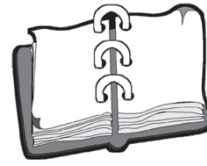


## Editor's Note

Les Roslund has decided to step away from writing Birds of Note after 11 years of penning accounts of the notable birds seen, and who saw them, in Maryland and DC. That amounts to more than 50 columns! Les' contributions to *The Maryland Yellowthroat* have been thorough, always well-written, and an enjoyable read. As Editor, I regret Les' decision as much as is possible. When the BON came through the door for each issue, I knew it would be meticulously prepared and up-to-date. Thanks, Les, you have been a terrific contributor and I wish you good birding on the trail!

To my mind, the Birds of Note fills a particular niche in the records of bird sightings that isn't duplicated by the more immediate *mdbirding* listings or the more enduring accounts in *Maryland Birdlife* and the documents of the MD/DC Records Committee. It is sort of a mid-term look back on the season that was, and a recognition of the activities of some of our most assiduous birders. Getting recognized in the BON was a real *feather* in your cap.

I hope we can find someone to pick up the reins, and continue Les' good work. I earnestly encourage you to think about doing this, or reflect on whether you know of someone who would be able to step into this important role. Please don't hesitate to contact me ([rdonham8@gmail.com](mailto:rdonham8@gmail.com)) if you have questions or ideas. Thanks!



## MOS Calendar

May - June 2017

By Marilyn Veek

### Tuesday, May 2

♣ **Baltimore.** Lake Roland. Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Meet at the entrance to the Boardwalk. Leader Marty Brazeau, 410-440-1128 or [tropicbirder56@gmail.com](mailto:tropicbirder56@gmail.com).

MEETING. **Baltimore.** *Patricia Delgado*, Superintendent and Wetland Ecologist, Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. The sanctuary is 1,700 acres of open water, tidal freshwater marshes, forested wetlands, upland and riparian forest, creeks, meadows, pine and sand barrens, and fields along the Patuxent River. Patricia will discuss the research, stewardship, and education programs administered by federal, state and county government agencies at Jug Bay. 7 PM. Greenhouse Classroom, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore.

♣ **Montgomery.** Rock Creek Park, DC. Early migrant warblers, vireos, etc. 7 AM. Meet at Picnic Area #18, one-half mile below the Nature Center 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.** Help elect new officers and plan for the club's future. 7 PM. Carroll Nonprofit Ctr in Westminster. Contact Don Jewell at [jewellgd@gmail.com](mailto:jewellgd@gmail.com).

**Wednesday-Sunday, May 3-7**

**YMOS.** World Series of Birding. Depart Wednesday 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 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 scope if you have one. 8 AM. Meet at NCR Trail parking lot, north side of Ashland/Paper Mill Rd. Leaders Debbie Terry, 410-252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net, and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

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

✠ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Lake Artemesia. ADA-compliant. **6 PM.** Note switch to summer schedule. Meet end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights. Leader David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellAtlantic.net. No reservations required.

**Friday, May 5**

DINNER AND MEETING. **Harford.** "Photography of Animals from Harford County Biomes and Riparian Habitats," by *Frank Marsden*, Director of Eden Mill Nature Center. Pizza dinner begins promptly at 6:30 PM, general business meeting at 7 PM, followed by presentation. Harford Glen Environmental Education Center, 502 W Wheel Rd, Bel Air. For dinner reservations, contact Johanne Henrickson, johen24@gmail.com.

✠ **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 are welcome. 7 AM. Meet at the parking lot at

Hughes Hollow. Limit 10. Reservations required. For more information email leader Paul Woodward at grackling@att.net.

**Saturday, May 6**

✠ **Anne Arundel.** Swan Creek. This trip will visit a variety of habitats, to include upland woods, wetlands, beach, and dredge cells. This time of year we get any kind of migrant, but those of most interest will be shorebirds, since this is Anne Arundel County's premier shorebird venue. The trip will include walking on some very coarse stone and rocks; therefore, good quality hiking boots are encouraged. We will generally stay on well-traveled paths, but tick protection is always a good idea. Bring water and some snacks. There should be a port-a-pot available part way through the trip; otherwise, the restroom in the office facility is available before the walk and can be visited at one point during the walk. If you haven't birded here before, you will need to sign a one-time release. Prepare to see some great birds! 7 AM (half day.) Meet at Swan Creek. Contact Kevin Smith at 410-917-3004 or ravens3077@yahoo.com.

✠ **Baltimore.** Susquehanna SP Rock Run Area and Swan Harbor Farm Park. Trip to river in Harford County for resident Cerulean and Prothonotary Warblers and a collection of spring migrants. Possibly 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. Then on to Swan Harbor Farm Park for shorebirds, possible rails, herons, egrets, Glossy Ibis. Possible breeding Pied-billed Grebes. 6:30 AM. Meet at Cromwell Bridge Road P&R. Or meet at 7:30 AM at the SP lot next to the old mill building. Leader Mary Anne Fluke, 443-690-4319 or mfluke62@gmail.com.

✠ **Caroline.** Lynch Preserve, Two Johns. For more information about the preserve, go to [www.eslc.org/land-preservation/preserves/](http://www.eslc.org/land-preservation/preserves/). 8 AM. Park/meet at the end of Robins Creek Rd. Leaders Debby Bennett, dabennett1996@gmail.com, and Danny Poet.

♣ **Cecil.** Fair Hill NRMA. Fair Hill in May 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 near the Fair Hill Nature Center on Tawes Dr. There is an honor system daily fee (\$3 Maryland residents; \$4 out-of-state visitors). Leader Ken Drier, kdrier@zoominternet.net.

MAY COUNT. **Dorchester.** 99th Dorchester Count. Compiler Harry Armistead, harryarmistead@hotmail.com or 215-248-4120.

♣ **Frederick.** Hangout at the Hambright's. Potluck breakfast and birding at Don's house, 8076 Geaslin Dr, Middletown. Contact Don at 301-676-0635.

♣ **Harford.** Ninth Annual Epic Birding Challenge at Susquehanna SP. The previous competitions have been well-attended and a lot of fun. So make room on your calendar to join us. Birders of all skill levels are welcome and will be made to feel comfortable. We will meet at the Rock Run Mill at 6:30 AM for team selections and rules review. Counting will begin at 6:45 AM and end at 11:30 AM. A rally celebration will be held at noon at the Laurrapin Grill in Havre de Grace. Family members and others are welcome to join the contestants for the celebration. Rain date Sunday, May 7. Contact coordinator Tom Gibson, 410-734-4135 or gibsonlld@aol.com.

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

♣ **Montgomery.** Jug Bay/Patuxent River. Join visiting Hartford (CT) Audubon Society members when Jug Bay Naturalist Greg Kearns takes us on a pontoon trip up the Patuxent River. Highlight of the trip: an opportunity to visit a nest of one of the thirty

nesting pairs of Osprey and take a look at the young. In addition there's a good chance of spring warblers including Prothonotary. Greg will be filling us in on how his work planting wild rice has brought back many duck and rail species to this area. Trip limit 10. 8 AM. For reservations and further information contact Stephanie Lovell, 240-242-3235 or amorellovell@gmail.com.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Fran Uhler Natural Area. 7:30 AM. Meet at end of Lemon Br Rd off Laurel Bowie Rd just north of Bowie College. No reservations needed. Leader Bill Sefton, kiwisuits@msn.com.

♣ **Washington.** Cushwa Basin. Enjoy a morning of birding along the C&O Canal. 7:30 AM. Meet at Cushwa Basin parking lot in Williamsport. Contact leader Sandy Sagalkin at [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465 for additional information.

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

### Sunday, May 7

♣ **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 of MD. 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 age and weight and attach the bands. We will get to observe birds in a manner not possible in the wild. This trip is limited to 15 people, so an RSVP is required. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at Bay 50 Parking Lot. Contact Diane Westbrook, 443-618-8421 or edwestbrook1@gmail.com.

♣ **Baltimore.** Oregon Ridge and Ag 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 Center, 13555 Beaver Dam Rd. Leader Simon Best, simonrabest@gmail.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 Mark Linardi, 443-834-8413 or mlinardi@outlook.com.

♣ **Cecil.** Turkey Point: Birding 101. Join the staff of Elk Neck SP for a leisurely walk on the Turkey Point Lighthouse Trail. This is a great trip for beginners to learn about identifying birds by size, silhouette, song and habitat, and to practice using binoculars. Be prepared for a round-trip of about two miles. 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 drinks and/or snacks. Sunscreen and bug spray are strongly recommended. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at the Turkey Point Parking Lot. No trip leader, but registration is required. Call 410-287-5333 for information and to make a reservation.

MAY COUNT. **Frederick.** Help out with the May Count at the Fred Archibald Audubon Sanctuary. 6 AM. Contact 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 hours. Meet at Carr's Mill Road 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. 8 AM (half day.) Meet at Dollar General off Philosopher's Terrace in Chestertown. Leaders Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

♣ **Montgomery.** Little Bennett RP. Near peak migration for warblers and vireos, including those breeding in this varied habitat. Half day. Reservations required. Contact Gemma Radko, 301-514-2894, for time and directions.

♣ **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. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at the League's Chapterhouse. Reservations required, limit 12. For reservations and more information, contact leader Jim Nelson at kingfishers2@verizon.net or 240-515-4517.

♣ **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 Hawks. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 6:30 AM (all-day trip). Bring lunch, drinks and snacks. Leader Terry Allen, 410-829-5840 or pattyallen10@hotmail.com.

♣ **Tri-county.** Nanticoke WMA (aka Nutter's Neck) for migrating warblers, vireos, flycatchers and newly arrived summer residents. Trip includes easy walking on dirt roads and fields, but is not ADA accessible. 7:30 AM. Meet at Ward Museum parking lot. Bring lunch and snacks. For more information, contact leader Mike Walsh at 410-422-0428 or mik.walsh@comcast.net.

### Monday-Friday, May 8-13

♣ **Talbot.** "Warbler Road" off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Bedford, VA. This venue is a renowned hotspot for observing many high elevation breeding birds seen infrequently on the eastern shore. We will stay two nights at the Peaks of Otter Lodge, followed by three nights at Canaan Valley Resort SP, WV. Canaan Valley is the highest elevation valley

in the east and hosts a different group of breeding birds rarely seen in our area. Leader Charles Hopkins, 443-786-6332 or chopkins54@goeaston.net.

### Tuesday, May 9

♣ **Baltimore.** Lake Roland. Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Meet at the entrance to the Boardwalk. Leader John Landers, 410-292-9549 or dado1bw@aol.com.

MEETING. **Kent.** Dr. Kim Derrickson of Loyola University Maryland will speak on "Wood Thrushes and Northern Mockingbirds." 7:30 PM. Light refreshments follow the program. Wesley Hall at Heron Point, off E Campus Ave, Chestertown.

MEETING. **Patuxent/PG.** "The Ordinary, Extraordinary Chimney Swift" by Joan Cwi. While the hummingbird is the closest taxonomic relative to the swift, swifts certainly did not inherit the hummingbird's genes for iridescence. But these plain, little birds are extraordinary in many ways. We will discuss this particular species in regard to anatomy, speed, dexterity, nesting, and migration based on sixteen years of research and observation. Meeting at the College Park Airport Operations Bldg, 1985 Cpl Scott Dr off Paint Branch Parkway, at the E end of College Ave. Doors open at 7 PM for refreshments and socializing; program begins at 7:30.

### Wednesday, May 10

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Mt Nebo WMA including the pond and banding area. 7 AM. Carpool from Cumberland will leave Ollie's parking lot. Anyone wishing to carpool contact Melissa Hensel at [mjhensel@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhensel@yahoo.com) or 240-362-1086. 8 AM. Meet at Mt Nebo WMA on Rt 219. Leader is Connie Skipper.

### Thursday, May 11

♣ **Baltimore.** White Hall NCR Trail. Excellent spot for spring migrants and early nesting passerines. Warblers, vireos, thrushes, Scarlet Tanager, Indigo Bunting, both orioles, and many more songbirds are

possible. 8 AM. Meet at the Trail parking lot on the right at Wiseburg and White Hall Rds. Leader Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

MEETING. **Howard.** "Three Decades of Birding Howard County," by Bonnie Ott. Discover how the birds have changed along with changes in the county. Bonnie will tell us how and where to find birds in suburbia. Hospitality 7 PM; meeting/program 7:30 at Robinson Nature Center, 6692 Cedar Ln, Columbia. Info: John Harris, 240-755-0183.

### Saturday, May 13

#### May Count and International Migratory Bird Day

MAY COUNT. **Allegany.** Compiler J. B. Churchill, [jchurchi@gmail.com](mailto:jchurchi@gmail.com).

MAY COUNT. **Anne Arundel.** Coordinator Dotty Mumford, 443-214-5154 or [dottymum@comcast.net](mailto:dottymum@comcast.net).

MAY COUNT. **Baltimore.** All-day count through Baltimore City & County to count all the birds we can find, and have the results tallied to compare with previous years' May Count data. Contact compiler Joel Martin, [jcdlmartin@aol.com](mailto:jcdlmartin@aol.com), to let him know where you want to count (he can make sure nobody else is duplicating your coverage), and then contact him later with your totals.

♣ **Baltimore.** Milford Mill Park. For people not quite up to gathering the data in the May Count, one of our best spring warbler spots. One mile of level walking on a mostly paved path, for migrant warblers thrushes, tanagers, grosbeaks and other songbirds. If there's been rain recently, then portions of the trail could be muddy or even have standing water, so wear boots. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Park. Leader Pete Webb, 443-904-6314 or [pete6314webb@gmail.com](mailto:pete6314webb@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Youth Trip to Cromwell Valley Park, Willow Grove. Our return visit to the park is at one of the best times for migrating warblers and vireos. In addition, we can expect to see nesting birds including both Orchard and Baltimore Orioles, Bluebirds,

Tree Swallows and Warbling Vireos, plus a wide variety of other migrants including cuckoos, thrushes, sparrows and who knows what else. This trip is highly recommended! 8 AM. Meet at the Nature Education Ctr, 2175 Cromwell Bridge Rd. Leader John Robinson, 410-483-6620 or jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

MAY COUNT. **Calvert.** Compiler is Sherman Suter, sjsuter29@verizon.net, 410-586-1073 or 703-768-5922.

MAY COUNT. **Caroline.** Contact Debby Bennett at 410-829-4952 or dabennett1996@gmail.com for more information.

MAY COUNT. **Carroll.** Parties of counters will set their own schedules in their pre-arranged areas to count resident and migrant bird species throughout the County. Contact Don Jewell to verify your bird counting area (jewelldg@gmail.com or 410-259-4716). The Tally Rally will be hosted by Susan Bollinger at her home. RSVP to Susan (410-848-2050) no later than Wednesday, May 10. Plan on bringing a food item or a cash donation (\$5).

MAY COUNT. **Cecil.** The May Count is an attempt to get a "snapshot" of bird populations all over the state. The Cecil Bird Club will cover Fair Hill NRMA, Elk Neck State Forest and Perryville Town Park. In addition, if you wish to count another area, or count yard birds and feeders, that's fine. Leaders are needed for all locations. (If you are counting feeder birds, the leader for your yard is YOU!). This is the most fun you can have on a census! Please contact compiler Richard Donham (rdonham8@gmail.com or 610-932-0634) with your area preference and for the fairly simple observation records that are needed.

MAY COUNT. **Charles.** Compiler is Lynne Wheeler, somdaudubon@yahoo.com.

MAY COUNT. **Dorchester.** 100th Dorchester Count. Compiler Harry Armistead, harryarmistead@hotmail.com or 215-248-4120.

MAY COUNT. **Frederick.** It's peak migration, so this is the most fun you can have working on a census. Lots of eyes and ears are needed! Compiler David Smith, 410-549-7082.

MAY COUNT. **Garrett.** Compiler Nadine Jakubowski, nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248.

MAY COUNT. **Harford.** Help contribute to this important data collection day and monitor migration throughout our locale. Contact coordinator Rick Cheicante, 410-803-2712 or rickcheicante@cs.com, for assignments.

MAY COUNT. **Howard.** Compiler Kevin Heffernan, kjheff122@gmail.com or 443-668-7618.

MAY COUNT. **Kent.** An all-day effort to census as much of Kent County as possible. Join a field party or count in your neighborhood. Contact Walter Ellison or Nancy Martin, 410-778-9568 or borealdee@gmail.com.

MAY COUNT. **Montgomery.** Compiler Diane Ford, dmford455@yahoo.com.

MAY COUNT. **Patuxent/PG.** Contact Coordinator Fred Fallon to receive/confirm your count area, fwfallon@ymail.com or 410-286-8152.

MAY COUNT. **Somerset.** Compiler Paul Bystrak, shrike@comcast.net or 443-783-1268.

MAY COUNT. **St. Mary's.** Compiler J. Tyler Bell, jtylerbell@yahoo.com.

MAY COUNT. **Washington.** To participate, contact coordinator Mark Abdy, 301-432-7696 or mjabdy@yahoo.com.

MAY COUNT. **Wicomico.** Compiler Ellen Lawler, 410-546-9056 or emlawler534@comcast.net.

MAY COUNT. **Worcester.** Compiler Marcia Balestri, mebalestri@gmail.com.

**Sunday, May 14**

♣ **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. 8-11 AM. Meet at Blue Heron Center. Leader David Gillum, 410-266-8775 or dagmapper@verizon.net.

♣ **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. Hut is not typically staffed this early, so entry should be free. Contact Stacy Epperson, stac.epperson@gmail.com (preferred) or 410-987-7533.

♣ **Baltimore.** Gwynns Falls-Leakin Park. Please join us for a bird walk at the height of spring migration in this 120 acre wilderness park in west Baltimore City. The park contains mature and secondary forest as well as riparian habitats and some limited field habitat. 8 AM. Meet at the Winans Meadows parking lot at 4500 Franklinton Rd. Leaders Elise and Paul Kreiss, 410-367-8194, ekreiss@verizon.net, or paul1kreiss@verizon.net.

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

MAY COUNT. **Frederick.** Audrey Carroll May Count. Meet at the Sanctuary at 6 AM. Coordinator David Smith, 410-549-7082.

♣ **Harford.** Warbler Walk. Join us during prime birding season in a beautiful location. Leader Tim Houghton will guide you to various hot spots depending on the status of the spring migration and what birds are being seen at the time. There is a good chance for Cerulean and Prothonotary Warblers and yellowthroats. Expect a variety of passerines along with waterfowl and waders out on the river. A few eagles should fly over as well. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Rock Run Mill. Contact Tim at timhoughton@comcast.net. or 410-510-7504.

MAY COUNT. **Talbot.** Join the TBC in surveying all of Talbot County. Areas to be assigned to assure thorough coverage of the county. If interested, contact Dave Palmer, dpalmermd59@gmail.com or 410-829-3376 for assignment of birding areas. There will be no bird walk on this date to allow birders freedom to cover as much of the area as possible.

♣ **Washington.** Mothers Day birding along the Final Attack Trail at Antietam Battlefield. Co-sponsored with Potomac Valley Audubon Society. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Burnside Bridge parking lot. Contact leader Sandy Sagalkin at sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com or 240-291-6465.

**Tuesday, May 16**

♣ **Baltimore.** Lake Roland. Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Meet at the entrance to the Boardwalk. Leader Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

**Wednesday, May 17**

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** River Road, Grantsville. 8:30 AM. Carpool from Cumberland will leave Ollie's parking lot. Anyone wishing to carpool contact Melissa Hensel at [mjhensel@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhensel@yahoo.com) or 240-362-1086. 9 AM. Meet on the far side of the first River Road bridge over the Casselman River. Leaders are Joe and Carol McDaniel.

MEETING. **Anne Arundel.** "The Ordinary, Extraordinary Chimney Swift" with Joan Cwi

of the Baltimore Bird Club. Joan will discuss this particular species in regard to anatomy, speed, dexterity, nesting and migration based on sixteen years of research and observation. For the past sixteen years, Joan and two other birding colleagues have sponsored spring and fall swift migration watches for the BBC. During the watches, as many as 7,000 Chimney Swifts have been counted entering a roosting chimney in less than an hour! 7 PM. Blue Heron Center, Quiet Waters Park. Contact Barbara Johnson at 410-703-4664 or [barbarajohnson222@gmail.com](mailto:barbarajohnson222@gmail.com).

MEETING. **Montgomery.** *Kurt Schwartz* on "Cape May." Kurt will have the latest photos from his frequent trips to Cape May especially during the migration season. Doors open at 7 PM, refreshments 7:30 and meeting starts at 8 PM. Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Rd.

♣ **Washington.** Pangborn and Fairgrounds Parks. 8 AM. Meet at the pond pavilion. Contact Bruce or Linda Field at 301-797-6189 to register.

#### Thursday, May 18

MEETING. **Caroline.** Members Night at Martinak SP. Includes a walk at dusk with Ranger *Dave Reinecke*. 7:30 PM. Martinak SP Visitor's Center.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Lake Artemesia. ADA-compliant. 6 PM. Meet W end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights. Leader David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net). No reservations required.

#### Friday-Sunday, May 19-21

**MOS CONFERENCE.** Wisp Resort, McHenry, MD. Full schedule of field trips, lectures, and other activities.

#### Saturday, May 20

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Soldier's Delight. Join us for a 2.3 mile hike through deciduous forest and open grasslands where we will look for spring birds using sight and sound. Soldier's Delight offers a unique habitat of serpentine grasslands, also known as "barrens",

providing us with a little bit of prairie right outside of Baltimore. All ages and experience levels welcome. 8 AM. Meet at the Millersville Commuter Lot to carpool to the visitor's center parking lot, 5100 Deer Park Road, Owings Mills. Contact Sarah Luttrell, 614-352-7718 or [luttrell.sa@gmail.com](mailto:luttrell.sa@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. 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 Ray Kandt, 443-417-5015.

♣ **Frederick.** Bird Banding Demo. 9-11 AM. Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary. Contact David Smith, 410-549-7082.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regularly scheduled walk at Governor Bridge Park. 7:30 AM. Gov Br Rd, 1 mile E of Rt 310. Leader Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

♣ **Washington.** Catoctin Park and Manahan Rd. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at Rt. 66 P&R. Contact Shirley Ford at 301-241-3020 or [bluebirdlover12@outlook.com](mailto:bluebirdlover12@outlook.com) to register.

#### Sunday, May 21

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Southern Maryland Birding. Nick will lead a trip to various birding areas in South PG and Anne Arundel Counties. Patuxent River Park, Calvert Cliff SP and Flag Ponds are usually on Nick's list as well as the Cypress Swamp and other areas. Good chance to see Red-headed Woodpecker and also Yellow-throated Warbler which are both uncommon in Anne Arundel County. Pack a lunch and some good shoes for walking on a number of trails. 6 AM. Meet at Parole P&R. Contact Nick Nicholson, 410-353-3329 or [nickinchrist@netzero.com](mailto:nickinchrist@netzero.com).

♣ **Cecil.** Delaware Shorebirds: Red Knots and Horseshoe Crabs. May is a spectacular time on the shores of Delaware Bay. Horseshoe crabs lay their eggs and huge flocks of shorebirds arrive to feed on them in preparation for the final leg of their trip to their northern breeding grounds. We'll head



to the best places in Delaware to see them. Bring breakfast, lunch and snack, or money to buy take-out food on the way. Bring scope if you have one. Insect repellent and sunscreen are strongly recommended. 7 AM (all day.) Carpool leaves from Dunkin' Donuts in Big Elk Mall, intersection of Rt 40 and Rt 213 in Elkton. Leader Ken Drier, kdrier@zoominternet.net.

♣ **Kent.** Delaware Bay Shorebirds and Horseshoe Crabs. The annual May gathering of northbound shorebirds including large numbers of Red Knots and Ruddy Turnstones in bright breeding dress, feeding on Horseshoe Crab eggs along the shores of Delaware Bay is a migration spectacle. We will visit the Delaware Bay shore from Mispillion Light south to Prime Hook; an area also good for coastal marsh birds, gulls and terns. Full day, bring lunch. 8 AM. 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.

♣ **Talbot.** Millington WMA. Prime migration location; possibly 12-15 warbler species (including Hooded and Kentucky), vireos, thrushes, flycatchers. Possible breakfast stop at Two Trees restaurant. Since space is limited at the restaurant, please advise leader if interested. 6:30 AM. Depart Easton Acme. Leader Vince DeSanctis, 410-886-2009 or vdesanctis@verizon.net.

### Monday, May 22

DINNER MEETING. **Tri-county.** "Better Birding", presented by *George Armistead*. Dinner begins at 6 PM at the MAC Education Center, 909 Progress Circle off Snow Hill Rd. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share, \$2 towards paper products and a contribution to the raffle table. For more information, contact Ellen Lawler, 410-982-8695 or [emlawler534@comcast.net](mailto:emlawler534@comcast.net).

♣ **Washington.** Mills Park. 8 AM. Meet at the lot accessed from Belview Ave. Contact Judy Lilga, 301-432-2276 or [jslilga@wildblue.net](mailto:jslilga@wildblue.net), to participate.

### Tuesday, May 23

♣ **Baltimore.** Lake Roland. Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. Beginning birders welcome. 8 AM. Meet at the entrance to the Boardwalk. Leader Debbie Terry, 443-578-8243 or [dterry12@verizon.net](mailto:dterry12@verizon.net).

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Birding by bus on Hart-Miller Island. A rare opportunity to drive rather than walk the 7-mile perimeter road. The bus will stop frequently to allow us out to look for birds. Hart-Miller Island is a dredge-containment facility managed by Maryland Environmental Services (MES). During lunch break at the Administration Bldg an MES rep will give a presentation on how the island is managed for the benefit of wildlife. Reservations are strictly required due to the limited capacity of the bus. Contact Marcia Watson, [marshwren50@comcast.net](mailto:marshwren50@comcast.net), no later than May 1; she will then relay details on meeting time and place, and what to bring.

MEETING. **Washington.** Members Night. Bring short presentations, photos, stories, or anything of interest to share. 7 PM. Mt Aetna Nature Center, 21905 Mt Aetna Rd. Call 301-797-8454 for additional information.

### Saturday, May 27

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Patapsco Valley SP - Glen Artney Area. We will walk the Grist Mill Trail through a heavily-wooded area along the Patapsco River. We should be at the end of the spring migration period and should have good looks at warblers and orioles. The trail is hard-packed and relatively flat. There is a \$3 per person entry fee. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at Millersville Commuter Lot. Contact Kevin Smith, 410-917-3004 or [ravens3077@yahoo.com](mailto:ravens3077@yahoo.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Bombay Hook NWR. For a wide variety of migrating shorebirds. Possible Turnstones, Sanderlings, breeding plumage Red Knots, Marsh Wrens, Seaside Sparrows, Blue Grosbeaks. Purple Martins and Tree Swallows at their colonies, and Night-herons likely. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking. Bring lunch.

Telescopes very useful. 7 AM. Meet at Nursery Rd P&R OR Bombay Hook at 9:15 AM. Leader Pete Webb, 443-904-6314 or [pete6314webb@gmail.com](mailto:pete6314webb@gmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Patterson Park. Look for late spring migrants and resident Wood Ducks, American Kestrel, and surprises in this urban oasis. 8 AM. Meet at the White House in the Park. For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center, 410-558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

♣ **Harford.** Havre de Grace Paddle Outing. Bring your floating glory (kayaks, canoes, stand ups), to visit the Susquehanna Flats for migrants and mating species and already hatched babies. Colleen Webster and Josh Emm will ply the waters for swimmers, divers and of course, fliers. 9 AM. Meet at the Tydings Park boat ramp. We can help unload your craft. No rentals available. Call Colleen, 410-459-4577 or [cwebster@harford.edu](mailto:cwebster@harford.edu), for further details.

♣ **Howard.** Patapsco Scrubland. We'll look for warblers, vireos, thrushes, and other edge species. Depending on conditions, we may continue into the woods. Moderate to possibly difficult walking: steep trails with several stream crossings, so wear appropriate footwear. Facilities available. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet at 735 River Rd (up long drive, take right-hand split & park by house). Leader Felicia Lovelett, 301-802-1969 or [c5nest@gmail.com](mailto:c5nest@gmail.com).

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Coastal beaches for annual spring shorebird migration-horseshoe crab egg-laying synchrony. Visits will be made to Mispillion Light, Bombay Hook, Pt Mahon, and possibly other sites. Bring water and lunch. 7 AM. Meet at Bowie P&R. Make reservations with leader Fred Fallon, [fwallon@ymail.com](mailto:fwallon@ymail.com) or 410-86-8152.

### Sunday, May 28

♣ **Talbot.** Delaware Bayshore including the DuPont Nature Center at Mispillion Light (think Red Knots). We will go where the birds have been reported. Expect to see a large number of species. Bring lunch, drinks and

insect repellent. 6:30 AM. Depart Easton Acme parking lot. Leader Charles Hopkins, 443-786-6332 or [chopkins54@goeaston.net](mailto:chopkins54@goeaston.net).

♣ **Tri-county.** Truitt's and other Worcester County Landings on Chincoteague Bay for summer residents of the coastal marshes, including rails and sparrows. 7:30 AM. Meet at Ward Museum parking lot. Bring lunch, snacks and drinks. For information, contact leader Mike Hillman at 989-313-9010 or [mike@cbfieldstation.org](mailto:mike@cbfieldstation.org).

### Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)

♣ **Harford.** Hidden Valley/World Famous Bradenbaugh Flats. Leader Susan Hood will guide us to the aptly named Hidden Valley area with its sparkling stream surrounded by a beautiful stand of mature hemlock. Carpooling is encouraged because of limited parking space. The trip will proceed from there to the Flats. 7 AM. Meet in the parking lot at the northern end of Madonna Rd where it crosses Deer

Creek. Contact Susan at [susanjhood@comcast.net](mailto:susanjhood@comcast.net). or 410-877-0574.

♣ **Washington.** Memorial Day birding along the Final Attack Trail at Antietam Battlefield. Co-sponsored with Potomac Valley Audubon Society. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Burnside Bridge parking lot. Contact leader Sandy Sagalkin at [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465.

### Thursday, June 1

ANNUAL PICNIC. **Frederick.** Our favorite spot for this event is Pinecliff Park, where there is a lovely pavilion just in case we have a bit of rain. Bring binoculars, a dish to share, plate, utensils and drink. We'll meet at 6 PM to eat and then do some birding.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Lake Artemesia. ADA-compliant. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights. Leader David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net). No reservations required.

**Saturday, June 3**

♣ **Allegheny/Garrett.** Mt Savage. Looking for Red-Headed Woodpeckers, Bobolink and Dickcissel. Mary Huebner will lead this trip. 8 AM. Meet at Mt Savage School, New School Rd. To carpool from Cumberland, meet at Ollie's parking lot at 7:30 AM. Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine Jakubowski, nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248. For info, contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Fair Hill NRMA. Fair Hill is one of the best birding spots in NE MD, and includes forests, fields and wetland. We will likely see numerous varieties of warblers, orioles, sparrows and meadowlarks. This is also one of the last nesting locations for Bobolinks in the state. Trails could be muddy, so bring your boots, and bug spray is recommended. Bring water and a snack. We will probably stop for lunch on the return trip. There is a \$3 entry fee for Maryland residents. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at Millersville Commuter Lot. Leader Sean McCandless. Contact Kevin Smith, 410-917-3004 or ravens3077@yahoo.com.

ANNUAL PICNIC. **Montgomery.** Black Hills Regional Park. Reservations for a shelter #H are made and we look forward to grilling and mingling with members. Afterwards we'll explore the park for birds. 5-8 PM.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Fran Uhler Natural Area. 7:30 AM. Meet at end of Lemon Br Rd off Laurel Bowie Rd just north of Bowie College. No reservations needed. Leader Bill Sefton, kiwisuits@msn.com.

♣ **Washington.** Cushwa Basin. Enjoy a morning of birding along the C&O Canal. 7:30 AM. Meet at Cushwa Basin parking lot in Williamsport. Contact leader Sandy Sagalkin, [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465 for additional information.  
MOS BOARD MEETING. Hosted by Washington County.

**Sunday, June 4**

♣ **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 may assist in checking bluebird boxes. Though participants may 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. Hut is not typically staffed this early, so entry should be free. Contact Stacy Epperson, [stac.epperson@gmail.com](mailto:stac.epperson@gmail.com) (preferred) or 410-987-7533.

PICNIC. **Baltimore.** Pot luck picnic at the Irvine Nature Center visitor center patio. Noon-2 PM. 11201 Garrison Forest Rd, Owings Mills. Contact food coordinator Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com), to let him know what you're bringing. No cooking or heating on-site, so bring your food fully prepared.

♣ **Cecil.** Field Trip for Beginners. Courthouse Point MHA is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and managed for hunting by the Maryland DNR. Possible sightings include Northern Harrier, Little Blue Heron, Wild Turkey, Marsh Wren, Scarlet Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, Swamp Sparrow. This is one of the best spots in the county for the elusive Yellow-breasted Chat. Easy walking on mostly level ground. Sunscreen and bug spray are strongly recommended. Binoculars and enthusiasm are required! Note: Parking permit is required for each car. There is no fee. Request permit online from Maryland DNR, or mail your request to Gwynnbrook Wildlife and Heritage Service Office, 3740 Gwynnbrook Ave, Owings Mills, MD 21117. 7:30 AM (half day.) Meet near Dunkin' Donuts in Big Elk Mall, intersection of Rt 40 and Rt 213 in Elkton. Leader Maryanne Dolan, [maryanne.dolan@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne.dolan@gmail.com).

♣ **Talbot.** Mill Creek Preserve near Wye Mills. Enjoy a stroll around one of MOS' properties that is under the stewardship of Talbot Bird Club. Expect breeding woodland

birds and possibly some late migrating warblers and other songbirds. 7 AM. Depart Easton Acme parking lot. Leader Wayne Bell, 410-820-6002 or [wbell2@washcoll.edu](mailto:wbell2@washcoll.edu).

### Tuesday, June 6

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** South Tract of Patuxent Wildlife Center. First in a series of quarterly walks at the South Tract. We will walk some of the trails and stop at the Pollinator Garden and bird feeder area near the Visitors' Center. Be prepared to walk about 2 miles so wear sturdy shoes and pack water. 8 AM. Meet in the parking lot of the National Wildlife Visitors Center off Powder Mill Rd in Beltsville. Contact leader Marcia Watson, [marshwren50@comcast.net](mailto:marshwren50@comcast.net), for more info.

### Saturday, June 10

♣ **Allegany/Garrett.** Field trip for Night Hawks, Whip-poor-wills and Owls. 8:15 PM. Meet on the downtown Cumberland Mall near Mark's Café. Garrett County carpool from Rt 36 and I-68 P&R at 7:15 PM. Contact Melissa Hensel, [mjhensel@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhensel@yahoo.com) or 240-362-1086.

♣ **Baltimore.** Mount Vista Park (near Perry Hall.) For Blue Grosbeak, Pine Warbler, Chipping Sparrow, possible Prairie Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-shouldered Hawk. 7:30 AM. Meet at Cromwell Bridge Rd P&R. Leader Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

♣ **Carroll.** Grassland Birds of Carroll County. Join Bob Ringler as he leads us across the County in search of grassland birds and whatever else turns up. 8 AM (up to all day.) Meet at the P&R on Rte 32 just S of Rte 26 in Eldersburg. Contact Bob at 410-303-2792.

### Sunday, June 11

♣ **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. 8-11 AM.

Meet at Blue Heron Center. 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 waterfowl, marsh birds, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. 9 AM. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or [baypuffin@hotmail.com](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

♣ **Baltimore.** Patterson Park. Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. 8 AM. Meet at the White House in the Park. For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center, 410-558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

♣ **Harford.** Susquehanna SP Warbler Walk. Catch the last of the migrating warblers along with resident flycatchers and orioles. Look for some nesting warblers as well. 7 AM. Meet in the parking area of the Mill at Rock Run. Contact leader Tim Houghton, [timhoughton@comcast.net](mailto:timhoughton@comcast.net). or 410-510-7504, for details and likely and recent sightings.

♣ **Talbot.** Tara Road in Dorchester County in search of calling Whip-poor-wills, Chuck-wills-widows and possibly an owl or two. 7 PM. Depart Easton Acme parking lot. Leaders Wayne Bell, 410-820-6002 or [wbell2@washcoll.edu](mailto:wbell2@washcoll.edu), and George Radcliffe.

♣ **Washington.** City Park. 8 AM. Meet at the Hager House parking lot. Co-sponsored with Hagerstown Parks and Recreation. Contact Larry Zaleski at 301-491-2866.

### Monday, June 12

PLANNING MEETING. **Talbot.** Potluck dinner. 7 PM. Hosts Priscilla and Paul Thut, 410-745-6657.

### Tuesday, June 13

PLANNING MEETING. **Allegany/Garrett.** 6:30 PM. Frostburg Public Library. Street parking is available, as well as parking in back of the library. Take elevator to meeting room. Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine at [nmjak0527@gmail.com](mailto:nmjak0527@gmail.com) or 443-608-9248.

MEETING. **Patuxent/PG.** Annual business meeting and election of officers, and Members' Slide Show night. Bring ≤ 25 slides on flash drive. Please email Fred Fallon, [fwfallon@ymail.com](mailto:fwfallon@ymail.com), if you plan to show slides. Meeting at the College Park Airport Operations Building, 1985 Cpl Scott Dr off Paint Branch Parkway, at the E end of College Ave. Doors open at 7 PM for refreshments and socializing; program begins at 7:30.

#### Thursday, June 15

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Lake Artemesia. ADA-compliant. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights. Leader David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net). No reservations required.

#### Saturday, June 17

♣ **Anne Arundel.** Wooton's Landing and Sands Rd. Located along the Patuxent River, Wooton's Landing is a hidden gem for birding. Grass covered trails wind through forest-edged fields and wetlands with a deck overlooking the river wetlands. Boots may be needed but the trails are level. Next, we will take a short drive south to the park located at the intersection of Sands and Bayard Rds. This is an excellent location for falcons, Grasshopper Sparrows and Eastern Meadowlarks. There are moderate elevation changes. Bug spray and tick repellent is highly recommended for both locations. Both locations have small parking lots and no facilities. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at Parole P&R. Contact Kevin Smith, 410-917-3004 or [ravens3077@yahoo.com](mailto:ravens3077@yahoo.com).


♣ **Cecil.** 8th Annual Northeast River Wade-In. Join us as we pull up our pant legs and wade into the Upper Chesapeake Bay to measure water quality the way retired Maryland State Senator Bernie Fowler does with his "sneaker index." Rain or shine. Wear light-colored shoes that you don't mind getting wet. Free and open to the public—the more, the merrier! 10 AM–2 PM. Northeast Beach in Elk Neck SP. For details contact Sean "Bird Dog" McCandless, [seanmccandless1@gmail.com](mailto:seanmccandless1@gmail.com) or 410-996-5267.

♣ **Harford.** Swan Harbor Farm Park Evening on the Rail Trail. Join experienced leader Dave Webb on the sunset trail for sightings of rails, bitterns, and other nocturnal species at Swan Harbor Farm Park, one of Maryland's "hot spots" of birding. Additional sites may be visited depending on what is being seen and where. Owls are also a possibility. 7:30 PM. Meet at the parking lot by the Agricultural Education Center. For further information contact Dave at [porzana@comcast.net](mailto:porzana@comcast.net) or 410-939-3537.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Governor Bridge Park. This park offers a wide variety of habitats - mature riparian woodlands, second growth scrub, open grassy fields, and small ponds and creeks. Regularly scheduled walk at 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).

♣ **Washington.** Morning of birding the Antietam Battlefield. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Burnside Bridge parking lot. Contact leader Mark Abdy, at [mjabdy@yahoo.com](mailto:mjabdy@yahoo.com) or 301-432-7696.

#### Saturday-Sunday, June 17-18

 **YMOS.** Youth trip to Garrett County. Interested students should contact George Radcliffe at [radclifg@gmail.com](mailto:radclifg@gmail.com)

#### Saturday, June 24

SUMMER PICNIC. **Carroll.** Amy Hoffman will again be hosting this annual event. Enjoy good food and good company. Bring your bathing suit if you are so inclined. Amy has a great pool. 1 PM. Contact her at 410-549-3598 if you plan on attending and tell her what food item you will be bringing.

♣ **Harford.** Perryville Community Park Paddle Outing. Join leaders Sue Procell, Colleen Webster, and Tom Gibson to paddle the usually serene waters of the well-protected Mill Creek and historic Furnace Bay. Eagles and Osprey are often seen soaring overhead, songbirds and wetland birds frequent the shoreline, and heron and waterfowl are common sightings. No rental

boats available. 9 AM. Meet at the launch at Stump Point. Contact Sue Procell, 443-417-4919 or [procellmd@gmail.com](mailto:procellmd@gmail.com), Colleen Webster, [cwebster@harford.edu](mailto:cwebster@harford.edu), or 410-459-4577, or Tom Gibson, 410-734-4135 or [gibsonlld@aol.com](mailto:gibsonlld@aol.com).

♣ **Washington.** Pangborn and Fairgrounds Parks. Co-sponsored with Hagerstown Parks and Recreation. 8 AM. Meet at the pond pavilion. Contact Larry Zaleski, 301-491-2866.

♣ **Washington.** Birding along the Final Attack Trail at Antietam Battlefield. Co-sponsored with Potomac Valley Audubon Society. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Burnside Bridge parking lot. Contact leader Sandy Sagalkin, [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465.

#### Sunday, June 25

PICNIC. **Washington.** Bring your own place setting, drink, and a dish to share. 4 PM. Camp Harding Park, 13029 Pectonville Rd, near Big Pool. Contact Anna Hutzell, [amp8185@aol.com](mailto:amp8185@aol.com) or 301-797-8454, for additional information.

#### Wednesday, June 28

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

#### Friday, June 30

♣ **Howard.** Ospreys at Jug Bay. A three-hour tour by pontoon boat at high tide to see Ospreys and their chicks. There is a \$20 fee (cash only) for this trip. 9 AM. Meeting at Patuxent River Park, 16000 Croom Airport Rd, Upper Marlboro. For reservations contact Mary Maxey, [maximom11998@gmail.com](mailto:maximom11998@gmail.com).

#### Saturday, July 1

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Fran Uhler Natural Area. 7:30 AM. Meet at end of Lemon Br Rd off Laurel Bowie Rd just north of Bowie College. No reservations needed. Leader Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

#### Thursday, July 6

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Lake Artemesia. ADA-compliant. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights. Leader David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net). No reservations required.

#### Sunday, July 9

♣ **Baltimore.** Marshy Point Nature Center. Easy walk through varied habitats for waterfowl, marsh birds, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. 9 AM. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or [baypuffin@hotmail.com](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

#### Friday, July 14

SUMMER SOCIAL MEETING. **Harford.** The Social begins with a smorgasbord of food and refreshing drinks, followed by a short business meeting, a formal change of command, and an intriguing presentation by *Dennis and Jean Kirkwood* on the "Endemic Lemurs, Birds, and Wildlife of Madagascar." Reservations are required, and the social is open only to members and their guests. 6:30 PM. Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, 700 Otter Point Rd, Abingdon. Contact Johanne Henrickson, [johen24@gmail.com](mailto:johen24@gmail.com).

#### Saturday, July 15

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regularly scheduled walk at Governor Bridge Park. 7:30 AM. Gov Br Rd, 1 mile E of Rt 310. Leader Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

#### Sunday, July 16

♣ **Harford.** Bombay Hook. This beautiful reserve in Delaware with its diverse coastal wetland habitats offers great promise for a variety of shorebirds, water birds, wading species, raptors and songbirds. Because of the trip length and the lack of local eateries, bring a lunch and sufficient drink for the day. 7:30 AM. Meet at the commuter lot near Havre de Grace on Rts. 155/I-95. Leader Russ Kovach, [russell.kovach@gmail.com](mailto:russell.kovach@gmail.com) or 443-386-4787.

**Thursday, July 20**

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Lake Artemesia. ADA-compliant. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights. Leader David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellAtlantic.net. No reservations required.

**Saturday, July 22**

♣ **Harford.** Hummingbird Banding. Watch from the expansive porch of Diane Jones's home overlooking beautiful gardens as the experienced bird bander, Bruce Peterjohn, skillfully and delicately bands our smallest bird. Contact Diane for details, directions and best viewing times, at 410-404-9180 or diane.v.jones@ssa.gov.

♣ **Washington.** Birding along the Final Attack Trail at Antietam Battlefield. Co-sponsored with Potomac Valley Audubon Society. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Burnside Bridge parking lot. Contact leader Sandy Sagalkin, [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465.

**Saturday, July 29**

♣ **Baltimore.** Patterson Park. Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. 8 AM. Meet at the White House in the Park. For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center, 410-558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

♣ **Harford.** Harford Glen Wildlife Search. The Glen is always beautiful and offers diverse habitat in a compact area. Do not miss the variety of wildlife and avian species found in this Harford County gem. Join Matt Hafner and members of the Susquehannock Wildlife Society in finding and appreciating the herps, insects, mammals and birds that this exceptional site offers. This is a family friendly trip. 9 AM. Join them in the parking lot of the Glen. Contact Matt Hafner, hafner.matt@gmail.com or 410-971-3203, for further information.

**Thursday, August 3**

♣ **Baltimore.** Evening Canoe Birding Trip at Days Cove. Explore the scenic Days Cove

area by canoe and experience the marshlands as they come alive with wildlife activity in the dusk. Possible birds include Purple Martins, Marsh Wrens, Common Yellowthroats, Blue Grosbeaks, Virginia Rails and both orioles. Individuals must be at least 12 years old to participate in this 2-2.5 mile paddle. This area is not normally open to the public. This event is cancelled in inclement weather. Cost is \$10 per person. Leader Kevin Graff. Pre-registration is required - contact Nancy O'Hara noh529@gmail.com or call 443-286-0922. Participation is limited to 25 and deadline for registering is July 27.

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Lake Artemesia. ADA-compliant. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights. Leader David Mozurkewich, mozurk@bellAtlantic.net. No reservations required.

**Saturday, August 5**

♣ **Cecil.** Mount Harmon Lotus Blossom Festival. We will have a table in the main tent at the most beautiful festival in Cecil County. Please stop by to see which birds we're spotting. The day will include a short field trip in the afternoon. 10 AM-4 PM. Mount Harmon Plantation, 600 Mount Harmon Rd, Earleville. Details at [mountharmon.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-Mount-Harmon-Lotus-Festival-flyer.pdf](http://mountharmon.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/2017-Mount-Harmon-Lotus-Festival-flyer.pdf).

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Fran Uhler Natural Area. 7:30 AM. Meet at end of Lemon Br Rd off Laurel Bowie Rd just north of Bowie College. No reservations needed. Leader Bill Sefton, kiwisuits@msn.com.

**Saturday, August 12**

♣ **Harford.** Butterflies, Dragonflies and Birds. Birds are the main interest of the HBC but there are other beautiful and fascinating creatures that fly. On this trip we certainly do not plan to ignore birds but our focus will be on finding and identifying butterflies and dragonflies. Total beginners to accomplished naturalists are welcome and encouraged to participate. 9 AM. Meet at Swan Harbor Farm Park. Helping with this outing will be Josh

Emm, [apistopanchax@gmail.com](mailto:apistopanchax@gmail.com) or 410-937-6790, and Colleen Webster, [cwebster@harford.edu](mailto:cwebster@harford.edu) or 410-459-4577. Weather is critical to this event, so be sure to check with one of the above if the forecast is questionable.

### **Sunday, August 13**

♣ **Baltimore.** Marshy Point Nature Center. Easy walk through varied habitats for waterfowl, marsh birds, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. 9 AM. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. Leaders Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

### **Thursday, August 17**

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Lake Artemesia. ADA-compliant. 6 PM. Meet at parking lot at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Heights. Leader David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net). No reservations required.

### **Saturday, August 19**

♣ **Patuxent/PG.** Regularly scheduled walk at Governor Bridge Park. 7:30 AM. Gov Br Rd, 1 mile E of Rt 310. Leader Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

♣ **Washington.** Birding along the Final Attack Trail at Antietam Battlefield. Co-sponsored with Potomac Valley Audubon Society. 7:30 AM. Meet at the Burnside Bridge parking lot. Contact leader Sandy Sagalkin, [sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.sagalkin@gmail.com) or 240-291-6465.

### **Saturday, August 26**

♣ **Baltimore.** Patterson Park. Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. 8 AM. Meet at the White House in the Park. For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center, 410-558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

♣ **Harford.** Shorebird Search. Dennis Kirkwood and Josh Emm lead the search for shorebirds along the shores of Harford County. Beginners looking to improve their

identification skills will find this trip very informative. Experienced birders will have the opportunity to search for rarities. All will enjoy this morning trip. Scopes helpful but not required. 7:30 AM. Meet at the parking lot near the launch ramp of Tydings Park in Havre de Grace. Contact Dennis at [newarkfarms@gmail.com](mailto:newarkfarms@gmail.com) or 410-692-5905.

PICNIC. **Washington.** Camp Harding Park. Bring your own place setting, drink, and a dish to share. 4 PM. Meet at Camp Harding Park, 13029 Pectonville Rd, near Big Pool. Contact Anna Hutzell, [amp8185@aol.com](mailto:amp8185@aol.com) or 301-797-8454, for additional information.

### **Saturday, September 2**

♣ **Cecil.** Turkey Point Migrants and Hawk Watch Kickoff. Join us for the traditional kickoff to the annual Turkey Point Hawk Watch, which runs every day from Labor Day weekend through Thanksgiving. Walk through the woods and fields for migrant songbirds, including early warblers. Be prepared for a round-trip hike to the Point, a distance of about two miles. 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 drinks and/or snacks. Sunscreen and bug spray are strongly recommended. 7 AM (half day.) Meet at the Turkey Point Parking Lot. Leader Sean "Bird Dog" McCandless, [seanmccandless1@gmail.com](mailto:seanmccandless1@gmail.com).

♣ **Howard.** Dick Smith Memorial Butterfly Walk. Enjoy searching for late-summer butterflies with instruction on their identification. Easy walking on mowed paths around the community garden plots and Elkhorn meadow. We will continue on paved paths and mowed areas near the right-of-way alongside open, flowery wet meadows and brushy hillsides. Bring close-focus binoculars to view nectaring behavior. Canceled if raining or overcast. No facilities. 9:30 AM, 2-3 hours. Meet at Elkhorn Garden Plots, Oakland Mills Rd opposite Dasher Ct. Leader Linda Hunt, [raven10322@hotmail.com](mailto:raven10322@hotmail.com).



‡ **Patuxent/PG.** Regular-scheduled walk at Fran Uhler Natural Area. 7:30 AM. Meet at end of Lemon Br Rd off Laurel Bowie Rd just north of Bowie College. No reservations needed. Leader Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

**Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)**

‡ **Harford.** Ma & Pa Trail. Stroll a portion of this popular trail, walking from Annie's Playground towards Tollgate Rd in search of early migrants and local residents. The diverse habitats along the way promise a good variety of species. 7 AM. Meet at the parking lot near Annie's Playground on Smith Ln off Connolly Rd in Fallston. The leader is Elaine Beery, [ehbeery@yahoo.com](mailto:ehbeery@yahoo.com) or 410-272-6037.