MOS Statement on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The mission of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) is to foster interaction and exchange of information among people interested in wild birds and the natural world, in order to encourage the enjoyment, study, and conservation of these birds. We the members of MOS stand firm in our conviction that the love of birds and the natural world can be found in all peoples; that everyone should be able to partake freely in the enjoyment and study of birds and the natural world; and that the conservation of birds and the natural world benefits us all.

We recognize that widespread inequities in our society have limited access to nature for too many people and have imposed a toll of environmental degradation upon too many. We resolve to do our part to address these inequities, by embracing equity, diversity, and inclusion in MOS, our membership, and our activities. Only by ensuring that our organization is welcoming to all people can we achieve our goal of fostering interaction among all people interested in wild birds, nature, and their conservation.

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