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President's Perch

Inside this issue:

Greetings to fellow birders. As compared with some of our past presidents, my involvement with the HBC is not that long. Growing up in a small town in eastern Pennsylvania, I never had the opportunity or inclination to go bird watching. But all changed about 15 years ago after my retirement from the Harford County Public School system. I guess I could consider myself a late bloomer when it comes to birding. My wife (Melody) and I liked being outdoors and sharing experiences together. She was the one who initially always liked looking at our backyard birds and was interested in acquiring more knowledge about them. I thought of the old proverb, that "two heads are better than one" and decided to join her. Glad I did, because it has become a rich and rewarding experience for me. Knowing Dr. Dennis Kirkwood from the school system, he encouraged and invited us to attend one of the HBC meetings. We did and have been members ever since.

In hindsight, I wish that I had become a birder earlier in life. Birds are beautiful in many ways. Their shapes, actions and sounds add to our simple pleasures. Too often, many of us hurry through life, getting to work or school and ignore the beauty and wildlife that is near to us. I know I did. I love connecting with nature all year and birding is a great way to do it. It's also a flexible and progressive hobby. You can learn as much as you want to by tailoring it to your needs and satisfaction. Each of you probably have your own reasons for becoming a bird watcher and there are many.

Organized birding during the pandemic was difficult, but according to many articles bird watching actually increased in popularity because it was viewed as a safe and healthy mindful activity. Again, I would like to thank Dr. Mark Johnson for his guidance and leadership during those challenging times. Also, a special note of gratitude to Amanda Subolefsky for her technical expertise. It was greatly appreciated and sorely needed in order to continue our meetings online. The executive board also plays an important role in the organization. They are the glue that keeps the club together by managing its operations. We do have two current vacancies, the May Count Coordinator and Youth Coordinator. If anyone is interested, please contact Sue Procell or myself. We could certainly use the additional assistance.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Harford Bird Club. I'm sure it will be a very meaningful and enlightening experience. One of my major goals is to meet many of you as our activities and programs progress throughout the year. Happy birding!

~Joe Stevens, President

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Plan Ahead!

- September 18: Picnic at Eden Mill! 1pm in the pavilion. See page 10 for details

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 Deb Stewart at 410-879-2364 or send an email to debstewart1307@gmail.com.

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!

Jeffery, Susan, Erin & Abby Andrews from Havre de Grace, MD
Jayne Ash, Mark Eversole & Elyse Korsyn from Darlington, Maryland
John Buck from Bel Air, Maryland
Lisa Burke from Bel Air, Maryland
Jeffrey Effinger from Wittman, Maryland
Ellen Julian & Gerlad Ellege from Aberdeen, Maryland
Michele Mooney from Aberdeen, Maryland
Danette Moss & George Barnett from Bel Air, Maryland
Susan & Walter Williamson from Fallston, Maryland



Membership dues for the September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022 year are due now. Please go to <https://mdbirds.org/join/chapters/harford-bird-club/#toggle-id-1> or fill out the form on page 11 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.

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Public Relations Report

On Sunday, June 6, HBC set up a display to share information about birds and our club at the **Ecofest** celebration held at Churchville Presbyterian Church. This was our first public relations community event in over a year. We were happy to be together--Mary Murray, Eric Vangrin (perfect handouts), Jane Scocca and our new President Joe and his wife Melody. Thank you volunteers!

From Taylor Swanson, Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake:

Hello Harford Bird Club!

I wanted to reach out and thank you for joining us for our EcoFest celebration. I thought the Harford Bird Club's presence at our event was a wonderful addition, and we were thrilled so many of you could join and serve as experts in your field! I hope you all had a fun day, and hopefully was able to make some fantastic connections. My parents who were able to join the event were able to learn about a paddle trip you have coming up birding an island at the mouth of the Susquehanna River. What a wonderful sounding trip, I hope to be able to join them for it!

*I hope we cross paths again soon,
All the best,
Taylor Swanson*



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 Joe Stevens at josephstevens@comcast.net. The proposal template can be found [here](#). Ideas to help advance bird populations, birdwatching, and a greater appreciation of birds and their habitats are welcome. Proposals should be focused on the \$100-\$400 range, however, exceptions may be granted. Given the size of our organization, grants are limited. More information may be found on the Harford Bird Club website, [here](#).

Vice President's Voice

What Draws People to Birding?

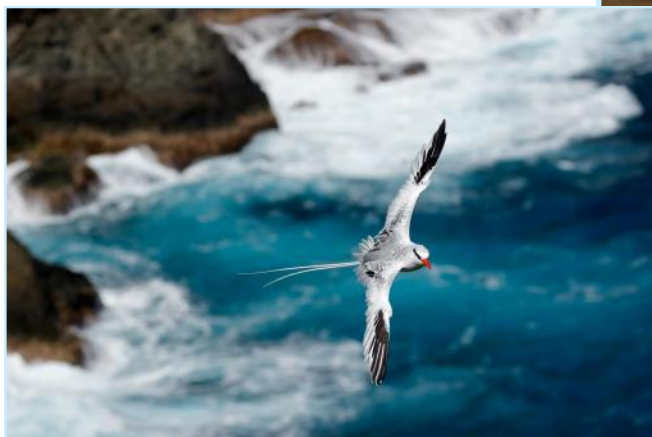
One of my favorite questions when I meet a birder is “What got you started birding?” I’m always amazed at the diversity of the answers that I get, and the stories that go along with their responses. Some folks had parents who were birders, others were drawn in by a teacher or a friend, some were gifted a bird feeder and then hooked by the feathered diners that started visiting their yard. My first bird experience was actually a bird count in support of a volunteer organization, and I immediately fell in love with the idea of doing something in support of nature that involved people (really cool, smart, fun people), data (I’m a data junkie) and being outside (any weather, any time). I love learning new things, and the hands-on, mentored learning that I received as a new birder and bander from many of our fellow club members has only fed my passion for more. I guess my favorite aspect of birding is the camaraderie that comes with birding with others, whether on a bird walk, bird paddle, waiting between net runs at the Eden Mill Nature Center banding station or on a special birding trip. The next time I see you, if I forget to ask, please share with me your story – what got you started birding? ~Sue Procell, Vice President

Thank You

Joe Stevens and Sue Procell present Dr. Johnson with a small token of appreciation for his leadership role as outgoing president of the Harford Bird Club.

During his tenure Dr. Johnson was aware of the impact Covid-19 would have on club activities. He worked diligently to ensure that these activities would continue by encouraging use of a modified format. This proved to be a successful endeavor.

~Joe Stevens



This Red-billed Tropicbird photograph by Joe Subolefsky was taken on Little Tobago Island. Mark enjoyed his trip to Trinidad and Tobago and the hike up to the top of the island for this bird.

The photograph was taken by club member, Joe Subolefsky. It was included in Audubon’s Top 100 photographs of 2020.

~Amanda Subolefsky



Harford Birdlife

by Monroe Harden

I didn't receive a lot of reports for this period. There has been lot of activity in nearby areas, so maybe everyone is over there. This report covers the period from June 1st through July 31st, 2021.

Ducks, Loons, Anhinga, Wading Birds

MJ reported an American Black Duck at Tidewater Marina on July 21st. JM saw a Blue-winged Teal at Perryman Park on July 22nd. The bird was also reported there on July 24th and 25th. MJ saw a Northern Pintail there on July 24th. KEC reported an adult male Bufflehead in non-breeding plumage at Rumsey Island on June 7th. BC saw 6 Common Mergansers on the water at Susquehanna State Park on July 24th. MJ reported a flyover Ruddy Duck near the Woodley Road retention pond on June 18th.

RK saw an adult Common Loon in breeding plumage on APG-South on June 8th. It was also seen there on June 10th and 16th. DZ found a female or immature Anhinga at Mariner Point Park on July 18th. He saw it in flight and then perched at a distance. DL saw a Great Egret and 2 Green Herons at the Lakeside Business Park on July 5th. MH counted 4 Snowy Egrets at Bush River Park on July 22nd. MJ saw 2 flyover Cattle Egrets at the North Gate Business Park on June 13th.

Raptors, Rails, Plovers

MH saw a Mississippi Kite and 4 Broad-winged Hawks near his Fallston home on June 1st. He saw another Mississippi Kite there on June 26th. TH saw 2 Bald Eagles foraging in a field on his Rustica Farm property on July 28th. SB saw a Common Gallinule on APG-South on July 18th. AJ reported an American Coot at Tydings Park on June 2nd. Another was seen there on June 22nd. JMN saw one at Susquehanna State Park on June 15th. AJ found 2 Black-bellied Plovers on the mud flat off of Tydings Park on June 2nd.

Gulls, Terns, Cuckoos, Ravens, Sparrows

AJ counted 32 Laughing Gulls at Tidewater Marina on July 9th. High numbers were reported there daily through July 22nd, including 99 on July 13th. SB saw 6 on APG and EH saw 4 in Havre de Grace on July 15th. SB also saw a Bonaparte's Gull on APG on July 12th. He also saw a Caspian Tern on APG on June 5th. AJ had one at Tidewater Marina on July 9th. DL saw 2 Least Terns at Lakeside Business Park on June 6th, July 5th, and July 18th. These may have been nesting on one of the building roofs.

JE saw a Black-billed Cuckoo in Susquehanna State Park on July 13th. PR saw 2 Common Ravens on and near a cell phone tower in Fallston on June 7th. MJ reported a Savannah Sparrow near McCommons Road on June 7th. JM also saw a White-throated Sparrow at Eden Mill on June 25th.

Contributors

AJ- Austin Jennings, BC- Ben Curtis, DL- Dave Larkin, DZ- Dave Ziolkowski, EH- Eric Haas, JE- Josh Emm, JM- John Manger, JMN- Jim McNamee, KEC- Keith Eric Costley, MH- Matt Hafner, MJ- Mark Johnson, PR- Pete Rattigan, RK- Randy Kimmett, SB- Steven Buhler, TH- Todd Holden

Trip Reports

In Person Social Gathering at Susquehannock Wildlife Society July 16, 2021

Amanda Subolefsky



Scott McDaniel leading members around the property to see the various projects!

On Friday, July 16 approximately 50 members of the Harford Bird Club and or their guests gathered at Susquehannock Wildlife Society in Darlington. The sweltering heat didn't deter anyone from mingling, smiling and enjoying each other's company after sixteen months without an in-person club meeting. Outgoing club President, Mark Johnson ran the meeting by asking for bird sightings and sharing information on the unknown bird disease plaguing certain species in Maryland. Mark introduced Tracey Waite from Harford County Climate Action to inform club members about 'The Bel Air Five', a project to increase populations of four butterfly species and one moth species. 'The Bel Air Five' kickoff is September 8 5-7:30pm at the Rockfield Manor Barn Parking Lot. There will be a native plant sale, garden tour and meet & greet with local environmental organizations. For more information go to:

<https://hcclimateaction.org/>

Scott McDaniel, Executive Director of Susquehannock Wildlife Society, spoke about the mission of the organization and pointed out the various projects that are taking place on the property. Scott led a property walk for any who were interested in learning more. More information about Susquehannock Wildlife Society can be found at: <https://www.susquehannockwildlife.org/>

Members enjoyed cold beverages and each others company on the deck at the center well into the evening. Thanks to Mark & Denise Johnson for organizing finger foods for the event. Thank you to the members who brought items to share at the event.

Walls-Cook Trail Bird Walk

July 17, 2021

Jean Wheeler

The early (6:30 AM) start did not deter 11 birders who hoped to get a head start on the heat. But the heat probably affected the birds. The Walls-Cook Trail was a new field trip location, and sadly it did not live up to expectations.

Blame it on the heat! We had hoped to add a few more "confirms" to the Atlas. We did not. Of the 36 species tallied, most were heard rather than seen. Two species not yet confirmed in the block, Yellow-billed Cuckoo and Scarlet Tanager were heard and will be sought again in a week's time. One new birder was happy to see as well as hear the Ovenbird. Though the birds were scarce the group enjoyed the walk through this beautiful forest.

Family Nature Walk at Harford Glen

August 7, 2021

Matt Hafner & Scott McDaniel

Eleven birders and nature lovers, young and very young, explored Harford Glen for birds, bugs, and other critters. At the pond we found a Green Heron and Green Frogs, had up close views of a Blue Dasher dragonfly, and Scott taught us about different types of pond turtles. We found all kinds of cool, but mostly unidentified, bugs on the plants as we walked to the boardwalk. Monarch Butterflies were plentiful today though and thorough searching of milkweed found a couple caterpillars. A Northern Watersnake greeted us on the boardwalk and we rescued a Variable Dancer damselfly from a spider web. The kids enjoyed playing on a sandy beach in Winters Run before we headed back to the pavilion.

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

Maryland/DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3

Second Year of the Breeding Bird Atlas Highlights

Year two of the MD/DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3 is coming to a close as the nesting season winds down. So far over 200 people have submitted data and we have confirmed around 100 nesting species for the County. Austin Jennings discovered a nest of Great Black-backed Gulls in Havre de Grace for the newest addition to Harford's breeding birds. So far we have not been able to confirm Blue-winged, Hooded and Worm-eating Warblers as nesters even though they have all been listed as possible and/or probable. No one has yet found a nesting Turkey Vulture or Great Horned Owl. Maybe you know of a location? We are still hoping to find some other less common species for our County which were found on previous Atlas efforts. These include Dickcissel, Common Merganser, Black-billed Cuckoo, and Bobolink. A Summer Tanager and Eastern Whip-poor-will off of the Proving Ground would also be a great discovery. If you have not yet entered data that you have collected, please contact Dennis or Matt if you need assistance. If you have not participated yet in data collection we would love to have your help in the remaining three years. Your back yard and your favorite "patch" are always great places to start!



~Dennis Kirkwood and Matt Hafner, Harford Atlas Co-coordinators

UPDATED Field Trip Policies

May 25, 2021

by Tom Gibson and approved by the HBC Executive Board



Considering recent CDC recommendations and local jurisdictional changes as well as common practices of other outdoor activities groups, we are making the following modifications to the HBC field trip protocols implemented at the

onset of the pandemic. Our goal is to provide safe, healthful and enjoyable outdoor experiences in a welcoming atmosphere. Participants are asked to keep in mind that trip leaders are free to cancel or change trips and protocols as needed.

- ⇒ There is no cap on the number of participants unless the leader so designates.
- ⇒ Masks are not required for participants who have been vaccinated and reached full immunity. Unvaccinated participants are welcome but asked to wear a mask — honor system.
- ⇒ Carpooling is permitted for those fully vaccinated and those within the same family unit. Because of the confined space, masks are suggested for those unvaccinated. The driver and riders may adjust this according to the needs and comfort levels of all riders.
- ⇒ 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.

→ Check [HarfordBirdClub.org](https://www.harfordbirdclub.org) and the [Harford Bird Club Facebook Group](#) (Click on Events) for the most recent trip information. Cancelled trips will be updated no later than the Wednesday before the trip was scheduled to take place, unless it's a weather cancellation.

Tom Gibson, the trip leaders, and the entire HBC Executive Board thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and looks forward to seeing you on a field trip soon!



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Harford Bird Club Field Trips

!CANCELED! August 14 (Sat.) — Hummingbird Happy Hour — The ever popular Hummingbird Happy Hour will again NOT be held on the relaxing porches overlooking the beautiful gardens of Diane Jones's lovely country home. We will not watch hummers and butterflies zip and flit among the feeders and blooms. We'll try again next year and hope things work out better for the hummingbird population. The gathering will not start at **5:00 PM.** For additional info and directions contact Diane (410-404-9180; baltobirder55@gmail.com). **!CANCELED!**

August 21 (Sat.) — Paddle around Garrett Island — Bring your kayak, canoe, stand-up, etc. to the Jean Roberts Park in Havre de Grace. From there we will circle the island looking for Osprey, Great Blue Heron, Bald Eagles and any other creatures we may encounter. Meet leaders Colleen Webster (410-459-4577; cwebster@harford.edu) and Sue Procell (443-417-4919; procellmd@gmail.com) **at 8:00 AM.** No rentals available.

September 6 — (Mon.) Labor Day — Bird Walk on the Ma & Pa Trail — Stroll a portion of this popular trail walking from Annie's Playground towards Tollgate Road. We will search for early migrants and local residents. The diverse habitats along the way promise a good variety of species. Meet at the parking lot near Annie's Playground on Smith Lane off Connolly Road in Fallston at **7:00 AM.** Leader is Susan Hood (410-937-7552; susanjhood@comcast.net).

NEW DATE! September 18 (Sat.) — Annual Club Picnic and Bird Walk — Enjoy a traditional picnic with your fellow club members at the Eden Mill Nature Center pavilion overlooking the beautiful Deer Creek Valley and waterfalls at the mill. This year because of the pandemic, bring your own picnic feast and drink — **no dish sharing.** Contact Eric Vangrin for details (443-417-7219; evangrin@msn.com).

September 19 — (Sun.) Turkey Point Bird Walk — The view from the Turkey Point Peninsula during the southern migration of raptors and other birds is truly spectacular. The Northeast River on the northwest side, the Chesapeake Bay to the south and the Elk River to the east funnel the fall flocks to the peninsula. We should see a variety of species which might include some of the stickier ones such as Bay-breasted, blackpoll, and Cape May. It is prime viewing for birds and a prime view of the headwaters of the Bay. Meet Tim Houghton (410-510-7504; timhoughton@comcast.net) at the Turkey Point parking lot of Elk Neck State Park at **8:00AM.**

September 22 (Wed.) — Falling Branch — Leader and veteran birder, Dennis Kirkwood, will take you for a two mile walk from Eden Mill to Falling Branch. Enjoy the beautiful rolling hills, farmland and country scenery as you walk between these two iconic nature sites in northern Harford County. The varied habitat promises equally varied bird sightings. We will start from the Eden Mill Nature Center parking lot off Eden Mill Road. Meet near the pavilion at **7:30 AM.** Contact Dennis at (410-692-5905; newarkfarms@gmail.com).

September 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 at the top of the Bay. These pristine, protected flat water sites make for a very enjoyable paddle and, hopefully, good birding. We will be in search of swimmers, divers and, of course, fliers. Bald Eagles and Osprey are often seen soaring overhead; songbirds and woodland birds frequent the shoreline; waterfowl and heron are common sightings; and hopefully swans will make an appearance. Meet at Stumps Point at the far end of the Perryville Community Park at **8:00 AM.** Contact leaders Colleen Webster (410-459-4577; cwebster@harford.edu) or Sue Procell (443-417-4919). No rental boats available.

October 2 (Sat.) — Birding Tour of Harford Glen — We will begin this tour with sightings from the parking lot, then proceed to the triple riparian habitat of the Atkisson Reservoir, the faster flowing Winters Run and the Plumtree Run tributary. The woodland trails and the open meadows offer great opportunities for good birding. Veteran birders Jane Scocca (410-272-8870; jane@scocca.org) and Jean Wheeler (410-838-5774; jswheeler3@verizon.net) will be leading our trip. Meet at the Harford Glen parking lot at **7:30 AM.**

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Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson

October 9 (Sat.) — Rocks State Park — Spend the morning on the trails of this Deer Creek woodland to enjoy the fall avian spectacle. Some hiking on hilly trails is involved. After the main walk we will visit one or more picnic areas that will require a \$3.00 fee. Gather at the Ranger Station parking lot at **7:30 AM**. The leader is Mark Magnani (443-324-1136; mwmagnani@gmail.com).

October 16 (Sat.) — Swan Harbor Farm Park — 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 birding guide Dennis Kirkwood (410-692-5905); newarkfarms@gmail.com).

October 23 (Sat.) — Mariner Point — Avian activity will be surveyed with an emphasis on waterfowl and song birds at this estuarine location. Meet **at 8:00 AM** at the Mariner Point parking lot. Our leaders are experienced birders Phil Powers (443-417-7520; birdsindmd308@gmail.com) and Dave Larkin.

October 30 (Sat.) — Audubon Center at Mill Grove, PA. Save this date. Details to follow.

November 6 (Sat.) — Stoney Demonstration Forest — Meet at the Park and Ride off MD 22 and I-95 on Mechanical Drive in Aberdeen at **8:00 AM**. From there we will carpool to a secondary site with limited parking. Leaders, Dave Webb (410-939-3537; porzana@comcast.net) and Jane Scocca (410-272-8870; jane@scocca.org) will lead you for a short walk along scenic Aldino Stepney Road to the Forest entrance. This will be the Club's first trip to the Harford Land Trust's recent success story — a massive 905 acre forested property along the I-95 corridor. We should find a nice assortment of raptors, woodpeckers and songbirds. The trip is planned to cover 2 to 3 miles of unpaved logging roads and foot paths.

November 14 (Sun.) — Trip to Delaware Shore — Visit one of the East Coast's best sites for shorebirds and waterfowl. Delaware's diverse coastal wetland habitats offer a variety of shore birds, water birds, wading species, raptors and songbirds. Meet experienced leaders Dr. Dave Larkin and Phil Powers 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 at (410-569-8319; larkin3003@comcast.net) for further details.

November 20 (Sat.) — Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge — Join experienced birders Eric Vangrin (evangrin@msn.com; 443-417-7219) and Tom Congersky (410-910-6182; jnjtcon@zoominternet.net) as they explore this little known Eastern Shore gem. Just the scenic ride down and the classic Eastern Shore diverse habitat of the refuge make the trip worthwhile. Add the likely variety of raptors, waterfowl, wading birds, passerines and shore birds and you have a "must do" trip. Meet the leaders at the Park and Ride in Havre de Grace (I-95 and Rt.155) at **7:30 AM**.

November 27 (Sat.) — Conowingo Dam Gull and Eagle Watch — This morning survey begins at Fisherman'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, water fowl and herons. Leader is Diane Jones (410-404-9180; baltobirder55@gmail.com).

December 11 (Sat.) — Swan Harbor Farm Park — Swan Harbor is a preserved area near the Upper Bay and provides prime habitat for waterfowl, song birds, and marsh and field birds. This Harford County gem has a commanding view of the bay and three impoundments, wooded trails and open fields to explore. The farm, with its varied habitat, has developed into a fine location for a broad spectrum of birdlife including marsh specialties, raptors and sparrows. The leader is experienced birder, Mark Johnson (410-692-5978; marksjohnson2@gmail.com). Meet at **7:30 AM** at the parking lot at the Agricultural Education Center at the end of the driveway.

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December 26 (Sun.) — Annual Christmas Bird Count — Details to come in the future

January 1 (Sat.) — Annual New Year's Day Bird Walk at Perryman — Join us to welcome in the New Year with a tour through the always productive Perryman area. Our leader is veteran birder Phil Powers (443-417-7520; birdsindmd308@gmail.com). Meet at Aberdeen Walmart parking lot on Rt. 40 at **8:30 AM**.

January 15 (Sat.) — Feeder Watch — Join your fellow club members as we happily resume our annual feeder watch in the comfort of the home of Mark and Denise Johnson. Enjoy watching the bird activity at their various feeders and conversing with your fellow birders. Final details will be announced closer to the date via email, social media and the HBC website. (marksjohnson2@gmail.com; 410-692-5978)

January 22 (Sat.) — Traveling the Bradenbaugh Flats — The tour begins at Jarrettsville Elementary School parking lot at **8:00 AM**. From there leader Dennis Kirkwood takes us on a pleasant tour through NW Harford County's agricultural area to search out wintering field birds and waterfowl. Expect Horned Larks, along with Ring-necked Ducks and maybe a Cackling Goose. The trip finishes up at the leader's home where you will enjoy hot homemade soup, homemade breads, good conversation and maybe even a brief glimpse of the resident screech owl. Contact Dennis at (410-692-5905; newarkfarms@gmail.com). _

SPECIAL NOTICE: We are working on additional paddling plans for the 2021 summer season. Details to be determined and announced later.

September 18: In Person Picnic at Eden Mill

Join us for our annual picnic at Eden Mill on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Enjoy a traditional picnic with your fellow club members at the Eden Mill Nature Center pavilion overlooking the beautiful Deer Creek Valley and waterfalls at the mill. This year, because of the pandemic, bring your own picnic feast and drink — **no dish sharing**. The event begins at 1:00pm. There will be a \$25 prize for one lucky attendee! Contact Eric Vangrin for details (443-417-7219; evangrin@msn.com).

All who are not vaccinated are asked to wear a mask. Use the picnic tables at the pavilion or bring your own camp/lawn chairs to this event.

Eden Mill is located at 1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville, MD 21132. The picnic pavilion is best reached through the lower parking lot at the intersection of Fawn Grove Road and Eden Mill Road.





HARFORD BIRD CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you would like to join or renew your Harford Bird Club and MOS membership, you may use a credit card and pay online at this [link](#) or 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, 2021 - August 31, 2022

- () 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.