

## Conference Highlights

Conference highlights include the keynote address by David Brinker after Friday's dinner. There will be field trips galore, a wine and cheese social, silent auction, raffle, and research paper session.

**Keynote speaker**, David Brinker works for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) where he established its colonial nesting waterbird project. He is currently a regional ecologist for DNR's Natural Heritage Program where he works on biodiversity conservation. He will present: "*Goshawk: Driven by Its Prey*." A **Wine and Cheese Social** will precede Saturday evening's dinner, followed by the annual business meeting.

**The Audubon Naturalist Society (ANS)** will offer a number of displays including books, gifts, and optics.

Kathy Calvert is coordinating the **Birding Field Trips**, the main attraction of the MOS Conference. Please contact her if you are willing to help lead trips.

You can also bid on the many interesting and unique items at the **Silent Auction. Raffle** tickets will be sold throughout the weekend. If you have items to donate or would like to help, please contact Maryanne Dolan. Funds raised from these two events will benefit the Maryland Coastal Bays Program, a National Estuary Program that works to protect and restore wildlife habitat and water quality in the bays behind Ocean City. For more information, refer to their website – [www.mdcoastalbays.org](http://www.mdcoastalbays.org).

**Research Paper Sessions** will be held on Saturday at the Wine & Cheese. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Dave Ziolkowski.

## Accommodations

Ocean City's Clarion Resort, Fontainebleau Hotel and Conference Center, located on the Coastal Highway, is a full service hotel. It features an indoor heated swimming pool, health club and two restaurants. With immediate access to the Coastal Highway, this hotel is ideal for birders and other nature lovers.

Each Clarion Resort, Fontainebleau Hotel room features non-smoking sleeping quarters, bath, refrigerator, microwave, cable TV, computer hook-up, and free WiFi. You can read more about the Clarion Resort, Fontainebleau online at [www.clarionoc.com](http://www.clarionoc.com).

### Room Reservations

You are responsible for making your own room reservations. Please call the Clarion Resort at 1-800-638-2100 and reference MOS Conference to ensure you get the group rate.

### Room Rates

Room rates are \$93 per night with up to two people in a room; there is a \$15/night charge for each additional person.

Clarion Resort  
Fontainebleau Hotel  
10100 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, MD 21842

If weather is a concern, attendees can obtain their own trip insurance. It should be inexpensive for a short trip such as this. Several companies offer this insurance. One member has used Travel Assistance; Google for it and other companies if you are interested.



## REGISTRATION FORM 2012 MOS CONFERENCE February 24-26, 2012

Registration deadline: **January 20, 2012**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time attending a MOS Conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday PM Workshop?** Y or N

**Saturday AM Workshop  
Field Trip?** Y or N

**Saturday PM Workshop?** Y or N

Registration, six meals: \$179/person \_\_\_\_\_

Registration, two dinners: \$121/person \_\_\_\_\_

Registration only: \$65/person \_\_\_\_\_

All registrations include Wine & Cheese Social and conference pin.

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to Maryland Ornithological Society and mail check and form to:

Janet Shields  
903 LaGrange Ave.  
Cambridge, MD 21613

*Please attach special needs, dietary or otherwise, in writing.*

*It takes dozens of volunteers to make MOS Conferences the huge successes they are!*

**Coordinator/Registrar:** Janet Shields  
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**Research Papers:** Dave Ziolkowski  
301-497-5753 [djziolkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:djziolkowski@yahoo.com)

**Silent Auction and Raffle:**  
Maryanne Dolan 410-398-7567  
[Maryanne.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:Maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

Come prepared! Conference participants are encouraged to bring layers of clothing, raingear, and sturdy, waterproof footwear to ensure comfort while enjoying the often cool, wet weather and soggy footing so typical of Worcester County in February.

Please check the MOS web site for updates on the MOS Conference at **[www.mdbirds.org](http://www.mdbirds.org)**.

**Cancellation Policy** – Registrations cancelled before January 20 are subject to a \$25 fee. Registrations cancelled after January 24 are not refundable.

**Artwork credits:**  
Harlequin Duck by Diane Ford  
Design and layout by Gemma Radko

## Preliminary Program

### Friday, February 24, 2012

- 11:00 am Registration begins
- 11:00 am Auction/Bird Store open
- 1:00 pm Field Trips begin
- 1:30 pm Ducks and Waterfowl Wkshp
- 5:30 pm Buffet dinner
- 5:30 pm Auction/Bookstore close
- 7:00 pm Keynote speaker – Dave Brinker
- 8:00 pm Auction/Bird Store re-open
- 9:00 pm Auction/Bird Store close

### Saturday, February 25, 2012

- 5:15 am Early breakfast
- 6:30 am Field trips begin
- 10:00 am Auction/Bird Store open
- 11:30 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm Afternoon field trips begin
- 1:30 pm Amphibian/Reptile Atlas Workshop
- 5:00 pm Research Poster Session
- 5:00 pm Wine & Cheese Social
- 6:00 pm Silent Auction closes (final bids)
- 6:00 pm Buffet dinner
- 7:30 pm Annual business meeting
- 9:00 pm Final “Blow Out” Silent Auction Sale

### Sunday, February 16, 2012

- 5:15 am Breakfast
- 6:30 am Field trips begin
- 11:30 am Lunch, tally, and wrap-up
- 11:00 am Check out time for rooms

*This schedule is tentative and subject to change.*

## MOS Annual Conference

February 24 – 26, 2012  
Ocean City, Maryland

Please join us for the 65th annual conference of the Maryland Ornithological Society to be held in Ocean City, Maryland. The weekend is full of events! The only addition needed to make this a terrific weekend is you!

### Field Trips



Winter birding on Maryland’s coast can be as exciting as any other season. Many of these birds you are unlikely to find elsewhere in the state. Flocks of Purple Sandpipers and scoters at the inlet may be joined by a rarity such as a Razorbill. Common Eiders frequently mix with the scoter flock. Gannets can usually be seen well from shore. Field trips will visit all the hot spots of Worcester and nearby counties covering habitats from the ocean beaches and salt marshes to the fields and forests.

**Workshops:** There will be two workshops (see below). Detailed information on workshops is available on [www.mdbirds.org](http://www.mdbirds.org) under Conference Information. Space is limited; sign up using your conference registration form.

**Friday PM – Ducks and Waterfowl** given by Derek Stoner, Conservation Project Coordinator for the Delaware Nature Society. There is a companion field trip on Saturday AM.

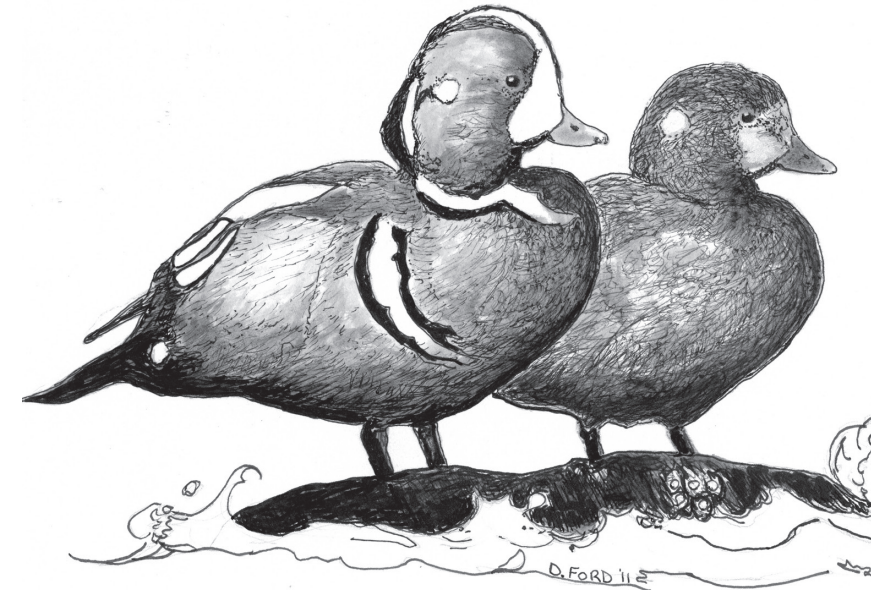
**Saturday PM – Maryland Amphibian and Reptile Atlas** given by Scott Smith, Wildlife Diversity Ecologist for DNR’s Natural Heritage Program and unofficial State Herpetologist.

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