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President's Perch

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What A Spring!

Even a pandemic has benefits. Like many, I have been relegated to working at home since 20 March. This has removed my commute time to and from work and has allowed me to enjoy spring like I never had before. Nearly each morning, Denise and I made it a point to go for a walk – sometimes just around the neighborhood, sometimes through Gunpowder State Park, and often always starting with the back yard. Simply put it has been fantastic! We have seen Cape May, Bay-breasted, Nashville, Magnolia, and Tennessee Warblers either in my backyard or in my neighborhood. We observed Baltimore Orioles building nests, Wood Thrush guarding their females while foraging, and often several Scarlet Tanagers in the same tree. Together, we have our “Pandemic List” that includes just our yard and neighborhood and it is up to 78 species!

When we discuss this with others we sometimes get the question “do you think it has something to do with less pollution because we are in lockdown?” I doubt that this had anything to do with us having so much fun getting out and seeing a lot of good birds. It is more likely that in the past, we simply haven't had the time (or made the time) to get out and experience migration. We are now convinced doing so is essential to our happiness and well-being, and I look forward to continue to telework and eventual retirement when then we can expand our observation area.

Good birding,

Mark

~Dr. Mark Johnson, President

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Plan Ahead!

- July 10-HBC Wine and Cheese Social at Anita C. Leight Estuary Center (In the event the meeting cannot take place in person it will be shifted to a Virtual meeting).
- 73th MOS convention to be held May 14-16, 2021 at the Cumberland Ramada in Cumberland, Maryland .

Be there.

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.



Wyatt Michael Ortt

Harford Bird Club Youth Coordinator, Rachel, and her husband, Neil, welcomed their first child on June 6th. Wyatt Michael clocked into work as the 'cutest, youngest Harford Bird Club member' at 7:58am. Rachel and Neil are excited to start their adventure as a family!

New Members

A warm Harford Bird Club welcome goes out to the following new members. Thank you for joining. We look forward to seeing you out there on our birding trips and at our meetings!

Monica Brant-Edgewood, Maryland
Zaphir Shamma-Gunpowder, Maryland



In Memoriam...

Macrina H. Seitz

In late May, Jean and I lost a dear friend and colleague and the club lost a devoted member when Macrina H. Seitz passed away at her home in the retirement village of Mercy Ridge. We met Macrina when we were all part of the faculty at Fallston High School in the late 1970s. When she and her husband, Dave, took my birding class at Harford Community College, it rekindled an interest in natural history that continued for the rest of their lives. Macrina was talented in so many ways but possessed a kind and generous personality that was deeply rooted in her Catholic faith. She and Dave enjoyed traveling for nature, art, good food and wine, and were fortunate in their retirement years to visit six of the seven continents (they missed Antarctica). Macrina was a prolific reader and joined and led several book clubs. She was a fan of opera and classical music and enjoyed the company and friendship of so many of the bird club members. We will miss her in many ways but will always admire her faith, kindness, generosity, and humble disposition. I hope we can all aspire to live our lives accordingly.



Photo compliments of: Deb Stewart

~Dennis Kirkwood

The Harford Bird Club has made a donation in Macrina's name to Catholic Charities.

Giving it Away...for Free!

Call for Grant Proposals

As a non-profit dedicated to advocating for birds and their appreciation, the Harford Bird Club is accepting proposals for limited funding to groups to help assist with these goals. If you know of a cause that is in dire need of a donation, please send your proposal to Mark Johnson at marksjohnson2@gmail.com. All ideas that help advance bird populations to birdwatching and a greater appreciation of birds and their habitats is welcomed. Proposals should be focused on the \$100-\$400 range, however, exceptions may be granted. Given the size of our organization, grants are limited.

Groups that may be interested in submitting a grant proposal could include, but are not limited to the following:

- Scout Groups
- Local Animal Rehabilitation Organizations
- Schools (All Levels; Public or Private)
- SMA/SAE/Magnet Program Project's
- Churches
- Neighborhood Associations

Grant proposals should include, but not limited to:

- Contact Name, Email, Phone Number
- Summary of bird related project
- Full budget
- Number of people impacted/reached by project or project message
- Projects connections with birds

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Don't Eat Much
Don't Bite
Don't require a yard or even a pond



If you wish to have these wooden decorative pieces, please contact Jean Wheeler at JSWheeler3@Verizon.net or 410.838.6774

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Breeding Bird Atlas

The Maryland/DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3 is well under way this year and will continue to collect data for the next four years. Matt Hafner and Dennis Kirkwood are co-coordinating Harford's efforts. Even though a planned training session had to be cancelled due to the virus, we have been able to work online and via phone and email to get many club members involved in this exciting citizen science project. Every block outside the APG territory has been "adopted" by one or more birders and we have already been able to confirm over 80 species as Harford breeders. Stars of the show (i.e., not found in the last atlas) are the pair of Common Ravens at the Vulcan Quarry in Havre de Grace and the Trumpeter Swan couple hanging out at the wetlands/ponds at route 40 and 24 near the Home Depot.

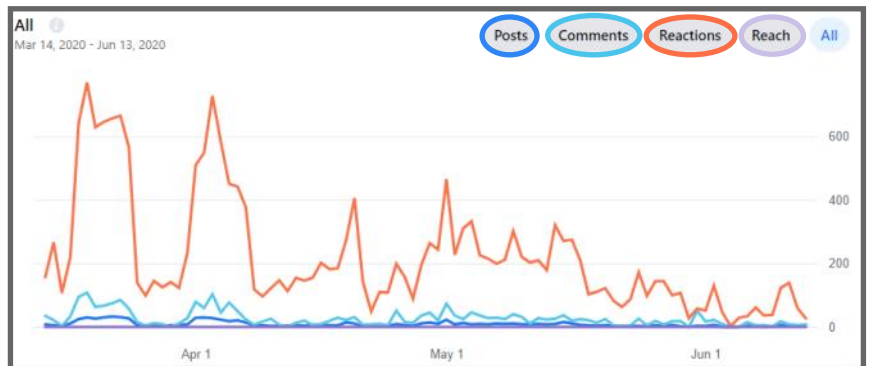
We invite any and all to be on the watch for nesting behavior and to keep notes on what you see. Please check out the ebird website devoted to the Atlas at <https://ebird.org/atlasmddc> and consider getting involved. You may submit data from any block that you happen to bird and do not have to be assigned to a block. Please contact either Matt or Dennis if you need further information or have some interesting sightings to share. ~Dennis Kirkwood






Media Report

In my eyes, the start date of the COVID-19 spring event was March 14. We had just let out of school for a two week hiatus to keep people safe and assess the situation in terms of kids in school. When people talk about ‘before’, my brain automatically goes to any date prior to March 14. I was curious to see how the Harford Bird Club fared the pandemic in terms of media platforms we offer to members and the general public. Were we able to engage our audience and keep people interested in birds? Were we able to entice some of those people who turned to birding for the first time during the pandemic?

When looking at engagement, I noticed our website had 640 hits in 30 days. Twenty-one times a day people popped onto www.HarfordBirdClub.org to check out what we had going on or in this case... what we didn't have going on.

Our Facebook group had a 22.47% increase in members between March 14th and June 14th. As of publication, our Facebook group reaches 654 people. Of the 654 members of the Facebook group, 94% of them are active, meaning they recently viewed content within our group. June 4th was our least active day with only 33 members viewing content. May 31st was our most active day with 453 members viewing content.



When looking at the activity in the Facebook group, I noticed two spikes in the activity. March 19 had 108 comments, 30 posts and 770 reactions (    )! April 3 brought 103 comments, 30 posts and 728 reactions! What happened in our Facebook group those two days? In my opinion, it was a combination of a few things that led people to us. It was early in the pandemic and people were home beginning to adapt to new work from home conditions and relied on social media to provide breaks or information about the pandemic. We were a good distraction for people to turn to in these times. The HBC Facebook group was also hosting 'Seven Day Photo Challenge' during both those peaks. On March 19 the theme of the day was 'Snack Attack' where people posted photos of birds eating. On April 3 the theme was 'Shore Thing' where people posted pictures of shorebirds. I'll admit, I seriously jacked those reaction and comment stats by reacting and commenting on every single photo posted in both challenges, but interaction was what people craved and a service I could provide. (continued on page 7)

Patch Reports

With all field trips between March 16 and mid June cancelled, we turned to our team of volunteers birding assigned patches (or blocks) for the Maryland/DC Breeding Bird Atlas Survey to fill us in on what they've seen and heard along their travels.

Blake's Venture Park, Forest Hill

Deb Stewart

Photo credit: Deb Stewart

If you walk the Ma Pa trail at Blakes Venture early in the morning you may see this silver haired woman with binoculars around her neck and a camera with long lens strapped across her body. She is intent on looking and listening. She moves slowly until she spots something and then works to get a lens on it. That's me. I must be a sight to a non birder.

Birding the same trail has been a joy in this time of restrictions. I have met the nicest people. There was an older woman who returned one day with her binoculars. I was touched. Another lady shared her memory of the impact of beavers on the open area that is now grasses and wetland—good to know. People ask what I am seeing on any given day. I share that I am volunteering in a breeding study. They share, too. "There's a big woodpecker down the trail." "I have robins nesting under my deck." "I feed the birds all the time." I am not alone in my need to connect.



The trail is primarily a riparian zone, an open wetland and woods located in one area of the block I am surveying for the BBA3. I have confirmed some of the birds here with the goal of 70 species observed in 5 years. The bird can be coded observed, possible, probable or confirmed. I have learned what species lives along this trail by frequent visits and researching the nesting habitat, type and behavior. For example, I discovered a pair of Brown Thrashers in a grove of trees. I went home to learn that they nest low in this habitat. I returned to watch them enter a bush repeatedly. I returned again and discovered they were picking up worms and entering the same bush. It is so rewarding to go from probable (pair in suitable habitat) to confirmed (carrying food).



My bird identification has been challenging. It is easier to have a guide tell me what I see. The BBA3 has made me look at habitat, behavior, bird features in a new way and on my own—it's refreshing to learn something new through observation and personal research. I can tell you the difference between the beak of a vireo and a warbler now.

I also have another technique for bird id thanks to my husband, Don. He joins me on weekends to photograph birds with a 400 mm lens. At home, we compare his photos with bird illustrations. Don is becoming a better birder as we work together. Now Don is teaching me camera settings and sending me off on my own to point and shoot. It is so much fun. I really am a sight—birding with a purpose and joy!

~Deb Stewart

Photo credit: Don Stewart

Patch Reports

Atlasing in the Time of COVID-19

Jean Wheeler

As the country suddenly shut down due to Coronavirus, I was freaking out to put it mildly. How long would the shut down last? When would I see my friends again? Would I catch it? I was convinced I would and that I would die! My emotions were out of control. Did I say I was freaking out?!

As I settled into my aloneness, I developed a daily routine: up 5:30 AM, exercise/yoga, breakfast, pray, practice the piano, phone calls. I was checking on friends and they were checking on me. I was still doing Cornell's Project Feeder Watch, so observing and feeding my birds was a big part of the day. Gradually the new routine helped me control my fear and settle into this new normal. I so missed seeing friends and hugging. As of this writing I haven't hugged or been hugged since March 8th.

I had volunteered to participate in the Breeding Bird Atlas. I did it 20 years ago and was looking forward to the training scheduled for March 22. I have never done ebird before. The training like most everything became virtual with a Google-Meet. That was actually fun.

I looked at a couple of block maps that Matt Hafner and Dennis Kirkwood sent and decided on Bel Air CE. It included my neighborhood, and Prospect Mill ES. There was a lot of green on that map and my neighbors had been walking their dogs there for years. I went with them and their 2 dogs to scope out the place. I had no idea of the Walls-Cook Trail owned by HCC. My first impression was of a mixed hardwood forest with a decent understory and somewhat hilly. A small stream meandered through the forest. I began thinking woodpeckers, ovenbirds, nuthatches, warblers. Before entering this large forest tract, there are several grassy playing fields. Each field is bordered by substantially forested, shrubby 30-50 feet wide tracts. Indigo Bunting, flycatchers came to mind. I needed to go bird!

I admit, I interpreted the "shut down" order. Hiking was permitted, so I hiked with my binoculars. On April 3, I drove to Prospect Mill ES. I placed my MD/DC Atlas sign on the dash and walked into the woods. It was a deeply spiritual experience. Entering through a narrow opening, I walked down a steep, narrow, dark path, across a wooden bridge into a large clearing. I glanced about and was overwhelmed. It felt like hallowed ground, as if I was in a cathedral. Towering oak, beech, maple, and tulip poplars formed a dome over the forest floor. Dappled light peaked through. Silence enveloped me. No traffic noises, it took my breath away and tears flowed, the sheer beauty of the place! As I stood transfixed, I heard it, the choir of birds -robins, cardinals, titmouse, chickadee, red-bellied woodpecker, Carolina wrens. My soul filled with hope and I knew birding, atlasing and this place would be my salvation.

Since that day, I have gone birding 3-4 times a week for 2-4 hours at a time. Birding and atlasing has become somewhat of an obsession. Because of the shutdown I never met any other people. As the spring progressed the bird choir filled out as Ovenbirds with their emphatic "teacher, teacher, teacher" and the ethereal Wood Thrush joined. One morning I had 4 species of woodpeckers drumming. What a glorious racket!

This area included Mary Murray's Bluebird Trail that she started as a teacher at Prospect Mill. She blessed me with 3 Bluebird boxes. Only one has had Bluebirds, which were so much fun to watch. I had no idea there was so much rich habitat so close to my home.

Then I discovered another area, Shucks Road Regional Park. It's not the beautiful, wild forest, but the playing fields back up to woods, farm fields, and wet, marshy, scrub habitat that is alive with birds. I never expected to confirm Field Sparrow, but I did when I noted parents feeding downy fledglings!

Bel Air CE can't compete with Susquehanna State Park, but there is so much to explore here and I have 5 years to do it. Hopefully, next year I can have a friend or two with me to share the beauty and joy of this area.

~Jean Wheeler



Photo credit: Joe Subolefsky

Patch Reports

Finding a New Patch– MacPhail Woods

Mary Murray

In November, my husband Greg and I moved from our single-family home of 33 years to a condo. We had worked very hard on our former yard to make it a bird-friendly habitat, and indeed, we were host to a variety of birds year 'round. Nothing spectacular or rare, but all the "usual suspects" of Northern Cardinals, Carolina Wrens, Carolina Chickadees, Dark-eyed Juncos in the winter, Grey Catbirds in the summer. We loved them all; it was tough to give up.

So, one of the prerequisites of moving was finding a place that had "green". We chose the Overlook at MacPhail Woods, a condo complex that is surrounded by 34 acres of woods with Bynum Run flowing through the property. And, (oh happy day!), it is birder heaven.

We spend our mornings on the balcony, listening to the dawn chorus, while I count the species and polish my "birding by ear". It's easy to collect a dozen or so different species within 10 minutes. On any given day, I can spend an hour wandering the nature trail and get, on average, 20 species. If I take the long route, species totals can exceed 35. Just a stroll down the driveway causes me to stop and become distracted by birds.

There are still the cardinals and chickadees, starlings and Mourning Doves, but now I've added many warblers and Red-Eyed Vireos, Eastern Kingbirds and Cedar Waxwings, Great Crested Flycatchers and Wood Thrushes, all species that are new to my "normal". This morning, a Baltimore Oriole landed atop a nearby tree as we were drinking our morning coffee. I'm learning every day.

Since our move, I've done more birding than ever. I've submitted 137 checklists to eBird and documented 75 species on the property. Some are exhibiting breeding behavior which is being added to the Atlas project. Birding here has been a solace during this time of social distancing, because whoever feels lonely when you are out with the birds?

It's wonderful to have a new "patch". When the restrictions are lifted, if you are interested in sharing the joy, please let me know and we'll explore MacPhail Woods together.

~Mary Murray

Media Report (continued from page 4)

(continued from page 4).... In addition to our website and Facebook group our club also transitioned seamlessly to virtual meetings. With the help of MOS Vice President, John McKittrick, HBC was given a subaccount on the MOS Google account allowing us to use the Google Meet platform free of charge. John was kind enough to meet with me, virtually of course, to show me how the platform worked. From there, I researched and watched YouTube videos to make sure I knew how this was going to work. Members who wished to attend, but were unfamiliar with Google Meet were offered a practice session with me so they felt comfortable. In total, I virtually met with 20 members prior to May 1 to increase their comfort with the platform. In addition, I created a few other resources to increase the comfort level of members. The day of the meeting, 44 computers logged into the meeting. Many of these computers had more than one person watching, so the total number of participants could have been as high as 65 people. The HBC Executive Board also used the platform for their board meeting in May.

The Harford Bird Club should be proud as we were the first of any MOS chapter to hold a full chapter meeting online. Since word of our success has spread, other clubs have reached out for help making their virtual meetings work.

To conclude, in my opinion, our club was successful in the area of digital media over the past few months. We engaged members, encourage new birders and adapted to virtual experiences seamlessly. ~Amanda Subolefsky



Harford Birdlife

by Monroe Harden

This period of spring migration was a challenge due to the social distancing rules. I was happy to see a number of others out at the park birding anyway, while taking the appropriate precautions. This report covers the period from April 1st through May 31st, 2020.

Swans, Ducks, Pheasants, Pelicans, Herons, Raptors

Several people reported the continuing pair of Trumpeter Swans at the Home Depot pond in Edgewood. MJ saw them apparently fighting with some Canada Geese over a nesting mound on Apr 11th. Maybe we'll see some cygnets soon? DL saw a Hooded Merganser hen with 6 ducklings at Swan Harbor on May 24th. He also saw a late Ring-necked Duck. AJ found 2 Red-breasted Mergansers at Battery Island on May 5th. He and JE also saw one there on May 16th. SS had a Ring-necked Pheasant come up to her back door in Churchville on Apr 1st. TH was surprised to see one fly over I-95 between mile markers 81 and 82 on Apr 4th.



BP found an American White Pelican on the river by Susquehanna State Park on May 8th. Several others saw it the next day too. JE saw (the same?) one near Battery Island on May 27th. TH saw a Little Blue Heron flying upriver at Susquehanna State Park on Apr 17th. JSL saw 2 Glossy Ibis at Swan Harbor on Apr 16th. JE was surprised to see a group of 11 flying near his downtown Havre de Grace home on Apr 29th. MH saw a Mississippi Kite flying near his Forest Hill home on May 29th. He also saw 3 Broad-winged Hawks from there on May 25th.

Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls, Goatsuckers, Hummingbirds, Flycatchers, Ravens

TH saw and heard a King Rail at Swan Harbor on Apr 28th. He also saw 2 Sandhill Cranes flying over Susquehanna State Park on Apr 23rd. JE saw a Black-bellied Plover fly by Battery Island on May 5th. MAF saw 10 at Swan Harbor on May 11th. DL reported 2 Solitary Sandpipers and a Spotted Sandpiper at the Lakeside Business Park on May 10th. KG counted 21 Whimbrels flying over Jarrettsville on May 24th. BH and JR found a Pectoral Sandpiper on a pond near Rt 24 on May 17th.



JB and several others saw 12 Laughing Gulls flying by near Havre de Grace on May 10th. TH saw 5 from Lapidum on May 28th. DL saw a Caspian Tern at Lakeside on May 12th and 19th. He found a Least Tern there on May 17th too. BH and JR heard 2 Whip-poor-wills on APG-North on May 16th. JB reported his first Ruby-throated Hummingbird of the year in Abingdon on Apr 9th.

MJ found an Alder Flycatcher at the North Gate Business Park on May 27th. TH had Willow and Least Flycatchers at Susquehanna State Park on May 11th. JH saw a Common Raven on the Swan Harbor pavilion on Apr 19th. TH saw and heard one at Susquehanna State Park on Apr 20th.

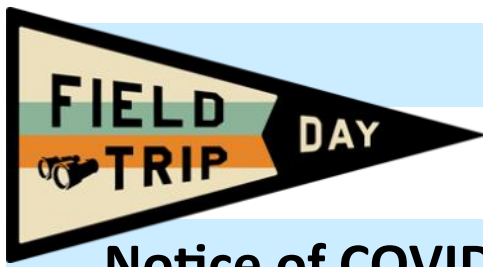
Thrushes, Warblers, Tanagers, Blackbirds

MJ saw a Hermit Thrush at Mullins Park on May 15th. JG found a Golden-winged Warbler at Swan Harbor on May 10th. JM saw one there on May 12th. TH saw a Chat and Tennessee, Nashville, Cape May, and Wilsons Warblers at Susquehanna State Park on May 14th. JE and AJ saw a Mourning Warbler at Susquehanna State Park on May 12th. Others saw one there on May 14th and 15th. MH saw one at his Forest Hill home on May 16th and 26th. TH had one at Swan Harbor on May 18th. AJ saw a Summer Tanager at Susquehanna State Park on May 1st. JG saw a female in Darlington on May 18th. DL saw a Rusty Blackbird at Lakeside on May 18th.



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FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK!

Field Trip

Notice of COVID-19 Precautions and New Trip Protocol

by Tom Gibson and approved by the HBC Executive Board

The Executive Board of the HBC has voted to resume certain activities and trips on a restricted basis conforming to national, state and local regulations as well as in compliance with recent position statements from MOS. All trips will need to conform to the following protocols in order to strive to make trips as safe as possible.



- ⇒ Meet at the field trip site. No carpooling will be permitted.
- ⇒ Maintain six foot distance on hikes.
- ⇒ Wear a mask when six feet of distance between people is not possible. Please have a mask readily available to put on at a moment's notice when grouping close together to see birds.
- ⇒ Share use of scopes only when disinfected between use. Scope owner should be the only one disinfecting the scope. It's possible that chemicals in disinfectant could severely damage and ruin sensitive optics if used incorrectly.
- ⇒ No more than nine participants plus the trip leader (ten total) per trip.
 - Leaders will be responsible for keeping the groups less than ten participants. For trips larger than ten, the group must split up and must stay separated from the other group.
 - It is strongly suggested that participants contact the trip leader prior to the trip and share your name and contact information.
- ⇒ As has always been the case, group leader will have the final say as to whether a trip takes place as scheduled, even at the last minute or during the course of the trip. Whether complying with COVID-19 precautions, weather conditions or field conditions, safety is always the number one priority.
- ⇒ If a trip needs to be cancelled, leaders should notify the Field Trip Chairperson, Tom Gibson and text or cc Amanda Subolefsky on the cancellation email.
 - HarfordBirdClub.org and the Facebook Event for the cancelled trip will be updated no later than the Wednesday before the trip was scheduled to take place.
- ⇒ These procedures are subject to change as the situation evolves.



Tom Gibson, the trip leaders and the entire HBC Executive Board thanks you, in advance, for your

Harford Bird Club Field Trips

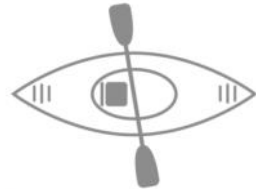
Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson

!CANCELED! 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.

July 10 (Fri.) — Wine and Cheese Social (The Anita Leight Nature Center-or– Google Meet) — Enjoy refreshing wine and tasty cheeses and snacks along with lively conversation with fellow birders. The event begins at **6:15 PM**. Harford Bird Club members Sue Procell and Bob Werrlein will be presenting 'Birds of Costa Rica'. At this time, reservations and payment for the event are not being collected. Check our website (www.harfordbirdclub.org), [Facebook](#) or future emails for additional details. **NOTE:** In the event that large group events are still not permitted or Anita C. Leight Estuary Center is not open, our meeting and presentation will shift to Google Meet. The decision to hold the event or switch to Google Meet will be made on July 6th.

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.

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.



August 1 (Sat.) — Family Nature Walk at Harford Glen— The Glen is always beautiful and offers diverse habitat in a compact area. Do not miss a chance to see the variety of wildlife species found in this Harford County gem. Our two experienced and knowledgeable leaders, Scott McDaniel of the Susquehannock Wildlife Society and Matt Hafner of the Harford Bird Club, will help you find and learn about the herps, insects, mammals and birds that this exceptional site offers. They will meet you in the parking lot of the Glen at **9:00 AM**. Contact is Matt Hafner (410-971-3203; hafner.mat@gmail.com).

August 15 (Sat.) — Hummingbird Happy Hour and Potluck— The shaded porch, the view of lovely gardens with attractive plantings, the delicious food and refreshing beverages, the convivial camaraderie and the swarms of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds make this a truly unique and pleasant afternoon. Butterfly lovers will also have plenty to look at. Diane Jones is our gracious host. Contact her at (410-404-9180; baltobirder55@gmail.com) for details and directions. Contributions to the potluck dinner and refreshments welcome but not necessary. The event begins at **5:00 PM**.

Trips taking place between September 1 and January 31 will be advertised in the next few weeks.

July 10: Wine & Cheese Social

On July 10th the Harford Bird Club is hosting a Wine & Cheese Social at Anita C. Leight Estuary Center in Abingdon! Beginning at 6:15pm, the nature center will be open for members to nosh on some delicious finger foods such as cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, cookies and cakes while sipping your favorite wine, water or soda. Conversation flows as easily as the wine while you enjoy the back deck and company of birders! At approximately 7pm, there will be a brief meeting to fill the members in on what's been happening in the club and we'll get right to our featured speaker to end the night.

At this time we are not accepting reservations for this event or collecting money. When the final decision is made as to whether or not we will meet in person, we will ask for a headcount and collect \$7/person in the days leading up to the event.

Anita C. Leight Estuary Center:
700 Otter Point Rd
Abingdon, MD 21009

PLAN B: In the event that an in person meeting is not possible, we will seamlessly transition to Google Meet as we did for the May meeting. Registration via Google Form will take place July 6-9 and a meeting link will be emailed out the morning of July 10. Wine and cheese will be provided by you!



Sue Procell and Bob Werrlein will be presenting 'Birds of Costa Rica'. If you've never been to Costa Rica it's a country with diverse habitats including coastal plains, rugged mountains and over 100 volcanic cones. Ten percent of the world's population of birds can be found in Costa Rica. With 850 birds spotted in their country they boast twice as many birds as the US and Canada combined in a country 389 times smaller.



The comedy duo of Sue Procell and Bob Werrlein are sure to keep you on your toes and laughing at their travel stories and antics. Sue's photographs are lovely and are sure to whet your appetite for an international trip as soon as possible.

Resplendent Quetzal



Collared Aracari



Fiery-throated Hummingbird



Photos by: Joe Subolefsky



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.