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## President's Perch

One of the true joys of birding is discovering a rare species. It can happen at any time and at any location, from your backyard feeders to a favorite vacation spot. Being prepared for the unexpected requires knowing the common birds. The more we study the plumages and behaviors of the familiar feathered favorites, the more likely we will notice when something is different.

I have had the pleasure on several occasions of finding the unusual when I least expected it. As a relatively new birder in 1982, I found Harford County's first Sandhill Crane when it visited my farm for about three days. Since they are large birds, and having previously seen them in Florida, I was confident of the identification. My wife and I had taken a walk on a Sunday morning in early April when we stumbled upon the bird in a corn stubble field. We decided Jean should return to the house for a camera and I would try to keep track of the bird. Fortunately, the bird cooperated and got its picture on the front page of *Maryland Birdlife*. More recently in January 2011, Rick Cheicante and I were searching through Canada Geese looking for a Cackling Goose when we located the county's first Ross's Goose. Rick's pictures provided confirmation and evidence of this beautiful specimen.

If you are involved with our hobby for any length of time, sooner or later you will experience the excitement of finding something different. It doesn't have to be a "megararity" to provide excitement -a new yard bird or a warbler out of season produces a similar reaction. Most of us are proud of the life birds that we found all on our own, even if they are not particularly unusual.

2011 turned out to be a very interesting year in our area in terms of rarities. Harford County added six new species to our county list, making our new checklists outdated within one year of being published. Each species was found by different birders and all but one was on private property. Our new birds included: Ross's Goose, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Wood Stork, Long-billed Dowitcher, Le Conte's Sparrow, and Rufous Hummingbird.

Since we belong to a club and share a common interest, when rarities are discovered most of us want to spread the good news. With modern technology, this process of sharing becomes easier and easier. The other instinct is to preserve the memory by photographing, video-taping, sketching, and/or describing the sighting as thoroughly as possible. By doing so, we help document the bird and add to our knowledge of bird distribution and behavior. A photograph is very important as some birds move through quickly and are only seen by one or two observers. In case there is any question about the identification, a photo usually helps in providing accuracy and verification.

If the bird is on your property, you get to choose how widely you want the information to be shared because visits by other birders are sure to occur. A harder choice is when the bird is on someone else's property who may not be accustomed to the level of interest this sighting could produce. Recently there has been excellent coordination

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## Plan Ahead!

- "Pizza" dinner meeting  
May 4, 6:15 pm @  
Harford Glen
- May Count. Saturday,  
May 12, 2012.
- MOS State Board  
Meeting June 2 at  
Greenbrier State Park,  
Washington Co.
- Summer Social at Anita  
Leight Estuary Center.  
Friday, July 13
- Fall Picnic Sep 1, 1 PM.

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between the host of a rare sighting and the local birding network. Both involved hummingbirds - a Calliope Hummingbird in Easton, and Harford's first Rufous Hummingbird in Darlington. Birders were directed to call and make an appointment to come and see the bird based on the schedule of the homeowner. The combination of a cooperative bird, a gracious bird host, and polite and reasonable birders allowed for the sanity of bird, host, and watcher to be acknowledged and protected. Let's hope this level of cooperation becomes the norm in our hobby. Let's also hope that the unusual birds keep finding us! Lastly, our club bylaws say that you should call the president first. ~Dennis Kirkwood

## Pizza Dinner Meeting May 4

Join us for the club's next gathering on Friday, May 4, when we enjoy an encore of last year's highly successful pizza dinner meeting. The meeting will again take place at Harford Glen (directions below), and the menu will consist of a variety of pizzas, fresh vegetables and dip, and beverages. The gate opens at 6 PM and dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 PM. The business meeting will start at 7:00 PM. The program for the evening will be **Teaching and Learning about Birds** presented by Mary Murray and Barbara Gasper, teachers at Prospect Mill Elementary School and their 2nd- and 3rd-grade birding club. Come celebrate the next generation of nature lovers and hear from the students and teachers about how their interests and activities are making a difference in their education.

Directions to Harford Glen. From MD 24 between Bel Air and Constant Friendship, turn southwest onto Wheel Road. Drive 0.9 miles to entrance gate. Continue for another 0.2 miles, and turn left to enter parking area beside dining facility. See map at [www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=3611133](http://www.gmap-pedometer.com/?r=3611133).

## 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!

**Nancy & Andrew Brocki, Amanda & Kyle Brocki, Olivia, Heather & Grant Schleicher of Bel Air  
Ira & Carol Silverberg of Abingdon  
Dominique Bayne & Bill LaBarre of White Hall  
Lucie Snodgrass of Bel Air**

### March Meeting Trivia Question

According to our club's unofficial statistician, Dave Webb, how many species of birds were reported to have been seen and/or heard in Harford County during 2011? (The answer is somewhere in this newsletter.)

## 2011 Annual Awards Presented

At the March 2 dinner meeting, the club continued the tradition of recognizing members and friends who have made a special contribution to our organization during the past year. We wish to thank John Malcolm of the Montgomery MOS chapter for his beautiful certificates that he creates each year for each awardee.

The first award was **Birder of the Year**, presented to Becky Gallo for her initiative in creating and leading our first “youth wing” of the club. The group has labeled themselves the “Harford Herons” and has focused on secondary students but will begin encouraging upper elementary students as well. Becky has linked with the MOS Youth program and sponsors field trips for youth and regularly communicates with and among her troops. Congratulations Becky!

The next award was **Volunteer of the Year**, presented to Phil Powers for his many hours given on behalf of birds, birding and birders. Phil has been a long-time volunteer at Harford Glen, helping with the banding demonstration on a weekly basis for the fifth grade residential program. He has served on the Anita Leight Estuary Center board and leads many birding field trips and boat trips for the general public. As a Harford Bird Club field trip committee member, he originated a field trip at Mariner Point Park in Joppatowne designed for physically handicapped and wheel-chair bound participants. For several years he has presented a program to the public through the sponsorship of The Mill of Bel Air about backyard bird feeding. For all these generous gifts of time and talent, we congratulate you Phil!

Our **Rookie of the Year** was presented to Callum MacLellan-O’Brien of Abingdon. Callum is a fourteen-year old enthusiastic member of the Harford Herons and the State MOS Youth program. Last year he was a participant in the MOS Youth team that competed in the World Series of Birding in New Jersey. He will also represent Harford again this year in the competition. We look forward to many exciting years of enjoying our birdlife and environment as he matures in his skills and abilities as a birder. Best wishes Callum and congratulations!

Our **Lister of the Year** was awarded to our Vice-President Matt Hafner for seeing 224 species in Harford County during 2011. Matt is one of the state’s most

active field birders, leading trips throughout the state and even on the Atlantic Ocean as a pelagic bird trip organizer and leader. We are fortunate to have him and his wife, Kim, back in Harford County and involved with the Harford Bird Club. Congratulations Matt!

Our final award is **Bird of the Year**. This award is centered on a bird but also recognizes the discoverer and/or host of the species for their hospitality to bird and birders. Because 2011 was such a good year for new birds to Harford (six species were added to the county all-time list), the executive board decided to honor two birds and their hosts. Harford’s first Rufous Hummingbird was discovered and carefully attended to by Chris and Rebecca Kellar of Darlington. It was first seen in late October and remained throughout the winter and was still being seen in late March. The Kellars welcomed birders to come and see the bird and shared photos with many of the visitors. Thank you, Chris and Rebecca for your efforts in backyard habitat management and for your generosity to club members. Our second award went to the staff of Swan Harbor Farm Park for hosting Harford’s first Le Conte’s Sparrow from mid-November to early December. Matt Hafner was one of the initial discoverers of the bird and as word spread, folks from throughout the state and region visited this beautiful park to enjoy the rare sighting. We are fortunate to have this preserved area on the bay that provides outstanding habitat for waterfowl, song birds, and marsh and field birds. Thank you to park manager Craig Lanphear and to all who help maintain and enrich this beautiful public property.





# Harford Birdlife

by Monroe Harden

Our spring migrants seem to be coming in a couple of weeks early this year. I'll leave the reasons for that to the experts. This report covers the period from Jan 28<sup>th</sup> through Mar 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

## Ducks

Swan Harbor hosted its usual large variety of ducks this winter. DG saw an **American Wigeon** there on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, along with 4 **Canvasbacks** and 4 **Bufflehead**. MH saw several **Northern Shovelers** there on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>. He also saw several **American Wigeon**, **Green-winged Teal**, and **Ring-necked Ducks** that day. TH also saw the shovelers there on Mar 16<sup>th</sup>. RB saw several in the swampy area near Rts 40 and 24 in Edgewood on Mar 8<sup>th</sup>. MH saw a **Red-breasted Merganser** in the water near the Havre de Grace lighthouse on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>. SH reported 3 **Common Goldeneyes** at the Conowingo Dam on Mar 9<sup>th</sup>. TH saw 2 **Wood Ducks** at Swan Harbor on Mar 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Hérons, Hawks, Falcons

MH found and heard a singing **American Bittern** at Swan Harbor on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>. MJ saw a **Great Egret** in Havre de Grace on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. These are rarely seen here in February. DL reported his first **Osprey** of the year at Lakeside on Mar 18<sup>th</sup>. SEE saw their first of the year at Swan Harbor the following day. MH saw an adult **Golden Eagle** flying north over Swan Harbor on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>. LE noted at least 45 **Bald Eagles** at Conowingo Dam on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>. Most of these were adults. BJD saw a nesting **Cooper's Hawk** in Forest Hill on Mar 26<sup>th</sup>. LE reported an **American Kestrel** along Trappe Church Rd on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Rails, Sandpipers, Gulls

TH found a **King Rail** near the blind at Swan Harbor on Mar 6<sup>th</sup>. Several other people heard it through the end of March. MJ saw and heard a **Sora** at Swan Harbor on Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>. TH counted at least 50 **Wilson's Snipe** there on Mar 16<sup>th</sup>. He saw and heard between 3 and 6 **American Woodcock** at Harford Memorial Gardens on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> and Mar 5<sup>th</sup>. MH found a **Black-headed Gull** in the river off Lapidum on Mar 5<sup>th</sup>. NM also saw one there on Mar 15<sup>th</sup>. There were also several hundred **Bonaparte's Gulls** there. DG noticed a **Ring-billed Gull** with a dart in its neck at Bynum Pond on Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. The bird appeared to be handling this without much difficulty.



## Owls, Hummingbirds, Flycatchers, Swallows



DB heard 2 **Great Horned Owls** calling near her home in Street on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>. RK had a pair of **Barred Owls** near his home in Darlington. The **Rufous Hummingbird** continued to visit the feeder in Darlington throughout the period. SH saw and heard 2 **Eastern Phoebes** singing near Laurel Brook Rd on Mar 7<sup>th</sup>. RK

had one actually land on his hand on Mar 14<sup>th</sup>. MH saw 4 **Purple Martins**, 3 **Northern Rough-winged Swallows**, 2 **Barn Swallows**, and many **Tree Swallows** at Swan Harbor on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>. RB saw a **Tree Swallow** in Edgewood on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.



## Thrushes, Warblers, Sparrows

RB saw a **Hermit Thrush** at Mariner Point Park on Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. PP saw one there on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. JW saw and photographed a leucistic, **American Robin** in her Bel Air yard on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. DG saw a **Pine Warbler** near Bynum Pond on Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. RC saw one on APG-South on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>. He also saw and heard a singing **Louisiana Waterthrush** that day near Winter's Run. JH saw and heard one by Lapidum Rd on Mar 24<sup>th</sup>. TH saw several **White-throated Sparrows** and **Dark-eyed Juncos** at Ladew Gardens on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>.



CS saw his first **Chipping Sparrow** of the year on APG-South on Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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# Harford Bird Club Field Trips

Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson and Lynn Davis

**April 22 (Sun.) Cromwell Valley Park.** Take an avian excursion through this Baltimore County preserve sure to score well with spring migrants. Led by veterans Dave Larkin (410-569-8319; [dlarkin@towson.edu](mailto:dlarkin@towson.edu)) and Phil Powers (410-679-4116; [birdsindmd@verizon.net](mailto:birdsindmd@verizon.net)). Meet at the commuter lot on the west side of Rt. 152 (Fallston Rd) just north of Rt.147 (Harford Rd.) at 7:00 AM.

**April 28 (Sat.) Rocks State Park.** This field trip will tour the wooded slopes of a portion of the Deer Creek watershed that provides attractive habitat to a wide variety of birdlife. Meet leaders Dennis Kirkwood (410-692-5905; [newarkfarms@gmail.com](mailto:newarkfarms@gmail.com)), and Mark Magnani (410-838-1778; [mmagnani@peoplepc.com](mailto:mmagnani@peoplepc.com)), at the Ranger Station parking area on Rocks Chrome Hill Rd. at 7 AM.

**May 5 (Sat.) Fourth Annual Epic Birding Contest.** (Inclement weather date, Sun., May 6) – We may not have Jack Black, Owen Wilson and Steve Martin from “The Big Year”, but we will have a spirited competition among teams to compile the highest tally of different species seen for this one morning. Don't miss out on this fun time at Susquehanna State Park. Birders at all skill levels welcome. Meet at the Rock Run Mill at 6:30 AM for team selections and rules review. Counting will begin at 6:45 AM and end at 11:30 AM. Rally celebration will occur at approximately 12 noon at the Tidewater Grille in Havre de Grace. Family members and others are welcome to join the contestants for the celebration. Contact Tom Gibson (410-734-4135; [gibsonlld@aol.com](mailto:gibsonlld@aol.com)).

**May 12 (Sat.) – Statewide May Count.** Help Harford County contribute to this important data collection day and monitor migration throughout our locale. Contact the coordinator, Rick Cheicante (410-803-2712; [rickcheicante@cs.com](mailto:rickcheicante@cs.com)) for assignments.

**May 19 (Sat.) Cromwell Valley Park.** Back by popular demand, take this avian excursion through this excellent Baltimore County preserve that, hopefully, will be teeming with late spring migrants. Led by veterans Dave Larkin (410-569-8319 or [dlarkin@towson.edu](mailto:dlarkin@towson.edu)) and Phil Powers (410-679-4116 or [birdsindmd@verizon.net](mailto:birdsindmd@verizon.net)). Meet at the commuter lot on the west side of Rt. 152 (Fallston Rd) just north of Rt. 147 (Harford Rd.) at 7:00 AM.

**May 22 (Tues.) - Mariner Point Park in Joppatowne.** This attractive county park has rich birdlife and provides an easy, wheel-chair accessible trail for all to enjoy. This trip, as are most of our trips, is open to all, but a special invitation is extended to wheelchair and limited-mobility

birders. Join leader Phil Powers (410-679-4116 or [birdsindmd@verizon.net](mailto:birdsindmd@verizon.net)) at 8:00 AM to look for eagles, migrants, and waterfowl. Meet at the park pavilion (call Phil for directions). Those in need of mobility assistance should contact Phil in advance.

**May 26 (Sat.) – Conowingo Dam.** One of Harford's premier locations at a peak time to see eagles and orioles as well as Prothonotary Warblers. Meet at the new observation platform at the north end of the parking lot at 8:00 AM. The leader is Les Eastman (410-734-6969; [les@birdtreks.com](mailto:les@birdtreks.com))

**May 28 (Mon.) - Upper Deer Creek Valley.** Visit rural NW Harford County with its avian-friendly waterways and its World Famous Bradenbaugh Flats. Expect to see warblers, Horned Larks, Grasshopper Sparrow, Willow Flycatcher and Red-headed Woodpeckers. Meet at the northern end of Madonna Road where it crosses Deer Creek at Hidden Valley at 7:00 AM. Leader is Dennis Kirkwood (410-692-5905; [newarkfarms@gmail.com](mailto:newarkfarms@gmail.com)).

**June 2 (Sat.) – Bombay Hook.** Bombay Hook is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. This is the prime Atlantic Coast location to witness shorebird migration. Join leader Russ Kovach ([russell.kovach@gmail.com](mailto:russell.kovach@gmail.com); 410-457- 4274) in the quest for the rare and the familiar. Meet at 7:00 AM at the 155/95 Park and Ride (near Havre de Grace). Bring a lunch. We will make a comfort/fast food breakfast stop before arriving at the park.

**June 7 (Thur.) – Jerusalem Mill.** Enjoy a mid-week stroll along the Little Gunpowder River for late-spring, early-summer birdlife. Meet with leader Phil Powers (410-679-4116 or [birdsindmd@verizon.net](mailto:birdsindmd@verizon.net)) at the Mill on Jerusalem Road at 7:00 AM.

**June 9 (Sat.) – Harford Big Day Challenge “Breeder’s Cup.”** Harford County challenges all MOS chapters to identify as many breeding birds as possible within their county’s border during this 24-hour period. One team or multiple teams may participate. Contact Matt Hafner ([MH1920@aol.com](mailto:MH1920@aol.com); 410-971-3203) for further details.

**June 23 (Sat.) –Kayak/Canoe Trip at Broad Creek Boy Scout Camp.** Combine the pleasures of floating on the waterways of this natural and diverse reservation with the promise of good birding. Advanced reservations by June 19 required. The leaders are Sue Procell and Colleen Webster. Contact Colleen ([CWebster@harford.edu](mailto:CWebster@harford.edu) or 410-459-4577) for more details and reservations.

# Field Trip Reports

## Loch Raven

February 12

Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> was one of the coldest days of this otherwise very warm winter. Three of us made the trip to Loch Raven. The walk down through the mixed woodland to Loch Raven was remarkable for the lack of songbirds. Only two birds were seen — a Song Sparrow and a White-throated Sparrow. On the reservoir Bufflehead were plentiful as were Pied-billed Grebe. We found only one small flock of duck consisting mainly of American Coot with the odd American Wigeon and Ring-necked Duck. On the walk back birds were again scarce though we did have very good views of a Hermit Thrush. The total number of species was a rather disappointing 21. ~ *David Larkin*

## Swan Harbor Farm

February 18

Scenic Swan Harbor Farm and beautiful mid-February weather were the formula for a really nice day of birding. We started with a casual walk down to the waterfront hoping to find a variety of waterfowl. Not much was seen other than some distant mergansers. However, we did pick up Red-bellied and Downy Woodpeckers. A success story for the day was the category of raptor sightings. As we walked back from the beach we spotted a young Cooper's Hawk perched out in the open in direct sunlight. Other raptor sightings included a Northern Harrier cruising low over much of the farm, soaring and perched Bald Eagles (both juvenile and mature), Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, and a perched Red-shouldered Hawk rounded out the list. The new impoundments produced American Coots, Mallard, Gadwall and American Wigeon. The marshy impoundments were loaded with ducks and over one thousand flushed and filled the sky. While Mallards dominated, Pintail, teal and Black Ducks were added to our list. The marsh edges are also good for sparrows. We had seen White-throated Sparrows earlier and were now able to expand the tally to include Savannah, American Tree and Swamp Sparrow. ~ *Tom Gibson*

## Timberdoodle Search

March 7 and 14

A nice turnout and mild weather conspired to produce good timberdoodle spotting both Wednesday evenings. After much peenting as the sun set and the day darkened, several birds were seen zipping about, spiraling

skyward and then plunging to the ground. The consensus was that the second evening was the better of the two, although both were enjoyable opportunities to observe this early spring American Woodcock courting ritual. ~ *Tom Gibson*

## Harford Waterfowl Tour

March 17

The big question leading up to the annual spring waterfowl tour was "Has the warm winter allowed most waterfowl to get an early start on migration?" That's how it certainly seemed at our first stop on the fogged-in shoreline of the Gunpowder River where we found only a handful of Canada Geese and a lone Common Merganser. Fortunately, the "Home Depot pond" in Edgewood was much more productive. Here we enjoyed great views of Ring-necked Duck, Wood Duck and several dabblers including Gadwall, American Wigeon, and Northern Shoveler – but the Mute Swans that have resided at this pond for at least a decade were NOT seen. At Swan Harbor we spotted a hen Bufflehead and flushed several dozen Green-winged Teal. Other bird species found over the course of the morning included Pied-billed Grebe, Brown Creeper, Pine Warbler, Brown Thrasher, Savannah Sparrow, Osprey and Bonaparte's Gull. Our waterfowl count was a meager 9 species, but our trip list topped out at a respectable 56 species.



~ *Dave Webb*

## Susquehanna River Gulls

March 31

Ten club members gathered at the river in a search for rare gulls on Saturday, March 31. Unfortunately no one informed the gulls we were coming. In spite of a cloudy and damp morning, there was plenty of other birdlife to keep our interest. Starting at Lapidum Landing, we saw Horned Grebe, Bufflehead, Lesser Scaup, Common Merganser, Double-crested Cormorant, and yes, a few gulls at a distance. We moved to Rock Run Mill and walked up Rock Run Road to find a singing Louisiana Waterthrush. Our last stop was a the picnic area where Wood Ducks, Chipping Sparrows, and Pileated Woodpeckers kept us occupied. Wildflowers were just beginning their spring parade. We concluded the morning with 50 species of birds. ~ *Dennis Kirkwood*



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In addition, Mark Magnani has been donating a very nice new book at each meeting.

**Answer to Trivia Question**  
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## Summer Cruise

This year's summer agenda has a special treat; it's a riverboat cruise! On Sunday, August 5 from 5 to 7 PM, enjoy chatting with fellow birders and spotting for local birds while cruising the Susquehanna River and the Upper Chesapeake Bay on the Lantern Queen. This Mississippi style riverboat, propelled by two paddlewheels, offers great views both from their enclosed main deck and their open air upper deck. At a cost of \$45/person your buffet will include Baked Ziti with meat sauce, garden salad, Caesar salad, a seasonal vegetable, rolls and dessert along with alcohol free beverages. Children 3 - 10 yrs of age are half price and children under 3 are free. The Lantern Queen holds a maximum of 60 people, so sign up soon to ensure your spot. There will be a cash bar: beer - \$3, wine - \$4, mixed drinks \$5 for those who wish to spice up the night. Our evening's entertainment will be the cruise itself and any exciting bird sightings that we happen upon, so please bring your binoculars and any tall "feathered" tales that you have and are willing to share. To sign up, send your check with name and address to Eileen Nack at 8 Crestmont Drive, Aberdeen, MD 21001. Make sure to designate it for the Cruise. As always, guests are welcome to attend. The Lantern Queen sails from Frank J. Hutchins Memorial Park at the foot of Congress Avenue in Havre de Grace.



### 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, April 27, 2012 if you plan on attending.

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults (at \$7.00 each)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children 16 and under (at \$4.00 each)

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# Harford Bird Club May Meeting



## “Teaching and Learning about Birds”

by

**Mary Murray and Barbara Gasper, teachers at Prospect Mill Elementary School  
and their Second- and Third-grade Birding Club**

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

Pizza Dinner - 6:30pm - General Meeting time 7:00pm

Location: Harford Glen Environmental Education Center

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