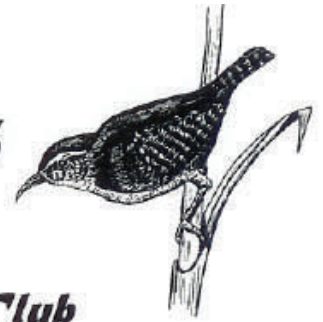




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The Newsletter of the Harford Bird Club

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## President's Perch: Autumn is Here... NOT!

While working on this newsletter I have been marveling at what a wonderful summer week it has been. The only problem is that it is October! One wonders how much that must have caused confusion for the birds (not to mention to birders). Seeing as it has been so warm, I figured I would include some summer trip reviews in addition to our regular newsletter contents. Reports like that received from Donna and George Yorkston, who saw 111 species of birds while attending the Hog Island MOS summer camp in Maine! Among their favorites experiences on the trip were enjoying the Heron rookery (yuck!) and the many Puffins encountered along the way. Also reporting on a journey from this past summer was Lynn Feryus who spent some time in Colorado. Let's see how she felt about her trip:

In July I traveled west to Colorado with Naturalist Journeys ([www.naturalistjourneys.com](http://www.naturalistjourneys.com)). Peg Abbott is owner, guide, birder extraordinaire, botanist, geology lover and dish washer. This was my sixteenth trip with her company.

It was an eleven day trip for our group of six. We did an irregular loop starting from Denver. I should have done some serious review of juvenile birds before I left. We discovered the next generations of many species are doing well. It was challenging seeing striped juncos and spotted mountain bluebirds. Odd calls would often turn out to be begging fledglings. The noisy little wing flapping dipper at the waterfall asking for a meal was one of the best.

We first went east to the plains of Pawnee National Grasslands. The wide open sky is lovely there. I got four new birds: Lark Buntings, Chestnut-collared and McCown's Longspurs, plus great luck in finding a Baird's Sandpiper at a small pond. Fields of sage brush was of course the location for Sage Thrasher. And a local contact of Peg's easily helped us find Gunnison Sage Grouse families.

We were back and forth over the continental divide as we explored the west side of Rocky Mountain National Park: hiking near mountain passes for great vistas, snow patches and alpine wildflowers that were hard to photograph in the wind. We found Brown-capped Rosy-Finch near Summit Lake. A flock of very close Red Crossbills was eating roadside dirt (minerals?). Our highest spot was the top of Mount Evans at 14,264 feet; you can get a bit winded walking to the top.

We continued our loop to Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. I cheerfully interrupted my breakfast for a life Lewis's Woodpecker in the trees at the hotel parking lot in Gunnison. Monte Vista NWR brought us close adult and juvenile Sora and Virginia Rails. Our final park was Great Sand Dunes National Park, an impressive place where some had brought plastic disks to sled down the dunes. For a full trip list with specifics, check out the website above. Peg does a journal, trip list and photo CD for her trip participants. And yes, she really does wash our dishes. Too much trash from our gourmet picnics annoys her so she brings reusable plates. *Lynn Feryus*

**West seemed to be the direction to go this past summer. Conservation committee chair Deb Bowers also visited America's other side, as she reports from her trip to Arizona:**

While in Northern Arizona visiting such sites as the Grand Canyon, Little Colorado Gorge, and climbing the state's highest peak, Humphries Mountain, I saw some interesting birds including three jays - Pinyon, Steller's, and Scrub; Mountain Chickadees, Ravens, Plain Titmouse, and others. Most memorable: sitting on a ledge at the Grand Canyon and having a Rock Wren land right beside me, chatter a bit about "what are you doing here?" and speed away. Even more memorable: sitting all

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### Upcoming Events:

- November Dinner Meeting:  
Fri, Nov 2, 6:15pm
- Wrenderings Deadline:  
November 25
- Rock Run Christmas Bird Count: Sat, December 29
- January General Meeting:  
Fri, Jan 11, 2008, 7:00pm
- Mid-winter Count: Sunday,  
January 27, 2008
- March Dinner Meeting:  
Fri, Mar 7, 2008, 6:15pm
- May General Meeting: Fri  
May 2, 2008, 7:00pm
- May Count: Saturday, May  
10, 2008
- Summer Social: Friday, July 18,  
2008, 6:30pm

# Bird Droppings

## Harford Bird Club

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### Are you a Bird Brain?

As many of you know bird droppings tend to be somewhat "liquidy". This is because birds lack a urinary bladder, and thus mix solid and liquid waste. There is one exception however.

Name the only species of bird that has a urinary bladder.

Answer elsewhere in this issue.

### Club News?

Have news the club should know about? Births, deaths, marriages, or any other notable events that belong in the newsletter? Please contact Corresponding Secretary Marty Crouse-Farley at 410-557-6786 or email to [mhcf@msn.com](mailto:mhcf@msn.com).

## Swan Harbor Farm Spared from Horse Park Development

County Executive David Craig, according to a spokesperson at the Harford County Dept. of Parks & Recreation, has taken Swan Harbor Farm out of consideration as a potential site for a horse park. The proposed development would have included a training track, boarding barns, a showing area, a conference center and other facilities for equine activities. The 469-acre bay-front county park is one of the few spots for bay access in Harford County, and is a premiere birding destination for the club.

When the club met at Harford Glen back in May, member Dave Webb expressed concern about the proposal that had come before the Harford County Council. Our Conservation Committee went into full gear to learn about the proposal that seemed to have gained plenty of traction with the County Council. The Council named a task force to look into the feasibility of developing the horse park at Swan Harbor Farm, and, to look also at other potential sites, which it continues to do.

Conservation Chair Debbie Bowers attended a task force meeting at which an official from the Dept. of Parks & Recreation informed the group that the development of a horse park would require a location on a major highway. Swan Harbor Farm is accessed from Oakington Road, via a long private lane that runs through wooded wetland.

The club would like to thank Ducks Unlimited, Harford Chapter, for visiting the site with the Harford Bird Club to determine the threat of the horse park development on wildlife habitat. *Deb Bowers*

## Welcome!

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!

**LAURA EDWARDS**

**JOHANNE HENDRICKSON**

**JEFF MUSSER**

# Harford Birdlife

by: Becky Gallo



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The Red-breasted Nuthatch is considered an occasional August bird but made an appearance 3 times, in three different areas. RC reported them being active in his yard in Bel Air on Aug 12th. MaH saw 1 on her suet feeder in her yard in Forest Hill on Aug 27th. That was a first for her in almost 2 years. MDW then heard 1 singing in Earlton on Aug 31st.

## Cormorant, Herons

CW saw Double-crested Cormorants while kayaking off Tydings Island on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Great Egrets were spotted at the Tidewater Marina on July 6<sup>th</sup>, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> and Aug 25<sup>th</sup> (CW). MoH saw 2 Great Egrets and 1 immature Little Blue Heron while birding at Swan Harbor on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. An immature Little Blue Heron was also sighted near Garrett Island on Aug 27<sup>th</sup> (CW). DL reported from Lakeside a Green Heron on July 1<sup>st</sup> and then saw 2 together on July 8<sup>th</sup>. A pair was also spotted at Swan Harbor on July 22<sup>nd</sup> (MoH).

## Hawks, Falcons

Two Ospreys were flying over Lakeside on July 1<sup>st</sup> (DL). DL then saw 5 at the same place on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. CW watched an Osprey learn to fly on July 6<sup>th</sup> in Havre de Grace. MoH spotted 2 Ospreys at Swan Harbor on Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. CW then saw more Ospreys on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> and Aug 25<sup>th</sup> near Tydings Island. Bald Eagles and Cooper's Hawks were sighted in Havre de Grace and Swan Harbor. DL saw a Red-shouldered Hawk at Lakeside on August 26<sup>th</sup>. MT spotted a Red-tailed Hawk at the Conowingo Dam on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Plovers, Sandpipers

MoH saw a Sora at Swan Harbor on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. DL reported on July 22<sup>nd</sup> there was a Killdeer and Spotted Sandpiper at Lakeside. Greater Yellowlegs, Lesser Yellowlegs, Least Sandpipers and Short-billed Dowitchers were spotted by MH at Swan Harbor on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Terns, Cuckoo, Owl, Swift

Caspian and Common Terns were flying about as CW kayaked in Havre de Grace on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> and Aug 25<sup>th</sup>. SM and CS reported Black Terns off the Susquehanna Flats the last week of August. MA saw a Yellow-billed Cuckoo in her front yard in Darlington on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. LMP watched a Great Horned Owl swoop and miss its prey in their meadow on July 29<sup>th</sup>. MoH reported Chimney Swifts in Havre de Grace and Swan Harbor.



**INTERESTING FACT:** If a single pair of American Robins were hypothetically to have two broods of four chicks each per year for ten years, with a 50/50 male-female ratio of the chicks, and each offspring breeding at the same rate as the parents (and assuming no mortality)... that single pair of robins would generate 19,531,000 offspring!

## Harford Birdlife (continued from page 3)

### Hummingbird, Woodpeckers

A Ruby-throated Hummingbird was seen by MoH in Havre de Grace on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. DK watched 2 Red-headed Woodpeckers at his farm all summer. Red-bellied Woodpeckers were reported from Susquehanna State Park (MoH), Conowingo Dam (MT), and Bel Air (RC). RC also saw Downy Woodpeckers, Hairy Woodpeckers and Pileated Woodpeckers in his yard in Bel Air.

### Flycatchers, Vireos, Swallows

MA had an Acadian Flycatcher around her yard in Darlington most of July. MoH saw 2 Eastern Phoebes while birding Susquehanna State Park on July 15<sup>th</sup>. DL saw 2 Eastern Kingbirds on July 1<sup>st</sup> and 1 White-eyed Vireo on Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. A Red-eyed Vireo was seen by MT at the Conowingo Dam on July 28<sup>th</sup>. DL counted 10 Purple Martins at Lakeside on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and PV counted at least 150 from the Tidewater Grill in Havre de Grace on Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. Tree Swallows were seen at Lakeside and Swan Harbor. MH spotted 2 Bank Swallows at Swan Harbor on July 16.

### Gnatcatcher, Thrush, Waxwing

A Blue-gray Gnatcatcher made an appearance at the Conowingo Dam on Jul 28<sup>th</sup> (MT). SBH reported a second clutch of Eastern Bluebird babies fledged on July 31 in their yard in Fallston. A Wood Thrush was spotted at the Conowingo Dam on July 28<sup>th</sup> by MT. MoH reported 1 Cedar Waxwing in Havre de Grace on Aug 18<sup>th</sup>. DL saw 9 Cedar Waxwings at Lakeside on Aug 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Warblers, Tanager, Grosbeaks

MT spotted at the Conowingo Dam on July 28<sup>th</sup> a Yellow Warbler and an Ovenbird. LMP watched a Louisiana Waterthrush sit on the roof of their car and sing during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. DL reported a Common Yellowthroat at Lakeside on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. In Bel Air RC saw a Scarlet Tanager and a Blue Grosbeak on Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. Indigo Buntings were seen in Bel Air, at the Conowingo Dam and at Swan Harbor.

### Orioles, Finches

DL saw an Orchard Oriole at Lakeside on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and a Baltimore Oriole on Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. BP and LE saw a Pine Siskin on the thistle feeder at LE home on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. American Goldfinches were spotted at the Conowingo Dam on Jul 28<sup>th</sup> (MT) and in Bel Air (RC).

### Contributors

MA – Marian Argentino, RC – Rick Cheicante, LE – Les Eastman, MaH – Marjie Heagy, MH – Matt Hafner, MoH – Monroe Harden, SBH – Susan and Bob Hood, DK – Dennis Kirkwood, DL – Dave Larkin, SM – Sean McCandless, LMP – Leanne and Mark Pemburn, BP – Bruce Peterjohn, CS – Chris Starling, MT – Matt Tillett, PV – Pat Valdata, MDW – Marsha and Dave Webb, CW – Colleen Webster

I want to thank everyone who contributed. The next article will have sightings from September 1 thru October 31, 2007. You can call me with sightings - 410-459-8873 or email me – [scout564@msn.com](mailto:scout564@msn.com). Please send the reports to me as you see them.

Thanks and Happy Birding! **Becky Gallo**

**Bird Brain Answer:** *Not only is it the largest bird and the fastest animal on Earth that runs on two legs, but the Ostrich has a modified structure called a coprodeum that stores urine prior to excretion. Thus, the Ostrich is the only bird that has a urinary bladder!*

# Field Trip Reports

## **Loch Raven Reservoir: February 11th, 2007**

Seven of us met at the Mountain Road/Harford Road Park-and-Ride on a brilliant sunny but cold, -10°C, Sunday morning for the drive to Loch Raven. Driving along the back roads of Harford and Baltimore Counties the fields were snow covered with little bird activity apart from a few American Crows. We parked our cars near the golf course off of Delaney Valley road and walked the trail down to Loch Raven. There was very little bird activity, Pileated Woodpecker, Blue Jay, Red-tailed Hawk and surprisingly only one species of sparrow, White-throated. Normally the area is full of winter sparrows. Loch Raven itself was partially frozen with the ducks congregated into large rafts which is great for identification and good views. Eight species of duck were identified including Redhead and Ruddy Duck. Excellent views were had of Hooded Mergansers and Bald Eagle. On the walk back to the cars we made a detour to look for winter sparrows but with no luck though our efforts were rewarded by great views of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. In all 33 species were seen on an almost picture perfect winter's morning. *Dave Larkin*

## **Butterfly and Dragonfly Foray: August, 2007**

The morning was hot! The butterfly action was hotter!! Eleven insect enthusiasts met at Swan Harbor for the Ninth Annual Harford County Butterfly and Dragonfly Foray. Our timing couldn't have been better as a number of species were freshly emerged as either first or second broods. Large numbers of Eastern Tiger Swallowtails, quite a few Zebra Swallowtails and a single Black Swallowtail were in pristine condition. A couple of Monarchs were around along with Variegated and Meadow Fritillaries, Silvery Checkerspot, a Question Mark, and a Gray Hairstreak. Skippers were all the rage particularly along the annual *salvia sp.* near the estate. Zabulon Skipper pairs were abundant as were Peck's Skippers. Tawny-edged Skippers were out along with Sachems, a Crossline, Hayhurst's Scallopwings, Little Glassywings and the ever ubiquitous and always abundant Silver-spotted Skipper.

Both water and dragonflies are in short supply this year at "the Swan", but we scraped out a few odes in the adjacent meadows. Common Green Darner, Wandering Glider, Needham's Skimmer and a Black Saddlebags seem to come visit us. Closer to the ground, the damsel duet of Big Bluets and Familiar Bluets navigated the terrain. In all 28 species of butterflies were seen. I would like to thank Phil Perkins for sharing both his binos and bino knowledge with our group, and Diana Perkins, whose butterfly savvy has grown tremendously over the last five years, for helping with the IDs. *Rick Cheicante*

## **Swan Harbor Farms: September 1st, 2007**

Fourteen birders, including several new club members and guests, spent the morning of September 1 at Swan Harbor Farm. Billed as a trip for shorebirds, not a single one of these birds was found, as the harsh summer drought had all but dried out the impoundment. Therefore, we concentrated on finding songbirds at the park's forested areas. Along Gashey's Creek we picked through a large flock of passerines to find Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Canada Warbler, American Redstart, Black-and-white Warbler, Northern Parula, and Chestnut-sided Warbler. Also here was a Ruby-throated Hummingbird often seen hawking small insects like a flycatcher. Working the wood margins we added Least Flycatcher, Veery, Magnolia Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, and Pileated Woodpecker to the morning's list. Bald Eagles were plentiful and we were pleased to find two early-arriving winter species – Red-breasted Nuthatch and White-throated Sparrow. The only species of note found in the impoundment were numerous Bobolinks. We closed out the morning with a quick visit to Havre de Grace near Tydings Island. Here we found a few more new species for the day, such as Forster's Tern and Belted Kingfisher. After about ten minutes of diligent searching we finally picked out 3 Black Terns from their distinctive "nighthawkish" flight. This final discovery boosted our tally for the day to just over 60 species. *Dave Webb*

## **Harford Glen: September 2nd, 2007**

Eleven birders met at Harford Glen on this ideal late summer day; very cool early morning conditions gradually warmed with bright sun and a cloudless sky. Our start was delayed as the caretaker resolved a problem opening the gate. The bird activity was also slow to develop, but an early treat was an extended show from a male Black-throated Blue Warbler moving among low branches. We spent a long interval at the water's edge on Winter's Run observing a sudden and extended burst of activity on the opposite bank - we watched several Common Yellowthroat (both genders) performing aerobatics, not quite as many American Redstart, several woodpeckers and nuthatches (all white-breasted), a pewee, several phoebe, kingfisher, and goldfinch. Shortly after finding a Song Sparrow we were surprised to see a very early Fox Sparrow! We got nice views of a Black-and-white and Black-throated Green Warblers. Other treats were Scarlet Tanager, a female Wood Duck with her brood, a Gadwall, several Cedar Waxwings, Red-eyed Vireo, a direct overhead flyover by an Osprey, and, finally, at the very end, a pair of circling Bald Eagles. We counted 37 species on another glorious day at the Glen. *Lynn Davis*

**Saturday, October 20**

Rocks State Park. Double trouble with Dave Webb and Randy Robertson, or double luck, if you like. These two long-time birders will do their best to flush some good migrants and early winter birds from the trees. Meet at Rocks Chrome Hill Road lot at 7:30 AM and contact Dave at 410-939-3537 for more information.

**Sunday, October 21**

Eden Mill Nature Center. Meet up with Mark Johnson and Les Eastman as they band southbound migrants; particularly sparrows. Swamp, Field, White-crowned and Lincoln's possible. Banding takes place at the Joe Vangrin Memorial Pavilion with intermittent walks to check the nets. Come ready to walk and check those nets from 8 AM to noon. Contact Mark at 410-692-5978 for more information.

**Saturday, October 27**

Owl Prowl. Dave Ziolkowski will once again lead those ready to roam the dark woods in search of the birds of night. Screech, Barred, and Great-horned Owls possible - no guarantees though so come prepared with binoculars, small flashlight, and your most mouse-colored clothing to stack-the-deck! Meet at C. Milton Wright H.S. parking lot at 6:15 PM. Contact Dave at 443-299-8453 for more details.

**Wednesday, October 31**

Perryville Community Park. Scare yourself into celebrating All Soul's Day with Tom Congersky and the birds! This small but valuable park will afford waterviews that should be filled with migrating waterfowl, as well as forested areas that might be temporary homes for woodpeckers. Meet at the gates at 7 AM, ready for even the occasional eagle. Call Tom at 410-658-4137 for more information.

**Saturday, November 3**

Bombay Hook. For all those early birds who want to catch the migrant-lined shores, join Dave Larkin and Rick Cheicante for a trip to this bird-happy spot. The muddy impoundments, fresh & saltwater marshes, and wave washed beaches afford great numbers and good views of shore and water birds. American Bittern, Black-bellied & Golden Plovers, and Baird's & White-rumped Sandpipers are local specialties but that's not all as European waifs, western strays, and windblown pelagics commonly occur. Bring lunch and meet at 7 AM at the MD 155 and I-95 park-n-ride. Contact Rick at 410-803-2712.

**Saturday, November 10**

Eden Mill Nature Center. Enjoy the northwestern part of this county with leaders Jean Wheeler and Carol Flora as they scout the trails of this old mill property. Early winter birds and late migrating hawks are possible. Meet at the lower parking lot by the picnic pavilion at 7 AM. Call Carol at 410-879-2712 for more information.

**Sunday, November 18**

Harford Waterfowl Tour. Come along and help Colleen Webster discern a Canvasback from a Redhead as we survey the resting flocks in Furnace Bay. But to keep us Harford County-loyal, the tour starts at Tydings Park in Havre de Grace. Scopes helpful, but not necessary. Meet at 7 AM in the parking lot on the southwest end, close to the boat ramp. Contact Colleen at 410-942-0867 for more information.

**Saturday, November 24**

Blackwater Wildlife Refuge. Day-long trip to a showcase of waterways and open to forested habitats. Leaders Dennis Kirkwood and Randy Robertson will be looking for Canada and Snow Geese, with the newly-split Cackling thrown in for confusion! Other forest, marsh and buffer inhabitants a good bet. Bring lunch and warm, comfortable clothing. Meet at the MD 155 and I-95 park-n-ride at 7 AM. Contact Dennis at 410-692-5905 for more information.

**Saturday, December 1**

Delaware Shore. This full day adventure visits some of the shore's birding mega-hotspots in search of early winter waifs and northern strays. Target birds include Northern Gannet, both eiders, Harlequin Duck, Purple Sandpiper, Snowy Owl, Great Cormorant, and Brown-headed Nuthatch. Bring lunch and warm, comfortable clothing. Meet at the MD 155 and I-95 park-n-ride at 6:00 AM. Contact leader Russ Kovach at 443-386-4787 for more information.

**Saturday, December 8**

Conowingo Eagle Watch. Conowingo is one of the best locations for mid-Atlantic eagle watching as dozens of eagles flock to this hydroelectric fish Cuisinart. Join expert leader Les Eastman who will help you additionally search out Peregrine Falcons, northern gulls and, if you're really lucky, Golden Eagle. Scopes are helpful. Meet at 8:00 AM at Fisherman's Park at the bottom (east end) of Shures Landing Road. Contact Les at 410-734-6969 for more information.

**Saturday, December 15**

Loch Raven. This Baltimore County gem is a fine place to spend an early winter morning searching for newly arrived winter birds and resilient water residents. Meet leader Don Soubie at the Park-n-Ride at Rts. 152 and 147 intersection at 8:30 AM. Contact Don at 410-569-2159 for more information.

**Saturday, December 29**

Rock Run Christmas Bird Count. Contact Jean Wheeler at 410-879-7424 for more information.

**Have a story, drawing, or poem (or anything else) you would like to submit to Wrenderings? Send submissions to Russ at [NikonF5user@aol.com](mailto:NikonF5user@aol.com)**

alone at the treeline and about 800 feet below the 13,000+ foot summit of Humphries (my husband Steve had to carry on without me). Hunched under a chilly overhang, I was watching a cloud blowing through a low spot just below me where a few scrubby trees poked out among the boulders. Among those trees, a large, very odd-looking bird flashed into view. It had a whitish body and black wings and white wing patches as it flicked about making some gargley sounds. I had never seen anything like it. To lighten my pack I had left my binoculars and field guide behind, but returning after our nine-hour climb, I studied my guide. What do you think? A Clark's Nutcracker. Oh - we also got a good look - through a birder's scope - of a California Condor at the Grand Canyon. He was No. 23 - a 12-year-old male according to our host. We saw him in flight as well as perched. What a sight! This bird was one of about 50 known in Northern AZ, there only because of a breeding program that began in the 1980s. *Deb Bowers*

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**One of the best reasons to visit the west, beyond the different birds out there of course, is the fantastic geology that Arizona, California, and Colorado have to offer. Still, Maryland's geology, while not quite a grandiose as Colorado's, still does offer us much to look at! Our November meeting will highlight the geology of Maryland and its impact on local birdlife. Be sure not to miss Dr. Coskren's talk on this fascinating topic, first Friday of November, 7:00pm at our old stomping grounds, the Churchville Presbyterian Church. Until then... Best Birding Wishes, *Russ Kovach***

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**Field Trip Reports (continued from page 5)**

**Winter's Run Road: September 16th, 2007**

This was another cool, bright, clear, sunny morning for our small party of six to enjoy a visit to this pleasant streamside Harford County country road. The birding started slowly but gradually improved until we came upon several confined areas where we lingered for long intervals to take in all the activity, spending nearly five hours total. Ten warbler species included Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided, female Yellow, Magnolia, American Redstart, and Common Yellowthroat. We encountered a half-dozen Cedar Waxwing, a dozen Eastern Bluebirds, three Vireo species including Warbling, a Yellow-billed Cuckoo, a hummingbird, four woodpecker species, White-breasted Nuthatch, Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawks. Early in our walk we saw three single Broad-winged Hawks, but as we neared I-95, watched a kettle of 21 circling and moving south, so we could make a small contribution to the special count organized by Jim Meyers. Finally, a swing by Lakeside revealed a single paddling Pied-billed Grebe to give us a total of 50 species and 398 birds counted and reported for the Fall count. *Dave Larkin and Lynn Davis*



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**The Harford Bird Club November Dinner Reservation Form**

**Please cut and mail the bottom portion of this page to Eileen Nack, 8 Cresmont Drive, Aberdeen MD 21001 by Thursday, October 25, 2007 if you plan on attending.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of adults ( at \$12.00 each )**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of children 12 and under ( at \$5.00 each )**

**Please make checks payable to Harford County MOS.**

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**Print your name(s) above as you would like it to appear on your name tag!**

**Include address and phone number if you would like transportation to the meeting.**

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**TEL:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Harford Bird Club November Dinner Meeting



Maryland Geologist and Bird Enthusiast

## Dennis Coskren

Presents:

## Maryland's Himalayas - How Habitats are Influenced by the Geology of an Area

Friday, November 2nd, 2007

Dinner: 6:15 PM

General Meeting: 7:00 PM

Fee for Dinner Guests Only... See form on page 7 for dinner reservation information.

Location: Churchville Presbyterian Church  
2844 Churchville Road  
Churchville, MD 21028



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