



# Wrenderings



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## President's Perch

Many of you have had the pleasure of birding in and around the area of Northwest Harford County that I refer to as the *World Famous Bradenbaugh Flats*. This seemingly unimpressive landscape of cultivated fields, woodland edge, and riparian buffer interspersed with small streams and ponds has produced a surprising list of birds over the past 30 years. Open field/grassland birding is one of the highlights of a visit, but the ecotones of so many overlapping habitats are what add to the variety of sightings.

Because I have the privilege of living so close, I get to casually (and sometimes intensely) bird this area almost daily. Undoubtedly, some of the species seen over the years like Sandhill Crane, Red-headed Woodpecker, and Lapland Longspur, would have gone undiscovered had I not been in the neighborhood and looking as frequently as I do. The question that I ponder is, how unique is it?

I'm convinced that taking Harford County or Maryland in total, we probably bird less than 5% of the total territory for a variety of reasons. Most active birders keep tabs on their backyard and visit other public spaces that allow regular access. In other words, we all tend to go to the same spots leaving the vast majority of habitats unbirded. Imagine all the birds that are not seen because no one is looking with a practiced and knowledgeable eye on 95% of our region.

Harford County is fortunate to have many beautiful parks and public places that are rich in habitat and species diversity. We also have lots of private property with owners who appreciate wildlife and do a wonderful job of managing their landscapes for conservation. As I interact with people who own land from a few acres to hundreds of acres, I usually find that they are keenly interested in the natural resources, including birds, that they encounter. They often can tell me about the hawks that nest, the turkey that passed through, or the Pileated Woodpecker that flew into the back yard. They generally want to know more. The many landowners in the Bradenbaugh area stop me on the road or phone to tell me about an interesting sighting or to ask a bird question. They welcome birders who treat their property with respect and common courtesy.

I have always encouraged new and veteran birders to seek out places to bird that might be hidden gems in our local environment. There are certainly under birded public parks (Rocks State Park, for instance), but wouldn't it be wonderful if you discover a new nesting species for the County because you made friends with a landowner nearby who allowed you access to their property. Ask Dave Webb about his discovery of Harford's only record of nesting Bobolink several years ago.

Each of us can find a favorite area, public or private, that is convenient to our home and travel patterns and we can become the world expert on the birdlife of that locale, just like we are the world expert on our own backyards. By doing so, the thrill of discovery is maximized for personal enjoyment, the knowledge of local avifauna is enhanced, and most likely we will spread the joy of birding to some County residents who will be motivated to protect and conserve productive habitat. The next *World Famous (fill in the blank)* is waiting to be discovered! ~ Dennis Kirkwood

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## Plan Ahead!

- November Dinner Meeting: Fri, Nov 4, 6:15 PM @ Churchville Presbyterian Church
- MOS State board meeting hosted by Harford at Swan Harbor Farm (Amoss Center). Dec. 3
- Rock Run Christmas Bird Count: Fri, Dec 30
- January Meeting @ Churchville Presbyterian Church. Jan 6. (Snow date Jan 13.)

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## November Dinner Meeting

Our next club meeting will be on Friday, November 4 beginning at 6:15 pm with a delicious Turkey dinner prepared by the members of the Churchville Presbyterian church. This is a great event to invite friends and family to as we share in the bounty of the harvest season. A business meeting will follow at 7:00 along with our traditional raffle. If you can't make the dinner, please come for the meeting and program. At 8:00, members Bob and Susan Hood will present a program on "The Grand Colorado Birding Adventure: From the Tundra to the Desert." We are looking forward to a great turnout and a wonderful evening of fellowship.

## 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 Corresponding Secretary Madeline Lovera at 410-879-6098 or email to [mlovera30@aol.com](mailto:mlovera30@aol.com).

### 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!

**Kerry Maclellan & Kenneth O'Brien of Abingdon**

### Membership Dues Are Due

Annual membership dues are now overdue for the Harford Bird Club year from September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012. If you have not yet renewed, the membership form was included in the August issue of Wrenderings or you can print it off the web site at <http://www.harfordbirdclub.org/harfjoin.html>. Please contact Marjie Heagy at [msheagy@zoominternet.net](mailto:msheagy@zoominternet.net) or (410)557-9485 if you have any questions about your renewal. Please fill out the form, enclose your check made payable to HARFORD MOS and mail it to Marjie. We would like to have all dues paid by December 31, 2011.

### Vacation Reports

If you traveled over the summer and had any good birding experiences, please write a concise report of a couple of paragraphs for inclusion in the next newsletter. Please send them to Dennis Kirkwood at [newarkfarms@gmail.com](mailto:newarkfarms@gmail.com) or Les Eastman at [les@birdtreks.com](mailto:les@birdtreks.com).

### MOS Scholarships Available

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS) is once again offering scholarships for Maryland teachers, nature center staff and park rangers to attend a summer workshop. Most of the workshops are in Maine but there is one at Washington College, also. For more information, contact Dennis Kirkwood at [newarkfarms@gmail.com](mailto:newarkfarms@gmail.com). More information is also available at <http://www.mdbirds.org/education/scholarships/scholarships.html>. The deadline for applications is November 30.

Comments from one of last year's winners can be seen on page 7.



# Harford Birdlife

by: Monroe Harden

This period includes sightings of many county rarities, some of which came in as a result of Hurricane Irene. The report covers the period from Aug 1<sup>st</sup> through Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

## Ducks, Grebes, Egrets, Ibis, Stork

While watching for hurricane birds on Aug 28th, MH saw 5 **Blue-winged Teal**, 2 **Northern Shovelers**, and 2 **Green-winged Teal** at Tydings Park in Havre de Grace. He also saw 2 **Pied-billed Grebes** and 6 **Great Egrets**. PL reported a female **Gadwall** at Swan Harbor on Sep 11<sup>th</sup>. CS found a **Lesser Scaup** on the Gunpowder River near the Edgewood Area of APG on Aug 24<sup>th</sup>. LN found a juvenile **White Ibis** at the Lakeside Business Park on Sep 11<sup>th</sup>. VF reported a **Wood Stork** near the Tidewater Grill in Havre de Grace on Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, but it could not be relocated.



## Hawks, Falcons, Rails

LJ counted 352 **Broad-winged Hawks** over Susquehanna State Park on Sep 17<sup>th</sup>. These were all seen between 8:25 and 8:55 AM. She also saw a **Merlin** there that day. RK and AK witnessed a **Red-tailed Hawk** dive bombing their chickens in Darlington on Sep 26<sup>th</sup>. They and their chickens escaped unharmed. MJ heard a **Sora** at Swan Harbor on Sep 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Plovers, Sandpipers, Gulls, Terns

MH found 4 **Black-bellied Plovers**, 4 **Ruddy Turnstones**, 6 **Red Knots**, 3 **Sanderlings**, 2 **White-rumped Sandpipers**, 22 **Pectoral Sandpipers**, 3 **Stilt Sandpipers**, a **Short-billed Dowitcher**, and 2 **Red-necked Phalaropes** at Tydings Park on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. BH and EC saw a **Solitary Sandpiper** there on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. MJ saw and photographed a **Long-billed Dowitcher** on a pond at the intersection of Rt 155 and Aldino Rd near Havre de Grace on Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. TH had a **Wilson's Snipe** at Swan Harbor on Aug 13<sup>th</sup>.



MH saw an adult **Franklin's Gull** along with 2 **Laughing Gulls** near Tydings Island on Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also counted 331 **Ring-billed Gulls**, 360 **Forster's Terns**, 4 **Common Terns**, and 30 **Black Terns** there on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. BH and EC saw 9 **Caspian** and 202 **Forster's Terns** there on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Cuckoos, Nighthawks, Hummingbirds, Flycatchers, Vireos, Swallows

TH and RB saw and heard a **Black-billed Cuckoo** at Swan Harbor on Aug 9<sup>th</sup>. BH and EC reported 3 **Common Nighthawks** near Lapidum on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. MoH saw 2 over Havre de Grace on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>, while MJ saw 3 at Lakeside on Sep 11<sup>th</sup>. SH had 1 or 2 **Ruby-throated Hummingbirds** daily at her feeders in Fallston through Sep 26<sup>th</sup>. RK had one at his Darlington feeder on Sep 29<sup>th</sup>.



BH and EC reported a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** at Swan Harbor on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. TH saw one at Susquehanna State park on Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also saw a **Philadelphia Vireo** there on Sep 12<sup>th</sup>. RB witnessed 274 **Purple Martins** near her Abingdon home on Aug 20<sup>th</sup>. EB saw several **Cliff Swallows** near the Havre de Grace lock house on Aug 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Warblers

BH and EC found single **Nashville** and **Magnolia Warblers** at Swan Harbor on Aug 31<sup>st</sup>. TH saw 2 **Nashville**, 1 **Northern Parula**, 1 **Chestnut-sided**, 4 **Black-throated Blue** and 5 **Black-throated Green Warblers** at Ladew Gardens on Sep 26<sup>th</sup>. He had a **Prothonotary Warbler** at Susquehanna State park on Sep 12<sup>th</sup>. On Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, he saw a **Worm-eating Warbler** there. SH saw and heard a **Louisiana Waterthrush** along Laurel Brook Rd on Aug 8<sup>th</sup>. LJ reported single **Kentucky** and **Wilson's Warblers** at Susquehanna State Park on Sep 17<sup>th</sup>. SH saw a female **Canada Warbler** at Eden Mill on Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## Contributors

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# Field Trip Reports

## Bombay Hook NWR

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 8 birders from Harford and Cecil Counties (including 3 students from C. Milton Wright High School) set out for the regional birding hotspot of Bombay Hook. Right off the bat our hopes were fueled by the 'bird-log' at the visitor's center: both White-fronted Ibis and White Pelican had been seen at the "Hook" in the past day! As it turned out the pelican made as much of a show as a White Pelican possibly could – hanging out on the water in front of us and even flying overhead at an altitude of 20 feet! Alas, we did strike out on the White-fronted Ibis; but a mid-day calling Barred Owl, a pair of Northern Harriers, and a White-rumped Sandpiper helped to dull the pain (along with some of the most cooperative Blue Grosbeaks one could ever hope for). Perhaps the cutest moment involved a female Wood Duck trailing 18 ducklings through Bear Swamp... certainly the champion in the 'biological fitness' battle! All in all a great day birding with more than 60 species – and best of all – almost no blood donated to the green-head flies! ~*Russ Kovach*

## Conowingo Dam

On July 23rd during the 100 degree heat wave seven hardy people joined Randy and I for the morning at Conowingo Dam. Thank goodness the participants were active and social because the birds were not that interesting. We saw the usual Eagles, Great Blue Herons, Black Vultures, Rock Pigeons, and Cormorants on the water. However not much water was coming through the dam and the excessive heat curtailed most physical activity. On a walk along the trail we saw and heard what you would expect for this time of year. Acadian Flycatcher, female orioles, American Goldfinches, Warbling Vireo, Barn Swallow, and Blue Jay were all observed. At 9:15 we were all chased by a sudden hard rain shower. All an example of the dog days of summer.

~ *Tom Congersky*

## Hummingbird Happy Hour

On Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> about 20 people came to the Hummingbird Happy Hour at the home of Les and Beth Eastman. There were lots of hummingbirds to see and lots of good food and a good time was had by all. If you missed this yearly event, please plan to come next year.

~ *Les Eastman*

## Southern Ma and Pa Trail

On September 10, 44 species were enjoyed by nine birders in Fallston. Following days of very heavy rains, we were thankful that the fog lifted and the sun shone briefly to dry out a good variety of species, including some ruffled juveniles, on this varied path along field and forest, woodlands and wetlands. We spent some time sifting through a profusion of "confusing fall warblers" and were pleased to identify six species in different plumages. We enjoyed a family of Wood Ducks (hen and five juveniles), and were treated to several birds of prey, including Merlin, Bald Eagle, Broad-winged and Cooper's Hawks. By the end of our 4-hour walk, the Elegant Stinkhorn mushrooms near the parking lot were a bit wilted, but it was a very energizing time for most of us, and we followed up with lunch at the Fallston Diner.

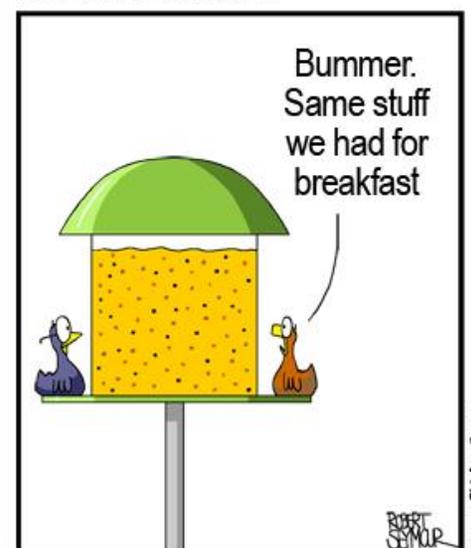
~ *Susan Hood*

## Swan Harbor

On Sunday, Sept 25, seven club members explored the diverse 600 acres of this county park on the outskirts of Havre de Grace. Although the overall number of birds seemed very low, our species count of 55 was quite respectable. Most of the avian activity centered around the new South Impoundments, where we found a Red-shouldered Hawk, 3 Blue-winged Teal, a Savannah Sparrow, a Blue Grosbeak, a few Bobolinks, and 2 or 3 very vocal Sora. At the old Ducks Unlimited Impoundment we picked out a lone Marsh Wren in the dense, tall vegetation and a distant Northern Harrier, but little else. Three American Kestrels together on the telephone wires paralleling the entrance road were a pleasant surprise. By the end of the trip everyone felt comfortable with their identification of Palm Warblers -- we easily encountered several dozen of these lively little tail pumpers in weedy areas and corn fields over the course of the morning.

~ *Dave Webb*

## BirdBreath



# Harford Bird Club Field Trips

Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson and Dennis Kirkwood

**October 23 (Sun.) - Chino Farms** This Eastern Shore location offers diverse habitat promising an array of avian species with a focus on sparrows. This ¾ day trip will include a lunch stop and some other nearby possible hot spots time permitting. The leader is Matt Hafner (410-971-3203; [mh1920@aol.com](mailto:mh1920@aol.com) )

**October 29 (Sat.) Owl Prowl at Eden Mill** – Search for owls during this Saw-whet eruption year at this reliable location for these nocturnal hunters. Banding of Saw-whets will take place. Meet with leader Dave Webb (410-939-3537; [porzana@comcast.net](mailto:porzana@comcast.net) ) at the Mill at 7:00 PM.

**November 5 (Sat.) – Susquehanna State Park.** Visit a prime Harford county birding spot. The various habitats found here attract a diverse variety of passerines, raptors, and waterfowl. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Rock Run Mill. Leaders are Tom Congersky (410-658-4137; [njtcon@zoominternet.net](mailto:njtcon@zoominternet.net) ) and Randy Robertson.

**November 11 (Fri.) - November 12 (Sat.) Kings Gap/Waggoner's Gap Weekend** - Enjoy Hawk watching during the day and owling at night. Reservations required. Limited free accommodations available. Nearby motels also available. For additional information and details contact Donna Yorkston (443-562-8501; [donnayorkston@hotmail.com](mailto:donnayorkston@hotmail.com)) or Sue Procell at (410-676-6602; [procell1@comcast.net](mailto:procell1@comcast.net)).

**November 20 (Sun.) Bombay Hook** – Take a late fall/early winter survey of this Delaware shorebird haven with leader Dave Larkin (410-569-8319; [Larkin3001@comcast.net](mailto:Larkin3001@comcast.net)). Meet at the Route 155/I-95 park-n-ride at 7:30 AM. Bring lunch. Scopes helpful but not necessary.

**November 26 (Sat.) Conowingo Eagle Watch.** – Meet at 8:00 AM at Fisherman's Park below the dam. Expect more than 100 Bald Eagles and possibly Golden Eagle. There will be Waterfowl and early winter songbirds. Contact leader Dennis Kirkwood (410-692-5905; [newarkfarms@gmail.com](mailto:newarkfarms@gmail.com)).

**December 3 (Sat.) Delaware Coast.** Meet at the 155/I-95 Park and Ride at 6:30 AM. This trip will visit several hotspots along the Delaware Bay for wintering specialties. Contact leader Russ Kovach for further

details (410-443-386-4787 or [russell.kovach@gmail.com](mailto:russell.kovach@gmail.com)).

**December 17 (Sat.) Rock Run area of Susquehanna State Park.** This field trip will be taking a preliminary survey of this Christmas Bird Count location. Meet at Rock Run Mill in the Susquehanna State Park at 8:00 AM. The leader is Rick Cheicante (410-803-2712) or [rickcheicante@cs.com](mailto:rickcheicante@cs.com).

**January 1 (Sun) Perryman Area.** Celebrate the new year/recover from New Year's Eve by birding the always productive Perryman Area with leader Phil Powers (410-679-4116 or [birdsinmd@verizon.net](mailto:birdsinmd@verizon.net)). Meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot at 8:30 AM.

**January 7 (Sat.) Conowingo Gull/Eagle Watch.** Les Eastman (410-734-6969; [les@birdtreks.com](mailto:les@birdtreks.com)) leads this morning survey from Fisherman's Park just below the Conowingo dam on the Harford County side of the Susquehanna. Meet at 8:00 AM to begin the search for Bald Eagles, some prospect for a Golden Eagle, various gulls and waterfowl.

## 2011 Rock Run Christmas Bird Count

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Rock Run Christmas Bird Count will take place on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This event is centered around Susquehanna State Park and covers a 15-mile circle spreading inland around the lower Susquehanna River and upper bay in both Harford and Cecil Counties. Sponsored by the National Audubon Society, information about the count, it's history, previous years' results and a photo gallery can be found at <http://birds.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count>. The Rock Run CBC is an excellent opportunity for Harford Bird Club members to have fun and build friendships while contributing to one of the largest scientific databases concerning bird populations. At the end of the afternoon, count participants may gather to warm up with good food and tales of the day's adventures. Whether you are veteran participant or a first-timer, become a citizen scientist and participate in this year's Rock Run CBC. The fee per participant is \$5 which is forwarded to the National Audubon Society in order to compile and publish the results. Register today by e-mailing the HBC Count Coordinator Rick Cheicante at [rickcheicante@cs.com](mailto:rickcheicante@cs.com).

## An Argument for Birding at the Margins (and from a Kayak)

By Colleen Webster

How to even begin the amazing contradiction of October 18, 2010? I am paddling the Chesapeake Bay just out of Tydings Park in Havre de Grace. I am wearing only a bikini as the winds of the weekend have settled down, though they seem to have stripped this upper bay of terns that were here in droves. Today, only two plummet into the glass-still water.

It is warming, the late morning moving toward afternoon and within minutes of leaving the boat ramp I catch a flutter of white in a tree on Tydings Island. I search in disbelief, but yes, there is a Great Egret perched among the maple leaves, leaves already going gold and crimson. In my summer minimal clothing, I feel a surge of connection—here is a summer bird; this bikini does not feel so odd now in what the calendar calls autumn. But here I make the turn around the bend to spy on the little beach on the island, and a Pied-billed Grebe ducks below the water's surface, bobs back up and keeps his, or her, distance. A winter bird, I exclaim in my head. Have I ever viewed this little chicken-necked creature while I am wearing so little? No. I am sure of this.

And so it went the rest of my time on the water. Many days I am out floating, paddling, running or biking, the wisdom of many birder-teachers ringing through my thoughts. Peggy Eppig, my first official birding teacher, told a group of us beginners, "Look at the margins, the edges. Birds like those places." I always take Peggy's words to heart and so for years I have checked the tree lines, the outside of meadows, the ridges of water-brushed shores. Now, I realize, her admonishment also related to the seasons. Look on the windy days between summer and fall for those migrants. Look on the warm days of fall for those lingering birds. Here I was slipping in between the turning tides of summer and fall.

I kept paddling, heading south toward Swan Harbor's pier. A shadow came from over my left shoulder, and I looked up to find an Osprey, presumably headed down the bay after leaving land at Elk Neck State Park. He, or she, grazed over me and then hugged the shoreline, or should I say, tree line, as I gazed in wonder and wished the late-migrant luck in the trip to Brazil. How I love the summer and hate to see it go, especially in the very real bodies of my summer birds. This was not one of the Ospreys I watch carefully each season in Tydings Harbor; those adults had left in late August and all three young were gone by mid-September. This straggler must have been holding onto the season, much like I do, before giving into the subtle shifts to colder nights.

And as my paddling time unfolded, the birds continued. After I could no longer see the Osprey in the blue, my gaze settled on a figure perched in the trees—a Broad-winged Hawk. Hunkered down on the limb, this creature seemed ready for fall, just resting in the moment before continuing

south. Every now and then, monarch butterflies wafted over the currents, steadily making progress toward Mexico's mountains. And then I turned from Swan Harbor, back to Havre de Grace. Just ahead two birds dipped in and out of the water, diving and feeding. I had already spied on some Canada Geese and Mallards out in the shallows where the submerged aquatic vegetation was thick. But this pair was not just tipping over and back up—they were diving in more open water. I kept quiet and moved steadily before balancing my binoculars. A pair of Hooded Mergansers. These shy birds usually moved quickly away from such a bumbling homo sapien as I am, but these two were engrossed in refueling. Our region is an edge for these creatures who sometimes remain here; maybe they had only a short migration, moving down the coast a bit, or sticking around as long as the calm waters remained un-iced. I dropped the binoculars and continued to paddle toward them, keeping them to my right. Never before have I been so close to this bird. This trip was truly glorious.

Nothing else needed to appear for me to feel as though I was walking on water, rather than paddling. But of course, there were eagles. Just a few hundred yards from the boat ramp, I realized the circling bird of prey above me was a mature eagle, lazily wringing out final warmth from the draining season. Eventually joined by another, they began to circle each other and then dropped into a fall, talons reaching and claspng. Ah, play and joy and practice for next spring. And as I slipped closer to the floating pier, a lone coot, moving into this realm for the colder months, dipped in and out near the moored boats. How I love the bay, the birds, this world.

I pulled my kayak from the water that day and loaded it onto my enclosed, and ready for cold weather, Jeep, aware that all I had seen was just the world going on about its business. I can get pretty carried away with the spirituality of all that is beautiful to me. I can even use words like miracle and signs and reverence. But the scientists about me, and their words, do ring in my mind, caution me to merely acknowledge the patterns of migration and survival. These birds, even the Great Blue Herons which were out in abundance in the low tide, were just living their drives of eat, fly, swim, feel good. I tied down my kayak and stashed my paddle and life jacket in the car, knowing I would be searching among the margins, in all their representations, from now on. How I love the way the world unfolds, allowing summer to drift into autumn, each season giving us edges that blur, so that the birds, and we, can find a way to settle into the next phase of our life.



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### MOS Scholarship Winner

Timothy Dougherty, a teacher at North Harford High School was a winner of one of the MOS scholarships last year. He attended the workshop on Hog Island, Maine. Here are excerpts from a letter he sent to the MOS.

"The week for me was much more than a learning experience but more of a life changing and career changing adventure."

"my knowledge and understanding in terms of habitat and bird lifestyles was expanded exponentially utilizing the many workshops provided. I attended workshops on flora and fauna, spiders, macro invertebrates, pond Studies, bog studies, tidal zones, habitat restoration (especially puffins), owls, ospreys, ferns (I now can identify six species), and amphibians. These experiences alone would have made this a productive trip and one that would greatly benefit my students as we venture outside to our school's campus and to other outdoor fieldtrips."

"(My) experiences, combined with the fruitful networking with other professional environmental educators... made the Hog Island experience a professional development opportunity that I wish all science teachers could someday enjoy."

### Go Green

How would you like to help the environment and save money for the Bird Club at the same time? You can do this by electing to receive your newsletter by email instead of snail mail. By doing so, you will reduce the printing and mailing expense to the club and cut down on the number of trees sacrificed to make paper. If you are not already receiving your newsletter by email and would like to do so, please contact Les Eastman at [les@birdtreks.com](mailto:les@birdtreks.com).



### The Harford Bird Club Dinner Reservation Form

Please cut and mail the bottom portion of this page to Eileen Nack, 8 Crestmont Drive, Aberdeen MD 21001 by Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 if you plan on attending.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults (at \$13.00 each)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of children 16 and under (at \$5.00 each)

Please make checks payable to Harford County MOS.



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.

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

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# Harford Bird Club November Dinner Meeting

## "The Grand Colorado Birding Adventure: From the Tundra to the Desert."

by

### Bob and Susan Hood

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

Dinner - 6:15pm - General Meeting time 7:15pm

Location: Churchville Presbyterian Church

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