



## MOS Calendar

Mar - Apr 2017

By Marilyn Veek

### Wednesday, March 1

✚ **Baltimore.** First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Canceled in inclement weather. 8 AM. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

MEETING. **Carroll.** "Dragonflies and Damselflies" by *Jim McCann*. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Center in Westminster. Contact Don Jewell at [jewelldg@gmail.com](mailto:jewelldg@gmail.com).

MEETING. **Cecil.** *Jean Woods*, Curator of Birds at the Delaware Natural History Museum, will present a program on shorebirds in the Delaware Bay. 7-8:30 PM. Cecil County Administration Building. For more information, contact Maryanne Dolan, [maryanne.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

### Thursday, March 2

MEETING. **Frederick.** *Wil Hershberger* will speak on his prairie studies. 7 PM. Homewood at Cruiland Farms, 7407 Willow Rd. Contact Kathy Brown, 301-865-1369.

✚ **Patuxent/PG.** Luther Goldman Birding Trail. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot at Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Hts. For beginners and experts. Bird checklist available. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@verizon.net](mailto:mozurk@verizon.net), for more info.

### Friday, March 3

BUSINESS/AWARDS DINNER. **Harford.** Special presentation "Harbingers of Spring" by *Kevin Dodge*. Kevin is a kindred spirit, and gifted teacher from Garrett College. He enjoys an otherworldly connection to, and appreciation of, all things natural, and has an uncanny knack for inspiring students

and audiences of all ages. Reservations are necessary. Dinner at 6:15 PM, business/awards meeting at 7, and presentation at 8. Churchville Presbyterian Church, 2844 Churchville Rd. For more information, contact Johanne Henrickson at [johen24@gmail.com](mailto:johen24@gmail.com).

### Saturday, March 4

MOS BOARD MEETING. Hosted by Patuxent/PG County. College Park Airport conference room. Field trip to Lake Artemesia beforehand. Contact Maryanne Dolan, MOS Secretary, [maryanne.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

✚ **Baltimore.** Middle Creek WMA. Bring lunch for an all-day trip to visit this major gathering place north of Lancaster, PA for Snow Geese and other waterfowl. There is also an excellent display of mounted birds in the visitor center. Note: Trip may go elsewhere if Middle Creek is frozen over. Watch our club website and newsletter and e-bulletin to learn which date we choose, depending on winter conditions and how soon the waterfowl are likely to turn up there. Snow date: Sat Mar. 11. Contact leader(s) to learn if trip is on or off, due to ice on lake or weather conditions. 8 AM. Meet at Timonium P&R. Leaders Pete Webb, 443-904-6314 or [pete\\_webb@juno.com](mailto:pete_webb@juno.com), and Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

✚ **Howard.** Waterfowl Search for ducks, grebes, mergansers and loons. Chance of an early migrant. 8 AM (half day). Meet at Lake Elkhorn Broken Land Pkwy parking lot to carpool. Leader Kurt Schwarz, 410-461-1643 or [krschwa1@verizon.net](mailto:krschwa1@verizon.net).

✚ **Patuxent/PG.** Regularly scheduled walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at the gate at end of Lemon Br Rd, off Laurel-Bowie Rd just n. of the MARC line. No reservations needed. 7:30 AM. For more info, contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

### Sunday, March 5

🦋 **Anne Arundel.** Patuxent River Driving Tour. Join Naturalist Lisa Bierer-Garrett looking for winter birds along the Patuxent and Mattaponi Rivers. We will walk some sections and drive to complete the 4 mile tour exiting from the Merkle side to Croom Rd. Plan for cold weather and some good views of Bald Eagles, wintering ducks, and herons. We will check farm fields of Canada Geese to scan for Cackling Geese or other winter vagrants. 7 AM (half day). Meet at Rt 2 Lothian P&R (just north of Rt 258 Deale Rd.) Contact Lisa Bierer-Garrett at 301-751-4344 or [froglipp@gmail.com](mailto:froglipp@gmail.com).

🦋 **Harford.** Swan Harbor Farm Park. This Harford Co. gem with three impoundments, a commanding view of the Chesapeake Bay, wooded trails, and open fields has developed into a fine location for a broad spectrum of bird life, including waterfowl, marsh species, raptors and sparrows. 7:15 AM. Meet at the parking lot adjacent to the Ag Education Ctr at the end of the driveway. Leaders are Dave Webb, [porzana@comcast.net](mailto:porzana@comcast.net) or 410-939-3537 and Josh Emm, 410-937-6790 or [apistopanchax@gmail.com](mailto:apistopanchax@gmail.com).

🦋 **Howard.** Centennial Park. Easy walking around the lake on paved path. Waterfowl expected; early migrant passerines possible. Facilities available. 8 AM, 2-3 hours. Meet at west end parking lot. Leaders Richard and Renee Peters, [Richard@rrrrpeters.org](mailto:Richard@rrrrpeters.org).

🦋 **Kent.** Chesapeake Farms. Wintering waterfowl, raptors, White-crowned and other sparrows. Bring snacks. 8 AM (half day). Meet at the Dollar General parking lot off Philosopher's Terrace in Chestertown. If you have questions, please contact leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or [borealdee@gmail.com](mailto:borealdee@gmail.com).

🦋 **Talbot.** Late afternoon and evening at Pickering Creek. Early March is peak time for hearing and possibly seeing the elusive "timber doodle" (or American Woodcock to most of us). The fields around Pickering

Creek can be filled with peenting woodcock at sunset. Before the show begins, look for sparrows, Rusty Blackbirds and other woodland species. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 3:30 PM or meet at Pickering Creek parking lot at about 4 PM. Leader Ron Ketter, [rketter@verizon.net](mailto:rketter@verizon.net).

🦋 **YMOS.** Ocean City. We'll begin at the Jetty looking for eiders, loons, gannets, razorbills, and scoters. We'll move inland for ducks and wintering birds. Simple lodging is available Saturday night. Saturday birding is also a possibility. More detailed information will be sent out in advance of the trip. Email George Radcliffe, [radclifg@gmail.com](mailto:radclifg@gmail.com), of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip. Then we will use email to coordinate actual departure times and locations, trip needs, carpooling, and additional information.

### Tuesday, March 7

MEETING. **Baltimore.** *Bob Mumford* on "National Wildlife Refuges, National Treasures." Bob has visited eighty national wildlife refuges from Moosehorn in Maine to Tijuana Slough in California; from Alaska Maritime in the Aleutians to Key Deer in the Keys. He will share photos of everything from Spruce Grouse to Rattlesnakes to Yellow-headed Blackbirds and back. 7 PM. Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore.

### Wednesday, March 8

🦋 **Harford.** Timberdoodle Search. Join this evening watch for one of our most interesting (and elusive) birds, the American Woodcock, as it performs its spring mating sky dance. Meet promptly at 6 PM at the gate to Harford Glen (the gate will be open for only a few minutes), 502 W Wheel Rd. Leaders Dave Larkin (410-509-8319; [larkin3001@comcast.net](mailto:larkin3001@comcast.net)), Amanda Koss (443-528-4306; [amandakoss01@hotmail.com](mailto:amandakoss01@hotmail.com)) and Jane Scocca (410-272-8870; [jane@scocca.org](mailto:jane@scocca.org)).

♣ **Montgomery.** Informal Late Afternoon Walks until dusk. Joint trip with ANS. We will be checking out the river and the leader will not leave Riley's for Hughes Hollow until 5:30 PM. Highlights here will include waterfowl flying into roost. We will try for displaying woodcock if they are in the vicinity. Bring scope, flashlight and wear "muddy conditions" footwear. Reservations not required-all are welcome. Meet promptly at 4 PM at the end of Seneca Rd at Riley's Lock "on the bridge". For more info call leader Jim Green, 301-742-0036 (cell).

#### Thursday, March 9

MEETING. **Howard.** "Mom's Big Year," by Nancy McAllister. Join this ambitious mother with three young children, husband and two unexpected jobs as she spent 2016 trying to list as many birds as possible. Nancy traveled to US hotspots from coast to coast. Hospitality 7 PM; meeting/program 7:30 at Robinson Nature Center, 6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia. Info: John Harris, 240-755-0183.

#### Friday, March 10

MEETING/ANNUAL SOCIAL. **Montgomery.** Join us for our annual social, with guest of honor Anna Urciolo. There will be a Silent Auction of a selection of Claudia Wild's books. Member photographs will also be shared. The evening begins with a social hour at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner at 7:30. Woodend (Audubon Naturalist Society HQ), 8940 Jones Mill Rd, Chevy Chase. Smokey Glen Farm of Gaithersburg will once again cater this delicious dinner. Send your check (\$20 per person), payable to Montgomery Bird Club, to Stephanie Lovell, 15302 Pine Orchard Dr 3K, Silver Spring, MD 20906. Stephanie's email is [ctlovell1@yahoo.com](mailto:ctlovell1@yahoo.com). Sign up deadline is March 6.

#### Saturday, March 11

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Kinder Farm Park. The park has a lot of trails and diverse habitat with fields and wooded areas to explore. Leader Alan Young produced a checklist of the birds of Kinder Farm Park and walks and explores this area regularly. 7:30 AM

(half day.) Take the first left before the gatehouse (free entry). Meet at the last parking lot up the hill on the left. Contact Alan and Susan Young at 410-991-8300 or [alnmyoung@aol.com](mailto:alnmyoung@aol.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** North Point SP. We will walk down the path to Black Marsh Wildlands, a great spot for various wetland birds, raptors, warblers and flycatchers. The woods around the Black Marsh area host woodpeckers and other land birds. At the bayfront we'll check for scaup and other waterfowl. Paths may be muddy. 8 AM (half day.) Meet in the parking lot just after the toll booth. There is a fee of \$3 per car to enter the park. Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

♣ **Carroll.** Woodcock Walk at Morgan Run. Come strain your eyes and ears to appreciate these curious birds as they perform their annual counting ritual. Last year we found around 20 of this species! 6 PM. Meet at the parking lot at the end of Ben Rose Ln. Contact Allan McQuarrie at 410-552-1278 if you plan to attend.

♣ **Cecil.** Cabin Fever. This family-friendly and fun community outreach event will take place between 11 AM and 2 PM. We'll have supplies for children's activities. Volunteers are requested to greet families and tell them how great the Cecil Bird Club is. Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church, 392 Blake Rd, Elkton. For more information contact Maryanne Dolan, [maryanne.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

♣ **Frederick.** Black Hills Reservoir. Look for Bald Eagles and over-wintering waterfowl. Contact David Smith, 410-549-7082 or Tom Humphrey, 240-793-2508, for time and directions.

♣ **Montgomery.** Patuxent River Park, Jug Bay Natural Area. Joint trip with ANS. Waterfowl, Wilson's Snipe, winter and early spring songbirds, Ospreys displaying. Wear muddy conditions footwear. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at parking by park hdqtrs. Reservations required

(15-person limit.) Leader John Bjerke, johnbjerke1@mac.com.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Cash Lake at the Patuxent Research Refuge (South Tract). We will walk around the lake for lingering waterfowl, early migrants, and whatever else may be around. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Wolf Sculpture in front of the Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop. Contact Ken Cohen, kvulture@aol.com or 716-462-3860.

♣ **Tri-county.** Bombay Hook NWR for waterfowl, raptors, late wintering birds and early spring returns. Meet at the Ward Museum parking lot at 7:30 AM or the Bombay Hook Visitor Center at 9 AM. Bring lunch, snacks and drinks. For information, contact trip leaders Betty Pitney at 410-543-1853 or Ellen Lawler at 410-982-8695 or [emlawler534@comcast.net](mailto:emlawler534@comcast.net).

### **Sunday, March 12 (Daylight Saving Time starts)**

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Quiet Waters Park. David Gillum will lead this monthly walk through the park exploring woodland trails, edge habitat, and views of the South River. A lovely habitat for birding throughout the year and could be very good for migrant birds. \$6 per car Park entry fee. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at Blue Heron Center. Contact David Gillum, 410-266-8775 or dagmapper@verizon.net.

♣ **Baltimore.** Marshy Point Nature Center. Easy walk through varied habitats for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. 8:30 AM (half day.) Meet at Nature Center parking lot. Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

♣ **Howard.** Centennial Park. Waterfowl expected early migrant passerines possible. Easy walking around the lake on paved path. Facilities available. 8 AM. West end parking lot. Leader TBD.

♣ **Talbot.** Ackridge Properties along Oxford Road and Town of Oxford Waterfront, if time permits. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM. Leaders Paul & Priscilla Thut, 410-745-6657 or pdthut@gmail.com. Breakfast Host Mary Cotton, Oxford.

### **Monday, March 13**

MEETING. **Talbot.** Speaker TBA. 7 PM. Bayleigh Chase Auditorium (aka William Hill Manor Auditorium), 501 Dutchman's Ln, Easton.

### **Tuesday, March 14**

MEETING. **Allegheny/Garrett.** *Mary Huebner* will speak on "Birding the Oregon Coast." 7 PM. Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

MEETING. **Kent.** *Desiree Narango* of the University of Delaware will speak on "Carolina Chickadees." 7:30 PM. Light refreshments follow the program. Wesley Hall at Heron Point, off E Campus Ave, Chestertown.

♣ **Montgomery.** Informal Late Afternoon Walks until dusk. Joint trip with ANS. We will be checking out the river and the leader will not leave Riley's for Hughes Hollow until 5:30 PM. Highlights here will include waterfowl flying into roost. We will try for displaying woodcock if they are in the vicinity. Bring scope, flashlight and wear "muddy conditions" footwear. Reservations not required-all are welcome. Meet promptly at 4 PM at the end of Seneca Rd at Riley's Lock "on the bridge". For more info call leader Jim Green, 301-742-0036 (cell).

MEETING. **Patuxent/PG.** "Brazil: Rio, Iguazu and the Pantanal" presented by *Gregory Kearns*. Greg, long-time naturalist, rail and osprey bander/researcher and photographer at Patuxent River Park, spent time in Brazil on an exchange program invitation through Partners of the Americas to consult on parks and environmental issues. Greg will share these experiences through his always fascinating stories and

pictures as he explores Rio de Janeiro, Iguazu Falls, and the Pantanal. Learn about the natural history of the region and see photographs of creatures such as endangered golden lion tamarins, coatimundis, capybaras, marsh deer, caiman, and a great diversity of birds, including the Hyacinth Macaw, Red-legged Seriema, Black-collared Hawk, Guira Cuckoo, and Jabiru, to name a few. The formal program begins at 7:30 PM, but doors open at 7 for informal conversation, refreshments, and exchange of birding news. College Park Airport Operations Bldg.

### Wednesday, March 15

MEETING. **Anne Arundel.** "A Traveling Tented Safari in Botswana and South Africa" with *Larry Zoller*. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to take a traveling safari in Africa? Larry Zoller, a past president of AABC, will share his experiences during a safari to Botswana and South Africa. Come see lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos and a wide variety of birds that congregate near the Okavango Delta and the Chobe River. 7 PM. Harvest Hall, Kinder Farm Park. Contact Barbara Johnson at 410-703-4664 or [barbarajohnson222@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson222@gmail.com).

♣ **Harford.** Timberdoodle Search. Join us this evening at 7 PM at the Edgewood Home Depot parking lot on the west side at a location that has produced fascinating Woodcock activity as darkness begins to descend. Leaders Tim Houghton, [timhoughton@comcast.net](mailto:timhoughton@comcast.net) or 410-510-7504, and Elaine Beery, 410-272-6037 or [ehbeery@yahoo.com](mailto:ehbeery@yahoo.com).

### Thursday, March 16

MEETING. **Caroline.** "The Best of Danny Poet" nature photos (rescheduled from January.) 7:30 PM, Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St, Denton.

♣ **Montgomery.** Informal Late Afternoon Walks until dusk. Joint trip with ANS. We will be checking out the river and the leader will not leave Riley's for Hughes Hollow until 5:30 PM. Highlights here will

include waterfowl flying into roost. We will try for displaying woodcock if they are in the vicinity. Bring scope, flashlight and wear "muddy conditions" footwear. Reservations not required-all are welcome. Meet promptly at 4 PM at the end of Seneca Rd at Riley's Lock "on the bridge". For more info call leader Jim Green, 301-742-0036 (cell).

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Luther Goldman Birding Trail. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot at Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Hts. For beginners and experts. Bird checklist available. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@verizon.net](mailto:mozurk@verizon.net), for more info.

### Saturday, March 18

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Kinder Farm Park. Alan and Susan Young will lead this trip around Kinder Farm Park. The park has a lot of trails and diverse habitat with fields and wooded areas to explore. Alan produced a checklist of the birds of the Park and walks and explores this area regularly. 7:30 AM (half day.) Take the first left before the gatehouse (free entry). Meet at the last parking lot up the hill on the left. Contact Alan and Susan Young, 410-991-8300 or [alnmyoung@aol.com](mailto:alnmyoung@aol.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Can be cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM (half day.) Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Wendy Alexander, 410-788-4080 or [drbeanes@verizon.net](mailto:drbeanes@verizon.net).

♣ **Frederick.** Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary nature walk sponsored by Audubon Society of Central MD. See what birds and other wildlife we can spot together. 9 AM at the Sanctuary entrance, 13030 Old Annapolis Rd, Mt. Airy. For more information, contact Crystal Kunst at 443-536-3071 or [hckunst@qic.net](mailto:hckunst@qic.net).

♣ **Howard.** Sharps at Waterford Farm. Moderate walking over crop stubble, farm roads and paths on this working farm.

Fields with crop residue, extensive woodlands, Cattail Creek and floodplain, three ponds and five shallow waterfowl impoundments make for diverse habitats and good birding opportunities. Port-a-pots available. Knee-high waterproof footwear required for part of walk. 8 AM (half day). Meet at farm parking area, through barns on right. Rt 97 S to right on Jennings Chapel Rd, 1 mile to right into farm at sign. Leader Wes Earp, wesandsue@gmail.com or 410-531-3197.

✚ **Patuxent/PG.** Regularly scheduled walk at Governor Bridge Park in conjunction with Prince Georges Audubon Society. 7:30 AM. Meet inside the gate at the Park on Gov Br Rd, 1 mile from Rt 301. No reservations needed. For more info, contact Bill Sefton at kiwisuits@msn.com.

### **Saturday-Sunday, March 18-19**



**YMOS.** Maryland Youth Birdathon/Fundraising for World Series of Birding. The group will begin in Ocean City on Saturday morning and end up in Dorchester County by evening. The search will resume Sunday morning in Dorchester and conclude by the Bay Bridge late Sunday afternoon. Lodging will be available Friday and Saturday nights in Dorchester County. Students will need money for meals. Participants can come either or both days. 5 AM Saturday – 5 PM Sunday. More detailed information will be sent out in advance of the trip. Email George Radcliffe, radclifg@gmail.com, of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip. Then we will use email to coordinate actual departure times and locations, trip needs, carpooling, and additional information.

### **Sunday, March 19**

✚ **Howard.** Centennial Park. Easy walking around the lake on paved path. Waterfowl expected; woodland trails for passerines. Facilities available. 8 AM, 2-3 hours. Meet at west end parking lot. Leaders Richard and Renee Peters, Richard@rrrrpeters.org.

✚ **Talbot.** Pickering Creek Audubon Center. Expect a variety of sparrows, wintering waterfowl and possibly an overwintering golden eagle. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM OR meet at Pickering Creek parking lot at 7:20AM. Leader Dave Bent, 410-822-2133 or [davebent39@gmail.com](mailto:davebent39@gmail.com). Breakfast Host: Bobbi Wells at Pickering Creek.

### **Saturday, March 25**

✚ **Allegany/Garrett.** Rocky Gap, Mason Road Pond and C&O Canal Terminus. With Washington Co Bird Club. First stop will be the Rocky Gap SP Beach area. We will travel to several spots for waterfowl before moving on to Mason Rd Pond and the C & O Canal Terminus. 9 AM. Carpool will leave from the NRP office, 12512 Pleasant Valley Rd near entrance to Rocky Gap SP. Contact Melissa Hensel, mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

✚ **Anne Arundel.** Patuxent – North Tract. One of our youngest members, Chris Barry will lead this trip. The North Tract features open fields, mature forests, several ponds, access to the Little Patuxent River and marshes connected by a 12-mile driving loop. With the wide variety of habitats and the beginning of the spring migration, we expect to see numerous species of birds. Minimal walking is necessary as we travel to each location by vehicle. Scopes are beneficial for the ponds. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at Parole P&R. Contact Kevin Smith, 410-917-3004 or ravens3077@yahoo.com.

✚ **Cecil.** Blackwater & Beyond. This trip is designed to see large numbers of waterfowl during the height of spring staging season, at Blackwater NWR. Bald Eagles are a bonus feature. Ospreys may be newly arrived and if so, will be setting up territories. Some early shorebirds might be on the move. Come take advantage of the peaceful Eastern Shore ambiance before the tourist season sets in. Bring breakfast, lunch and snacks; there are few opportunities to purchase food in the vicinity. Dress for possible extreme cold and wind. Bring scope if you

have one. Some easy walking on level ground. 6 AM (full day trip.) Meet near Dunkin' Donuts in Big Elk Mall, intersection of Rt 40 and Rt 213 in Elkton. Leader Sean "Bird Dog" McCandless, [seanmccandless1@gmail.com](mailto:seanmccandless1@gmail.com).

▣ **Kent.** Prime Hook NWR, Delaware. Spring birding for late waterfowl, herons, raptors, early shorebirds and songbirds. 8 AM. Full day, bring lunch. Meet at Dollar General off Philosopher's Terrace in Chestertown. Leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or [borealdee@gmail.com](mailto:borealdee@gmail.com).

▣ **Washington.** Rocky Gap SP and surrounding area with Allegany/Garrett Bird Club (see above.) 7 AM (full day.) MVA parking lot. Contact Mark Abdy at 301-432-7696 or [mjabdy@yahoo.com](mailto:mjabdy@yahoo.com) to participate.

#### Sunday, March 26

▣ **Baltimore.** Papermill Flats and Ashland NCR Trail. Trip to two locations for marsh birds, lingering waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds. Bring spotting telescope if you have one. 8:30 AM. Meet at NCR Trail parking lot, north side of Ashland/Paper Mill Road. Leaders Debbie Terry, 410-252-8771 or [dterry12@verizon.net](mailto:dterry12@verizon.net), and Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

▣ **Howard.** Centennial Park. Easy walking around the lake on paved path. Waterfowl expected; early migrant passerines possible. Facilities available. 8 AM, 2-3 hours. Meet at west end parking lot. Leader Mike Kerwin, [m63kerwin@verizon.net](mailto:m63kerwin@verizon.net) or 410-461-2408.

▣ **Talbot.** SW Caroline Co, in and around Choptank. Views over the Choptank River can be rewarding in early spring for waterfowl and unusual gulls. Will visit Poplar neck Marsh for marsh birds and sparrows. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM. Leader Dave Palmer, 410-829-3376 or [dpalmermd59@gmail.com](mailto:dpalmermd59@gmail.com).

#### Monday, March 27

MEETING. **Tri-county.** "Lower Shore Land Trust's Pollinator Program", presented by *Kate Patton*, Executive Director of the LSLT. 7 PM. MAC Education Center, 909 Progress Circle (off Snow Hill Rd), Salisbury. Contact Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or [emlawler534@comcast.net](mailto:emlawler534@comcast.net) for more information.

#### Tuesday, March 28

MEETING. **Washington.** "East Africa 2016 Highlights" with Mark Abdy. Meeting begins at 7 PM at the Mt. Aetna Nature Ctr, located at 21905 Mt. Aetna Rd, Hagerstown. Call 301-797-8454 for details.

#### Saturday, April 1

▣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Garrett County Ponds. We'll visit Finzel Swamp, Piney Reservoir, Meadows Lake and Campground, and New Germany SP (if time permits). 9 AM. Carpool from Parkside School in LaVale. 9:30 AM. Meet at Finzel Swamp. Contact Melissa Hensel at [mjhensel@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhensel@yahoo.com) or 240-362-1086.

▣ **Anne Arundel.** Workshop: Introduction to Bird Photography. Join Emily Carter Mitchell of Capital Photography Center at Sandy Point Park for a morning of learning the techniques and skills needed to photograph our feathered friends. Beginning with an introduction to the elements of photography and the camera settings used for bird photography, we will then walk the park in search of subjects to practice with. Sandy Point Park offers a wide variety of bird species in different habitats. 8:30 AM (half day.) Meet on the South Beach near the small boat launching area. An RSVP is required. Contact Emily Carter Mitchell at 410-336-4666.

▣ **Harford.** Lapidum. Look for gulls, lingering waterfowl and perhaps some early surprises. Additional sites in the Park may be visited. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Lapidum parking lot at the south end of

Susquehanna SP. Leaders Dennis Kirkwood, 410-692-5905 or newarkfarms@gmail.com, and Matt Addicks.

♣ **Howard.** Mt. Pleasant Beginners' Walk. Gentle ramble around rough pastures, brushy thickets and stream valleys. Early migrants arriving and resident birds starting to nest. Good chance for beginners to learn bird ID and habits before the Spring migration brings in a profusion (= confusion) of later migrants. Facilities available. 8 AM (2-3 hours.)

Meet in parking lot. Leaders John Harris, jaybee.harris@gmail.com or 240-755-0183 and Robin Todd, [totnesman@aol.com](mailto:totnesman@aol.com) or 410-491-5333.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regularly scheduled walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at the gate at end of Lemon Br Rd, off Laurel-Bowie Rd just n of the MARC line. No reservations needed. 7:30 AM. For more info, contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

### Sunday, April 2

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Kinder Farm Park. We will walk on paved and grassy/rocky trails looking for common birds of the park. Listening and learning bird calls will be highlighted. During nesting season, participants can assist in checking bluebird boxes. Though participants can leave at any time, the walk will conclude after two hours with a review and count of birds observed. Canceled for rain. If weather is iffy or for questions, contact leader. 8 AM (half day.) Meet in the first parking lot on left after the entry hut (free entry.) Contact Stacy Epperson at [stac.epperson@gmail.com](mailto:stac.epperson@gmail.com) or 410-987-7533.

♣ **Talbot.** Urban Birding. We will again (our 9th year) bird the variety of habitats around the Target Shopping Ctr and the newly developed shopping areas nearby in search of early spring migrants. Every year we have seen our FOY Rough-winged Swallows on this trip. We will scan fields, open water, tidal guts, wood margins and

hedgerows for early arriving migrants as well as wintering birds. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM. Leader Terry Allen, 410-829-5840 or [pattyallen10@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyallen10@hotmail.com). Breakfast Hostess: Patty Allen, [pattyallen10@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyallen10@hotmail.com).

### Tuesday, April 4

MEETING. **Baltimore.** *Ian Nagoski* on "Ecstatic & Wingless." Music researcher Ian Nagoski will discuss his audio documentary project on early 20th century birdsong and its relationship to human performance. Learn the story of the first recordings of cage birds and the practice of bird imitation, a field that produced amazing and eccentric celebrities during the 1910s-20s. Rarely heard in recent years, bird imitation was recorded commercially on every continent by 1925 and possibly predates music or language in human history. 7 PM. Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore.

### Wednesday, April 5

♣ **Baltimore.** First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Canceled in inclement weather. 8 AM. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

MEETING. **Carroll.** "Birds in Thailand" by *Dave Harvey*. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Ctr in Westminster. Contact Don Jewell at [jewellldg@gmail.com](mailto:jewellldg@gmail.com).

MEETING. **Cecil.** Speaker TBA. 7-8:30 PM. Senior Center, Cecil Co Admin Bldg, 200 Chesapeake Blvd, Elkton. For more information, contact Maryanne Dolan, [maryanne.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

### Thursday, April 6

MEETING. **Frederick.** *Alan Bromberg* on "Ethiopia: Birding in an Ancient Land." 7-9 PM. Location TBD. Contact Kathy Brown, 301-865-1369.

✚ **Patuxent/PG.** Luther Goldman Birding Trail. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Hts. For beginners and experts. Bird checklist available. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, mozurk@verizon.net, for more info.

### Saturday, April 8

✚ **Harford.** Rocks SP. Spend the morning on the beautiful trails of this Deer Creek woodland in search of early spring migrants and woodland birds. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Ranger Station parking lot on Rocks Chrome Hill Rd. Leader Mark Magnani, 410-838-1778 or mwmagnani@gmail.com.

✚ **Howard.** Alpha Ridge Landfill. Moderate walking over hills and fields of the landfill. Vesper sparrow and other field birds possible. Meadowlarks, kestrels and other open country birds expected. Rarities possible. Facilities at Alpha Ridge Park. 7:45 AM (half-day). Meet at Alpha Ridge Park to carpool to landfill. Carpooling required. Contact Joe Hanfman, [auk1844@gmail.com](mailto:auk1844@gmail.com) or 410-772-8424.

✚ **Kent.** Turner's Creek and Sassafras NRMA. Explore a diversity of habitats from wood margins and small ponds to open fields, looking for spring migrants and nesting herons and eagles. 8 AM. Half day, bring snacks. Meet at Dollar General off Philosopher's Terrace in Chestertown. Leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or [borealdee@gmail.com](mailto:borealdee@gmail.com).

✚ **Y MOS.** Lower Eastern Shore Early Migrant Search. We'll bird Nassawango Creek, Elliott Island Rd, and Blackwater NWR. 7 AM-6 PM. Meet at Sailwinds Park in Cambridge. More detailed information will be sent out in advance of the trip. Email George Radcliffe, radclifg@gmail.com, of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip. Then we will use email to coordinate actual departure times and locations, trip needs, carpooling, and additional information.

### Sunday, April 9

✚ **Anne Arundel.** Quiet Waters Park. David Gillum will lead this monthly walk through the park exploring woodland trails, edge habitat, and views of the South River. A lovely habitat for birding throughout the year and could be very good for migrant birds. \$6 per car Park entry fee. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at Blue Heron Center. Contact David Gillum, 410-266-8775 or dagmapper@verizon.net.

✚ **Baltimore.** Cylburn Easy Walk. Casual spring walk for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. 8:30 AM. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot. Leader Mark Linardi, 443-834-8413 or mlinardi@outlook.com.

✚ **Montgomery.** Hughes Hollow and Vicinity. We will explore the wetlands of Hughes Hollow and Sycamore Landing. Species to be expected include Red-headed Woodpeckers, Wood Ducks, Blue-winged Teal, and many other marsh dwellers. A chance for several warblers including Prothonotary. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at Hughes Hollow parking lot in the McKee-Beshers WMA. Reservations are not required. For more information, contact leader Jim Nelson, [kingfishers2@verizon.net](mailto:kingfishers2@verizon.net) or 240-515-4517 (cell).

✚ **Talbot.** Tuckahoe and Adkins Arboretum. A pleasant morning at Caroline County's premier State Park makes for a relaxing Sunday morning. We will search different areas of the wooded sections, both near the Creek and upland adjacent the fields. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM. Leader Dave Palmer, 410-829-3376 or [dpalmermd59@gmail.com](mailto:dpalmermd59@gmail.com).

### Tuesday, April 11

MEETING. **Allegany/Garrett.** *Bill and Debbie Devlin* will speak on "Peru: The Birds of Machu Picchu." 7 PM. Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

MEETING. **Kent.** *Mark Abdy* will speak on "Botswana." Light refreshments follow the program. 7:30 PM. Wesley Hall at Heron Point, off E Campus Ave, Chestertown.

MEETING. **Patuxent/PG.** "Native Bees of Maryland" presented by *Gene Scarpulla*. Gene is an Associate at the Bee Inventory and Monitoring Laboratory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center where he surveys and identifies native bees and wasps. In 2009, he conducted a yearlong survey of the bees on Hart-Miller Island in the Chesapeake Bay to increase our knowledge of Maryland's bees. Gene will give a brief overview of the history of Hart-Miller Island, describe his yearlong survey, discuss general bee biology and identification (bees vs. wasps vs. flies [mimics]), and show the amazing diversity of Maryland's bees. The formal program begins at 7:30 PM, but doors open at 7 for informal conversation, refreshments, and exchange of birding news. College Park Airport Operations Bldg.

#### Thursday, April 13

▀ **Harford.** Birds and Blooms Walk at Ladew Topiary Gardens. A morning stroll to look for spring migrants while enjoying the beautiful 22 acres of gardens. Dennis Kirkwood will assist with bird ID. Pre-registration is preferred. 7:30 AM. Meet in the main parking lot. Leader Rachel Hebert, [hebert.rachel2@gmail.com](mailto:hebert.rachel2@gmail.com) or 410-557-9570, ext. 261.

MEETING. **Howard.** "Madagascar," by *Gail Mackiernan*. The world's fourth largest island, a "naturalist's dream," has unique fauna and flora that evolved during millions of years of isolation. Gail will talk about her 2015 trip which explored this ancient land and recorded many of the island's most sought-after species. Hospitality 7 PM; meeting/program 7:30 at Robinson Nature Center, 6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia. Info: John Harris, 240-755-0183.

#### Saturday, April 15

▀ **Anne Arundel.** Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. Please join us for a spring visit to one of Anne Arundel County's best birding locations. First-time leader and one of the club's youngest members, Max Ramey will lead us through the wooded trail system, stopping at observation decks and blinds overlooking marshes along the Patuxent River. We should see an abundance of spring migrants in their breeding colors and perhaps the elusive Red-headed Woodpecker. Trails are hard-packed with moderate inclines. A scope is recommended. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at Parole P&R. Contact Kevin Smith, 410-917-3004 or [ravens3077@yahoo.com](mailto:ravens3077@yahoo.com).

▀ **Baltimore.** Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM (half day.) Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Wendy Alexander, 410-788-4080 or [drbeanes@verizon.net](mailto:drbeanes@verizon.net).

▀ **Carroll.** Krimgold Park. A new park at 5355 Woodbine Rd in Sykesville. Looking for whatever we can find. 8 AM. Half day. For more details, contact Bob Ringler at 410-303-2792.

▀ **Harford.** Harford Glen. This preserve offers great opportunities for good spring birding. The woodland trails, wetlands and some open meadow entice a wide variety of birds. We will begin the tour with sightings from the parking lot, then proceed to survey the triple riparian habitats of Atkisson Reservoir, the faster flowing Winter's Run, and the tributary, Plumtree Run. 8 AM. Meet at the Glen, 502 W Wheel Rd. Leaders Ruth Bergstrom, [ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthb22@yahoo.com) or 443-752-1967 and Dave Larkin, 410-509-8319 or [larkin3001@comcast.net](mailto:larkin3001@comcast.net).

▀ **Patuxent/PG.** Regularly scheduled walk at Governor Bridge Park in conjunction with Prince Georges Audubon Society. 7:30 AM. Meet inside the gate at the Park on Gov Br Rd, 1 mile from Rt

301. No reservations needed. For more info, contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

### **Sunday, April 16 (Easter Sunday)**

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Fort Smallwood Park. Liz and Dominic Nucifora will lead the 1.5 mile walk through this relatively flat waterfront park. In addition to our year-round residents and some lingering winter ducks, we hope to see a variety of hawks, swallows and some early warblers. \$6 entry fee. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at Pasadena Dollar General. Contact Dominic Nucifora, 443-534-4891 or [d.nucifora@yahoo.com](mailto:d.nucifora@yahoo.com).

♣ **Talbot.** East of Rt 50 in search of arriving northbound transient species in forested bottomlands in close proximity to Easton. Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7 AM. Leader Jan Reese, 410-745-2875 or [reesejan@gmail.com](mailto:reesejan@gmail.com).

### **Monday, April 17**

MEETING. **Talbot.** (NOTE date change) *Jonathan White* will be speaking about his book "Tides: The Science and Spirit of the Ocean." 7 PM. Bayleigh Chase (aka William Hill Manor) Auditorium, 501 Dutchman's Ln, Easton.

### **Wednesday, April 19**

MEETING. **Anne Arundel.** "Tracking the Humpback Whale" with *Adam Frankl*. Noted whale expert Adam Frankl's research concentrates on the effects of human-produced sounds on marine life, and the natural function marine wildlife signals, including whale song. He will discuss the natural history of the humpback whale, and the 15+ year effort at tracking the abundance and distribution of whales off the west coast of Hawaii Island. 7 PM. Blue Heron Room, Quiet Waters Park. Contact Barbara Johnson, 410-703-4664 or [barbarajohnson222@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson222@gmail.com).

MEETING. **Montgomery.** *Phil Davis* on "The Azores and Madeira." In 2016, Phil and Barbara led a group of birders on a 17-day grand tour of the Azores and Madeira

Islands. The tour took them to seven different islands where they targeted 12 endemic bird species and 24 endemic subspecies. A key tour objective was to observe the endemic subspecies and put them "in the bank" since genetic analysis continues to dominate avian taxonomy and endemic island subspecies have high potential for future splits. Doors open at 7 PM, refreshments 7:30 and meeting starts at 8 PM. Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Rd.

### **Thursday, April 20**

MEETING. **Caroline.** Program TBA. 7:30 PM, Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St, Denton.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Luther Goldman Birding Trail. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Hts. For beginners and experts. Bird checklist available. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@verizon.net](mailto:mozurk@verizon.net), for more info.

### **Saturday, April 22**

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Bacon Ridge Natural Area. This trip will be part of the annual Walk for the Woods. Bacon Ridge is normally a limited-access area, but is opened once a year for a variety of activities to the public. Please join us as we search for spring migrants in a seldom-explored environment. Paths can be muddy and there are several steep inclines. 8 AM (half day.) Enter the Crownsville Hospital complex and follow signs directing you to the parking area. Meet at the registration area. Contact Kevin Smith at 410-917-3004 or [ravens3077@yahoo.com](mailto:ravens3077@yahoo.com).

♣ **Frederick.** Hughes Hollow Birds, Wildflowers and Butterflies. A great trip for beginners as well as experienced birders. Contact leader Pat Caro, 240-651-5651, for time and directions.

♣ **Harford.** Feathers and Flowers at Susquehanna SP. An ideal time to enjoy emerging wildflowers, early migrant songbirds, and lingering winter visitors. 8

AM. Meet at the parking area at the confluence of Deer Creek and the Susquehanna River just north of Rock Run Mill. Leaders are Colleen Webster, 410-459-4577 or [cwebster@harford.edu](mailto:cwebster@harford.edu), Eric Vangrin, [evangrin@msn.com](mailto:evangrin@msn.com) or 443-417-7219, and Josh Emm.

♣ **Kent.** Beginner's Bird Walk, Eastern Neck NWR. In honor of Earth Day, we'll spend 2 to 3 hours exploring several of the Refuge's trails and overlooks, looking for a variety of migrants, from raptors to warblers. Noon. Meet at the Tundra Swan Boardwalk. Leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or [borealdee@gmail.com](mailto:borealdee@gmail.com).

\* **Montgomery.** Blue Mash Nature Trail/Oaks Landfill. Interesting walk at these adjacent and surprisingly birdy sites. Waterproof boots helpful at Blue Mash, but not needed at the landfill. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at Zion Rd parking lot. Call leader for reservations and directions. Trip is limited to 8-10 participants. Leader Mark England, 240-207-3132 or 240-375-4500 (cell).

♣ **Tri-county.** Nassawango Preserve for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, migrating passerines and newly arrived summer residents. Bring lunch, drinks and snacks. 7:30 AM. Meet at Ward Museum parking lot. For more information, contact leaders Betty Pitney, 410-543-1853, or Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or [emlawler534@comcast.net](mailto:emlawler534@comcast.net).

♣ **Washington.** Antietam National Battlefield. Birding along the Final Attack Trail. Co-sponsored with Potomac Valley Audubon Society. 8 AM. Meet at the Burnside Bridge parking lot. Register with the trip leader at [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465.

### Sunday, April 23

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Pocomoke River Canoe and Kayak Trip. Expect to observe about 40 species during this leisurely paddle. This will be an all-day trip, so bring a

lunch. An extra kayak is available or they can be rented, but must be reserved ahead of the trip. Please contact leader if interested. 6:30 AM (all day.) Meet at Bay 50 Parking Lot. There will be a 2.5 hour drive to Snow Hill on the Eastern Shore. We will park at the livery, where restrooms are located. Contact Nick Nicholson, 410-353-3329 or [nickinchrist@netzero.com](mailto:nickinchrist@netzero.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Cylburn Easy Walk. Casual spring walk for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. 8:30 AM. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot. Leader TBD.

♣ **Montgomery.** Hugh Mahanes Presidents' Walk at Hughes Hollow. Participation of all former Chapter Presidents is encouraged, and everyone is welcome. This is a wonderful chance for newer birders to be in the field with "old hands" who enjoy sharing what they know. With a variety of habitats, Hughes Hollow is always interesting in spring. We will look for water birds on the move and early songbird migrants. Possible birds include Purple Finches, Blue-winged Teal, swallows, and maybe even an American Bittern. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at the Hughes Hollow parking lot. Reservations required. For more information, directions, and reservations contact leader Clive Harris, [clivegharris@yahoo.com](mailto:clivegharris@yahoo.com).

♣ **Talbot.** North Tara Road (Chesapeake Forest), Dorchester Co including Brookview and Hurlock Areas at the beginning of the spring migration. Expect to see many returning warblers, tanagers, flycatchers, vireos & always the unexpected. Early departure 6:30 AM from Easton Acme parking lot. Leader Charles Hopkins, 443-786-6332 or [chopkins54@goeaston.net](mailto:chopkins54@goeaston.net).

♣ **Ymos.** Western Shore Migrant Search and preparation for World Series of Birding. Daybreak at Susquehanna SP for warblers and early migrants, possible

Cerulean Warbler. Swan Harbor for King Rail, Sora, Least Bittern. Patapsco Valley SP for warblers. Several stops along the C&O Canal, ending at McKee-Beshers WMA. 5:45 AM-5:30 PM. Meet at Havre de Grace McDonald's on Rt 40. More detailed information will be sent out in advance of the trip. Email George Radcliffe, radclifg@gmail.com, of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip. Then we will use email to coordinate actual departure times and locations, trip needs, carpooling, and additional information.

### Monday, April 24

MEETING. **Tri-county.** "Piping Plovers on Assateague Island", presented by an Assateague National Seashore staff member. 7 PM. *MAC Education Center*, 909 Progress Circle (off Snow Hill Rd), Salisbury. Contact Ellen Lawler at 410-982-8695 or emlawler534@comcast.net for more information.

### Tuesday, April 25

✚ **Washington.** Mills Park. 8 AM. Meet at the Park lot accessed from Belview Avenue. Contact Anna Hutzell at 301-797-8454 or [amp8185@aol.com](mailto:amp8185@aol.com).

MEETING. **Washington.** "The Mount Aetna Nature Center and Its Collections" with Floyd Murdoch. Meeting begins at 7 PM at the Mt. Aetna Nature Center, 21905 Mt. Aetna Rd, Hagerstown. Call 301-797-8454 for details.

### Wednesday, April 26

✚ **Washington.** Kiwanis Park. Co-sponsored with Hagerstown Parks and Recreation. 8 AM. Meet at the Kiwanis Park lot located at 371 Dynasty Dr. Contact the trip leader at [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465.

### Thursday, April 27

✚ **Baltimore.** Papermill Flats and Ashland NCR Trail. Trip to two locations for marsh birds, lingering waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds. Bring spotting telescope if you have one. 8 AM. Meet at NCR Trail parking

lot, north side of Ashland/Paper Mill Road. Leaders Debbie Terry, 410-252-8771 or [dterry12@verizon.net](mailto:dterry12@verizon.net), and Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

### Saturday, April 29

✚ **Allegany/Garrett.** Elk Ridge Native Plant Preserve and New Germany SP. We will be looking for early warblers. 7 AM. Carpool from Cumberland will meet at Ollie's parking lot. 8 AM. Meet at New Germany SP parking lot across from the Lake House. Contact Melissa Hensel, [mjhensel@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhensel@yahoo.com) or 240-362-1086.

✚ **Anne Arundel.** Fort McHenry and Masonville Cove. We should see a wide variety of birds during the spring migration, many of them in their breeding colors. Scopes are recommended. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at Millersville Commuter Lot. We will carpool to Fort McHenry to meet Wendy in the small lot to the left and outside of the park's front gate. Contact leader Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754 or [drbeans@verizon.net](mailto:drbeans@verizon.net).

✚ **Baltimore.** Liberty Dam Trail. We will walk about a mile of level trail along the Patapsco River up to the dam for recently arrived spring breeding warblers and other songbirds. Yellow-throated Warbler possible, Worm-eating, Black-and-White, and Parula Warblers on territory. Long shot for Prothonotary Warbler. Yellow-throated Vireos, Barred Owls, Pileated Woodpecker and other woodland birds are resident. Rough-winged Swallows resident at the dam, Spotted Sandpiper possible. Wear boots or footwear appropriate for muddy or rocky, unpaved trail. 7:30 AM. Directions: from Baltimore Beltway, take exit 18 Liberty Rd NW 5 miles, turn left on Marriottsville Rd (before reaching the water tower), go 4 miles SW, passing quarry entrances and gun club entrances, go around the bend to the right, and then watch for a driveway with mailboxes on your right. Go up that driveway until it reaches a sharp right turn and park in the unpaved parking area on the left. Leaders Pete Webb, 443-904-6314 or [pete6314webb@gmail.com](mailto:pete6314webb@gmail.com), and Debbie

Terry, 443-578-8243 or  
dterry12@verizon.net.

♣ **Carroll.** Susquehanna SP. Spring migration along the Susquehanna River. All nesting warblers will also be present. 8 AM, up to all day. Meet at the parking lot on Stafford Rd immediately west of Lapidum Rd. Leader Bob Ringler, 410-303-2792.

♣ **Frederick.** Native Plant Sale of the Audubon Society of Central MD, held at the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary, 13030 Old Annapolis Rd, Mt. Airy. Please support this sale at one of our favorite and most productive birding hot spots. More information can be found at [www.centralmdaudubon.org](http://www.centralmdaudubon.org).

♣ **Talbot.** Smith Island excursion. Travel across Tangier Sound and make stops on Smith Island at the villages of Ewell and Tylerton to bird and take in the sights. Always a nice mix of waterbirds, herons, egrets, Brown Pelicans and a few migrant songbirds. Arrangements through Delmarva Birding Weekend. Cost to be determined, includes crab cake lunch. Depart Somer's Cove Marina in Crisfield at 8 AM (all-day trip.) Directions and more information will follow via our listserv. Leader Terry Allen, 410-829-5840 or [pattyallen10@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyallen10@hotmail.com).

♣ **Washington.** Cushwa Basin. Enjoy a morning of birding along the C&O Canal. 8 AM. Meet at Cushwa Basin parking lot in Williamsport. Contact the trip leader at [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465 for additional information.

♣ **Washington.** Catoctin Creek Nature Ctr. 10 AM. Meet at the visitor's center, 2929 Sumantown Rd, Middletown. Contact leader Jim Speicher at [jugornought@gmail.com](mailto:jugornought@gmail.com) to register.

### Sunday, April 30

FUNDRAISER/CONCERT. **Anne Arundel.** Anne Arundel Bird Club Fundraiser/Concert with Dan Haas. Birder and singer/songwriter Dan Haas will once again generously

donate a concert for a night of food, fun and music. If you've birded with Dan, you know how entertaining and expert he is, and his musical talent equals his birding skills! Dan is a popular performer at many venues and special events. Check out his website: [www.DanHaas.com](http://www.DanHaas.com). \$20 per person. RSVP by April 27, there are 60 seats available. Please consider bringing a drink, hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share. 6 PM. Home of Barbara Johnson and Barry Wells. Contact Barbara at 410-703-4664 or [barbarajohnson222@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson222@gmail.com) (please write "AABC Concert" in subject line.)

♣ **Baltimore.** Chimney Swifts at Dusk. Join the BBC Swift Watch Team as Chimney Swifts enter a favorite chimney at sunset. Due to the fact that the swifts routinely change migration roosting chimneys, this year's spring site will be posted on the BBC website (<http://baltimorebirdclub.org/>) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/)) on Friday, Apr 28. 7:45-8:30 PM. Come a half hour early if the weather is cloudy or gray. Cancelled if raining. Leader Joan Cwi, 410-467-5352 or [jafjsc@verizon.net](mailto:jafjsc@verizon.net).

♣ **Frederick.** Thompson WMA (near Front Royal, VA). Warblers and wildflowers! Reservations and permit required. Contact leader Lois Kauffman, 301-845-6690, for time and directions.

♣ **Harford.** Jerusalem Mill. Visit this appealing stretch of the Little Gunpowder River marking Harford County's western border. 7 AM. Meet at the parking lot by the mill on Jerusalem Rd. Leader Mark Johnson, [marksjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:marksjohnson@gmail.com) or 410-692-5978.

♣ **Montgomery.** Occoquan Bay NWR. Explore the diverse habitats in this one-square mile refuge at the confluence of the Potomac and Occoquan Rivers in Woodbridge, VA. A variety of raptors and migratory warblers, vireos, thrushes and flycatchers should be present, and rails

and bitterns are possibilities. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at the parking lot in the center of the refuge. Reservations required. Limit 25. Leaders Mike Bowen, 301-530-5764 or [dhmbowen@yahoo.com](mailto:dhmbowen@yahoo.com), and Gerry Hawkins, 571-277-8406 or [maineusa@comcast.net](mailto:maineusa@comcast.net).

☛ **Talbot.** Hope House Farm. This property provides a mixed habitat of forest, forest edge, fields and tidal waterfront. We will be looking for new spring arrivals including thrush species, flycatchers and orioles. Numerous sparrows should be present, and the property provides nesting sites for a full range of woodpeckers. Lingering waterfowl may be seen on the broad reach of water that can be viewed. Raptors may also be around, especially nesting Eagles and Osprey. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 AM. Leaders Wayne Bell, 410-820-6002 or [wbell2@washcoll.edu](mailto:wbell2@washcoll.edu) and Les Roslund, 410-763-8169.

### Tuesday, May 2

☛ **Montgomery.** Rock Creek Park, DC. Early migrant warblers, vireos, etc. 7 AM. Meet at Picnic Area #18, one-half mile below the Nature Ctr on Ridge Rd. Reservations required. Call the leader for more information or specific directions. Leader Wallace Kornack, 202-338-7859.

### Wednesday, May 3

☛ **Baltimore.** First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. 8 AM. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

MEETING. **Carroll.** Don't miss this meeting. Help elect new officers and plan for the club's future. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Ctr in Westminster. Contact Don Jewell at [jewellDg@gmail.com](mailto:jewellDg@gmail.com).

### Wednesday-Sunday, May 3-7

 **YMOS.** World Series of Birding. Depart Wed AM for 3 days of scouting. We'll

participate in the Big Day on Saturday, trying to find as many species as we can in 24 hours. We'll return Sunday after the Awards Brunch. The Birdathon fundraising will hopefully pay for registration, motel costs, the Awards Brunch, and most of the food costs. For more information, see the [ymos.org](http://ymos.org) website.

### Thursday, May 4

☛ **Baltimore.** Papermill Flats and Ashland NCR Trail. Trip to two locations for marsh birds, lingering waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds. Bring spotting telescope if you have one. 8 AM. Meet at NCR Trail parking lot, north side of Ashland/Paper Mill Road. Leaders Debbie Terry, 410-252-8771 or [dterry12@verizon.net](mailto:dterry12@verizon.net), and Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

MEETING. **Frederick.** David Smith will tell us all about the wonders of Kestrels. 7-9 PM. Frederick HS Heritage Room. Contact Kathy Brown, 301-865-1369.



## YMOS Birdathon Returns: An Annual Rite of Spring March 18-19 2017

Here they go again! A cadre of aspiring young birders in the Youth Program of the Maryland Ornithological Society (YMOS) is already preparing to haunt the shorelines, marshes, woods and fields of the Eastern Shore in quest of at least 100 bird species. The annual YMOS Birdathon is the principal fund raiser to underwrite expenses for participation in the World Series of Birding in May. The youth invite you to help by pledging \$0.25, \$0.50, or \$1.00 per species seen over their two days in the field.

Despite the caliber of the participants, the success of the Birdathon is never a sure thing. March weather can bring rain, fog, and cold. Many wintering waterfowl will

have departed, while most migrant songbirds are still far South of the Chesapeake region. To make matters worse, the youngsters construct a 100-species Must-See List in advance and need to record two species for each one missed on that list. Overcoming these challenges requires planning and decision-making for the species quest, and 90% of the participants must see or hear each species identified. In addition to honing identification skills, the Birdathon promotes a high level of collaboration and sharing that is a hallmark of the YMOS.

As many as four YMOS teams will represent the MOS at the World Series of Birding. Last May, "YMOS Live and Let Fly" won Youth Division B (grades 6-8) with 154 species; "YMOS Mighty Merlins" won Youth Division C (grades 9-12) with a whopping 190 species, tying the winning adult team! This year, plans are afoot for one YMOS team to compete as Carbon Free Kids by birding the Big Day without the assistance of motorized vehicles.

You can pledge any time prior to the Birdathon by emailing George Radcliffe (radclifg@gmail.com) or Wayne Bell (wbell2@washcoll.edu). Those who pledge will receive an advance copy of the Must-See list. After the Birdathon, you will receive a report of all species identified, and the amount owed based on the net species seen after any penalty deductions for Must See misses.

Thank you in advance for your interest, and for your encouragement of this remarkable group of youngsters who represent our investment in the future of birding as a lifelong endeavor.

--George Radcliffe and Wayne Bell