great area for migrants of all species. Field edges and thickets provide sparrow habitat. If time and birds warrant, we will also do the Trotter Rd Loop. Prepare for wet grass and mud on the trails. No facilities. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at the Clegg Meadow off Southwind Cir, Columbia. Leader Kurt Schwarz, krschwa1@verizon.net or 410-461-1643.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellAtlantic.net, for more information.

Friday, September 8

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Birding at Sang Run, Friend's Delight. Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru the beautiful Friend's Delight property. 8 AM. Meet at the first parking lot on the left after Friend's Store. Contact Melissa Hensel, mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

Saturday-Sunday, September 9-10

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Dolly Sods Bird Banding Station and Canaan Valley NWR Boardwalk off Freeland Rd, in Davis, WV. Deadline to sign up for this weekend trip is Sept 1. Contact leaders Joe & Carol McDaniel, mcdanieljandc@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 9

♣ **Baltimore.** Youth Birding at Cromwell Valley Park, Willow Grove. We begin the season at one of the best birding areas near Baltimore. We'll look for all sorts of sparrows, warblers, flycatchers and various other migrants, along with lingering summer residents. Past years have been so impressive that there's simply no telling what we'll find. Start learning how to identify all those confusing fall birds! Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Meet at the Nature Education Ctr, 2175 Cromwell Bridge Road (the second entrance off Cromwell Bridge Rd.) Leader John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), or jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

♣ **Baltimore.** Soldiers Delight. An easy 2.3 mile hike through deciduous woods, conifers, and open grasslands. We expect to see a wide variety of migrating and resident birds including

warblers, sparrows, hawks, etc. All experience levels welcome. 8 AM. Meet at the visitor center at 5100 Deer Park Rd, Owings Mills. Leader Sarah Luttrell, luttrell.sa@gmail.com or 614-352-7718.

🦋 **Harford.** Birding for Beginners at Harford Glen. A pleasant walk along the wetlands, streams, and meadows of this beautiful outdoor education site. This trip is specifically designed for beginners. School age children accompanied by an adult are welcome as well. 8:30 AM. Meet in the Harford Glen parking lot. For further details contact leader Ruth Bergstrom, 443-752-1967 or ruthb22@yahoo.com.

🦋 **Howard.** Howard Conservancy at Mt Pleasant Farm. Two-hour bird walk followed by a four-hour hawk watch. Easy walking through the fields of Mt. Pleasant Farm. Tree lines, hedgerows and streams provide opportunity for non-meadow species. Great opportunity for flyovers. Facilities available. 8 AM-2PM. Meet at parking lot. Leader Mike Kerwin, m63kerwin@verizon.net or 410-461-2408.

🦋 **YMOS.** Assateague Island Bird Competition. This is the First Annual Competition. Teams will try to find as many species as possible during competition hours (5 AM-5PM.) Compilation dinner after competition. Lodging available Fri night at the Radcliffes. Bring a sleeping bag, food, and snacks. Camping usually available at Assateague. More detailed information will be sent out in advance of the trip. Email George Radcliffe, radclifg@gmail.com, of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip.

BOARD MEETING. **MOS.** Hosted by Caroline County Bird Club. 7:30 AM-2PM. Refreshments will be provided. Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St., Denton.

Sunday, September 10

🦋 **Anne Arundel.** Quiet Waters Park. A monthly walk through the park exploring woodland trails, edge habitat, and views of the South River. A lovely habitat for birding throughout the year and could be very good for migrant birds. \$6 per car Park entry fee. 8-11 AM. Meet at Blue Heron Center. Contact David Gillum, 410-266-8775 or dagmapper@verizon.net.

🦋 **Baltimore.** Quarry Lake. Popular and scenic

birding location with level, often paved, pathways with excellent views down (not up!) into the treetops surrounding Quarry Lake. We should see songbirds, raptors, and even a few shorebirds. 8 AM. Meet at the benches where the 3 flags are flying on Quarry Lake Dr. Cancelled if raining. Handicap accessible. Leader John Dennehy, 410-653-5214 or jedennehy@verizon.net.

🦋 **Baltimore.** Marshy Point Nature Center. Easy walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. 9 AM (half day.) Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

🦋 **Howard.** Rockburn Branch Park. Moderate walking through the woods and fields of our largest county park looking for migrants. Paths may be muddy. Facilities available. 8 AM (half day). Meet in parking lot on the left just past the restored schoolhouse. The park gate is just beyond Rockburn Elementary School. Leaders Karen and Kevin Heffernan, 410-418-8731 or KJHeff@aol.com.

🦋 **Montgomery.** Rock Creek Park DC for Beginners. The focus will be on identifying migrant warblers, vireos and sparrows but we'll also look closely at more common birds. 6:30 AM (one-third day). Meet at Picnic Area 18 (on Ridge Rd, ½ mile below the nature center). Reservations required. For reservations and directions call leader Wallace Kornack, 202-338-7859.

🦋 **Talbot.** Bombay Hook NWR. Always a great trip in search of migrating passerines, raptors, waders, shorebirds and possible early arriving waterfowl. Bring lunch, drinks and insect repellent. 6:30 AM. Easton Acme parking lot. Leader Charles Hopkins, 443-786-6332.

Monday, September 11

MEETING. **Talbot.** *Chris Eberly* will speak on "Maryland Bird Conservation." 7 PM. Bayleigh Chase Auditorium (aka William Hill Manor Auditorium), 501 Dutchman's Ln, Easton.

Tuesday, September 12

MEETING. **Allegheny/Garrett.** *Chris Eberly*, Director of MD Bird Conservation Partnership, will

speak on "Bird Conservation Starts With You." 7 PM. Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Leader John Landers, 410-292-9549 or dado1bw@aol.com.

MEETING. **Baltimore.** BBC Board meeting. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. 7 PM. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

MEETING. **Kent.** Program and Speaker TBD. 7:30 PM, Wesley Hall at Heron Point, off East Campus Ave, Chestertown. If you have questions, please contact Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

♣ **Montgomery.** Rock Creek Park DC. Urban birding at its best with one of Rock Creek Park's "Regulars." This trip is geared to those who may be fairly new to birding but all are welcome. Migrant warblers, vireos and sparrows. 6:45 AM (one-third day). Meet at Picnic Area 18 (on Ridge Rd, 1/2 mile below Nature Center). Reservations required. For reservations and directions call leader Wallace Kornack, 202-338-7859.

MEETING. **Patuxent/PG.** "From Mountains to Saltmarsh: Rediscovering the MOS Sanctuaries" presented by *Marcia Watson*. MOS owns nine sanctuaries, totaling over 2,100 acres, spanning the state from Garrett County in the western part of the state, to Somerset County on the lower Eastern Shore. All of the sanctuaries are open to the public every day of the year, at no charge, and represent a microcosm of the habitats for birds in Maryland. Many people are aware of the Carey Run and Irish Grove Sanctuaries, where work-days are held each year, but the other sanctuaries are seldom visited. Drawing on the files of the MOS Sanctuary Committee, historic accounts in *Maryland Birdlife*, and photos and materials provided by MOS members across the state, Marcia will review the history of the MOS Sanctuary Program, provide profiles and show maps and photos of all the sanctuaries, discuss the birds and habitats found there, and will cover

some of the challenges that MOS faces in managing the properties. Marcia will conclude with suggestions on how interested individuals can become involved with the sanctuaries. Doors open at 7 PM for 7:30 PM meeting start time. College Park Airport Operations Bldg, 2nd Floor, 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Dr, College Park.

Wednesday, September 13

♣ **Baltimore.** Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry. Part of a series of evening bird walks at the Fort and wetland. Telescope may be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 6-8 PM. Meet outside of park front gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Joe Supik, 443-417-5015.

♣ **Howard.** Howard Conservancy at Mt Pleasant Farm. Easy walking through the fields of Mt. Pleasant Farm. Tree lines, hedgerows and streams provide opportunity for non-meadow species. Great opportunity for flyovers. Facilities available. 7:30 AM (half day). Meet at parking lot. Leader Warren Cummings, wcummings9@gmail.com or 410-925-1809.

♣ **Montgomery.** Wheaton Regional Park. Join us to look for lingering migrant warblers, vireos and flycatchers. Reservations required. Limit 10. For more information about meeting time and place and for reservations email leaders Woody & Rae Dubois, denque1@verizon.net.

Thursday, September 14

MEETING. **Howard.** "Namibia Overland," by *Allen Lewis*. This road trip, through starkly beautiful open country in one of the least densely populated countries in Africa, included the Okavango Delta in Botswana and Victoria Falls in Zambia. The trip was with Rockjumper Birding. Hospitality 7 PM; meeting/program 7:30 at Robinson Nature Center, 6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia. Info: John Harris, 240-755-0183.

Friday, September 15

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Birding at Sang Run, Friend's Delight. Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru the beautiful Friend's Delight property. 8 AM. Meet at the first parking lot on the left after Friend's Store. Contact Melissa Hensel, mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

Saturday, September 16

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. We will walk through the wooded trail system, stopping at observation decks and blinds overlooking marshes along the Patuxent River. We should see many of fall migrants and perhaps the elusive Red-headed Woodpecker. Trails are hard-packed with moderate inclines. A scope is recommended. Restroom facilities on site. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at Parole P&R. Contact Hannes Leonard, hannes@tracyleonard.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Hawks at Cromwell Valley Park. One-hour bird walk, followed by hawk watch on the hill. Bring a folding chair, water and sunblock for a morning's hawk watch. Good chance to see Broad-wings and several other hawk species. 8 AM. Meet at Willow Grove parking lot. Leader Jim Meyers, jamesleomeyers@mac.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Saturday Morning Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754 or drbeanes@verizon.net.

FALL COUNT. **Caroline.** Contact Debby Bennett at dabennett1996@gmail.com.

FALL COUNT. **Carroll.** Parties of counters will set their own schedules in their pre-arranged areas to count resident and late migrant bird species throughout the County. Contact Don Jewell to verify your bird counting area (jewelldg@gmail.com or 410-259-4716). There will be no Tally Rally.

FALL COUNT. **Dorchester.** Contact Harry Armistead, 215-248-4120 or harryarmistead@hotmail.com.

♣ **Frederick.** Gambrill SP and Frederick Watershed. Search for migrating fall warblers. Easy walking on mostly paved paths. Contact leader Lois Kauffman, 301-845-6690, for meeting time and location.

♣ **Frederick.** Audubon Society of Central MD monarch tagging at Audrey Carroll Sanctuary, 13030 Old Annapolis Road, Mt. Airy. 9-11 AM. For more information contact Crystal Kunst, hckunst@qis.net or 443-536-3071.

FALL COUNT. **Harford.** Contact Rick Cheicante, 410-803-2712 or rickcheicante@cs.com.

FALL COUNT. **Howard.** Please sign up at <http://howardbirds.org/howard/counts.htm>. Contact is Mike McClure, 410-531-2780 or Michael.McClure@jhuapl.edu.

♣ **Montgomery.** Patuxent River Park, Jug Bay Natural Area. Joint trip with ANS. Driftboat on Patuxent River followed by trail walk. Search for Sora, also migrant and resident songbirds and waterbirds. Bring fee of \$5 per person (Maryland residents) or \$7 (Virginia, DC residents) per person for park program; boat trip can be cool and a bit damp. 6:30 AM (half day.) Meet at park entrance gate. 20-person limit. Leaders Greg Kearns and John Bjerke. For reservations contact John Bjerke, johnbjerke1@mac.com or 240-401-1643.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Governor Bridge Natural Area. Monthly walk. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the S side of Governor Bridge Rd., 1 mile east of Rt 301. No reservations needed. For more information contact Bill Sefton at kiwisuits@msn.com.

FALL COUNT. **Talbot.** Pickering Creek Audubon Center. PCAC has become one of the best locations in Talbot to bird at any season. If you can help, contact coordinator Samantha Pitts, 410-822-4903, spitts@audubon.org or Wayne Bell, 410-820-6002.

ANNUAL PICNIC. **Tri-County.** Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Drinks are provided. 4 PM. At the home of Paul Bystrak and Marylee Ross, 5968 Rockawalkin Rd, Salisbury. Rain or shine. For questions or directions, please contact Paul Bystrak at 443-783-1268 or shrike@comcast.net.

FALL COUNT. **Washington.** Contact Doris Berger, 301-739-8907, to participate.

FALL COUNT. **YMOs.** Taylor's Island, Dorchester County. 4 AM-5 PM. We'll begin early, but there will be overnight lodging provided near the location for participating birders. The trip is open to anyone, and you can come for all of it or part time. Email George Radcliffe, radclifg@gmail.com, of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip.

Sunday, September 17

FALL COUNT. **Allegheny.** Contact Chuck Hager, 301-689-5344 or drhager@verizon.net.

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Foreman's Branch Bird Banding Station. Previously known as Chino Farms, this is the only major migratory bird banding station on the Eastern Shore of MD. The small group of banders will demonstrate how they ensnare the birds in the nets, carefully extract them, transport them back to the banding shed, note the sex, age, weight, attach bands and release them back into the wild. We will get to observe both resident birds and migratory birds on the way to their winter grounds, see them up close and learn about them in a fun and exciting way. This trip is limited to 15 people, an RSVP is required and carpooling is necessary. No restroom facilities on site. 6:45 AM (half day). Meet at Bay 50 shopping center. Contact Dianne Westbrook, 443-618-8421 or edwestbrook1@gmail.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park. Please join us for a bird walk at the height of fall migration in a 1,200 acre wilderness park in west Baltimore City. The park contains mature and secondary forest as well as riparian habitats and some limited field habitat. 8 AM. Meet at the Winans Meadows parking lot, on N side of Franklinton Rd. Leaders Elise and Paul Kreiss, 410-367-8194, ekreiss@verizon.net, paul1kreiss@verizon.net.

♣ **Baltimore.** Chimney Swifts at Dusk. Join the BBC Swift Watch Team as Chimney Swifts enter a favorite chimney at sunset. We're expecting hundreds, even thousands of swifts. Because the swifts routinely change migration roosting chimneys, this year's fall site will be posted on the BBC website and on Facebook on Friday, Sep 15. Website: www.baltimorebirdclub.org. Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/. 7 PM. Come a half hour early if the weather is cloudy or gray. Cancelled if raining. Leaders Joan Cwi, 410-467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net and Alice Nelson, 410-499-0546 or alice.display@verizon.net.

FALL COUNT. **Calvert.** Contact Sherman Suter, 703-768-5922 or shermansuter@gmail.com.

♣ **Cecil.** Woodlawn Wildlife Area. This is a restored landfill that is a model for transforming an eyesore into a sight for sore eyes. Join us for a leisurely stroll around the fields and woods of this re-awakening natural area. 8 AM (half day). Meet at the Woodlawn Parking Area. Carpooling is encouraged. Leader Ken Drier, kdrier@zoominternet.net.

FALL COUNT. **Kent.** Help us count birds in as much of Kent County as possible in a single day; join a field party or cover your neighborhood anywhere in the county. If you have questions, contact trip leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

FALL COUNT. **Patuxent/PG.** Annual county-wide census of resident and migrating birds. Pick your own start and stop times. Contact the county compiler David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellatlantic.net, to receive an assigned area and for more information.

♣ **Talbot.** Pickering Creek Audubon Center. Visit one of Talbot County's birding hotspots in prime migration season. Expect migrating warblers, other songbirds and shorebirds visiting the newly established wetlands. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM or meet at Pickering Creek parking lot at 7:20AM. Leader Wayne Bell, 410-820-6002.

Tuesday, September 19

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Seasons at South Tract. One of a series of quarterly bird walks at the South Tract of the Patuxent Research Refuge. We will walk some of the trails and will stop at the Pollinator Garden bird feeding area by the Visitor Center. Be prepared to walk up to 2 miles. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. Target species include migrating warblers, flycatchers, vireos, sparrows. 9 AM. Meet in the parking lot of the National Wildlife Visitor Center; bear left on entering the parking area and go all the way to the last section of the lot past the covered solar recharging station for electric vehicles. For directions, see <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/direct>

ions.html. For further information, contact leader Marcia Watson at marshwren50@comcast.net.

Wednesday, September 20

MEETING. **Anne Arundel.** AABC Annual Open House. Information on the upcoming trips, speakers, family and youth programs, refreshments, sale items, and more. Festivities include a demonstration of live native birds, and two audio/visual programs: *Colin Rees* continues his bird life-cycle series with "Demography - bird population dynamics", and *Pierre Henkart* entertains with his vivid video captures, "Severn River Birds." 7-9 PM. Harvest Hall, Kinder Farm Park. Contact Barbara Johnson, 410-703-4664 or barbarajohnson222@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Montgomery.** *Bonnie Ott* on Sparrows. Bonnie is a passionate amateur birder and photographer. She has been exploring the natural world of Maryland for three decades. Bonnie has been a long time Howard Bird Club member and worked on many volunteer projects through the years. She has led countless field trips and helped expand peoples knowledge of nature. One of her favorite interests is helping with the "Maryland Biodiversity Project" which is working to record all living things in Maryland. Doors open at 7 PM, refreshments 7:30 and meeting starts at 8. Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Rd.

Thursday, September 21

MEETING. **Caroline.** Program "Tuckahoe State Park's Scales and Tales: Birds of Prey". 7:30 PM. Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St, Denton.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellatlantic.net, for more information.

Friday, September 22

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Birding at Sang Run, Friend's Delight. Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru the beautiful Friend's Delight property. 8 AM. Meet at the first parking lot on the left after Friend's Store. Contact Melissa Hensel, mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

Saturday, September 23

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Youghiogheny River for Shore Birds. Old Morgantown Road - Youghiogheny Reservoir just north of Friendsville. This will be a new trip for the bird club. As the lake recedes, shorebirds may be drawn to the mud flats. Last year saw several rare shore birds along with waterfowl, herons, hawks and the usual suspects in the wooded area along the reservoir. Expect muddy conditions so wear waterproof boots or muck boots. Sun protection may be needed if it's a clear day. Contact leader Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

♣ **Baltimore.** Druid Hill Park. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. 8 AM. Meet at 3001 East Dr. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

♣ **Carroll.** Birds and Booze. What better combination could there be? 8 AM. Join us for birding on the trails of the The Galloping Goose Vineyard at 4326 Maple Grove Rd in Hampstead (<https://www.gallopinggoosevineyards.com/contact1.shtml>) followed by wine tasting at around 11:30 AM. There is an \$8.00 charge for the tasting. Bill Ellis will lead. Contact him at 443-520-8809 if you have any questions.

♣ **Cecil.** Turkey Point Migrants. Join peerless warbler finder Sean McCandless at Turkey Point, where the fall warblers are plentiful. Be prepared for a round-trip hike to the Point, a distance of about two miles. The pace will be leisurely. Most of the walking is on a gravel road with good footing, but there are a few hilly sections. Wear comfortable shoes/boots for walking. Bring drinks and/or snacks. Sunscreen and bug spray are strongly recommended. 7 AM (half day). Meet at the Turkey Point parking lot. Leader Sean "Bird Dog" McCandless, seanmccandless1@gmail.com.

♣ **Montgomery.** Snickers Gap Hawkwatch (between Bluemont & Berryville, VA.) Joint trip with ANS. Peak time for Broad-winged Hawks. Bring tripods, scopes, chairs, pack lunch, and rain/wind gear. 10 AM (2/3 day.) Meet at commuter parking lot at VA 7 and VA 601. Call leaders Joan Boudreau and Bob Abrams,

icepeep@aol.com or 703-734-1238, for reservations and directions.

BIRDING FESTIVAL. Patuxent/PG. Lake Artemesia. Sponsored by Prince George's Audubon Society. 4th annual migration-themed birding festival with live raptors and 11 AM raptor talk; artist-led field sketching demo/workshop; 7:30 AM bird walk for all skill levels; 10 AM family nature walk; children's games, crafts, coloring pages, bilingual Spanish/English activity pages; spotting scope set up; Monarch butterfly life cycle display. For more information, contact Lynette Fullerton at birdzenbeads@yahoo.com.

Sunday, September 24

♣ **Baltimore.** Cylburn Walk. Easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. Beginning birders welcome. Handicap accessible. 8:15 AM. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot. Leader Mark Linardi, 443-834-8413 or mlinardi@outlook.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Stony Run. An easy morning walk along Stony Run, an urban stream in Baltimore City. We expect to see a diversity of bird life, including warblers and other migrants plus local residents such as Belted Kingfisher. Sponsored by Friends of Stony Run. 9 AM. Meet at the Stony Run trailhead at the corner of Wyndhurst Ave and Wilmslow Rd. Leaders Alice Nelson, 410-499-0546 or alice.display@verizon.net, and Claire Wayner, 410-499-1182 or Claire@wayner.org.

♣ **Montgomery.** Pennyfield to Violette's Bird Stalk. This walk should net an interesting mix of late warblers, other land bird migrants, and probably a few early winter visitors, as we scan the skies and river for raptors and waterbirds. For folks who prefer a somewhat later start to their birding, we will meet at 9 AM (half day). Meet at the parking lot at the end of Violette's Lock Rd. We will then carpool to Pennyfield Lock and walk back up the C&O Canal towpath to Violette's Lock. Limit 12. To sign up, contact leader Jim Nelson, kingfishers2@verizon.net or 240-515-4517.

♣ **Talbot.** Adkins Arboretum and Tuckahoe SP. Adkins is one of the premier fall migration spots on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Expect to see lots of late migrating warblers, and early arriving

sparrows and migrating raptors. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 6:30 AM or meet at Tuckahoe Lake parking lot at 7 AM. Leader Dave Palmer, 410-829-3376.

Monday, September 25

MEETING. **Tri-county.** "Environmental Education on the Eastern Shore" with *Mike Hillman*, Chincoteague Bay Field Station. 7 PM. MAC Education Center, off Snow Hill Rd., Salisbury. Contact Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or emlawler534@comcast.net for more info.

Tuesday, September 26

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Leader Ron Davis, 410-821-1297 or 2athigh1@verizon.net.

MEETING. **Washington.** "Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership" with *Chris Eberly*. 7 PM. Mt. Aetna Nature Center, 21905 Mt. Aetna Rd, Hagerstown. Call 301-797-8454 for additional information.

Friday, September 29

♣ **Allegheny/Garrett.** Birding at Sang Run, Friend's Delight. Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru the beautiful Friend's Delight property. 8 AM. Meet at the first parking lot on the left after Friend's Store. Contact Melissa Hensel, mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

Saturday, September 30

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Swan Creek. This trip will visit a variety of habitats, to include upland woods, wetlands, beach, and dredge cells. We can expect a few lingering shorebirds (subject to water levels), good numbers of waterfowl, and some mid-fall migrant passerines. The trip will include walking on some very coarse stone and rocks; therefore, good quality hiking boots are encouraged. We will generally stay on well-traveled paths, but tick protection is always a good idea. Bring water and some snacks. There should be a spot-a-pot available part way through the trip; otherwise, the restroom in the office facility is available before the walk and can be visited at one point during the walk. If you haven't birded here before, you will need to sign a one-time release, acknowledging that this is an industrial site, with commensurate risks. Prepare

to see some great birds! 7 AM (half day.) Meet at Swan Creek. Contact Kevin Smith, 410-917-3004 or ravens3077@yahoo.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in SE Baltimore. With more than 205 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Handicap accessible. 8 AM. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E Lombard St & S Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

♣ **Harford.** Emory Knoll Farm. This beautiful property in north central Harford County provides diverse habitat that promises good fall birding and a pleasant outdoor experience. Join Carey Rowsom, HBC member and Emory Knoll staffer, and co-leader Susan Hood as they guide you along the paths of the farm in search of resident species and fall migrants. 8 AM. Meet at the farm, 3410 Ady Rd, Street, MD. Look for the sign at the end of the drive "Green Roof Plants". Carpooling encouraged as parking space is limited. Contact Susan Hood, 410-937-7552 or susanhood@comcast.net.

♣ **Howard.** Jug Bay Boat Trip. Look for migrants, Sora, Virginia Rail, Least Bittern, and shorebirds during this boat trip along Jug Bay at low tide. There is a \$6 fee (cash only) for this trip. 7 AM. Meet at Patuxent River Park, 16000 Croom Airport Rd, Upper Marlboro. For reservations contact Mary Maxey at maximom11998@gmail.com.

♣ **Kent.** Turkey Point. Cecil County's premier migration hot spot features raptors overhead and warblers and other migrants in the woods and thickets along the walk to the lighthouse. Bring lunch. 8 AM. Meet at Dollar General parking lot off Philosopher's Terrace, Chestertown. If you have questions, contact trip leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

♣ **Washington.** Fort Frederick SP. 7 AM (half day.) Depart the MVA lot, 18306 Col. Henry K. Douglas Dr. Contact Bruce or Linda Field at 301-797-6189 to register.

Sunday, October 1

♣ **Baltimore.** Hashawha Environmental Center. A new trip for BBC. This 320-acre Carroll Co Park is a good spot for migrating songbirds. 8:30 AM. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. Leader Bob Ringler, ringler.bob@gmail.com.

♣ **Caroline.** Bird Banding observation in Chestertown with Jim Gruber, Bander. Great for kids. Adults welcome too. 8 AM. To register and for directions, contact Danny Poet, 410-827-8651 or birder231@hotmail.com.

♣ **Howard.** Lake Elkhorn. Easy walking along the lake and to Forbay Pond. Migrants will be moving through. Warblers are generally in abundance. The lake can turn up interesting surprises. Hawks are also possible flying over. No facilities. Handicap accessible. 8 AM, 2-3 hrs. Meet at Dockside Parking lot. Leader Allen Lewis, allenrlewis@gmail.com.

♣ **Talbot.** Spocott Farms and Windmill. Enjoy exploring the neck district of Dorchester County in search of early arriving waterfowl and sparrows as well as late transient warblers. 6:30 AM. Meet at Easton Acme parking lot. Leaders George Radcliffe, 410-228-7670, and Wayne Bell, 410-820-6002.

Tuesday, October 3

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Leader Michael Bradley, 410-977-4695 or MichaelBradley023@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Baltimore.** Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. *David Curson* on "Land Use Policy and Bird Conservation." David Curson, Ph.D., is director of bird conservation at Audubon Maryland-DC. Since 2004 he has overseen the Maryland-DC Important Bird Areas Program and implemented conservation projects for birds and their habitats in Maryland and DC. Doors open at 7 PM for socializing and snacks, presentation starts about 7:15 PM.

Wednesday, October 4

♣ **Baltimore.** First Wednesday Walk at Fort McHenry. One of a series of morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. 8 AM

(half day). Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

MEETING. **Carroll.** "A Birder's Guide to Trees" by *Jim Bauch*. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Center in Westminster. Contact Don Jewell at jewelldg@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Cecil.** Speaker TBA. 7-8:30 PM. Senior Center, Cecil County Admin Bldg, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton. For more information, contact Maryanne Dolan, maryanne.dolan@gmail.com.

♣ **Harford.** Havre de Grace Promenade Bird Walk. Join the Maritime Museum's Environmental Center and the Harford Bird Club on an evening stroll along the beautiful Promenade with its spectacular views of the mouth of the Susquehanna River and the Susquehanna Flats. Binoculars helpful but not required. 5:30 PM. Meet at the Maritime Museum. Leaders Colleen Webster of the HBC, cwebster@harford.edu or 410-459-4577, and Sarah Shpak of the Environmental Center.

Thursday, October 5

MEETING. **Frederick.** *Dr. Wayne Leadbedder* will talk about beautiful and amazing "Butterflies." 7 PM at Homewood at Crumland Farms. Contact Don Hambright, 301-676-0635.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellatlantic.net, for more information.

Friday, October 6

EXHIBIT OPENING. **Baltimore.** Art Exhibit Opening: Birdland and the Anthropocene. In this group show at The Peale Center, curator Lynne Parks invites us to consider how the Anthropocene, the new geological era dominated by human activity, affects bird life. *Scientists estimate that fifty percent of birds in the United States are imperiled and could disappear within a century.* Parks and the other featured artists consider extinction, endangered species and the postnatural (organisms that have been intentionally altered by humans). They employ

mixed media and ask a wide range of questions. Opening night at The Peale, 225 N Holliday St., Baltimore. Show continues through Oct. 29. See <http://www.thepealecenter.org/birdland-and-the-anthropocene/> for hours, special events and additional information.

Saturday, October 7

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Hawk Identification at the Discovery Center. Ranger Sam Dixon will help us refine our hawk identification skills by outlining hints and clues that lead us to correctly identify high-flying raptors. 10 AM-noon. Meet at the Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center. Contact Melissa Hensel, mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

BIG SIT. **Anne Arundel.** Ft. Smallwood. Alan and Susan Young will meet members and guests (ask at gate for location) for this day of counting birds. You can stay all day or stop in and count for part of the day. This is a social event where you can meet Club members. Bring some comfortable seating, food, drinks and enjoy the camaraderie of Club members. Limited walking since there's a count circle. This doesn't stop you from walking around and exploring Fort Smallwood while you are on site. \$6 per car Park entry fee. Contact Alan and Susan Young, 410-991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com.

BIG SIT. **Caroline.** Tuckahoe State Park gazebo between the lake and restrooms. Will run from early morning to early evening for some owling. Details will be listed on the club Facebook page, www.facebook.com/Caroline-County-Bird-Club-138388266259687/ and web page.

♣ **Carroll.** Piney Run Park. As a follow-up to the talk on trees, Jim Bauch will help us put our new knowledge to use. Moderate walking. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at the parking lot outside the gate to Piney Run Park on Martz Rd off White Rock Rd. Contact Jim at 410-596-4426.

BIG SIT. **Cecil.** Turkey Pointers BIG SIT! Birding's Most Sedentary Event. Cecil Bird Club will be participating in the Annual BIG SIT!, an international, noncompetitive birding event hosted by Bird Watcher's Digest and founded by the New Haven (CT) Bird Club. THE BIG SIT! is like a Big Day or a bird-a-thon, in that the object is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or

heard within 24 hours. The difference lies in the area limitation from which you can observe. All counting is done from inside a circle 17 feet in diameter. Counters sit inside the circle for 24 hours, counting all the bird species seen or heard.

Note: The specific day will be decided based on weather—watch the club web site for an update. Our BIG SIT! count circle will be based at the big cedar tree near the lighthouse at Turkey Point. Chris Starling will be our official counter. The Turkey Pointers Circle often reports the highest number of species among the Maryland BIG SIT! circles. Can we do it again? All are welcome to join the Turkey Point BIG SIT! circle, so pack some food and drink and come on out to join us. Chris and Sean will start at 4:30 AM; you may come whenever you like and stay for as long as you like. Hint: if you have any goodies to share, you might want to pack some extras for our stalwart BIG SIT! counters, to keep their spirits up for the long haul. It is not necessary to contact the leader before this event, just come on out any time during the day. Leader Sean “Bird Dog” McCandless, seanmccandless1@gmail.com.

🦋 **Frederick.** Seymour B. Cooper MOS Sanctuary. Explore this seldom-visited Sanctuary near Sabillasville. A gentle morning hike through woods. Leader, meeting time and location TBA.

BIG SIT. **Kent.** Eastern Neck NWR. Join us in our Big Sit circle (call for specific location) any time from first light (when birds are most active) to mid-afternoon, and stay as long as you would like. Sunday, October 8 is bad-weather backup date. If you have questions, contact trip leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

🦋 **Harford.** Perryville Paddle Outing. Bring your kayak, canoe, stand-up, etc. as we look for fall migrants and water fowl. Colleen Webster and Sue Procell will ply the waters in search of swimmers, divers and, of course, fliers. 8:30 AM. Meet at Perryville Community Park at the Stump Point kayak launch ramp. We can help unload your craft. Contact Colleen, 410-459-4577 or cwebster@harford.edu or Sue, 443-417-4919 or procellmd@gmail.com.

BIG SIT. **Montgomery.** The object of a Big Sit is to tally as many bird species seen or heard within 24 hours from a single spot. Our club has picked a good place for a day of bird watching and over the years has tallied more than 50 species. Join our host Chuck Parker at the dike across the road from the Black Hill RP boat ramp. We’ll start at dawn and continue until we run out of steam. Come for the day or just an hour or two. New birders and new members encouraged! For more information or directions contact Chuck Parker at chparker@k12.wv.us.

🦋 **Patuxent/PG.** Fran Uhler Natural Area. Monthly walk. 7:30 AM. Meet at east end of Lemon’s Bridge Rd, off Rt 197 just north of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton, kiwisuits@msn.com.

🦋 **YMOS.** Cape May Hawk Migration and Sea Watch. Though a long day, this is a great trip for all levels of birders. We’ll carpool from both the Eastern and Western Shores and spend the day in Cape May during the peak of raptor migration. We’ll also search for songbird migrants and visit the Avalon Seawatch. 8:30 AM. Meet at Cape May. Email George Radcliffe, radclifg@gmail.com, of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip.

Sunday, October 8

🦋 **Allegheny/Garrett.** Dan’s Rock Overlook to look for migrating raptors. 11 AM-3 PM. Contact Melissa Hensel, mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

🦋 **Anne Arundel.** Quiet Waters Park. Monthly walk through the park exploring woodland trails, edge habitat, and views of the South River. A lovely habitat for birding throughout the year and could be very good for migrant birds. \$6 per car Park entry fee. 8-11 AM. Meet at Blue Heron Center. Contact David Gillum, 410-266-8775 or dagmapper@verizon.net.

🦋 **Baltimore.** Marshy Point Nature Center. Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

♣ **Montgomery.** Little Bennett RP for Beginners. We'll slowly walk some of the woodland trails looking for migrant and resident birds. All are welcome but we especially encourage those new to birding to join us. 7:30 (half day). Reservations required. Limit 8. For reservations and directions contact leader Gemma Radko at 301-514-2894.

♣ **Talbot.** Taylor's Island, Dorchester County. Quest for late fall migrants, early wintering arrivals, both land birds and waterfowl. Expect Bald Eagles, some kinglets, flycatchers, vireos. Less common species: Swainson's Thrush, Cape May Warbler. We have permission to visit private lands in our quest for unusual sightings. 6:30 AM. Meet at Easton Acme parking lot. Leaders Dave Palmer, 410-829-3376 and George Radcliffe, 410-228-7670.

Monday, October 9 (Columbus Day)

♣ **Harford.** Waggoner's Gap. Visit this premier hawk-watching spot near Carlisle, PA. Possible sightings include Ravens, Golden Eagles, Ospreys, along with Sharp-shinned, Cooper's and Red-tailed Hawks. Bring a blanket or soft cushion as we will be sitting on a rocky outcrop. Also bring drinks and a lunch. 8 AM. Meet at the strip mall at Upper Cross Roads in Fallston (intersection of Rt 152 and Rt 165.) Leader is Mark Johnson, 410-692-5978 or marksjohnson2@gmail.com.

♣ **Talbot.** Greg Kearns of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Details to be provided later. 7 PM. Bayleigh Chase Auditorium (aka William Hill Manor Auditorium), 501 Dutchman's Ln, Easton.

Tuesday, October 10

MEETING. **Allegheny/Garrett.** J B Churchill, VP Allegheny & Garrett Counties Bird Club, will talk about his trip to Costa Rica in April 2017, locations visited including La Ensenada, Hacienda Solimar, Cano Negro and La Selva. 7 PM. Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-0665-0769.

MEETING. **Baltimore.** BBC Board meeting. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. 7 PM. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

MEETING. **Kent.** Program and Speaker TBD. 7:30 PM, Wesley Hall at Heron Point, off East Campus Ave, Chestertown. If you have questions, please contact Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Patuxent/PG.** "Mom's Big Year," presented by Nancy McAllister. Join Nancy McAllister on her journey through a 'Mom's Big Year' of birding the U.S. Nancy traveled to hotspots from coast-to-coast to see as many birds as possible throughout 2016. She encountered beautiful birds and fascinating people along the way. A Big Year is no small feat for a mom managing all the duties that go along with three young children, a husband and two unexpected new jobs! Returning to her life-long passion for nature and travel proved to be both exhausting and exhilarating. Nancy used the Big Year to begin her journey of healing after a family tragedy and has many wonderful and heartwarming stories to share from her Big Year adventures. Hear more about how Nancy juggled life, work, and family, and used her birding adventures to heal, renew, and rediscover herself. Nancy's adventures are sure to inspire! Come and hear about how fueling **your** passion for nature can change your life too! www.momsbigyear.com. Doors open at 7 PM for 7:30 PM meeting start time. College Park Airport Operations Bldg, 2nd Floor, 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Dr, College Park.

Wednesday, October 11

♣ **Montgomery.** Blue Mash for New Birders. Join us for the morning as we learn and review some of the basics of bird ID. Blue Mash is a great place to find our more common species as well as some of the harder to ID sparrows. This trip is primarily for new birders/new members but all are welcome. 9 AM. Meet at the parking lot off Zion Rd. For information and reservations contact leader Stephanie Lovell at amorellovell@gmail.com.

Thursday, October 12

MEETING. **Howard.** "Rescuing Cold-stunned Sea Turtles," by *Sue Muller*, Howard County Recreation and Parks. Her presentation will take you on the rescue trip every step of the way! Learn how you can volunteer to help save endangered sea turtles as well as about actions you can take locally. The Caretta Nature tours trip to Cape Cod will be run again December 8-10, 2017. Hospitality 7 PM; meeting/program 7:30 at Robinson Nature Center, 6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia. Info: John Harris, 240-755-0183.

Friday-Sunday, October 13-15

♣ **Frederick.** Cape May Weekend. Search this wonderful area for migrating birds, especially raptors. We plan to travel to Cape May on the 13th, bird all day Saturday and Sunday morning and return Sunday afternoon. Reserve your room at the West Cape Motel (609-884-4280). Leader Kathy Brown, 301-865-1369.

Saturday, October 14

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Field Trip to Town Hill. Watch for migrating hawks at a time of year when there is still good hawk diversity but we may have a better chance for some interesting birds, like Golden Eagles (with favorable weather conditions) as well. Additional dates running through Oct and Nov will be announced. 10:30 AM. Meet at the overlook. Bring lunch and a drink. Contact leader Ray Kiddy, 301-739-1972 or rrkiddy@atlanticbb.net.

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Patuxent North Tract. The North Tract features open fields, mature forests, several ponds, access to the Little Patuxent River and marshes connected by a 12-mile driving loop. With the wide variety of habitats and fall migration, we expect to see numerous species of birds. Minimal walking is necessary as we travel to each location by vehicle. Scopes are beneficial for the ponds. Join us for a visit to northern Anne Arundel County's premier birding locale. Restroom facilities on site. 8 AM (half day). Meet at Parole P&R. Contact leader Chris Barry, 410-562-9919 or gbarry.home@gmail.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Jug Bay Wetlands. We expect marsh birds, land birds and waterfowl - for example Sora, Blue-headed Vireo, Green-winged Teal. Easy two-mile roundtrip. Entrance fee \$6 per car, so we will carpool. Meet at Nursery

Rd/Hollins Ferry Rd P&R at 8 AM, or at Jug Bay Wetlands visitor parking lot at 9 AM. Leaders Lou and Debbie Taylor, 410-852-9807 or debrataylor11@gmail.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Youth birding at Irvine. The easy trails wind through woods and fields, and we'll be looking for late fall migrants, especially sparrows, but a variety of warblers and vireos are possible, in addition to rails and snipe. The visitor center has a number of good displays, and there are several hawks and owls in the aviary outside. 9 AM. Meet at the Nature Center, 11201 Garrison Forest Rd, Owings Mills. Leader John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

♣ **Carroll.** Cromwell Valley Park. Cromwell Valley is a great place to see migrants. 8 AM (half day). Meet at the parking lot at the intersection of Rts 32 and 97 to form carpools. Contact Bob Ringler at 410-303-2792.

♣ **Harford.** Rocks SP. Spend the morning on the trails of this beautiful park looking for fall woodland species. 8 AM. Meet at the ranger station parking area on Rocks Chrome Hill Rd. Leader Mark Magnani, 410-838-1778 or mwmagnani@gmail.com.

♣ **Howard.** UMD Central Maryland Research and Education Center. Walk the wetlands and Middle Patuxent floodplain. The tract has a history of uncommon County sightings. Waterproof footwear is advised. We will be back across the Folly Quarter Rd bridge by 9:30. Meet at the farm office's concrete parking lot (just past the office on the left) at 7:30 AM.

BIG SIT. **Howard.** UMD Open House. The Club will once again hold an informal Big Sit. All are welcome to bring a chair and sky watch or interact with the farm's visitors at the Club booth. Stop by and partake anytime that is convenient. Handicap accessible. 10 AM-3 PM. Meet just outside of the front lawn tent on the University Farm on Folly Quarter Rd. Leader Wes Earp, wesandsue@gmail.com or 410-531-3197.

♣ **Talbot.** Jug Bay. Special Saturday trip with Greg Kearns of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to visit Jug Bay Wetlands on a pontoon boat.

Details still being worked out at press time but this trip will have a limited number of spaces available and will require reservations. Details to be presented at October 9 meeting. 6:30 AM. Meet at Easton Acme parking lot. Contact Dave Palmer with expression of interest, dpalmermd59@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 15

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Field Trip to Town Hill. Watch for migrating hawks at a time of year when there is still good hawk diversity but we may have a better chance for some interesting birds, like Golden Eagles (with favorable weather conditions) as well. Additional dates running through Oct and Nov will be announced. 10:30 AM. Meet at the overlook. Bring lunch and a drink. Contact leader Ray Kiddy, 301-739-1972 or rrkiddy@atlanticbb.net.

♣ **Baltimore.** Oregon Ridge and Agriculture Center. Oregon Ridge is a good spot in October for warblers, thrushes, kinglets and other passerines. The Center for Maryland Agriculture, just across Shawan Rd, has a variety of open habitats; we'll look here for sparrows, meadowlark, killdeer, etc. 8 AM. Meet at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center, 13555 Beaver Dam Rd. Leader Simon Best, simonrabest@gmail.com.

♣ **Cecil.** Environmental Education Day at the Hawk Watch. Join the Cecil Bird Club Hawk Watchers and folks from Elk Neck SP to learn more about hawk watching. No experience necessary! Free and open to the public. Bring binoculars if you have them but we'll have extras, as well as spotting scopes. For more information, contact Maryanne Dolan, maryanne.dolan@gmail.com.

♣ **Howard.** West Friendship Park. Moderate walking along field edges and through stream valleys. Small ponds may have some surprises. Expect wet areas. Rustic facilities. 7:45 AM. Meet at shopping center just west of Rt 32 and Rt 144 to carpool to the park. Leader Jeff Culler, cullersfuls@hotmail.com or 410-465-9006.

♣ **Talbot.** Claiborne Landing and Wades Point Inn. Spend the early morning looking through a variety of habitats including broad reaches of Eastern Bay, fields, woods, and a freshwater

pond that attracts puddle ducks as well as a nice mix of migrants. 7 AM. Meet at the Claiborne Boat Landing. Early morning leader Jeff Effinger, 410-443-5016.

Hawk Watch at Black Walnut Point. After the morning walk at Wade's Point we will view the hawk migration along the bay front at least until noon. Number of migrating hawks depends on weather and wind direction. Field guides and visual aids will be available for first time hawk watchers. Lawn chairs or folding chairs are highly encouraged. Bring drinks, lunch or snacks to relax and enjoy the show. 10 AM. Meet at the Black Walnut Point Rd parking lot near Fairbanks on Tilghman Island. Leaders Jeff Effinger, 410-443-5016, and Jan Reese, 410-745-2875.

♣ **Washington.** Indian Springs WMA. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at the MVA lot, 18306 Col. Henry K. Douglas Dr. Contact Mark Abdy, mjabdy@yahoo.com or 301-432-7696 to participate.

Tuesday, October 17

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Leader Joe Corcoran, 443-831-1811 or lcocoran2@comcast.net.

Wednesday, October 18

MEETING. **Anne Arundel.** "Beautiful Bhutan: Birds and Beyond" presentation by *Robert Mumford*, world traveler and prolific nature photographer. 7-9 PM, Harvest Hall, Kinder Farm Park. Contact Barbara Johnson, 410-703-4664 or barbarajohnson222@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Montgomery.** Agriculture Reserve. There will be a short film on Montgomery County's Ag Reserve followed by a question and answer discussion on this feature that makes our county unique in the State of Maryland. Doors open at 7 PM, refreshments 7:30 and meeting starts at 8. Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Rd.

Thursday, October 19

MEETING. **Caroline.** *George Beston* will speak on best practices for building and installing Bluebird Box predator guards. He will also cover predator guards for bird feeders. 7:30 PM. Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St, Denton.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellAtlantic.net, for more information.

Saturday, October 21

♣ **Baltimore.** Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Ray Kandt, 336-906-0241.

♣ **Baltimore.** Druid Hill Park. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. 8 AM. Meet at 3001 East Dr. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

♣ **Frederick.** Bird Walk at Fred Archibald Audubon Sanctuary, 6011 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market. 9-11 AM. For more information contact Crystal Kunst, hckunst@qis.net or 443-536-3071.

♣ **Harford.** Swan Harbor Farm Park. This preserved area near the Upper Bay provides prime habitat for water fowl, songbirds and marsh and field birds. 7:30 AM. Meet at the parking lot at the end of the driveway. Leader Dennis Kirkwood, 410-692-5905 or newarkfarms@gmail.com.

♣ **Kent.** Beginner's bird walk, Eastern Neck NWR. We'll spend the morning exploring several of the refuge's trails and overlooks, looking for a variety of migrants, including waterfowl, raptors and sparrows. 8 AM. Meet at the Tundra Swan boardwalk at the north end of the island. If you have questions, contact trip leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Governor Bridge Natural Area. Monthly walk. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the S side of Governor Bridge Rd, 1 mile east of Rt 301. No reservations needed. For more information contact Bill Sefton at kiwisuits@msn.com.

♣ **Tri-County.** Assateague National Seashore, for coastal migrants, especially hawks, warblers and sparrows. Bring lunch, snacks and drinks. 6:30 AM at the Ward Museum parking lot or 7:15 AM at the National Seashore Visitor Center parking lot (before the bridge). For information, contact Mike Walsh, 410-422-0428 or mik.walsh@comcast.net.

Sunday, October 22

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Fort McHenry & Masonville Cove. We should see a wide variety of birds during the fall migration. Scopes are recommended. No restroom facilities on site. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at the Millersville Commuter Lot to carpool to Fort McHenry to meet Wendy in the small lot to the left outside of the park's front gate. Contact leader Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754 or drbeans@verizon.net.

♣ **Howard.** Howard Conservancy at Mt Pleasant Farm. Easy walking through the fields of Mt. Pleasant Farm. Tree lines, hedgerows and streams provide opportunity for non-meadow species. Great opportunity for flyovers. Facilities available. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at parking lot. Leader Russ Ruffing, ruff2@verizon.net.

♣ **Talbot.** Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center and Terrapin Park. Two of southern Queen Anne County's top birding areas should provide numerous warblers, thrushes, orioles and early raptors. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM or meet leader at the Terrapin Park parking lot at 7:30. Leader Danny Poet, 401-827-8651.

Monday, October 23

MEETING. **Tri-county.** Program: "The Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership: A united voice for Maryland's birds" with *Chris Eberly*, director, Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership. 7 PM. MAC Education Center, off Snow Hill Rd., Salisbury. Contact Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or emlawler534@comcast.net, for more info.

Tuesday, October 24

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. Last in a series of weekly Tuesday morning walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Leaders Debbie and Lou Taylor, lougregdan@verizon.net.

POTLUCK DINNER AND MEETING. **Washington.** Enjoy a potluck dinner followed by "Mom's Big Year" with *Nancy McAllister*. Bring your own place setting, drink, and a dish to share. 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting. Mt. Aetna Nature Center, 21905 Mt Aetna Rd. Call 301-797-8454 for additional details.

Saturday, October 28

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Western MD 4H Center and Cunningham Swamp. Another new trip this year. We will look for typical Garrett County fall woodland and wetland species. Dress for Garrett County weather including waterproof boots. Bring water and a snack. 8:30 AM. Meet at the entrance drive to the 4H Center. Contact leader Melissa Hensel, mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Southwest Area Park. The Park encompasses fields and marsh area along the Patapsco River. We should see late fall migrants and waterfowl at this 230-acre park. The trails are grass-covered with moderate elevation changes. No restroom facilities on site. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at Millersville Commuter Lot. Contact Kevin Smith, 410-917-3004 or ravens3077@yahoo.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Northampton Furnace Trail. 1-mile level trail through woods to water overlooks. Possible muddy spots, boots recommended. Telescopes might be useful for waterfowl. We expect to see sparrows, waterfowl, kinglets and perhaps Purple Finch. 8 AM. Leader Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in SE Baltimore. With more than 205 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Handicap accessible. 8 AM. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

♣ **Frederick.** Lilypons/Greenfield Road. Local morning search for migrants and early waterfowl. A great trip for beginners as well as experienced birders. Trails can be uneven and overgrown. Contact leader David Smith, 410-549-7082, for meeting time and location.

♣ **Montgomery.** Blue Mash - Remembering Lou. Our annual morning walk in honor of former MBC president and all round naturalist Lou DeMouy who passed away in the fall of 2012. This year the trip will be geared to beginning birders and new members but all are welcome. 8 AM. Reservations required. For more information, directions and reservations contact leader Andy Martin, martinap2@verizon.net or 301-529-2066.

♣ **Washington.** Antietam Battlefield. Birding along the Final Attack Trail. Trip is co-sponsored with Potomac Valley Audubon Society. 8 AM. Meet at the Burnside Bridge parking lot. Contact Sandy Sagalkin, sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com or 240-291-6465 to participate.

Sunday, October 29

♣ **Baltimore.** Cromwell Valley Park. For sparrows, raptors, and lingering migrant songbirds. Cromwell is a great spot for fall migration. Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

♣ **Harford.** Bombay Hook NWR. Visit one of the East Coast's best sites for shorebirds and waterfowl. The refuge is beautiful at this time of year with an exciting array of migrating birds. Bring a lunch and drink. 7:30 AM. Meet at the MD 155/I-95 P&R near Havre de Grace. Leader Dave Larkin, 410-569-8319 or larkin3001@comcast.net.

♣ **Montgomery.** Blackwater NWR. Early waterfowl and lingering migrants plus late afternoon marsh watch. Brown-headed Nuthatch possible. Bring lunch and drinks. Reservations required. Limit 12. Full day. Contact the leader for meeting place and time. Leader Mark England, 240-207-3132(home) or 240-375-4500(cell).

♣ **Talbot.** Oxford & environs. Explore the newly established Oxford Natural Area for sparrows and meadowlarks. Land birding, especially fields outside of town, sometimes yields winter birds such as Horned Lark and Pipits. Breakfast host Cathy Cooper (coopercw@goeaston.net) at home in Londonderry. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM OR meet the leaders at 7:20 at the Town Park in Oxford, across from the Town Hall. Leaders Tom Corl, 202-215-1684 or

tom.corl@gmail.com and Ron Ketter, rketter@verizon.net.

Wednesday, November 1

✿ **Baltimore.** First Wednesday Walk at Fort McHenry. One of a series of morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. 8 AM. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

MEETING. **Carroll.** "Birding Colorado – What the Leck!" by *Dave Harvey*. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Center in Westminster. Contact Don Jewell at jewelldg@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Cecil.** Speaker TBA. 7-8:30 PM. Senior Center, Cecil County Admin Bldg, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton. For more information, contact Maryanne Dolan, maryanne.dolan@gmail.com.

Thursday, November 2

MEETING. **Frederick.** *Phil Davis* will tell us about his Azores/Madeira trip. 7 PM at Homewood at Crumland Farms. Contact Don Hambright, 301-676-0635.

✿ **Patuxent/PG.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellatlantic.net, for more information.

Friday, November 3

DINNER/MEETING. **Harford.** Speaker/topic TBA. Dinner at 6:15 PM, general meeting at 7:15 PM, presentation at 8 PM. Churchville Presbyterian Church, 2844 Churchville Rd. Reservations required. Contact Johanne Henrickson, johen24@gmail.com.

Saturday-Sunday, November 4-5

MOS. Work Weekend at Irish Grove. Join others for a work weekend to help maintain the house and grounds of this Somerset County Sanctuary. Great birding opportunities as well. Stay overnight for free. There is limited sleeping space in the house and room on the grounds for tents. Contact Dotty Mumford, dottymum@comcast.net or 443-214-5154, for more details and to RSVP.

Saturday, November 4

✿ **Anne Arundel.** Kinder Farm Park. Alan and Susan Young will lead this monthly trip. The park has a lot of trails and diverse habitat with fields and wooded areas to explore. Alan produced a checklist of the birds of the park, and walks and explores this area regularly. 7:30 AM (half day). Meet at the Park. Contact Alan and Susan Young, 410-991-8300 or alnmyoung@aol.com.

✿ **Carroll.** Hashawha - Concentrating on Sparrows. 8 AM (half day). Meet in the parking lot at Bear Branch Nature Center. For more information, contact Tom Miller at 410-627-4384.

✿ **Cecil.** Waggoner's Gap. This has been a hawk watching site since 1948. Located near Carlisle, PA, on the ridges favored by migrating hawks, this site is known as an excellent place to see Golden Eagles in November. Pack a lunch and dress warmly—it can be very windy and cold up there. Also, be aware that this is a steep, rocky outcrop, so strong shoes or hiking boots are helpful, as is a seat cushion. 6 AM (all day.) Meet at the North East Food Lion parking lot on Route 40. No leader.

✿ **Harford.** Blackwater NWR. Don't miss this opportunity to visit the Eastern Shore's 28,000 acre refuge. Established in 1933, its fresh water impoundments, brackish tidal wetlands, open fields, and mixed forests attract thousands of birds migrating along the Atlantic Flyway. The refuge is also home to many local species and Eagle and Osprey cams which can be viewed online. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Havre de Grace P&R lot at the I-95/155 exit. Leaders are Tom Gibson, 410-734-4135 or gibsonlld@aol.com, Tom Congersky, 410-658-4137 or jnitcon@zoominternet.net, and Bob Werrlein, 410-692-5180 or we2rein@gmail.com.

✿ **Howard.** Howard Conservancy at Mt Pleasant Farm Sky Watch. This trip will be strictly a sky watch for late-migrating raptors and other potential goodies. Our main target will be Golden Eagle; while not expected, early November is the best time to catch one flying over Howard County. Last year a half-day sky watch less than a mile from this location produced an immature Golden Eagle and a Sandhill Crane, along with good numbers of Bald Eagles and Red-tailed Hawks, plus Northern Harriers, accipiters, and

some waterfowl. We will watch the skies and tally the birds as long as conditions are productive. Hope for a north wind! Bring water, lunch, hat, sunscreen, light-colored sun glasses, comfortable lawn chair (recliners are best), binocular, scope, and camera if you like. Participants can also walk the Conservancy trails if sky-watching proves non-productive. Facilities available. 9:30 AM (half day.) Meet at parking lot. Leader Russ Ruffing, ruff2@verizon.net.

Montgomery. Oaks Landfill. Explore this now-closed landfill adjacent to the Blue Mash Nature Trail. Mostly open terrain on a gravel road, including two pond views and one hill climb of moderate difficulty. Possible sparrows, raptors, and waterfowl. Leader will have scope for distant birds. We have special permission to enter this "closed to the public" landfill so reservations are essential. Limit 16. 8 AM. Contact the leader for reservations and more information. Leader Mark England, 240-207-3132(home) or 240-375-4500(cell).



Editor's Note

Beginning with this issue, a new column will appear in *The Maryland Yellowthroat*. Tentatively titled *Beyond Birding*, this will be a bit of a departure, and an opportunity for each MOS member to contribute.

The "vision" that is entertained for this regular feature is for it to be an opportunity to briefly present a topic that exists at the boundaries of birding with other human endeavors: science, culture, history, public policy.....any topic of relevance to birds or birding and of potential interest to members of the Maryland Ornithological Society.

The MOS is a premier birding organization, and has been so for quite a long time. And, I suppose that birding must be at the core of our organizational identification and activities. Some

of the most avid and most skilled birders anywhere are MOS members.

That said, we are a diverse, enormously talented group with interests that extend well beyond birding. We are an "ornithological society" and that phrase alone expands our horizons beyond the lovely pastime, avocation, passion that we enjoy so much. The first item has been contributed by our *Colin Rees*, who has a great talent for uncovering interesting stories. About plant responses to insect attacks, it is clearly "beyond the border" but of real interest to us as birders since insects and plants provide food and shelter for our avian friends.

So, this is a column that won't feature one particular contributor...it will feature many MOS members. Hopefully any number of you will, over time, step forward and send an item to me. If you want to try out an idea, before sitting down to write, don't hesitate to send me a note, I would love to hear from you.



Notice of Temporary Sanctuary Closure

"The Mill Creek MOS Sanctuary in Talbot County will be closed to MOS members and the public due to deer management, from September 1, 2017- January 31, 2018."