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President's Perch

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Birding During the Plague

Many modern human populations have been quite resilient to the equalizing pressures that effect other animal populations that reach high densities. Ecologists term it "environmental carrying capacity" where either key resources get thin or disease rips through it, bringing numbers down below carrying capacity. Several estimates of carrying capacity have been made with a wide range of estimates. A 2001 UN report mentioned that two-thirds of the estimates are in the range of 4 to 16 billion. More recent estimates are much lower, particularly if non-renewable resource depletion and increased consumption are considered. Stanford scientist Paul Erhlich has suggested that we are currently way above it. Regardless, that a new virus shares attributes that make it efficient through transmission (with carriers seemingly unaffected) should give us pause to think about how we go on in a limited world. This has happened before. In medieval Europe both pneumonic and bubonic plague (thanks to poor sanitation and disease carrying fleas) caused havoc and as a result many were affected. Periods of cholera in London during the 19th century were the result of a bacteria that took over because of poor wastewater treatment. Technology has helped us proliferate and conquer disease, extend resources, and allowed us to congregate way beyond where other animals have seen reductions in populations. The measures we are taking by staying home and away from others is necessary and makes sense, but it has taken away some of what we are so used to. We are mostly gregarious critters and birding brings us together. We cannot meet together right now, but the birds are ambivalent. In fact, they probably prefer fewer people chasing them. However, given our current situation, this may be a blessing where we are now challenged to go out and be more intimate with the breeding birds and be quiet observers. Remember, it is the beginning of the third Maryland breeding bird atlas!

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Plan Ahead!

- May 1-HBC Virtual meeting at 7pm. Speaker will be George Jett & Gwen Brewer: Birds of Brazil. The event will be held on Google Meet. Link by RSVP only.
- 73th MOS convention to be held ~~May 15 - May 17, 2020~~ May 14-16, 2021 at the Cumberland Ramada in Cumberland, Maryland.

Be there.

Good birding,

Mark

~Dr. Mark Johnson, President

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Bird Droppings

Club News?

Have news the club should know about? Births, deaths, marriages, or any other notable events that belong in the newsletter? Please contact Secretary Jane Scocca at 410-272-8870 or send an email to jane@scocca.org.

MAY MEETING-NOW A VIRTUAL MEETING



A very short greeting by club president, Mark Johnson, followed by a presentation by our previously scheduled speakers on May 1st will be held online as a virtual meeting. Members wishing to attend will need to RSVP using [this form](#) to receive the link for the meeting. See pages 10-11 for details.

Canceled Events

In order to comply with Governor Hogan's 'Stay at Home' directive, the following events have been canceled:

- ◇ Saturday, April 18th: Warblers & Wildflowers Walk at Susquehanna State Park
- ◇ Wednesday, April 22nd: Bombay Hook
- ◇ Saturday, April 25th: Harford County Earth Day Event at Aberdeen's Festival Park
- ◇ Saturday, April 25th: Jerusalem Mill
- ◇ Friday, May 1st: Harford Bird Club Pizza Dinner at Conowingo Visitor's Center– Now a Virtual Meeting
- ◇ All Spring Bird Banding Sessions scheduled for Eden Mill



As the world health situation evolves, we will update our [Facebook Page](#) and [website calendar](#) with either more cancellations or events that are cleared to take place!

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Field Trip Reports



Swan Harbor Farm Park February 29

The trip was to Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace was a brisk 40 degrees with some wind making gloves, hats and warm boots a necessity. Approximately 20 people came out to look for birds with Dave Webb and I, despite the cold. First we walked along the path down to the pier to look for waterfowl. We approached an enormous raft of Bufflehead, Common Merganser, Canvasback, Redhead, Ruddy Ducks, Ring-Necked Ducks, and Lesser Scaup. The raft was spread along the shoreline towards the Havre de Grace Promenade for about a quarter mile. After we had combed through the ducks for unusual individuals, we decided to visit a nearby spot of wetland hoping for ducks on the water. We saw a few Song Sparrows and a few young Red-Shouldered Hawks flew over. Then the group crossed the frozen cornfield to walk on a trail through the woods that paralleled the water. We saw a few more species including both Kinglets, Winter Wren, and Brown Creeper. We didn't see anything exceptionally rare but the quantity and variety of waterfowl was a nice treat. All in all, we observed 41 species in the frigid weather.

~ Nick Spigler

Timberdoodle Hunt March 12



Nineteen of us had an enjoyable time hearing peents and wing vocals from several American Woodcocks at the White Marsh location near Philadelphia Rd. We were lucky to see several excellent flight displays, after a young boy got the first glimpse of a flying American Woodcock. All the great sounds/vocals one would hope to get, all the cool circling and swoops. One flight in particular was excellent when, after a couple of big circles, the bird went straight up and out of sight, only to soon be seen again fluttering down in circles. Just when we thought it had landed close in mowed grass, it took off again. ~Tim Houghton

Conservation Corner: You Can Help Conserve Migratory Birds

I am always reminding people that many migratory birds are declining due to habitat loss and changes to the world such as windmills that are hundreds of feet tall and buildings constructed of glass panels that look like the sky to the bird's eye. Sometimes we feel there is little we can do to change these things, but every member of the Harford Bird Club can do something: either plant one or several new native shrubs or trees in your yard or help a neighbor or a friend plant one in their yard. The native eastern redbud makes a wonderful gift!

I was amazed one summer when I found a Black-throated Blue Warbler building a nest in the one mountain laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) shrub just feet away from our house. What a difference that one shrub made for my birding experience that year!

Also, if you have a non-native tree or shrub, you can remove it and replace it with natives. I know, that may seem drastic, but it could really change your immediate ecosystem. For example, if you have a Norway maple in your yard, and a bird family has the misfortune of nesting in it, the parents will have to leave that tree to find food for their young because Norway maples do not attract insects! The nestlings may or may not survive due to the extra lengthy feeding trips the parents must endure.

I once had a Japanese red maple in our yard and learned from experience it was invasive - all those seed pods growing hundreds of tiny new trees in the grass (good thing for the lawnmower). But in addition, looking at the branch structure, I could see it offered very little value as a nest host. That tree was very pretty but I cut it down one spring and I had no regrets. Replace yours with a Hawthorne tree that is also a beautiful red in the fall and will feed birds with its berries and offer shelter as well.

So this is meant as an inspiration to my fellow birders! It's easy to find online info on Maryland native species, so take the time and I guarantee you will be rewarded! Happy Spring! ~Debbie Bowers

Annual Harford Bird Club Awards

The annual Harford Bird Club awards were handed out at the March 6th meeting. If you know any of the following members, please congratulate them!

Birder of the Year: Mary Murray – For exemplary service to the Harford Bird Club through her activities in advancing the joys of birds and birdwatching to children and new prospective members. Her efforts and enthusiasm advancing the knowledge of birds as part of her role as Education Chair brings great credit upon her, the Harford Bird Club and the Maryland Ornithological Society.



Rookie of the Year: Maureen & French Cornett - For their enthusiasm and interest in learning all about the birds of Maryland and for their participation in field trips conducted by leaders within the Harford Birds Club. Their interest has served to encourage leaders and other birdwatchers in demonstrating the interest of birds and birdwatching in Harford County.

Volunteer of the Year: Amanda Subolefsky – For her selfless contributions to the Harford Bird Club. She has served as prior co-president and webmaster where she engineered a total renovation of the HBC webpage which has served to increase the visibility of the club. She served as to increase the visibility of the HBC through initiating and maintaining a social media site and when it was needed, she stepped up to become the new editor of the HBC newsletter. In addition, she continually works in education as a bander with the purpose of educating the youth of Harford County on the biology of birds. Her enduring efforts demonstrate great credit upon her, the Harford Bird Club and the Maryland Ornithological Society.



Volunteer of the Year: Colleen Webster – For her enduring efforts and enthusiasm in practicing conservation activities and encouraging birdwatching in Harford County. Her efforts in leading multiple field trips and reaching out to local communities have directly resulted in increasing membership and greater appreciation of birds in Harford County. Her infectious enthusiasm has encouraged the participation of more individuals who appreciate birds. Her efforts have brought great credit upon her, the Harford Bird Club and the Maryland Ornithological Society.

Bird of the Year: Trumpeter Swan - Thanks to the Home Depot in Edgewood, Maryland for hosting numerous bird watchers from across the region to view at least two Trumpeter Swans at the ponds behind the facility. These birds have decided to remain there for over a year and allowed many close looks at a once threatened species in North America.

Horizon Award: Nara & Tyme Anusonti - Inthra – For their enthusiasm and participation at youth birdwatching events in Harford County. The brother and sister duo have attended many field trips and related events with their parents and competed in the World Series of Birding. During the World Series of Birding, they won first place in elementary division, identifying 105 species within 15 hours!



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Breeding Bird Atlas

The third Maryland Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA3) is underway and Harford is stepping up to make this our best effort yet. Even though the COVID-19 has made things difficult, we are making great progress. Only 6 blocks, not counting the restricted APG area, remain unadopted out of 46. We would be very happy if anyone who is interested would get in touch with myself or Matt Hafner to discuss adopting one of the vacant blocks. So far our atlasers range in age from 8 to however old Tom Gibson and Bob Werrlein are (I'm guessing 95+). Everyone can be a part of this effort by birding your backyard or favorite patch and reporting what you see. If you are not amenable to using eBird to report your data, you can let Matt or Dennis know what you find and we will enter it for you. This includes the robins and phoebes that nest around your porch or the house wren and bluebirds that use your nest boxes. You may also know of hawk nests or wild turkeys in your area. We want any and all data!

So far Harford has coded data for over half the blocks and confirmed 17 species as breeding and we haven't even hit the major breeding season yet. We hope the enthusiasm will last during the 5 years of data collection. When we finally can resume our normal routines, we still have plenty of time to enjoy this citizen science effort to document Maryland's breeding bird biodiversity and provide data for important policy and land use decisions. We hope you will want to contribute and get involved. Check out the atlas website at <https://ebird.org/atlasmdc/about>. Matt and I are always available to answer your questions or to give you more information. In the meantime, stay safe. ~Dennis Kirkwood

We Are in Opposite Days

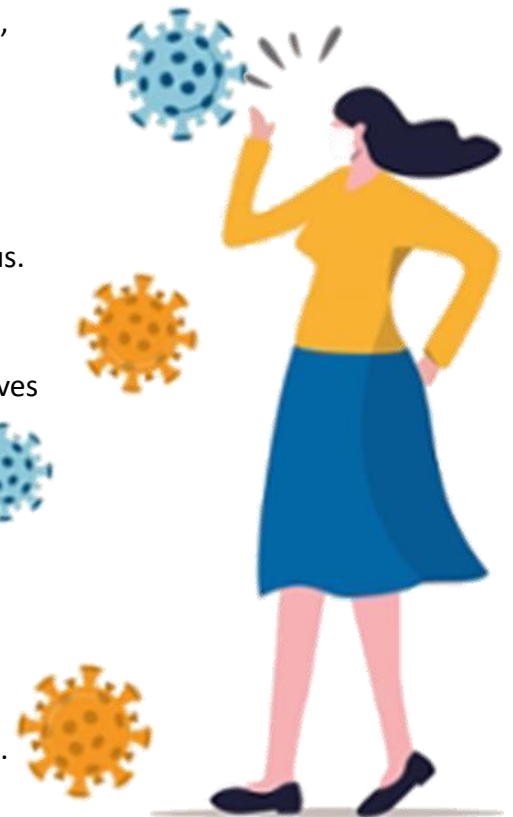


When "yes, negative" is a good thing,
going to work is staying home,
learning is not going to school,
caring for someone is staying away
because love looks like distance
and radio waves and video connect us.

Only the Osprey mate and nest
like normal March, fishing for their lives
above unfolding Virginia Bluebells
who know nothing
but to bloom like every other spring

While all around them, humans
wave to prove we are not drowning
(despite what Stevie Smith said)
because we can only stay close apart.

~Colleen Webster





Harford Birdlife

by Monroe Harden

It looks like much of our birding this spring will be from home. Some of our reports this period were from members' homes. We have to do the best with what we have, right? This report covers the period from February 1st through March 31st, 2020.

Swans, Ducks, Game Birds, Hawks, Rails, Shorebirds, Gulls

Many people saw the continuing pair of Trumpeter Swans at the Home Depot pond in Edgewood throughout the period. MH was surprised to see 7 in the area on Feb 10th. DL also saw 2 at the nearby Lakeside Business Park on Feb 23rd. MH found a Wood Duck in Edgewood on Feb 10th. DK had 4 males and a female on his Newark Farm property on Mar 4th. They were his first for the year. He also saw a male Blue-winged Teal and a female Ring-necked Duck there on Mar 29th. MJ saw 5 Long-tailed Ducks near Lapidum on Mar 13th.

TH saw a Wild Turkey at Mullins Park on Mar 30th. DB heard several in the woods near her home in Street that same day. On Mar 1st, FDL saw a Common Loon near Conowingo Dam. MMC saw an Osprey fishing at Mariner Point Park on Mar 7th. MH and JE saw one near Lapidum on Mar 9th. SH saw a Red-shouldered Hawk near its nest in Fallston on Mar 19th. MM counted 13 Broad-winged Hawks circling over Norrisville on Mar 13th. SH had a Merlin in Fallston on Mar 10th.

DaL heard a Virginia Rail along Swan Creek on Feb 19th. MJ saw one and heard another in the same area on Mar 20th. He also saw 6 Greater Yellowlegs and 1 Lesser Yellowlegs at Swan Harbor on Mar 27th. TH saw a male and a female American Woodcock at Harford Memorial Gardens on Mar 9th. MJ saw a Little Gull over the river near Lapidum on Mar 24th. DK was surprised to see about 20 Bonaparte's Gulls in the Bradenbaugh area of the county on Mar 29th. JE saw an Iceland Gull at Tidewater Marina on Feb 7th, and JG saw 3 Lesser Black-backed Gulls at Swan Harbor on Mar 22nd.

Owls, Woodpeckers, Ravens, Chickadees, Wrens, Thrushes

DB heard an Eastern Screech Owl near her home in Street on Mar 26th. SH had a Barred Owl in Fallston on 25 Feb, and she heard one again in the same area on 27 Mar. TG saw one in Aberdeen on Mar 17th. KW heard a pair of Barred Owls calling near her Bel Air home most days during this period. GR saw a Red-headed Woodpecker near Bradenbaugh Rd on Feb 8th. SH had a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker in Fallston on Mar 10th.

There were several reports of Common Ravens in the county. MJ saw 2 in Susquehanna State Park on Feb 8th. SH saw several in Fallston on Feb 14th. DK saw the first one for his Newark Farms property on Feb 19th. It was being mobbed by some crows. MJ saw 2 in Perryman on Mar 19th.

KW saw a Black-capped Chickadee at her Bel Air home several times during the period. She said it showed up more on colder days. SH had a Brown Creeper in Fallston on Mar 6th. JM found a House Wren at Perryman Park on Feb 11th. SH saw a Hermit Thrush in her Fallston backyard on Feb 24th. JP saw and heard a Wood Thrush along the Lower Susquehanna Greenway Trail on Mar 21st.

Warblers, Sparrows, Orioles, Finches

TH saw a Yellow-throated Warbler at Susquehanna State Park on Mar 26th. He saw 3 there on Mar 30th. JR and BH saw a Pine Warbler on APG-South on Feb 2nd. BM saw 2 there on Feb 8th. SH found one in Fallston on Feb 17th, and RG had 2 in Joppa on Feb 29th. JS saw one on her suet feeder in Aberdeen on Mar 30th. JC found 2 Northern Waterthrushes at Gunpowder Falls State Park on Mar 22nd. MJ saw 3 Louisiana Waterthrushes at Susquehanna State Park on Mar 25th. TH counted 9 there on Mar 30th. MH and JE found an early first year Common Yellowthroat on Battery Island on Feb 24th.

MJ found an American Tree Sparrow at Swan Harbor on Feb 18th. SH saw a Field Sparrow in Fallston on Mar 19th. RG saw a Baltimore Oriole in Joppa on Feb 29th. DWM had 2 Finches at her feeder in Forest Hill on Feb 19th.

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Harford Bird Club Field Trips

Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson

The Harford Bird Club has canceled all trips and group events until further notice. However, we will continue to publish our trip schedules as a possible guide for those who may wish to consult them for their personal plans and in order to be ready to resume sponsored trips when appropriate. May trips are listed as 'TENTATIVE' just in case planet Earth reopens in the next few weeks. Please consult the HBC website, HBC Facebook Group, or email/call the trip leader to verify the status of a particular trip.

TENTATIVE: May 2 (Sat.), Inclement Date - May 3 (Sun.) - Eleventh Annual Birding Challenge Susquehanna State Park –

The previous competitions have been well-attended and a lot of fun. So make room on your calendar to join us for our 11th year. We will meet at the Rock Run Mill at **6:30 AM** for team selections and rules review. Counting will begin at **6:45 AM** and end at **11:30 AM**. A rally celebration will be held 12 noon at a local Havre de Grace eatery. Family members and others are welcome to join the contestants for the celebration. The coordinator is Tom Gibson (gibsonlld@aol.com or 410-734-4135). Birders of all skill levels are welcome. The rules allow all to contribute to the fun and success of each team.

TENTATIVE: May 9 (Sat.) - May Count– Be part of the statewide May Count and help canvass species and individuals in Harford County. This is the peak time for bird migrations in the area. Participants may count anywhere they like but are asked to coordinate with the May Count Coordinator, Gabby Ross so to minimize double counting individuals. Most are given an ADC block to cover, but with coordination more than once can cover a block. There will be no tally rally or group gathering to celebrate this event. Gabby Ross is the Coordinator (410.688.1578 or GabbyCamarata@gmail.com)

TENTATIVE: May 9 (Sat.) – Warbler Walk Susquehanna State Park - Take a stroll through the park in search of spring migrants, especially the beautiful but elusive warblers. While warblers will be the focus of the trip, there should be plenty of other songbirds as well as waterfowl and waders out on the river. Meet at the parking area at Rock Run Mill at **7:30 AM**. The leader is Tim Houghton (timhoughton@comcast.net or 410-510-7504).

TENTATIVE: May 16 (Sat.) - Emory Knoll Farm - Join Carey Rowsom, HBC member and Emory Knoll employee, as she guides you along the trails of this beautiful northern Harford County farm. The open fields and woods of this lovely property are excellent habitat for songbirds, woodpeckers and both resident and migratory warblers. Meet at the Farm at **8:00 AM**. Parking is limited so please consider carpooling. For further information contact Carey at Emory Knoll Farm Inc., 3410 Ady Rd. (Rt. 543), Street MD 21154 (410-452-5880; crowsom@greenroofplants.com).

TENTATIVE: May 25 (Mon.) - Hidden Valley (and surrounding areas) - Leader, Dennis Kirkwood, (Newarkfarms@gmail.com or 410-692-5905) will guide us to the aptly named Hidden Valley area with its sparkling stream running through a beautiful stand of the now rare mature hemlock. The trip will proceed from there to the Bradenbaugh Flats, stopping along the way at other sites with potential. Carpooling is encouraged due to limited parking space. Meet at **7:00 AM** in the parking lot at the northern end of Madonna Rd. where it crosses Deer Creek.

TENTATIVE: May 30 (Sat.) - Paddle at Tydings Park, Havre de Grace - Ply the interesting waters of Havre de Grace with experienced birder and outdoor enthusiast, Colleen Webster (cwebster@harford.edu; 410-459-4577) and co-leader and naturalist, Sue Procell (procellmd@gmail.com; 443-417-4919). Join us at **8:30 AM** at the boat launch ramp with your kayak, stand-up or canoe as we search for waterfowl, waders, peeps and song birds. Osprey and Bald Eagle are also almost guaranteed.

Harford Bird Club Field Trips

Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson

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TENTATIVE: June 6 (Sat.) — Atlas Block Buster — Help our volunteer scientists determine breeding bird populations in Harford County. This data will be added to the Maryland Breeding Bird Atlas project data collection sponsored by MOS. Details to be announced for this first-time event later. Check with the Harford County directors for the Atlas Project, Dennis Kirkwood (410-692-5905; newarkfarms@gmail.com) or Matt Hafner (410-971-3203; hafner.matt@gmail.com).

TENTATIVE: June 13 (Sat.) — Jerusalem Mill Bird Walk — This trip along an appealing stretch of the Little Gunpowder River, which marks Harford County's western border, is focused on finding evidence of breeding birds. Along the way we should see a variety of woodland songbirds as well as birds of prey. Meet at the parking lot on the west side of Jerusalem Rd. at **7:30 AM**. The leader is Susan Hood (410-937-7552; susanjhood@comcast.net).

TENTATIVE: June 27 (Sat.) — Moth and Owl Night — We will begin with a brief search for owls. The leader, time and locations for the Owl portion TBD. The group will then head to the Susquehannock Wildlife Center to see and learn about moths. This is a new trip added to our repertoire and a chance to learn about these beautiful and fascinating insects seldom seen since they are largely nocturnal. They are also a significant food source for many birds. Experienced birder and naturalist, Dave Webb, will introduce participants to moth facts and attraction and identification techniques. Contact Dave (410-939-3537; porzana@comcast.net). Since the Wildlife Center is not yet open to the public, parking is limited so carpooling is recommended.

TENTATIVE: July 10 (Fri.) — Wine and Cheese Social (The Anita Leight Nature Center) — Enjoy refreshing wine and tasty cheeses and snacks along with lively conversation with fellow birders. The event begins at **6:15 PM**. Check our website (www.harfordbirdclub.org), [Facebook](#) or future emails for additional details.

TENTATIVE: July 19 (Sun.) — Bombay Hook — Visit one of the East Coast's best sites for shorebirds and waterfowl. This beautiful reserve in Delaware with its diverse coastal wetland habitats offers great promise for a variety of shore birds, water birds, wading species, raptors and songbirds. Meet experienced leader Dr. Dave Larkin at the Havre de Grace commuter lot near Rt.155/I-95 at **7:30 AM**. Because of trip length and the lack of local eateries, **bring a lunch and sufficient drink** for the day. Contact Dave (410-569-8319; larkin3003@comcast.net) for further details.

TENTATIVE: July 25 (Sat.) — Perryville Paddle — Bring your kayak, canoe or stand-up to ply the usually serene waters in the well-protected Mill Creek and historic Furnace Bay in search of swimmers, divers and, of course, fliers. Eagles and Osprey are often seen soaring overhead; songbirds and woodland birds frequent the shoreline; waterfowl and heron are common sightings. Meet at **8:00 AM** at Stump Point at the far end of the Perryville Community Park. Contact leaders Colleen Webster (cwebster@harford.edu; 410-459-4577) or Sue Procell (procellmd@gmail.com; 443-417-4919). No rental boats available.

TENTATIVE: July 31 (Fri.) — Movie Night with the Dannenfelsers — This popular, entertaining and novel evening begins at **6:00 PM** with socializing over a delicious potluck dinner featuring the bounty of summer gardens. Bring a main dish and drinks for yourself and family/guests along with a side dish or dessert to share. Don't forget binoculars since the lovely property and gardens have plenty of feeders. The movie will start after dinner as darkness sets in. Our gracious hosts provide seating but it might be a good idea to have a folding chair if needed. Further details to follow closer to the date of the event. Contact Steve or Tika Dannenfelsers (410-688-9127; tikad805@gmail.com) for details and directions to 805 Old Joppa Rd., 21085.

Education Report from Mary Murray



February brought some exciting speakers to the elementary school bird clubs. At Prospect Mill's Early Birds and Churchville's Bird Buddies, Sam Voss and Rachel Ortt presented a fascinating program on falconry. Sam explained the history of falconry, the training of birds, the apprenticeship that needed to be done before you can become a master falconer, and related stories of the various birds he had the privilege to train. The students were able to examine some beautiful falconry hoods.

The Meadowvale Feathered Friends were treated to a slideshow of exquisite bird photographs by wildlife photographer, Joe Subolefsky. He narrated his photos with information about how to set up a good shot, ways to make a photograph tell a story, and places that he's traveled to find exotic birds. The students were mesmerized by the variety and beauty of Joe's artwork.

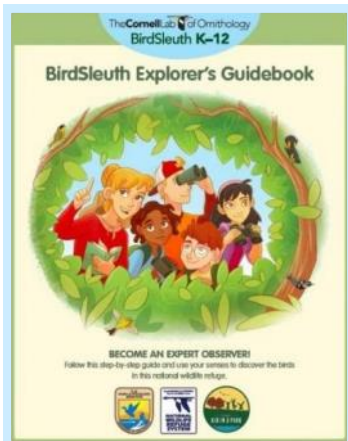


We were so very fortunate to be able to meet with all three school bird clubs in March before the social distancing started and the schools closed! Deborah Bowers presented a wonderful program of Birds and their Foods to the Churchville Bird Buddies. Students learned what plants birds like to eat and how native plants support the environment. A bird walk followed the talk, and we were excited to find that a Pileated Woodpecker had made some impressive holes in a pine tree in the school parking lot. Thanks, Robin Sebold, CVES teacher, for the Facebook post!

Melanie Kane from Harford Glen led an extended bird walk for the Prospect Mill Early Birds. We saw- or heard - a record 14 species, including a "taunting Towhee" who was making lots of noise, but was well hidden in the undergrowth.



Meadowvale Feathered Friends took a "field trip" to the property behind their school owned by Vulcan Materials Company and walked to the wetlands. Their species total was also a record of 18 for the morning, with the predominant species being Red-Winged Blackbirds, and a beautiful flyover by a pair of Great Blue Herons.



With schools closed and everyone attempting home schooling, it's a great time to try some fun activities from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Lessons and activities are available for grades K through 12. Free downloads!

<https://www.birds.cornell.edu/k12/get-started/>

**ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BIRD CLUBS ARE CANCELLED
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.
SEE Y'ALL IN THE FALL!**

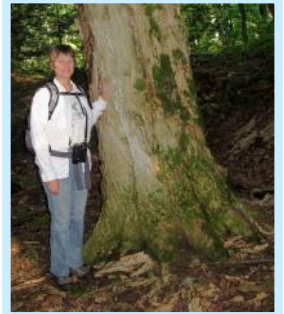
Visit the Harford Bird Club website at www.harfordbirdclub.org

May 1: Virtual Club Meeting on Google Meet

The May Club Meeting will take in your home! That's right, folks, The Harford Bird Club is going to host a presentation by George Jett & Gwen Brewer on Google Meet. Club President, Mark Johnson will start with a few quick words and move quickly to introduce our speakers. Our speakers will share their screen with you so you can see them and the photos they are referring to. 'Birds and Bats in the Brazilian Amazon' is the topic.



George Jett and Gwen Brewer have led Maryland field trips and presented talks on their travels together for bird clubs for over 15 years. Gwen manages the science program for rare species at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and previously was a professor at Frostburg State University. George is retired from the Environmental Protection Agency and is an avid nature photographer- check out his photos at georgejett.net. When not looking for birds, mammals, and



herps in far-off places, they enjoy birding and kayaking from their property near Jug Bay in southern Anne Arundel

...More on Google Meet

The Harford Bird Club Executive Board is aware that attending a virtual meeting is new to many people, however we wished to maintain some semblance of normalcy and still provide you with our scheduled presentation in these unprecedented times. This process won't be glitch free, we can guarantee that. We can prepare to the best of our ability and hope for the best when the meeting begins.



Haven't participated in a virtual meeting yet? That's ok! Google Meet is simple to use, does not require you to register for an account or have a Gmail address. No private information is shared except your name. **You will need to use Google Chrome as your internet browser.** If you don't have Google Chrome, you may download it [here](#).

If you already have Google Chrome downloaded and still get an error message that says 'You need to download Chrome or one of the other things to run this application.' Go back to your email, highlight the link, right click to copy. Open a browser window in Chrome and paste the link.

You will receive a link to the meeting on the morning of May 1st. Between 6:30pm and 7:00pm click the link to join the meeting. Click 'allow' when you're given two pop up screens to 'Give google access to your microphone and camera' and wait for the meeting administrator to approve you to join the meeting.

Still not quite sure this is something you're capable of doing? Amanda is willing to hold 'practice meetings' with small groups of people to make sure they understand how the process works and how to perform functions like muting your microphone so you don't interrupt the presentation and turning off your camera to increase bandwidth and allow the presenter to share in a more seamless fashion.

There is also a call in option for this event, however a phone call will only allow you to listen to what's happening, not see the presentation.

In order to maintain our meeting as a secure location without 'Zoom-Bombers' crashing our meeting and sharing inappropriate things, the link to our meeting **will not** be publicly posted anywhere. The only way to receive the link to attend the meeting will be via email on the morning of May 1.

If you wish to attend the meeting, please fill out the form at this link. [RSVP to Virtual Meeting](#). The form will ask you to share your email and whether or not you'd like to be contacted to set up a practice meeting. **Only emails submitted via the form will receive the link on May 1.**

Tutorial Video: How to Join a Google Meet Event

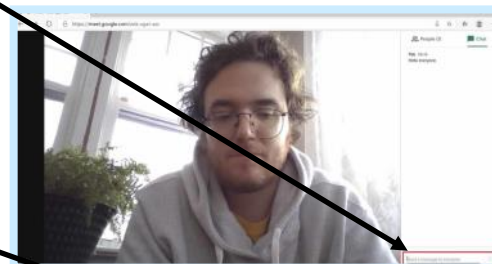
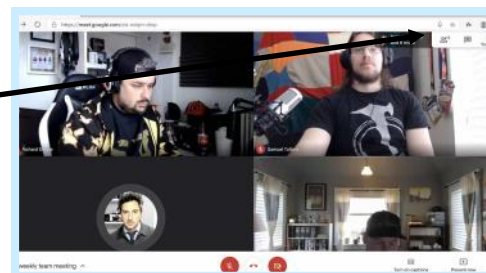
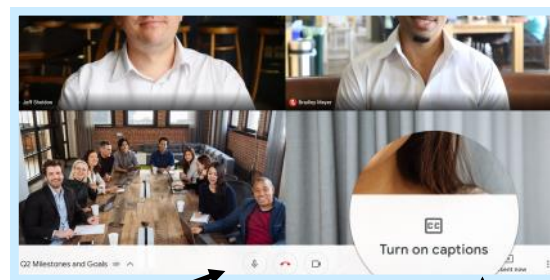
[This video](#) was designed to teach college students how to join a Google Meet. Please watch the video starting at 0:53 seconds to 3:18 to learn how to join a Google Meet.

These dudes may not look like they know what they are doing, but they have a fairly simple tutorial about how to do certain things in a Google Meet. Check out their step by step (with screenshots) tutorial [here!](#)

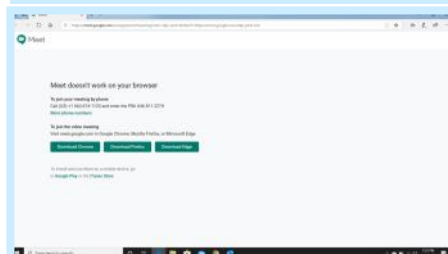
During the Meeting...

We ask you maintain video meeting etiquette:

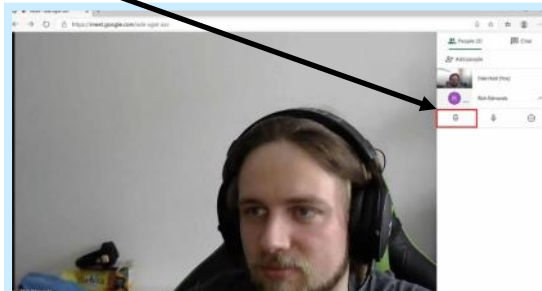
- ◇ Please be fully clothed. This is not a black tie event, but you need to have on pants!
- ◇ Join the meeting between 6:30pm and 7:00pm. We will have a 30 minute period for people to join and get situated.
- ◇ If you arrive in the meeting at 6:30pm and everything works perfectly, awesome...please mute your microphone so those that are having difficulty can receive uninterrupted feedback from administrators. You may stay in the meeting, but walk away and do things until 7pm when the meeting begins.
- ◇ At 7pm everyone's microphone should be muted and cameras off.
- ◇ If you are having trouble hearing the speaker clearly, you may turn on the captions. To read the speaker's words.
- ◇ You should **never** share your screen.
- ◇ If you have any questions for the speakers or would like to share anything, simply type it into the chat feature. The top right corner has a chat button. Push the button and the right side of your screen will show the chat flow. Type your question at the very bottom in the box. At the end of the presentation, the speakers can refer to the chat and take your questions.
- ◇ To remove the 'People' and 'Chat' screens on the right side of the screen, simply click anywhere else on the screen except the right side.
- ◇ When the speaker begins, you can 'pin' their presentation to keep it large throughout the entire meeting. At the top right click on the 'People'. Click the person you wish to 'pin' to the center screen. Click the 'pin' to pin that person. To 'unpin', simply click the 'pin' again.



TROUBLE SHOOTING



- ◇ YIKES! I got this screen!
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Donation Thank You-Eden Mill



EDEN MILL NATURE CENTER & HISTORIC GRIST MILL MUSEUM

February 7, 2020

Harford Bird Club

RE: Charitable Contribution to Eden Mill Bull Roast

Dear Harford Bird Club,

The Eden Mill volunteers would like to thank you for your donation of the Bird Basket to the 2020 Shrimp & Bull Roast fundraiser benefiting Eden Mill Nature Center. We appreciate your trust in this organization to provide the best in community environmental and experiential education, and will work hard for you and future generations to ensure that Eden Mill Nature Center continues to provide high quality learning opportunities for all.

Your gift is tax deductible. Eden Mill Nature Center is a qualified recipient organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Eden Mill did not provide any goods or services as a result of your contribution.

Again, thank you for your gift and support of Eden Mill Nature Center.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paula Harris".

Paula Harris
President
Eden Mill Nature Center





HARFORD BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to join or renew your Harford Bird Club and MOS membership, please print this page and mail the completed form along with a check to:

Eric Vangrin
1100 Barkley Place
Bel Air, MD. 21014

Membership Year - September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020

- () Individual \$33.00 () Sustaining \$63.00
() Life (see below) () Household \$39.00
() Junior \$10.00

OR

Memberships for those who are either members of another MOS Chapter or are MOS Life Members.

- () Individual \$13.00 () Household \$19.00

Please indicate your MOS membership status:

- () MOS Life Member (After 9/1/90)
() Member of _____ MOS Chapter

_____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Make checks payable to Harford County MOS)

- () New Harford Bird Club Membership* () Renewal

Please give names below as they should appear on the membership list.

Married couples should give both names.

Name _____

Street & # _____

City, State _____

Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Email Address _____

- () Check here if this is a new address, phone number or email
() Check here if you object to having your name, address, and phone number listed in the state directory.

*If a new member, how did you find out about the Harford County Bird Club?

An "Individual" membership is anyone 18 or older.

A "Junior" membership is someone younger than 18 whose parents are not members (i.e., not part of a household membership)

A "Household" membership is all persons residing at the same address. (A student who is away at school and wants publications mailed to the school address must be in the Individual class.)

Life Membership dues are: State \$1000.00 and Chapter \$300.00.

New life memberships have the option of paying \$11.00* per year chapter dues in lieu of the \$300.00 lump sum. Life memberships effective prior to September 1, 1990, are exempt from any further chapter dues payment.