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President's Perch

Inside this issue:

Like last spring, home detention has yielded more opportunities to get out and go birding. Yesterday, Denise and I went for a walk at Rocks State Park and ran into several very productive warbler flocks. They often begin with sounds of chickadees and titmouses (or titmice?), then the warblers showed up. We were greeted with Blackburnian, Black-throated Green, Black-throated Blue, Blackpolls, Black-and-white, and Tennessee Warblers, most were hatching-year birds in their confusing juvenile plumages. Vireos, woodpeckers, and kinglets were also present. The day before while bird banding at Eden Mill, we found Swainson's, Gray-cheeked, and Wood Thrushes, and the week before we had a Connecticut Warbler. I am convinced that the more we go outside the greater our chances for seeing wildlife. Many have remarked through observation that good birders see great birds because they like to spend a lot of time pursuing their passion. They find the time, some at the expense of other engagements, responsibilities, and diversions. I look forward to hawk and waterfowl migrations and the Christmas Count.

That we are in the midst of a pandemic is truly a tragedy, but there are some silver-lined clouds. Many are still working from home. This has led to reductions in atmospheric carbon and fewer cars on the road. Fewer planes are in the air. More time out of the car is giving me precious time to go and spend more time outside. In some ways, this pandemic has resulted in some irreversible changes. Many supervisors are now believers that working from home has resulted in a higher level of productivity than at a single working location. I am now a believer. I think I'm spoiled.

~Dr. Mark Johnson, President

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Plan Ahead!

- November 6– 7pm Harford Bird Club Virtual Meeting & Presentation. "Behind the Lens" with Joe Subolefsky will begin immediately following the short business 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.

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!

John & Jennifer Blake of Havre de Grace

Ian Fallon of Whiteford

Tom Hammen of Edgewood

Susan Haug of Ringle, Wisconsin

Eric Kauffman of Bel Air

Murthy, Nikhil & Sushila Lakshmi of Edgewood

June Mundis

Deborah Abbott



Membership dues for the September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021 year are past due. Please go to <https://mdbirds.org/join/chapters/harford-bird-club/#toggle-id-1> or fill out the form on page 15 and mail your dues to Eric Vangrin. Last year there were some questions about the online payment process since it looked like you were joining the Maryland Ornithological Society and not the Harford Bird Club. The Harford Bird Club is a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society. Paying online or by check to Eric includes you on the club roster for both the Maryland Ornithological Society and the Harford Bird Club.

In Memoriam

Ann M. Werrlein (4 July 1939 - 5 Sept. 2020)

Ann Moore Werrlein (81) loving wife of Past President Bob Werrlein, a gracious and always supportive "First Lady" (July 2015 to July 2017) passed suddenly on 5 Sept 2020 from complications related to pulmonary hypertension. A Connecticut Yankee, born on the 4th of July in Bridgeport, CT., graduated Cum Laude from the Univ. of Conn. in 1960 earning her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. On May 18, 1963, Ann married Bob, a graduate student at the U. Of MD, College Park, and Cell Biologist at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Wash. DC. Ann gave birth to their son Stephen David (1966), and twin daughters Elizabeth Ann and Susan Eileen (1968). In 1973, the family moved to England where Bob (a newly minted Ph.D) was a lecturer and research fellow at the U. Of Bristol Medical School. They travelled extensively, exploring the UK (England, Scotland, Wales), and the European Continent from Scandinavia to Bavaria. She took it all in (Castles, Cathedrals, Royalty, Pageantry, Slimbridge & Shakespeare) and made a cozy home of the family's tidy English duplex in Westbury-on-trym. In 1983, the family returned to the U.S., and settled in Harford County where Ann thrived. She became one of Tom Gibson's "Go To" reliable, and frequently called upon substitute teachers at North Harford H.S.; an active volunteer serving "Meals-on-Wheels" and St. Ignatius dinners for families in need; an officer of the "St. Ignatius Ladies"; a member of "the Red Hats"; a member of Colleen Webster's book club; and along the way, she came to know and become especially fond of her fellow friends and members of the Harford Bird Club. Ann was an avid sports fan, true to her UCONN ladies Huskies basketball, the Orioles, Ravens, and (oops) the Duke Blue devils. She will be missed.



FREE MONEY?!?

Call for MORE 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 should be geared to 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 Projects
- 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
- Project's connections with birds



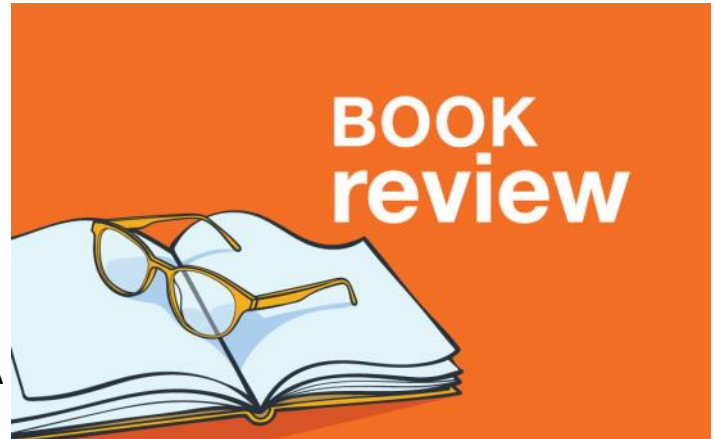
Right now, we are planning for the Rock Run Christmas Count (RRCC). The Audubon Society is waiting until late November to assess the situation to make a decision. We tentatively have set a date of Saturday, December 26, 2020. The RRCC is where teams try and count all individuals of each species in a 24-hour period from a 7.5 mile radius of the Rock Run Mill. It is a great opportunity to get outside during the holidays. This year, there will be no tally rally, and car-pooling outside of family members will be discouraged. If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please drop me a note at MarkSJohnson2@gmail.com or call at 410-692-5978.

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Book Reviews

Vesper Flights is the latest book from Helen Macdonald, author of H is for Hawk. It contains forty-one fascinating nature essays on topics as varied as ants, deer, glow worms, the Atacama Desert and, of course, plenty of observations and reflections on birds. She identifies her subject as "...love, and more specifically love for the glittering world of non-human life around us." With titles as intriguing as "Sex, Death, and Mushrooms," "Swan Upping," and "A Cuckoo in the House" who can resist? Her essays challenge our human view of the world. Be prepared for both joy and heartbreak in these elegantly written essays. ~Jane Scocca

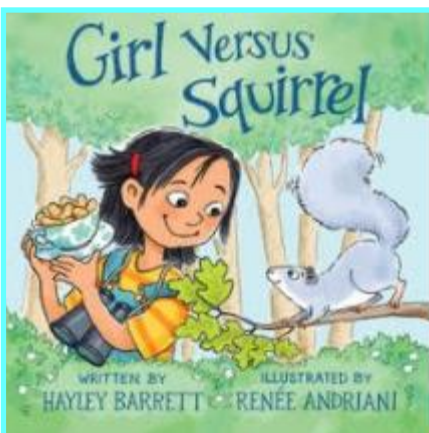
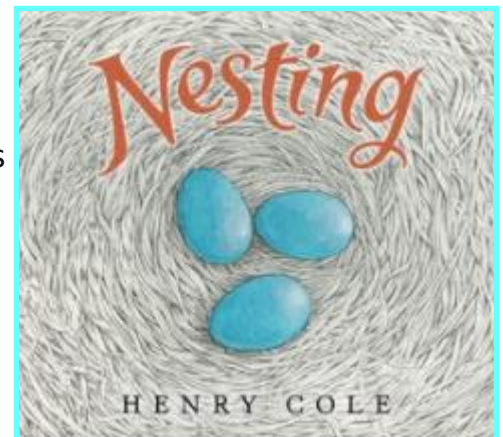


Numenia and the Hurricane by Fiona Halliday

The Fall migration is upon us, but have you ever thought of how hurricanes and tropical storms affect birds? Explore the migration story of a whimbrel who's journey to the US Virgin Islands takes an unexpected twist and turns due to the rain and wind. The enchanting illustrations of one bird's determination to find safety will draw you in immediately. ~Bethany Vangrin, Harford County Public Library

Nesting by Henry Cole

Who among us has not followed a bird as they busily gather materials for a nest? Henry Cole's minimal color and attention to detail provide a wonderful story of a nest's progression from twigs to eggs and beyond. The scene of the pair of robins protecting their eggs from a hungry snake is particularly striking and will make you look closer at that nest next Spring. A perfect book to share with any budding birdwatcher! ~Bethany Vangrin (HCPL)



Girl Versus Squirrels by Hayley Barrett

We can all relate to the battle to protect our birdfeeders from the relentless squirrels! Pearl is all ready to fill her bird feeders and sit back with her binoculars in hand to watch the birds. That is until the squirrels come and claim all the feed for themselves and leave nothing for the birds. Through persistence and determination, that any backyard birdwatcher could appreciate, Pearl learns that things aren't always as they seem. ~Bethany Vangrin (HCPL)

Trip Reports

Ma & Pa Trail

September 7, 2020

Susan Hood

Only three birders enjoyed this walk down the Fallston section of the trail on a beautiful day which was relatively quiet, though there were greater numbers than usual of Carolina Wrens, and a singing House Wren. A few Ruby-throated Hummingbirds fed on the Jewelweed, a molting Song Sparrow fed on tall grass seeds, and the Belted Kingfishers flew by a couple times with their rattling call. At least three Warbling Vireos sang around their usual place by the Winters Run bridge, and a Brown Thrasher sat quietly and cooperatively in easy view near the trail. We were so pleased to see some nice warblers traveling together in their bright plumage: a Black-throated Green, plus two each of Magnolia and Chestnut-sided. 34 species were counted. ~Susan Hood

Cromwell Valley

September 9, 2020

Tim Houghton



I can't believe that somehow our group of 10 scratched and clawed and grinded for 54 species at Cromwell Valley Park this morning. It was slow between migration waves, assuming there will be another wave at Cromwell, but we had a really enjoyable time. Here's the list: <https://ebird.org/checklist/S73389976>. The last birds of the day were 3 orchard oriole females--considered late now by e-Bird--in that cedar tree near where Minebank begins at Willow bridge. Hard to say what best bird was. Yellow-Throated Vireo was a favorite, as were Canada Warblers, Prairie Warblers, Blue-Winged, and others. Two nice birds were heard only: Red-Breasted Nuthatch and Swainson's Thrush. ~Tim Houghton

Garrett Island

September 12, 2020

Colleen Webster & Sue Procell

Twenty-three happy souls showed up to paddle around Garrett Island with hopes of migrants and our water resident birds. We saw Bald Eagles, mature and immature, Osprey, Great Blue Heron. We heard Goldfinches, Kingfisher and others. But most importantly, when the winds kicked up more than forecasted, we saw the Susquehanna Hose Company boat escort us back to our start. We did not lose any fun members, including five under the age of 12. Thank you to the Susquehanna Hose Company ! ~Colleen Webster



Eden Mill Nature Center

September 23, 2020

Dennis Kirkwood

Seven participants plus the leader gathered mid-week for a foray into the fields and forest of Northwest Harford. We began at Eden Mill and walked the quiet gravel roads of Red Bridge and Falling Branch. We were fortunate to run into at least three active mixed flocks which included lots of warblers and flycatchers. Few great looks were offered, unfortunately, as the birds tended to be in the tree tops and very active. We ended the morning with 38 species, including 9 warblers, and finished the trip with a look at Kilgore Falls, always a treat. Two of the birders were from the Baltimore chapter. ~Dennis Kirkwood

Mariner Point Park & Rumsey Island

October 3, 2020

Phil Powers

It was a beautiful day. Ten great birders spent 2 1/2 hours strolling thru Mariner Point. Besides being attacked by gray and black squirrels during the entire walk, we were able to come up with 25 species. The sky was full of Chimney Swifts and Blue Jays. Remember, just get outside and visit our feathered friends.

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PRESIDENTIAL POP QUIZ

Researched and created by: Joe Stevens

Can you name these presidential bird watchers?



1. He compiled a list of 93 species of birds around the White House lawn. He also created 50 federal bird reservations during his tenure. A bird sanctuary was established in his name at Oyster Bay, New York.

- A. Woodrow Wilson
- B. Theodore Roosevelt
- C. William Taft

2. He took up bird watching later in life, after his presidency. He won the 2002 Noble Peace Prize. He was very proud for finding and cataloging a Painted Bunting in his home state.

- A. George H. Bush
- B. Jimmy Carter
- C. Lyndon B. Johnson

3. He created a checklist of 125 birds in his "Notes on the State of Virginia." He had at least 4 mocking birds as pets which later became known as mockingbirds.

- A. James Monroe
- B. James Madison
- C. Thomas Jefferson

4. He became interested in bird watching at an early age while exploring the fields and woodlands surrounding his family estate in Hyde Park along the Hudson River. He participated in a Dutchess County bird tradition known as the May Census. The Springwood Estate became known as the Summer White House because he loved to spend time there birdwatching.

- A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- B. Calvin Coolidge
- C. Herbert Hoover



Answer key can be found on page ten.

A Note of Thanks...

DEAR HARFORD Birdclub Members, 27 Sept 2020
HAIL GOOD FELLOWS, And THANK you "ONE
And ALL" FOR your "Heartfelt sympathies", and
your shared capacity for love and concern
at the passing of your friend (my wife)
ANN MOORE WERRLEIN. Your floral bouquet
at her viewing WAS Absolutely STUNNING,
and a fitting testament to the fact that
we are bound together by our mutual
admiration and respect for all things
natural. Ann would have LOVED it.
Bob Werrlein

Conservation Corner

Watch Out for the Birds!

By Debbie Bowers

At this time of year, as daylight happens later on our clock, and we leave our homes to go to work before sunrise, we may come upon birds in the road, or along the edges of the road, just before there seems to be enough light for them to see. Some of these birds are new arrivals, coming from up north to our clime for the winter. They may be landing on the road after a very long night's flight, and your headlights are blinding them. Or, they arrived some time during the night, very hungry, and searching for weed seeds along the edge of the road surface. Here they may find thistle seed, foxtail or other weeds dropping their seeds. Also, bugs are easy to find on hard surfaces. My advice: slow down if you can, especially when you see unmown vegetation along the road edge. You may not be able to see things as small as a bird, but they are often there. If birds fly up, use your brakes to give them the extra time they need to escape from the blinding light and frightening noise. People think, oh, they are birds, they can fly out of the way, but they cannot always get out of the way of a danger they can barely perceive, especially if it is still dark.

Also, as we get our first snowfalls (IF we get snow this year) be mindful that birds will seek out places where vegetation or any surface is showing – they are desperately looking for food. In addition to bird feeders, try removing snow from a portion of your yard or driveway area. You will see the birds come flocking to it! They need grit as well as food you put out. And don't forget water. Try searching for bird bath heaters online and treat yourself to extra birdwatching this winter! Click [here](#) to check out the heated bird bath pictured.



~Debbie Bowers

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Harford Birdlife

by Monroe Harden

We are closing out another season under COVID restrictions. My main birding activities this summer involved watching and photographing the hummingbirds at our back deck feeders. It's nice to see some excellent bird reports from others in our county. This report covers the period from August 1st through September 30th, 2020.

Swans, Grebes, Ducks, Shorebirds

Several people reported the continuing pair of Trumpeter Swans at the Home Depot pond in Edgewood throughout the period. A female Bufflehead also spent the summer at the Woodley Rd pond and was seen by many observers. AJ saw a female Redhead at Tydings Park on Aug 12th. Others saw it there and on the nearby island through Sep 21st. LM found a Horned Grebe at Seneca Point in Havre de Grace on Sep 2nd.



JE saw a Black-bellied Plover on Battery Island on Sep 15th and 17th. He saw 4 there on Sep 20th. On Sep 16th, he reported 2 flyover American Golden Plovers there, along with a Ruddy Turnstone and a Sanderling. JR also saw a Sanderling there on Aug 18th. JE heard 2 flyover Upland Sandpipers from the Bel Air Parking Garage on Sep 15th. He also found a Western Sandpiper at the Woodley Rd Pond on Aug 23rd. He saw 2 on the Tydings Flats on Sep 5th. CS saw a flyover Wilson's Phalarope over Swan Harbor on Aug 16th.

Terns, Doves, Flycatchers, Vireos, Ravens

JE and MH saw 2, and possibly 3, Royal Terns near Lapidum on Aug 4th. These were probably blown in by the recent tropical storm. Many observers saw the continuing Eurasian Collared Dove at Swan Harbor through Sep 6th. MJ saw an Olive-sided Flycatcher there on Aug 31st. TH found a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher at Susquehanna State Park on Sep 1st. MJ saw one there on Sep 6th.



TH saw 2 Philadelphia Vireos at Susquehanna State Park on Sep 1st. MH had one at his Forest Hill home on Sep 11th. Others reported them at Mullins Park on Perryman Park. NS had a Red-eyed Vireo at his home in Bel Air on Aug 22nd. MJ saw 2 Common Ravens perched in a tree near the Woodley Road Pond on Aug 24th. RK saw and heard 2 flying by his Darlington home on Sep 19th. DB's husband also saw 2 on the cell tower on Rock Ridge in Rocks State Park on Sep 29th.

Wrens, Thrushes, Warblers, Tanagers, Finches

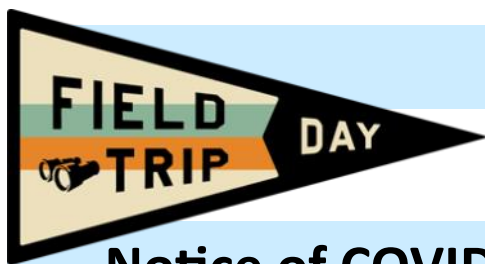
AJ found a Sedge Wren at Swan Harbor on Aug 12th. Others saw it there through Aug 26th. 2 were reported on Aug 21st. RK saw a silent Gray Cheeked or Bicknell's Thrush at his Darlington home on Sep 19th. TH saw a Prothonotary Warbler at Susquehanna State Park on Sep 8th. JM saw a Kentucky Warbler at Eden Mill on Sep 11th. JE found a Connecticut Warbler at Swan Harbor on Sep 11th. MH had one in Forest Hill on Sep 14th, and DK banded one at Eden Mill on Sep 26th. TH saw a Wilson's Warbler at Susquehanna State Park on Sep 19th.



MJ saw a female Summer Tanager at Steppingstone Museum on Aug 29th. JM found a red male at Eden Mill on Sep 28th. NS saw a Rose-breasted Grosbeak at his Bel Air home on Aug 22nd. TH and AJ had a Dickcissel at Swan Harbor on Sep 1st. AJ also saw a Purple Finch at Mullins Park on Sep 13th.

Contributors

AJ- Austin Jennings, BH- Brad Heath, CS- Chris Starling, DB- Debbie Bowers, DK- Dennis Kirkwood, JE- Josh Emm, JM- John Manger, JR- Johnnie Ramos, LM- Lane McLaughlin, MH- Matt Hafner, MJ- Mark Johnson, NS- Nicholas Stone, RK- Russ Kovach, TH- Tim Houghton



FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK!

Field Trip

Notice of COVID-19 Precautions and New Trip Protocol

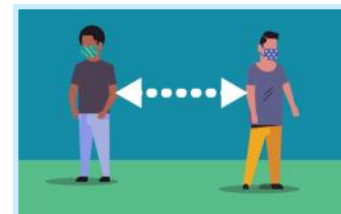
by Tom Gibson and approved by the HBC Executive Board

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 cooperation and looks forward to seeing you enjoy field trips again!



Harford Bird Club Field Trips

Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson

October 17 (Sat.) — Harford Glen. We will begin this tour with sightings from the parking lot, then proceed to survey the triple riparian habitats of Atkisson Reservoir, the faster flowing Winter's Run, and the Plumtree Run tributary. The woodland trails and open meadows offer great opportunities for good birding. Veteran birders, Jane Scocca (410-272-8870; jane@scocca.org) and Jean Wheeler (410-838-6774; jswheeler3@verizon.net) will be leading our trip. Meet at the Glen parking lot at **7:30 AM**.

October 24 (Sat.) — Swan Harbor Farm. This preserved area near the Upper Bay provides prime habitat for waterfowl, song birds, and marsh and field birds. The trip begins at **8:00 AM** at the parking lot at the end of the driveway. Contact leader, veteran birder Dennis Kirkwood (410-692-5905; newarkfarms@gmail.com).

November 6 (Fri.) — Bird Club Meeting & Presentation This is a virtual event due to the fact that indoor gatherings are still not recommended for groups. Please register for the meeting and presentation using this [form](#). Please register by 10am on November 6th. The meeting will open at 6:30pm. The event will begin with a brief club meeting led by HBC President, Mark Johnson. Immediately following the meeting, our guest speaker, Joe Subolefsky will present 'Behind the Lens with Joe Subolefsky', a peek inside the ways he's able to capture the images and stories behind some of his favorite images of all times.

November 15 (Sun.) — Prime Hook. This is a rare opportunity to join experienced birder Dr. Dave Larkin on a day trip to one of Delaware's best-kept secrets, a beautiful preserve of over 10,000 acres on the shore of Delaware Bay. This is an important spot for migrating bird species and is home to 250 species either on a permanent basis or as visiting migrants. The refuge includes varied habitats and terrain including ponds, forests, woods, grasslands, and saltwater as well as freshwater marshes. All of which promise a variety of species. Please meet at the I-95 Park and Ride in Havre de Grace on Route 155 at 7:30am. No Carpooling. Caravan to Prime Hook only. Contact Dr. Larkin for more details. (410-569-8319; larkin3003@comcast.net).

November 21 (Sat.) — Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge. Join experienced birders Tom Congersky (410-910-6182; injitcon@zoominternet.net) and Eric Vangrin (443-417-7219; evangrin@msn.com) as they explore this little known Eastern Shore gem. Just the scenic ride down and the beautiful, classic Eastern Shore diverse habitat of the refuge make this trip worthwhile. Add the likely variety of waterfowl, shore birds, raptors and passerines and you have a "must-do" trip. Meet the leaders at the Park and Ride in Havre de Grace at I-95 Route 155 at **7:30 AM**. No Carpooling. Caravan to Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge only

November 28 (Sat.) — Conowingo Dam Gull and Eagle Watch. This morning survey begins at Fishermen's Park just below Conowingo Dam on the Harford County side of the Susquehanna River. Meet at **8:00 AM** to begin the search for Bald Eagles, Black and Turkey Vultures, various gulls, waterfowl and herons. Contact the leader, Dennis Kirkwood, at (410-692-5905; newarkfarms@gmail.com) for more information.



December 12 (Sat.) — Waterfowl Trip. Don't miss this chance to search a variety of spots to see the many species of waterfowl that inhabit Harford County's numerous waterways. Contact Dave Webb (porzana@comcast.net; 410-939-3537) shortly before the event for final details.

Presidential Pop Quiz Answer key: 1 (B) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (A)

Harford Bird Club Field Trips

Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson

December 26 (Sat.) — Annual Christmas Count. Coordinator is Mark Johnson(410-692-5978; marksjohnson2@gmail.com). See the article on page 2.

January 1 (Fri.) — Annual New Year Bird Walk — Perryman. Our leader is veteran birder Phil Powers as we celebrate the new year or recover from New Year's Eve with a tour through the always productive Perryman Area. Meet at the parking lot of the Aberdeen Walmart on Rt. 40 at 8:30 AM. For details contact Phil at (410-679-4116; birdsindmd308@gmail.com)

CANCELLED DUE TO IT BEING HOSTED AT A MEMBER'S HOME-January 16 (Sat.) — Feeder Watch Social. This event is open to HBC members and their guests only. Reservations encouraged. Event begins at **8:30 AM**.

January 23 (Sat.) — Bradenbaugh Flats. Trip begins at Jarrettsville Elementary School parking lot at **8:00 AM**. From there our experienced leader, Dennis Kirkwood, leads us on a pleasant and varied tour through NW Harford County's agricultural area to find wintering field birds and waterfowl. Expect Horned Larks, along with Ring-necked Ducks and maybe a Cackling Goose. No carpooling. Contact Dennis at (410-692-5905; newarkfarms@gmail.com).

January 30 (Sat.) — Perryville Community Park Winter Waterfowl Bird Walk. This is a leisurely birding excursion on mostly paved surfaces along the shores of historic Stump's Point to look for swans and winter ducks bobbing in the waters of Mill Creek and Furnace Bay. The leaders are Colleen Webster (410-459-4577; cwebster@harford.edu) and Sue Procell (443-417-4919; procellmd@gmail.com). Meet at the far end of the park at **9:00 AM**.



Breeding Bird Atlas Update

The Maryland/DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3 has wrapped up data collection for the first year and despite, or maybe thanks to, COVID19, we had a very successful start. All but eight of 58 blocks received some coverage and over 90 species have been confirmed for the county. APG presented a problem as much of the territory is restricted access and most workers were operating from home so we hope to give it attention in the remaining four years of data collection. Twelve of the previously known nesting warblers were confirmed and another 3 were probable. That only leaves Blue-winged warbler (coded in one block as possible) to find. Maybe there will be another surprise warbler to discover. So far the only new confirmed nester, compared to prior atlases, is the Common Raven which has been a regular nester at the Vulcan stone quarry north of Havre de Grace. The pair of Trumpeter Swans that spend the summer at the Route 24/40 Home Depot ponds could never seem to find the time to lay and incubate a fertile egg, despite giving us signs that they were interested - maybe next year which would represent a state and county first nesting.

If you have not been involved in this first year with data collection and would like to be part of this important citizen science project in the remaining four years, please let either Dennis Kirkwood or Matt Hafner know of your interest and we can include you in our email list and training next spring. Over 70 people contributed data this year and we hope you will consider being part of the effort. Safe dates begin as early at December 15 for Great Horned Owls, so enjoy the two month break!

~Dennis Kirkwood

November 6: Virtual Meeting & Presentation



On November 6th at 7:00pm, the Harford Bird Club will be hosting a brief meeting followed by a presentation by Harford Bird Club member and photographer, Joe Subolefsky, on Google Meet.

Please register for the virtual meeting using this [form](#). At 10am on November 6th, the registration form will be closed and all who registered will receive a link via email for the evening's event. At 6:30pm the event will open to allow you to have time to get in and get settled before the event officially begins at 7:00pm.

Behind The Lens with Joe Subolefsky

Do you ever see a photograph and wonder, 'How did they get that shot?'; 'What were they thinking as this scene played out before them?' or 'Which shot is this photographer's favorite'? Following nature photographers on social media inserts a bit of the great outdoors in our daily social media feeds and this presentation will give you the opportunity to hear another layer to the photographs that we see as we scroll through our feeds.



International award winning, local bird photographer, Joe Subolefsky has travelled the globe capturing the local flora and fauna. Join us as he shares his favorite shots and the stories behind the images.

From Belize, Costa Rica, South Africa, Iceland, Trinidad and Tobago, Yellowstone, Washington State and back to Harford County Maryland, join Joe (and Amanda) as he takes you on the adventures behind capturing the images he shares with us on social media.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!!

TEACHER/NATURALIST WORKSHOPS IN ECOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY

Sponsored by Maryland Ornithological Society
Summer 2021

Many of Maryland's finest teachers and naturalists have expanded their ecology and birding knowledge through these workshops. Join educators from around the country for a hands-on wildlife or ornithology camp.

Ecology and Ornithology Workshops

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) is accepting applications from Maryland teachers, youth leaders, park rangers and nature center staff for scholarships to attend week-long ecology and ornithology workshops on Audubon's beautiful Hog Island in Maine. Each award covers the cost of tuition, room and board for an intensive course of field study and instruction covering ornithology, ecology, conservation and natural history.

Scholarship Information

MOS will award multiple scholarships each summer. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the recipient. For additional information check the MOS website links (below) or contact the Scholarship Chair.

Three workshops are offered in 2021. These may be subject to change.

The following dates are tentative as stated on the Hog Island

Audubon Website

June 6 – 11: Building Better Birding Skills

June 20 – 25: Field Ornithology

July 11– 16: Sharing Nature: An Educators' Week



Photo by: Joe Subolefsky

Application Process and Requirements

Applicants need not be members of MOS, but must be endorsed by a member or chapter. Applications for the workshops must be submitted via electronic mail by November 15, 2020. Recipients will be notified in December 2021. Please refer to the MOS website for the complete application process.

For more information and application process for the Maine camps please go to their [online flyer](#).

For more information about the Audubon workshops, please check out their website [here](#).

Scholarship Chair: Scholarship@mdbirds.org

Photo from Hog Island Audubon Camp Website



MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

2021 TEACHER/NATURALIST

SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP CHOICES



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Building Better Birding Skills - June 6 to June 11, 2021

During this camp, we will focus on building upon your birding skills to help make you a better birder. Our emphasis will be on how to find birds, identify them, understand the habitats they use, while developing and expanding your skills in identifying birds by ear through their vocalizations and song.

You will have opportunities to learn how to contribute to citizen science projects and instruction on how to use apps to enrich your knowledge and experiences as a birder.

We will explore habitats along the Maine coast seeking birds to study and provide you with the tools you'll need to take back home and apply to birds around you.

On trips around Hog Island, the mainland, and Muscongus Bay you will see Atlantic Puffins, Black Guillemots, Common Eider and more.

Field Ornithology - June 20 to June 25, 2021

Take a week of riveting field trips to habitats as diverse as offshore puffin islands (observed by boat), windswept blueberry barrens, lush grasslands, and sphagnum bog forests. Add some of the most respected bird experts in the country, and you have Field Ornithology on Hog Island – a layman's exploration of all things avian, from basic bird biology to nesting behavior, songs, migration and conservation.

Sharing Nature: An Educator's Week - July 11 to July 16, 2021

Learn practical approaches and add inspiration to your environmental education curriculum during this action-packed program. Our experienced and enthusiastic instructors share their favorite approaches, methods, and activities for engaging both children and adults with nature.

Workshops using techniques in art, music, theater, journaling and other disciplines will be presented, as well as a host of classic Audubon Camp field trips, including a boat trip to the restored Atlantic Puffin and Tern colony on Eastern Egg Rock, intertidal explorations, and hiking through Hog Island's unspoiled spruce-fir forest. We'll be exploring citizen science, creating some inquiry-based lessons on birds and other topics, and demonstrating both low and high-tech methods of teaching."

**For more detailed information about these workshops,
please refer to the Audubon Website:**

<http://hogisland.audubon.org/programs/registration>



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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.