

- After thoroughly reading all the analysis from 10 years ago and recently, I still believe the bird was a Cape Verde Shearwater. However, as many people noted (and I have said many times about other sightings), a bird this rare (2nd North American record), should be unequivocal and have amazing photos. The photos are very suggestive in structure, but the appearance of possible white on the outer primaries does bother me. The underwing pattern doesn't look extensive enough to be Scopoli's, which should then point to Cape Verde, but the photo quality prevents further detailed analysis. Perhaps one day we can reevaluate this based on new information, but right now, I have to agree that the photos are not conclusive.

- I still think this was a Cape Verde Shearwater based on the structure we saw in the field (as well as Mullarney's photo comparison!). However, the photo quality reduces the confidence I have in any photo analysis. There does appear to be some white on the outer primaries. One member says it's not enough for Scopoli's, but I'm not sure I can reach that conclusion from the photos. So, as I wrote before, a record this extraordinary needs better evidence.

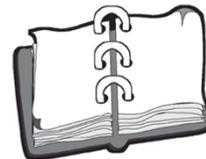
- I think there is a good chance it was a CVSH. As several reviewers commented, there is evidence supporting CVSH, but it's difficult to say it's unequivocal.

- I agree with Sherman Suter's comments in the re-opening document that Scopoli's was not adequately considered during the original comment and review period, though I'm not completely convinced that the bird is a Scopoli's and not a Cape Verde. Mullarney's collage of photos is certainly tantalizing in the structural similarities between his Cape Verde photo and [Observer 3]'s, but the underwing issue he points out can't be ignored.

- I reviewed the original documentation, the original ballots, and all of the "reopening" correspondence. To keep it short and simple, there is too much hesitation and doubt expressed by top seabird experts across the world to accept this as a first state record. Specific things that really stuck out: Brian Patteson noting that the "thin" bill could have been an artifact of the lighting; Killian Mullarney's photo comparison; and Steve Howell's

simple but direct rejection of the record. Apparently, this record came before extensive new information regarding [Scopoli's] became available, and there isn't enough documentation provided to separate this bird from that taxon with 100% certainty.

- I am voting "Not Accept" because it is extremely difficult for me to be sure of any of the field marks on the images provided to make a positive identification as CVSH. The only shared opinion by the observers present is the size of the bird - that it was smaller than COSH. I'm concerned that the lighting conditions described during the sighting [illustrated in the photographs] must have made it extremely difficult see and judge the finer details to a CVSH. I'm stuck on the backlighting issue and odd effects it produces. Although I read all testimony provided by very knowledgeable and experienced pelagic birders; the most significant element of these conversations was a new/different approach to identifying CVSH and separating it from the other shearwaters. It may have been a CVSH ...



## MOS Calendar

Mar - Apr 2018

By Marilyn Veek

### March, dates TBD

♣ **Harford.** Timberdoodle Searches. Two searches will be scheduled during the month. Times, dates and locations will be determined by recent sightings. Details will be provided via email, social media or by contacting the HBC field trip chairperson, Tom Gibson, gibsonlld@aol.com or 410-734-4135.

### Thursday, March 1

MEETING. **Frederick.** Renowned Smithsonian ornithologist *Carla Dove* will explain the role of feather forensics in aviation safety in "When Birds Collide." 7 PM. Homewood at Crumland Farms, 7407 Willow Rd, Frederick. Contact Don Hambright, 301-676-0635.

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net), for more information.

### Friday, March 2

DINNER/MEETING. Harford. Speaker and topic TBA. Dinner at 6:15 PM, general meeting at 7:15 PM, presentation at 8 PM. Churchville Presbyterian Church, 2844 Churchville Rd.

### Saturday, March 3

♣ **Anne Arundel.** 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). Meet at Kinder Farm Park. Take the first left before the gatehouse and meet at the last parking lot up the hill. Contact leaders Alan and Susan Young, 410-991-8300 or [alnmyoung@aol.com](mailto:alnmyoung@aol.com).

♣ **Harford.** Perryville. Expect to see eagles, winter ducks, woodpeckers, and hopefully swans. 9 AM. Meet at Stumps Point at the far end of the Perryville Community Park. Leaders are Colleen Webster, [cwebster@harford.edu](mailto:cwebster@harford.edu) or 410-459-4577, and Sue Procell, [procell1@comcast.net](mailto:procell1@comcast.net) or 443-417-4919.

MOS BOARD MEETING. **Howard.** Mt Pleasant Howard County Conservancy, 10520 Old Frederick Rd, Woodstock.

♣ **Kent.** Friends of Eastern Neck NWR will sponsor a Refuge walk through areas normally closed to the public. A local birding expert or naturalist will guide the walk. Plan for a flat, two-mile outing, with cocoa and cookies at Refuge HQ afterwards. Bring binoculars and a camera. Wear boots and dress warmly. No rain date. Registration is limited to 20, first-come, first-served. Children over 12 are permitted, but no dogs. Walks are free (with a tax-deductible donation payable to Friends of Eastern Neck appreciated to keep the program self-sustaining). To register at Eventbrite, go to: <http://bit.ly/2vWPDBt>. 8 AM (two hours). Meet at Refuge HQ. For more information, contact Gren Whitman, [easternneckwalks@gmail.com](mailto:easternneckwalks@gmail.com) or 443-691-9370.

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Fran Uhler Natural Area. Monthly walk. 7:30 AM. Meet at E end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just N of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

### Sunday, March 4

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

♣ **Kent.** Chesapeake Farms. Wintering waterfowl, raptors (notably eagles), 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.** Fishing Boat off of Tilghman. A local captain has agreed to take a small group of TBC members on a fishing boat out into the Chesapeake, hopefully providing close up views of large rafts of sea ducks, gannets and maybe Great Cormorants at Sharps Island Light. Sign up in advance, and there will be a fee for the boat trip to cover the captain's costs. Leaving from Knapps Narrows Marina. Coordinated by Jan Reese, 410-745-2875 or [reesejan@gmail.com](mailto:reesejan@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. 3:30 PM. Depart Easton Acme parking lot. 4 PM. Meet at Pickering Creek parking lot. Leader Ron Ketter, [rketter@verizon.net](mailto:rketter@verizon.net).

### Tuesday, March 6

MEETING. **Baltimore.** Kurt Schwarz on "Cape May Capers." A description of the bird life and birding sites of Cape May County, NJ. Cape May is one of the most famous migration hotspots in North America. Kurt Schwarz is conservation chair of

MOS and former President of the Howard County Bird Club. Doors open at 7 PM for socializing and snacks, lecture starts about 7:20 PM. Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum.

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Seasons at South Tract. One of a series of quarterly bird walks at the South Tract of the Patuxent Research Refuge. We will walk some of the trails and will stop at the Pollinator Garden bird feeding area by the Visitor Center. Be prepared to walk up to 2.5 miles. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. Target species include early migrating landbirds and lingering waterfowl. 9 AM (half day). Meet in the parking lot of the National Wildlife Visitor Center; bear left on entering the parking area and go all the way to the last section of the lot past the covered electric vehicle recharging station. For further information contact leader Marcia Watson, [marshwren50@comcast.net](mailto:marshwren50@comcast.net).

### Wednesday, March 7

♣ **Baltimore.** Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM (half day). Meet outside of front gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

♣ **Montgomery.** Informal Late Afternoon Bird Walk. Joint trip with ANS. We'll be checking out the Potomac River for waterfowl, gulls, terns, etc. Next stop will be Hughes Hollow, part of McKee Beshers WMA. Potential highlights here include early Tree Swallows, calling Pied-billed Grebes and Wood Ducks and other waterfowl flying into roost. We'll finish with American Woodcock display if they are in the vicinity. Bring scope, flashlight and wear "muddy conditions" footwear. Reservations are not required. All are welcome. 4:30 PM. Meet at the end of Seneca Rd at Riley's Lock "on the bridge." For more info, call leader Jim Green, 301-742-0036.

### Thursday, March 8

MEETING. **Howard.** "The Azores and Madeira Islands: Endemics and Island Beauty," by *Phil Davis*. Phil has long been fascinated by these islands as stepping stones for vagrant European and African rarities arriving in North America. Phil

and his wife, Barbara, traveled to the islands in 2014 and returned two years later to lead a group of birders on a grand tour of seven islands. Hospitality 7 PM; meeting/program 7:30 at Robinson Nature Ctr, 6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia. Info: John Harris, 240-755-0183.

### Saturday, March 10

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** C&O Canal at Little Orleans. In eastern Allegany County we'll look for early migrating birds and winter residents along the canal. Waterfowl and American Eagles may be seen at several overlooks of the Potomac River. 8:15 AM. Car pool from the P&R at Ali Ghan Rd and Christie Rd, exit 46 off I-68. 9 AM. Meet at the C&O Canal at Little Orleans.

♣ **Anne Arundel. 3rd Annual Woodcock Whoopee!** Join Alan and Sue Young on a search for the elusive American Woodcock. Hopefully we will catch them in their fantastic nocturnal displays and songs of love. Meet at Kinder Farm Park Visitor Center promptly at 5:45 PM to catch the show. **Contact Alan and Susan at 410-991-8300 or [alnmyoung@aol.com](mailto:alnmyoung@aol.com).**

♣ **Baltimore.** Youth Trip to Marshy Point Nature Center. We will set out along the trails and boardwalk for a mix of late winter residents and early migrants. Fox and Tree Sparrows are good possibilities, and Rusty Blackbirds may turn up, as well as a selection of both land and water birds including Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush and plenty of waterfowl. 9 AM. Meet at the Visitor's Center. Leader John Robinson, 410-483-6620 or [jcrobin@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).

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

♣ **Cecil.** Perryville Community Park. Seeking out lingering winter waterfowl at the Park and along the Susquehanna River. Dress for extreme cold and wind. Bring scope if you have one. A mix of driving and some walking. 8 AM (half day). Meet at the North East Community Park, at the end of Walnut St. Leader Maryanne Dolan, [maryanne.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

♣ **Frederick.** Black Hills Reservoir. Bald Eagles and over-wintering waterfowl. Contact leader David Smith, 410-549-7082, for meeting time and location.

♣ **Montgomery.** Patuxent River Park, Jug Bay Natural Area. Joint trip with Audubon Naturalist Society. Waterfowl, Wilson's Snipe, winter and early spring songbirds, Ospreys displaying. Wear muddy conditions footwear. Reservations required (15-person limit). 8 AM (half day). Meet at Park hdqtrs parking lot. Leader John Bjerke, [johnbjerke1@mac.com](mailto:johnbjerke1@mac.com).

### Sunday, March 11 (Daylight Saving Time begins)

♣ **Anne Arundel. Quiet Waters Park.** 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 (3 hrs). Meet at Blue Heron Ctr. Leader **David Gillum**, 410-266-8775 or [dagmapper@verizon.net](mailto: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. 9 AM (half day). Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or [baypuffin@hotmail.com](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

♣ **Howard.** Centennial Park. Easy walking around the lake on paved path. Facilities available. Waterfowl expected, early migrant passerines possible. Accessible. 8 AM (2-3 hrs). West end parking lot. Leader Mary Lou Clark, [doctorfx\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:doctorfx_99@yahoo.com).

♣ **Talbot.** Talbot County Wastewater Treatment Plant. Expect plenty of Canada Geese with opportunities for rare waterfowl on the impoundments as well as sparrows, larks and raptors in the immediate vicinity. 7 AM. Easton Acme parking lot. Leaders Paul and Priscilla Thut, 410-745-6657 or [pdthut@gmail.com](mailto:pdthut@gmail.com). Breakfast host Betty Maki, [bjmaki04@gmail.com](mailto:bjmaki04@gmail.com).

### Monday, March 12

MEETING. **Talbot.** Program TBD. 7 PM. Bayleigh Chase (aka William Hill Manor) Auditorium, 501 Dutchman's Lane, Easton.

### Tuesday, March 13

MEETING. **Allegheny/Garrett.** *Liz McDowell*, Coordinator, Western Mountains Chapter, Native Plant Society, will speak on "Native Plants, a Welcome Sight For Wildlife". 7 PM. Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

MEETING. **Kent.** Program TBD. 7:30 PM at Heron Point of Chestertown, off East Campus Ave.

♣ **Montgomery.** Informal Late Afternoon Bird Walks. Joint trip with ANS. We'll be checking out the Potomac River for waterfowl, gulls, terns, etc. Next stop will be Hughes Hollow, part of McKee Beshers WMA. Potential highlights here include early Tree Swallows, calling Pied-billed Grebes and Wood Ducks and other waterfowl flying into roost. We'll finish with American Woodcock display if they are in the vicinity. Bring scope, flashlight and wear "muddy conditions" footwear. Reservations are not required. All are welcome. 4:30 PM. Meet at the end of Seneca Rd at Riley's Lock "on the bridge." For more info, call leader Jim Green, 301-742-0036.

MEETING. **Patuxent/PGAS.** "Birds and climate change: using climate change projections to inform conservation throughout the Americas" presented by *Chad Wilsey*, Director of Conservation Science in the science division of the National Audubon Society. Chad will cover the approaches that National Audubon is taking to gather data on the effects of climate change on birds, and how this data can be used to shape policy. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 7 PM for 7:30 PM meeting start time. College Park Airport Operations Bldg, 2nd Fl, 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Dr, College Park.

### Thursday, March 15

MEETING. **Caroline.** *Alice Mohrman*, Education Coordinator for Abbott's Mill Nature Center, Delaware Nature Society, will speak on "Gardening for Clean Water and Butterflies". 7:30 PM. Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St, Denton.

♣ **Montgomery.** Informal Late Afternoon Bird Walks. Joint trip with ANS. We'll be checking out the Potomac River for waterfowl, gulls, terns, etc.

Next stop will be Hughes Hollow, part of McKee Beshers WMA. Potential highlights here include early Tree Swallows, calling Pied-billed Grebes and Wood Ducks and other waterfowl flying into roost. We'll finish with American Woodcock display if they are in the vicinity. Bring scope, flashlight and wear "muddy conditions" footwear. Reservations are not required. All are welcome. 4:30 PM. Meet at the end of Seneca Rd at Riley's Lock "on the bridge." For more info, call leader Jim Green, 301-742-0036.

🦋 **Patuxent/PGAS.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net) for more information.

### Saturday-Sunday, March 17-18

🦋 **YMOS.** Maryland Youth Birdathon. Fund Raising for the World Series of Birding Teams. You can pledge any time prior to the Birdathon by emailing George Radcliffe ([radclifg@gmail.com](mailto:radclifg@gmail.com)) or Wayne Bell ([wbell2@washcoll.edu](mailto:wbell2@washcoll.edu)). Remaining wintering birds and early migrants, owls and rails. 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. Logistics and specific times will be coordinated once we know who is going. Participants can come either or both days. Email George Radcliffe ([radclifg@gmail.com](mailto:radclifg@gmail.com)) of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip.

### Saturday, March 17

🦋 **Anne Arundel.** Little Patuxent River Oxbow Lake Nature Preserve. Join Jay Sheppard and Marcia Stutzman along Eagle's Head Cove in search of waterfowl and more. We will carpool to multiple entry points that you can check out later. No bathroom facilities. Scope is helpful. 8:30 AM (2½ hrs). Park on the west side of Oxbow Place near the marked entrance to Oxbow Preserve. Contact Julia Lasher, 301-643-6496 or [JuliaAlys@hotmail.com](mailto:JuliaAlys@hotmail.com).

🦋 **Baltimore.** Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM. Meet outside of park gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader David Sandler, 410-370-0747.

🦋 **Baltimore.** Little Gull Chase. Every March a few Little Gulls appear on Back River in large flocks of Bonaparte's Gulls. We will search for them at Cox Point Park, Diamond Point Rd and other likely spots. Trip limited to 12. Reserve your spot with Nancy O'Hara. 10 AM. Meet at Cox Point Park in Essex. Leaders Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com), and Nancy O'Hara, [noh529@gmail.com](mailto:noh529@gmail.com) or 443-286-0922.

🦋 **Frederick.** Signs of Spring. Audubon Society of Central MD Nature Walk. 9 AM (two hours). Audrey Carroll Sanctuary, 13030 Old Annapolis Rd, Mt Airy. For more information contact Crystal Kunst, [hckunst@qis.net](mailto:hckunst@qis.net) or 443-536-3071.

🦋 **Harford.** Waterfowl Tour. Search a variety of locations to see the many species of waterfowl that use our waterways. 6:45 AM. Meet at the McDonalds on Rt 40 in Edgewood. Leader Dave Webb, [porzana@comcast.net](mailto:porzana@comcast.net) or 410-939-3537.

🦋 **Howard.** Winter Sparrow Search. Search the wetlands and dry fields as we look for as many sparrows as possible while looking for signs of spring. This is the peak time for singing Fox Sparrows. Waterproof boots are recommended. Facilities at some spots. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Howard County Conservancy parking lot. Leader Bonnie Ott, [sparrowdamsel@gmail.com](mailto:sparrowdamsel@gmail.com) or 443-285-3302.

🦋 **Kent.** Bombay Hook NWR. Explore one of the area's premier National Wildlife Refuges for waterfowl, shorebirds, herons and other early migrants. Bring lunch. 8 AM (full day). Meet at the Dollar General parking lot (off Philosopher's Terrace) in Chestertown. If you have questions, please contact trip leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or [borealdee@gmail.com](mailto:borealdee@gmail.com).

🦋 **Patuxent/PGAS.** Governor Bridge Natural Area. Monthly walk. No reservations needed. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the S side of Governor Bridge Rd, 1 mile E of Rt 301. For

more information contact Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

♣ **Talbot.** Oxford and environs. Explore the Oxford Natural Area for sparrows and meadowlarks. Land birding, especially at fields outside of town, sometimes yields birds such as Horned Larks and Pipits. 7 AM. Easton Acme parking lot. 7:20 AM at Town Park in Oxford, across from the Town Hall. Leaders Tom Corl, 202-215-1684 or [tom.corl@gmail.com](mailto:tom.corl@gmail.com), and Ron Ketter, [rketter@verizon.net](mailto:rketter@verizon.net).

### Sunday, March 18

♣ **Howard.** Centennial Park. Easy walking around the lake on paved path. Facilities available. Waterfowl expected, woodland trails for passerines. Accessible. 8 AM (2-3 hrs). West end parking lot. Leaders Karen and Kevin Heffernan, 410-418-8731 or [KJHeff122@gmail.com](mailto:KJHeff122@gmail.com).

### Wednesday, March 21

MEETING. **Anne Arundel.** "Vulture: The Private Life of an Unloved Bird", with *Katie Fallon*. Vultures evoke many feelings in humans: envy of their effortless flight, frustration with their urban roosts, and perhaps both appreciation and disgust at their eating habits. Vultures are often overlooked, underappreciated, and unloved, despite the vital role they play healthy ecosystems. Worldwide, vultures are more likely to be threatened or endangered than any other group of raptor, but in the United States Turkey and Black Vultures may be increasing in number. Based on Katie Fallon's new book, this presentation will discuss the life and times of the noble Turkey Vulture, including its feeding, nesting, and roosting habits, migratory behaviors, and common misconceptions. Katie's book will be available for purchase and signing. 7 – 9 PM. Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park. Contact Barbara Johnson at 410-703-4664 or [barbarajohnson222@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson222@gmail.com).

### Saturday, March 24

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Rocky Gap, Mason Road Pond and C&O Canal Terminus. With Washington County Bird Club. We will travel to several spots at Rocky Gap for waterfowl before moving on to Mason Rd Pond and the C & O Canal Terminus. 8:15 AM. Carpool from P&R at Rt 36 and I-68. 9 AM. Carpool from the NRP office, 12512 Pleasant Valley Rd near entrance to Rocky Gap SP. Contact

Melissa Hensel, [mjhensel@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhensel@yahoo.com) or 240-362-1086.

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Lake Roland. Centered on Lake Roland in the Jones Falls valley, the park has 503 acres of exceptionally diverse ecosystems including wetlands, meadows, and mature hardwood forests. Most significant is the environmentally sensitive serpentine barrens in the Bare Hills area, home to many rare and endangered species of flora and fauna. 8:10 AM. Meet at the Cromwell Station Light Rail stop in Glen Burnie to take the 8:28 train to the Falls Road stop at the park entrance, a 40-minute ride. We can eat lunch nearby at Pepe's before the return train trip at 1:20. Contact Barbara Johnson, 410-703-4664 or [barbarajohnson222@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson222@gmail.com).

♣ **Cecil.** Blackwater and 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. 9 AM (full day). Meet at the Blackwater Headquarters parking lot. To carpool, we suggest arranging to meet near Dunkin' Donuts in Big Elk Mall, intersection of Rt 40 and Rt 213 in Elkton, at 6 AM. Leader Sean "Bird Dog" McCandless, [seanmccandless1@gmail.com](mailto:seanmccandless1@gmail.com).

♣ **Harford.** Perryman Area. Explore several spots within this Bush River region that attract a variety of species (wintering sparrows, raptors, migrating waterfowl). 7:30 AM. Meet at the Aberdeen Walmart parking lot. Leader Mark Johnson, [marksjohnson2@gmail.com](mailto:marksjohnson2@gmail.com) or 410-692-5978.

♣ **Howard.** Waterfowl Search. We'll search Howard County waterways 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, [krschwa1@verizon.net](mailto:krschwa1@verizon.net).

✚ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Susquehanna River from Havre de Grace to Conowingo. We will bird from the top of the Chesapeake Bay up the Susquehanna River to the Conowingo Dam, stopping at various overlooks for the primary target species, gulls and waterfowl. The trip is planned for the peak period for Little Gull, Black-headed Gull, and Bonaparte's Gull. Scoters, grebes and loons also possible. Eagles should be abundant, and the woods along the river usually harbor a good selection of wintering and resident birds, including woodpeckers, kinglets, thrushes, and Winter Wrens. Bring snacks and drinks and dress warmly – conditions are often windy along the river. Reservations needed. 9 AM (¾ day). Meet at the Havre de Grace Marina, 723 Water St. To reserve your seat and for more information, contact leader, Gene Scarpulla, [ejscarp@comcast.net](mailto:ejscarp@comcast.net), no later than March 17.

✚ **Tri-county.** Berlin Falls Park (formerly the Berlin WWTP) and other Worcester County locations to look for late ducks and early migrants. Depending on the weather and what is being reported, we will explore the Ocean City area, and perhaps Castaways and/or Assateague. In general, the birding will be easy on level ground, much of it paved. Sturdy shoes will be useful at the Berlin Falls Park as we will be on a dirt/grass road around the park. Bring lunch, snacks, drinks or buy at Royal Farms where we will stop for convenience breaks. 7:30 AM. Meet at Ward Museum parking lot. 8:15 AM. Meet at Berlin Falls Park parking lot. For more information, contact trip leader Marcia Balestri at [mebalestri@gmail.com](mailto:mebalestri@gmail.com).

### Sunday, March 25

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

✚ **Talbot.** Southwestern Caroline County in and around the village of 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. 7 AM. Depart Easton Acme parking lot. Leader Dave

Palmer, 410-829-3376 or [dpalmermd59@gmail.com](mailto:dpalmermd59@gmail.com).

### Monday, March 26

MEETING. **Tri-county.** "Maryland Safe Skies" presented by *Beth Decker*. 7 PM. MAC Education Center off Snow Hill Rd, Salisbury. For more information, contact Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or [emlawler534@comcast.net](mailto:emlawler534@comcast.net).

### Tuesday, March 27

✚ **Baltimore.** Phoenix Pond. Excellent migrant spot in N Baltimore County on NCR Trail. Self-guided walk. Optional add-on to nearby Paper Mill Rd Flats. 8 AM. Coordinator Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com) or (text only) 410-967-5896.

MEETING. **Washington.** "MOS Sanctuaries" with *Marcia Watson*. 7 PM. Mt. Aetna Nature Ctr, 21905 Mt. Aetna Rd, Hagerstown.

### Saturday, March 31

✚ **Harford.** Susquehanna SP. We will look for gulls, lingering waterfowl and perhaps some early surprises. Additional sites in the Park may also be visited. 8 AM. Meet at the Lapidum parking lot at the south end of the Park. Leader Dennis Kirkwood, [newarkfarms@gmail.com](mailto:newarkfarms@gmail.com) or 410-692-5905.

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

### Sunday, April 1 (Easter Sunday)

✚ **Cecil.** Conowingo Wildflowers and Birds. The Wildflower Trail at Conowingo goes south from Fisherman's Park along the bank of the Susquehanna, through wooded wetlands and along the base of cliffs that are, at this season, blanketed with Dutchman's Breeches, Virginia Bluebells, Trillium, and other spring wildflowers. The earlier spring migrants, Phoebes and Louisiana Waterthrushes, may be seen, and maybe some lingering winter visitors, like Winter Wren. We may also spend some time scoping the

waters below the dam to see what's about. Dress warmly if the weather is unseasonably cold. Easy walking on a level, well-graded trail (short stretches may be a bit muddy). 8 AM (half day). Meet at Fisherman's Park below the Dam. Leader Maryanne Dolan, [maryanne.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

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

### Tuesday, April 3

MEETING. **Baltimore.** *Sean McCandless* on "Hawk Identification." This program will review raptors that visit Maryland annually and will teach the basic field marks needed to identify perched and flying hawks. Sean is an avid birder and bird photographer based in Cecil County. Related field trip April 7. Doors open at 7 PM for socializing and snacks, lecture starts about 7:20 PM. Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum.

### Wednesday, April 4

♣ **Baltimore.** Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM (half day). Meet outside of park gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

MEETING. **Carroll.** "Butterflies and Gardening Strategy" by *Debbie Maeder*. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Center, Westminster. Contact Don Jewell, [jewelldg@gmail.com](mailto:jewelldg@gmail.com).

### Thursday, April 5

MEETING. **Frederick.** *Marcia Watson* will talk about MOS sanctuaries. 7 PM. Homewood at Crumland Farms, 7407 Willow Rd, Frederick. Contact Don Hambright, 301-676-0635.

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net), for more information.

### Saturday-Sunday, April 7-8

MOS. Work Weekend at Irish Grove. Join us in beautiful Somerset County for a weekend full of

projects, camaraderie and birding at Irish Grove MOS Sanctuary. You can stay for free at the house or pitch your tent in the yard. Indoor space is limited. To see video of last spring's work weekend, search for MOS Sanctuaries on YouTube. See you there! If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Dotty Mumford, [dottymum@comcast.net](mailto:dottymum@comcast.net) or 443-214-5154.

### Saturday, April 7

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

♣ **Baltimore.** Fort Smallwood Hawkwatch. Try out those Hawk ID skills with a field trip to the Baltimore area's premier spring Hawkwatch site. Last year on April 7 this site recorded 8 species of hawks including good numbers of Osprey, Sharp-shinned Hawk and American Kestrel. Trip is free, but there's a \$6 fee for parking. 9 AM. Leader Sean McCandless, [seanmccandless1@gmail.com](mailto:seanmccandless1@gmail.com). Coordinator (for carpooling) Nancy O'Hara, [noh529@gmail.com](mailto:noh529@gmail.com) or 443-286-0922.

♣ **Cecil.** Fair Hill NRMA. Fair Hill in spring is one of Cecil County's birdiest spots. A variety of habitats, including woods, fields and wetlands, means that we will see a number of different spring migrants. Portions of the trail may be muddy, so boots are recommended. 7 AM (half day). Meet at the Foxcatcher Farm Covered Bridge parking lot on Tawes Dr. There is an honor system daily fee (\$3 Maryland residents; \$4 out-of-state visitors). Leader Ken Drier, [kdrier@zoominternet.net](mailto:kdrier@zoominternet.net).

♣ **Frederick.** North Point SP and Black Marsh. Explore two beautiful adjacent sites on the Chesapeake Bay. Black Marsh is a wild and natural Nature Conservancy property. Contact leader Kathy Calvert, 301-810-5677, for meeting time and location.

♣ **Harford.** Rocks SP. Spend the morning on the trails of the Deer Creek woodland to search for various woodland species. Some hiking on hilly

trails is involved. After the main walk we'll visit one or more picnic areas that will require a \$3.00 (\$5.00 out of state) per person fee. 7:30 AM. Meet at the ranger station parking lot on Rocks Chrome Hill Rd. Leader Mark Magnani, [mwmagnani@gmail.com](mailto:mwmagnani@gmail.com) or 410-838-1778.

♣ **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](mailto:wesandsue@gmail.com) or 410-531-3197

♣ **Kent.** Pickering Creek Audubon Center. Spring birding for late waterfowl, raptors, sparrows and the occasional surprise. Bring lunch. 8 AM (full day). Meet at the Dollar General parking lot (off Philosopher's Terrace) in Chestertown. If you have questions, please contact trip leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or [borealde@gmail.com](mailto:borealde@gmail.com).

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Fran Uhler Natural Area. Monthly walk. 7:30 AM. Meet at E end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just N of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

### Sunday – Tuesday, April 8 – 10

♣ **Washington.** Bombay Hook. Contact Mark Abody, [mjabdy@yahoo.com](mailto:mjabdy@yahoo.com) or 301-432-7696 for details.

### Sunday, April 8

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Quiet Waters Park. 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 (3 hrs). Meet at Blue Heron Center. Contact David Gillum, 410-266-8775 or [dagmapper@verizon.net](mailto: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 AM (half day). Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or [baypuffin@hotmail.com](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.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. Reservations are not required, but please contact the leader if you are planning to come so he can provide additional information before the trip. 7 AM (half day). Meet at Hughes Hollow parking lot in the McKee-Beshers WMA. Leader Jim Nelson, [kingfishers2@verizon.net](mailto:kingfishers2@verizon.net) or 240-515-4517.

♣ **Talbot.** Urban Birding. We will again (our 10th year) bird the variety of habitats around the Target Shopping Center 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. 7 AM. Depart Easton Acme parking lot. Leader Terry Allen, 410-829-5840 or [pattyallen10@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyallen10@hotmail.com). Breakfast host Cathy Cooper, [coopercw@goeaston.net](mailto:coopercw@goeaston.net), at home or in the Londonderry Manor House.

### Monday, April 9

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

### Tuesday, April 10

MEETING. **Allegheny/Garrett.** "Wildlife Conservation in Tanzania and Kenya. Approaches and Challenges, With Examples From the Spotted-Necked Otter" by *Dr. Thomas L Serfass*. Dr. Serfass' research focuses on various aspects of carnivore ecology and conservation, including reintroduction projects. 7 PM. Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

📍 **Baltimore.** Phoenix Pond. Excellent migrant spot in N Baltimore County on NCR Trail. Self-guided walk. Optional add-on to nearby Paper Mill Rd Flats. 8 AM. Coordinator Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com) or (text only) 410-967-5896.

MEETING. **Kent.** Speaker and topic TBA. 7:30 PM at Heron Point of Chestertown, off East Campus Ave.

MEETING. **Patuxent/PGAS.** "Playing Dr. Doolittle: Understanding Bird Songs and Social Behavior", presented by *Kim Derrickson*. Sex, Drugs, and Rock n' Roll – Avian Style. Well maybe not the drugs, but more than enough of the other two to make an entertaining evening. Come hear about the amazing lives of our feathered friends. You will be utterly amazed by their complexity. Learn about our local avian virtuoso, the Northern Mockingbird, including why they keep you up at night singing from your chimney. Dr. Derrickson will tell you all you ever wanted to know (and you don't have to be afraid to ask) about Northern Mockingbirds. He will also discuss his various research endeavors attempting to unravel the social lives and singing styles of another local species with a beautiful song, the Wood Thrush, and a Panamanian subspecies, the Dusky Antbird. As these stories unfold you will see how experiences in the field, several completely unexpected, have directed and altered Kim's research efforts. During the presentation we will explore questions such as: Why do mockingbirds have one of the largest vocal repertoires of any bird species? How do birds know how far away a neighbor is by listening? Why are there good Dads and poor Dads in Wood Thrushes when it comes to parental care? And, do Wood Thrushes actually see their eggs? Free and open to the public. Doors open at 7 PM for 7:30 PM meeting start time. College Park Airport Operations Bldg, 2nd Fl, 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Dr, College Park.

### Thursday, April 12

MEETING. **Howard.** "From Mountains to Saltmarsh: Rediscovering the MOS Sanctuaries," by *Marcia Watson*. MOS owns nine sanctuaries, spanning the state from Garrett County to Somerset County on the lower Eastern Shore. They are open to the public at no charge every day of the year, and represent a macrocosm of the habitats for birds in Maryland. Marcia will review the history of the sanctuary program, cover some of the challenges

MOS faces in managing the properties and suggest ways interested individuals can become involved. Hospitality 7 PM; meeting/program 7:30 at Robinson Nature Center, 6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia. Info: John Harris, 240-755-0183.

### Saturday, April 14

📍 **Anne Arundel.** Swan Harbor. The grounds offer multiple types of habitat including frontage along the Chesapeake Bay, open farm fields, a small freshwater marsh, manmade water impoundments, some small woodlots and a forested stream valley. Over 250 species of birds have been seen at this site. We will be looking for flycatchers, vireos, breeding warblers, orioles as well as migrating shorebirds. 6:45 AM (half day). Meet at Millersville P&R. Contact Matt Addicks, 442-987-7208 or [maddicks13@gmail.com](mailto:maddicks13@gmail.com).

📍 **Baltimore.** Youth Trip to North Point SP. We will walk down the Black Marsh trail to the Bay, looking for late ducks and early migrants, such as Hooded Mergansers and Little Blue Herons as well as the increasingly rare Rusty Blackbird. Afterwards, we will head down to the stone pier to check for other interesting residents and visitors. The walk is free, but there is a \$3 charge to enter the park. 9 AM. Meet at the small parking area on the left, just past the entrance booth. Leader John Robinson, 410-483-6620 or [jcrobin@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).

📍 **Frederick.** Hughes Hollow Birds, Wildflowers and Butterflies. A great trip for beginners as well as experienced birders. Contact leaders Pat Caro, 240-651-5651, or Kathy Brown, 301-865-1369, for meeting time and location.

📍 **Harford.** Harford Glen. This preserve offers great opportunities for good spring birding. The woodland trails through rolling hills and some open meadow entice a wide variety of birds. We will begin this tour with sightings from the parking lot and then proceed to survey the triple riparian habitats of Atkisson Reservoir, the faster flowing Winter's Run, and the Plumtree Run tributary. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Glen, west end of Wheel Rd. Leader Phil Powers, [birdsindmd308@gmail.com](mailto:birdsindmd308@gmail.com) or 410-679-4116.

📍 **YMOS.** Lower Eastern Shore early migrant search. We'll bird Nassawango Creek, Elliott Island Rd, and Blackwater NWR. 7 AM (full day). Meet at

Sailwinds Park in Cambridge. Email George Radcliffe, [radclifg@gmail.com](mailto:radclifg@gmail.com), of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip.

### Sunday, April 15

♣ **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 (2 hrs). Meet in the first parking lot on left after the entry hut. Contact Stacy Epperson, 410-987-7533 or [stac.epperson@gmail.com](mailto:stac.epperson@gmail.com) (preferred).

♣ **Baltimore.** Cylburn. 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. Rain date April 22. 8:15 AM. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot. Leader Mark Linardi, 443-834-8413 or [mllinardi@outlook.com](mailto:mllinardi@outlook.com).

♣ **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. Reservations required. Limit 25. 7:30 AM (half day). Meet at the parking lot in the center of the refuge. 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.** Nanticoke WMA. Discover a new area. Expect early migrants and possibly late migrating waterfowl and sparrows along the SE shores of the Nanticoke River. 7 AM. Depart Easton Acme parking lot. Leader Jeff Effinger, 410-443-5016 or [jkeffinger55@gmail.com](mailto:jkeffinger55@gmail.com).

### Tuesday, April 17

♣ **Baltimore.** Phoenix Pond. Excellent migrant spot in N Baltimore County on NCR Trail. Self-

guided walk. Optional add-on to nearby Paper Mill Rd Flats. 8 AM. Coordinator Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com) or (text only) 410-967-5896.

### Wednesday, April 18

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Fort Smallwood Park. The Park consists of approximately 90 acres at the tip of a peninsula where the Patapsco River and Rock Creek meet the Chesapeake Bay. To date 258 species have been identified at this site and it is also home to the annual spring hawk watch. Join us to see late wintering ducks, migrating raptors as well as passerines and woodpeckers, including resident Red-headed Woodpeckers. 8 AM (3 hrs). Meet at the Park. Contact Dominic Nucifora, 443-534-4891 or [dnuCIFora@yahoo.com](mailto:dnuCIFora@yahoo.com).

MEETING. **Anne Arundel.** "Young Voices for the Planet" with *Lynne Cherry*. Lynne Cherry, author/illustrator of 30 award-winning children's books (*The Great Kapok Tree, A River Ran Wild*) is producer/director of the *Young Voices for the Planet* films championing youth solutions to the climate crisis. She will discuss her works, tell the story about how kids saved Maryland's Belt Woods, and show two or three short films from the Young Voices Series. Lynne will have books available for sale and signing. 7 PM. Quiet Waters Park, Blue Heron Center. Contact Barbara Johnson, 410-703-4664 or [barbarajohnson222@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson222@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Fort McHenry. Part of a series of evening bird walks at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 6 PM (2 hrs). Meet outside of park gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Joe Supik, 443-417-5015.

MEETING. **Montgomery.** *Mike Hudson* and the "Red Knot". Just in time for the Northward migration, Mike Hudson will be bringing up to speed about the Red Knot story. Doors open at 7 PM, refreshments 7:30 and meeting starts at 8 PM. Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Rd.

### Thursday, April 19

MEETING. *Caroline. David Curson*, Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Maryland-D.C. will present "Saving the Chesapeake's Shrinking Marshes". He

will also give an update on Maryland's Important Bird Areas (IBAs). 7:30 PM. Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St, Denton.

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net), for more information.

### Friday, April 20

♣ **Harford.** Jerusalem Mill. Visit this appealing stretch of the Little Gunpowder River marking Harford County's western border. This area involves some hiking and hills. 7:30 AM. Meet at the parking lot by the mill on Jerusalem Rd. Leader Phil Powers, [birdsinmd308@gmail.com](mailto:birdsinmd308@gmail.com) or 410-679-4116.

### Saturday, April 21

♣ **Anne Arundel.** North Point SP. With 1,310 acres of forest, fields, wetlands, and waterfront, this is one of the top birding sites in Baltimore County. We will cover the Black Marsh Trail and the waterfront, as well as others if time permits. It is possible to see rails, herons (including Little Blue and Green) and even bitterns as well as migrating shorebirds. 8 AM (half day). Meet at the first parking lot on the left by the gatehouse. Contact Sue and Alan Young, 410-991-8300 or [alnmyoung@aol.com](mailto:alnmyoung@aol.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM. Meet outside of park front gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754.

♣ **Baltimore.** Jug Bay Wetlands, Anne Arundel Co. We expect marsh birds, waterfowl, raptors and plenty of passerines. Easy two mile roundtrip walk. Entrance fee \$6 per car. One hour drive from Baltimore. Contact the leaders in advance if you want to arrange car pools. 9 AM. Leaders Debbie and Lou Taylor, 410-852-9807 or [debrataylor11@gmail.com](mailto:debrataylor11@gmail.com).

♣ **Frederick.** Baker Park. Easy walking on paved paths in Frederick's in-town park. Contact leader Bonnie Borsa, 301-695-8214, for meeting time and location.

♣ **Frederick.** Spring Migrants. Audubon Society of Central MD Nature Walk. 9-11 AM. Fred Archibald Sanctuary, 6011 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market. For more information contact Crystal Kunst, [hckunst@qis.net](mailto:hckunst@qis.net) or 443-536-3071.

♣ **Harford.** Susquehanna SP. An ideal time to enjoy emerging wildflowers, early migrant songbirds, including warblers, and lingering winter visitors. 8:30 AM. Meet at the parking area at the confluence of Deer Creek and the Susquehanna River just north of Rock Run Mill. Leaders Sue Procell, [procellmd@gmail.com](mailto:procellmd@gmail.com) or 443-417-4919, Eric Vangrin, [evangrin@msn.com](mailto:evangrin@msn.com), and Colleen Webster, [cwebster@harford.edu](mailto:cwebster@harford.edu) or 410-459-4577.

♣ **Howard.** Mt. Pleasant Farm. Earth Day Walk in conjunction with the Howard County Conservancy. Easy walking through the fields of Mt. Pleasant Farm. Tree lines, hedgerows and streams provide opportunity for non-meadow species. Great opportunity for flyovers. Facilities available. 8 AM (2-3 hrs). Meet at parking lot near the barn. Leader Anthony VanSchoor, [tonyvangschoor@gmail.com](mailto:tonyvangschoor@gmail.com).

♣ **Kent.** Beginner's Bird Walk, Eastern Neck NWR. In honor of Earth Day, we'll explore several of the Refuge's trails and overlooks, looking for a variety of migrants, from raptors to warblers. Noon (2-3 hours). Meet at the Tundra Swan Boardwalk. If you have questions, please contact 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. Call leader for reservations and directions. Trip is limited to 8-10 participants. 7:30 AM (half day). Meet at Zion Road parking lot. Leader Mark England, 240-375-4500 (cell) or [markengland@canamcontractors.com](mailto:markengland@canamcontractors.com).

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Governor Bridge Natural Area. Monthly walk. No reservations needed. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the S side of Governor Bridge Rd, 1 mile E of Rt 301. For

more information contact Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

♣ **Tri-county.** Nassawango Preserve for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, migrating passerines and newly arrived summer residents. Bring drinks, lunch 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).

### Sunday, April 22

♣ **Baltimore.** Jerusalem Mill Area, Gunpowder Falls SP. New trip for BBC. An easy walk including open fields, edge habitat and wooded trails along the Little Gunpowder River. Expect to see migrant and resident birds including warblers, thrushes, and raptors. Trails can be muddy, boots advisable. 8 AM. Leaders Matt Lince, [mdlince@comcast.net](mailto:mdlince@comcast.net), and John Landers, [dado1bw@aol.com](mailto:dado1bw@aol.com).

♣ **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. For more information, directions, and reservations (required), contact leader Clive Harris, [cliveharris@yahoo.com](mailto:cliveharris@yahoo.com).

♣ **Talbot.** Annual spring trip to the Pocomoke Swamp. We will bird the edge of the Nassawango Creek Preserve along Johnson Rd in search of migrant and resident songbirds with a focus on wood warblers. This location yields an average of 14-17 species of warblers, as well as vireos, tanagers, Indigo Buntings, Blue Grosbeaks and Red-shouldered Hawk. Bring lunch, drinks and snacks. 6:30 AM (full day). Leader Charles Hopkins, 443-786-6332.

♣ **Washington.** Sky Meadows SP, VA. 6:30 AM (half day). Leave from the DMV parking lot. Contact Anna Hutzell, [amp81856@aol.com](mailto:amp81856@aol.com) or

301-797-8454.

### Monday, April 23

MEETING. **Tri-county.** "Rediscovering the MOS Sanctuaries: From Mountains to Saltmarsh" presented by *Marcia Watson*. 7 PM. MAC Education Center off Snow Hill Rd, Salisbury. For more information, contact Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or [emlawler534@comcast.net](mailto:emlawler534@comcast.net).

### Tuesday, April 24

♣ **Baltimore.** Lake Roland. First in a series of weekly walks following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland's varied habitats. 8 AM. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to the park). Check with coordinator if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Coordinator Debbie Terry, 443-578-8243 or [dterry12@verizon.net](mailto:dterry12@verizon.net).

♣ **Baltimore.** Phoenix Pond. Excellent migrant spot in N Baltimore County on NCR Trail. Self-guided walk. Optional add-on to nearby Paper Mill Rd Flats. 8 AM. Coordinator Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com) or (text only) 410-967-5896.

♣ **Washington.** Mills Park, Hagerstown. Co-sponsored with Hagerstown Parks and Recreation. 8 AM (2 hrs). Meet at the Mills Park lot accessed from Belview Ave. Contact Anna Hutzell, 301-797-8454 or [amp8185@aol.com](mailto:amp8185@aol.com).

MEETING. **Washington.** Program TBA. 7 PM. Mt. Aetna Nature Ctr, 21905 Mt. Aetna Rd, Hagerstown.

### Wednesday, April 25

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Cromwell Valley Park – Willow Grove Farm. The 460-acre park is a stream valley park comprised of pasture, cultivated gardens, open fields, woods, hedgerows, orchards and wooded piedmont hills. Many species of raptors, songbirds, and migrants can be seen. Minebank Run is especially good for many different kinds of warblers. 8 AM (half day). Meet at the Park. Contact Kevin Graff, 410-967-5896 or [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Fort McHenry. Part of a series of evening bird walks at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather.

6 PM (2 hrs). Meet outside of park front gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Joe Supik, 443-417-5015.

### Friday-Sunday, April 27-29

RETREAT. Birding 101. Weekend Retreat at Hashawha Environmental Center, April 27-29-2 nights, 5 meals. \$155. For more information & to register, please call Carroll County Recreations & Parks: 410-386-2103.

### Saturday, April 28

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Elk Ridge Nature Preserve or New Germany SP. We will look for birds and native plants. 8:15 AM. Carpool leaves from Ollies in Cumberland. 9 AM. Meet at New Germany SP. Leader Liz McDowell. Contact Melissa Hensel, [mjhensel@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhensel@yahoo.com) or 240-362-1086.

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Howard County Conservancy and Mariottsville Road Railway path. Walk through the fields of Mt. Pleasant Farm looking for a variety of sparrows and other species. Good chance to see meadowlarks and warblers. After this hike we will travel by car to Mariottsville Rd and walk the railroad path along the Patapsco SP rapids. Warblers, including waterthrushes, abound! 8 AM (half day). Meet at Mt. Pleasant Farm on Rt 99. Contact Tony VanSchorr, 443-538-8669 or [tonyvanschoor@gmail.com](mailto:tonyvanschoor@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Smith Island. All-day memory making trip to see waders and other migrants on the island, plus water birds during boat rides. Bring lunch, snacks, beverages and extra cash. The general store on the island might be open, offering great sandwiches, drinks and snacks, cash only. Rental bikes and golf carts available on the island. As a precaution, motion sickness medicine is advised (take it an hour before the boat ride). This trip requires RSVP by Wed Apr 25 and \$40-\$50 per person (depending on attendance), paid when boarding. NO CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS. Limited to 40 passengers. If we don't have enough to sail, the trip will be cancelled. 7 AM. Car pool from Nursery Rd P&R. 9 AM. Meet at the Point Lookout boat dock. The boat leaves 9:30 AM sharp, arrives at the island about 11 AM. Contact Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com) or 410-976-5896 (text only) for reservations. Check again by Fri Apr 27 to learn if the trip is a go or no

go.

♣ **Carroll.** McKeldin Area of Patapsco Valley SP. Watch Bob work his magic. 8 AM (half day). Meet at the P&R on Rt 32 just south of Rt 26 in Eldersburg. For more details, contact Bob Ringler, 410-303-2792.

♣ **Frederick.** Native Plant Sale of the Audubon Society of Central Maryland, held at the Audrey Carroll 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).

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

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS. Fort Smallwood Hawk Watch.** Observe the spring raptor migration spectacle. Data for the spring raptor migration are compiled annually by a team of counters organized by Sue Ricciardi from the Anne Arundel Bird Club. The number of raptors counted in a spring season ranges from 9,000 to 12,500, and fifteen different raptor species are usually observed, though not all may be present on any one day. Migration of non-raptor species is also noteworthy, especially waterfowl, swallows, and Blue Jays and other passerines. About 260 species of birds have been observed at the Park. Bring folding chair, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, drinks and snacks. Daily parking fee \$6 per vehicle. 8:30 AM. Meet at the Bowie P&R to carpool. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net), for more information.

♣ **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. 8 AM (full day). Depart Somer's Cove Marina in Crisfield. Directions and more information will follow via our listserv. Leader Terry Allen, 410-829-5840 or [pattyallen10@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyallen10@hotmail.com).

### Sunday, April 29

♣ **Baltimore.** Soldiers Delight. We will cover 1.5-2 miles of level, but sometimes rocky terrain. Expect a wide variety of migrating songbirds. Trails can be muddy if the weather has been wet. 8 AM. Meet at the Overlook on Deer Park Rd. Leader Sarah Luttrell, [luttrell.sa@gmail.com](mailto:luttrell.sa@gmail.com) or 614-352-7718.

♣ **Baltimore.** Cylburn. 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. 8:15 AM. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot. Leader Peter Lev, 410-823-2962 or [plev@comcast.net](mailto:plev@comcast.net).

♣ **Frederick.** Thompson WMA (near Front Royal, VA). Warblers and wildflowers! All-day trip. Pre-registration necessary. Contact leader Lois Kauffman, 301-845-6690, for details.

♣ **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 Bald Eagles and Osprey. 7 AM. Depart Easton Acme parking lot. Leaders Ron Ketter, [rketter@verizon.net](mailto:rketter@verizon.net), and Les Roslund, 410-763-8169. Breakfast hosts Carolyn and Les Roslund.

👉 **YMOS.** Western Shore migrant search. Preparation for the World Series of Birding. We will cover Susquehanna SP for warblers and early migrants, including possible Cerulean Warbler, Swan Harbor for King Rail, Sora, and Least Bittern, Patapsco Valley SP for warblers, make several stops along the C & O Canal and end at McKee-

Beshers WMA. 7 AM (full day). Meet at Susquehanna SP. Email George Radcliffe, [radclifg@gmail.com](mailto:radclifg@gmail.com), of your intent to go at least 2 weeks in advance of the trip.

### Tuesday, May 1

♣ **Baltimore.** Lake Roland. Weekly walk following the progress of spring migration in Lake Roland's varied habitats. 8 AM. Meet at the Light Rail Parking Lot (Boardwalk entrance to park). Check with coordinator if weather is extreme (rain, wind). Coordinator Debbie Terry, 443-578-8243 or [dterry12@verizon.net](mailto:dterry12@verizon.net).

♣ **Baltimore.** Phoenix Pond. Excellent migrant spot in N Baltimore County on NCR Trail. Self-guided walk. Optional add-on to nearby Paper Mill Rd Flats. 8 AM. Coordinator Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com) or (text only) 410-967-5896.

MEETING. **Baltimore.** *Marcia Watson* on "From Mountains to Saltmarsh: Rediscovering the MOS Sanctuaries." MOS, the Maryland Ornithological Society, owns and manages ten bird sanctuaries spread throughout the state of Maryland. Yet many birders are unaware of these properties. Marcia Watson will present illustrated profiles of the sanctuaries, discussing the birds and habitats found in each one. Doors open at 7 PM for socializing and snacks, lecture starts about 7:20 PM. Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum.

### Wednesday, May 2

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Susquehanna SP. Hike along the river to find Cerulean and Prothonotary Warblers and many spring migrants. One of the best spring warbler sites in Maryland with as many as 24 warbler species in a single day! We will drive to the picnic area for lunch and then hike some of the trails there. Pack lunch, snacks, and water. Bring sun block and bug spray. 7 AM – 2 PM. Meet at Severna Park P&R. Contact Kevin Graff, 410-967-5896 or [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 8 AM (half day). Meet outside of park gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

♣ **Baltimore.** Fort McHenry. Part of a series of evening bird walks at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. 6 PM (2 hrs). Meet outside of park gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Joe Supik, 443-417-5015.

MEETING. **Carroll.** "Your MOS Sanctuaries" by *Marcia Watson*. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Center, Westminster. Contact Don Jewell at [jewellgd@gmail.com](mailto:jewellgd@gmail.com).

♣ **Tri-county.** Schumaker Pond for warblers, vireos, flycatchers, migrating passerines and newly arrived summer residents. This will be a short walk around the two sections of Schumaker Pond. 7:30 AM (2 hrs). Meet at Ward Museum parking lot. For more information, contact Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or [emlawler534@comcast.net](mailto:emlawler534@comcast.net).

#### Thursday, May 3

MEETING. **Frederick.** *Mike Hudson* will speak on the incredible migration of "Red Knots." 7 PM. The Lodge at Homewood, 500 Pearson Circle, Frederick. Contact Don Hambright, 301-676-0635.

♣ Patuxent/PGAS. Lake Artemesia Natural Area. Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. 3 PM. Meet at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd and Ballew Ave in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net), for more information.

#### Friday-Sunday, May 4-6

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Garrett County Bird Fest with Deep Creek SP. All MOS members are invited to participate. Many of the trips planned will be the same as the trips to birding hot spots at last year's MOS conference. Included are trips to Jennings Randolph Reservoir, Lost Land Run, The Glades etc. Check out the Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center website for schedules and registration, [www.discoverycenterdcl.com](http://www.discoverycenterdcl.com).

#### Friday, May 4

♣ **Montgomery.** Birding by Ear at Hughes Hollow. Tune up your ears as we listen for and learn to identify the songs and calls of migrant and local breeding birds. The trip will be geared to new birders but all levels are welcome. Limit 10.

Reservations required. 7 AM. Meet at the Hughes Hollow parking lot. For more information email leader Paul Woodward, [grackling@ATT.NET](mailto:grackling@ATT.NET).

#### Saturday, May 5

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Swan Creek. The number one birding spot in the county, this trip will include a variety of habitats such as upland woods, wetlands, beach and dredge cells. Many shorebirds and waterfowl, also migrating warblers and other passerines. Path has coarse stones and rocks; therefore, hiking boots are encouraged. Scopes are helpful. 7 AM (half day). Meet at Swan Creek. Park on the right side along the fence. There will be a sign in at the start of the walk. Contact Stan Arnold, 410-428-7567 or [thrushhost@gmail.com](mailto:thrushhost@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Susquehanna SP Rock Run Area. Trip to the river in Harford County for resident Cerulean and Prothonotary Warblers and a collection of spring migrants. This is one of the best spring warbler watching sites in Maryland; 18 to 24 warbler species possible in a single day. Bring a picnic lunch for the wrap-up of what could be an excellent morning of birding. Optional extension after lunch to Swan Harbor Farm Park for shorebirds, herons, rails and bitterns. Contact the leaders in advance for possible carpooling. 7:30 AM. Meet at the lot at the end of Rock Run Rd, next to the old mill building. Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or [baypuffin@hotmail.com](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

♣ **Cecil.** Fair Hill NRMA. Fair Hill has designated approximately 100 acres of grassland as preserved habitat for ground-nesting birds. This unique program will benefit Bobolinks, Eastern Meadowlarks, Grasshopper Sparrows, and Northern Bobwhite, bird species whose numbers are in decline. 7 AM. Meet at the parking lot on Appleton Rd. Leader Ken Drier, [kdrier@zoominternet.net](mailto:kdrier@zoominternet.net).

♣ **Frederick.** Little Bennett Park. Look for migrants and our returning warm weather feathered friends. Contact leader Deb Calhoun, 410-215-3268, for meeting time and location. Lunch/brunch will follow at Deb's house.

♣ **Harford.** TENTH Annual Epic Birding Challenge at Susquehanna SP. The previous competitions have been well-attended and a lot of fun. Birders

of all skill levels are welcome. The rules allow all to contribute to the fun and success of each team. 6:30 AM. Meet at the Rock Run Mill for team selections and rules review. Counting will run from 6:45 - 11:30 AM. A rally celebration will be held at 12 noon at the Laurrapin Grille, 209 N Washington St, Havre de Grace. Family members and others are welcome to join the contestants for the celebration. Coordinator Tom Gibson, [gibsonlld@aol.com](mailto:gibsonlld@aol.com) or 410-734-4135.

♣ **Patuxent/PGAS.** Fran Uhler Natural Area. Monthly walk. 7:30 AM. Meet at E end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just N of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

♣ **Washington.** Hagerstown City Park. 8 AM. Meet at the Hager House parking lot. Contact Larry Zaleski at 301-491-2866 or [larry.zaleski@gmail.com](mailto:larry.zaleski@gmail.com).

### Sunday, May 6

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Foreman's Branch Bird Banding Station (previously known as Chino Farms). This is the only major migratory bird banding station on the Eastern Shore. The small group of banders will demonstrate how they ensnare the birds in the nets, carefully extract them, transport them back to the banding shed, note the sex, age, and weight, attach bands and release them back into the wild. We will get to observe both resident and migratory birds on the way to their summer grounds, see them up close and learn about them in a fun and exciting way. Trip limited to 15 people, an RSVP is required and carpooling is necessary. Porta-potty facilities only on site. 6:45 AM (half day). Meet at Bay 50 shopping center. Contact Dianne Westbrook, 443-618-9421 or [edwestbrook1@gmail.com](mailto:edwestbrook1@gmail.com).

♣ **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 (2 hrs). Meet in the first parking lot on left after the entry hut.

Contact Stacy Epperson, 410-987-7533 or [stac.epperson@gmail.com](mailto:stac.epperson@gmail.com) (preferred).

♣ **Baltimore.** Oregon Ridge and Agricultural Center. Oregon Ridge is a fine spot for warblers in early May, with some birds on territory and others passing through. The Center for Maryland Agriculture, just across the street, is great for meadow birds. Grasshopper Sparrow (breeds), Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink and Savannah Sparrow are all possible. 8 AM. Meet at the Oregon Ridge Nature Ctr, 13555 Beaver Dam Rd. Leader Simon Best, [simonrabest@gmail.com](mailto:simonrabest@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Chimney Swifts at Dusk. Join the BBC Swift Watch Team as Chimney Swifts enter a favorite chimney at sunset. Since the swifts routinely change migration roosting chimneys, this year's spring site will be posted on the BBC website ([baltimorebirdclub.org/](http://baltimorebirdclub.org/)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/)) by Friday, May 4. 7:45 - 8:30 PM. Come half an hour early if the weather is cloudy or gray. Directions will be provided. Canceled if raining. Leader Joan Cwi, 410-467-5352 or [jafjsc@verizon.net](mailto:jafjsc@verizon.net).

♣ **Cecil.** Field Trip Birding 101 at Turkey Point. Join a ranger and a representative of the Cecil County Birding Club on a hike to the Turkey Point Lighthouse, a distance of about two miles, looking for local and migrating songbirds along the way. Learn more about birding with and without binoculars, examining bird size, silhouette, song and habitat. The pace will be leisurely. Most of the walking is on a gravel road with good footing, but there are a few hilly sections. Wear comfortable shoes/boots for walking. Bring binoculars if you have them. Extras will be available on loan. Call Elk Neck State Park at 410-287-5333 for more details and to make your reservation. 8 AM (half-day). Meet at the Turkey Point Parking Lot. Leader TBD and Elk Neck park staff.

♣ **Frederick.** Fred Archibald May Count. 6 AM. Meet at the Sanctuary, **6011 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market.** Coordinator David Smith, 410-549-7082.

♣ **Howard.** Western Regional Park. Moderate walking along field edges and woodland trails.

Opportunity for warblers, sparrows, thrushes, and flyovers. Facilities available.

8 AM. (2-3 hrs). Meet at Carr's Mill Rd parking lot. Leader David Sandler, [detour65@gmail.com](mailto:detour65@gmail.com) or 410-370-0747.

♣ **Kent.** Millington NRMA. Migrating warblers should still be on the move while many breeding specialties will have established territories in Kent County's most extensive forest. Half day. Meet at the Dollar General parking lot (off Philosopher's Terrace) in Chestertown. If you have questions, please contact trip leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or [borealdee@gmail.com](mailto:borealdee@gmail.com).

♣ **Montgomery.** Izaak Walton League Conservation Farm. Once again, the B-CC Chapter is generously providing us access to this large private property south of Poolesville. Woods, hedgerows, streams, fields, and ponds provide a wide range of bird habitats, and migration should be well underway. Reservations required, limit 12. 7 AM (half day). Meet at the League's Chapterhouse. For reservations and more information, contact leader Jim Nelson, [kingfishers2@verizon.net](mailto:kingfishers2@verizon.net) or 240-515-4517.

♣ **Talbot.** Susquehanna SP. Prime migration location; possibly 12-15 warbler species (including Cerulean, Hooded and Kentucky), vireos, thrushes, and flycatchers. We will not be back until mid-afternoon thus lunch or snacks should be taken. Facilities are available at a very nice picnic location in the park. 6:30 AM. Leader Vince DeSanctis, 410-886-2009 or [vdesanctis@verizon.net](mailto:vdesanctis@verizon.net).