

MOS SPEAKERS LIST

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*Abdy, Mark

Contact Information

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Sharpsburg, MD 21782
301-432-7696
mjabdy@yahoo.com

Distance: Statewide on a case by case basis

Fees: Mileage

Equipment Needed: A/V for PowerPoint

Programs:

- *Avian Influenza 101 – Mark is a veterinarian that works on public health issues for the US government and follows avian H5N1 influenza closely.*
- *Birds of Southern Africa – He leads safaris to southern Africa each year and is compiling a slide presentation on the various bird species he has photographed.*

*Baicich, Paul

Contact Information

PO Box 404
Oxon Hill, MD 20750
410-922-9736
paul.baicich@verizon.net

Distance: 100 miles

Fees: gas and honorarium

Equipment Needed: PowerPoint projector

Programs:

- *Birders, Conservation, and Refuges: Making Better Connections*
- *Appreciating and Expanding the Federal “Duck Stamp”*
- *The Amazing Breeding Biology of North American Birds*
- *Attu – Birding on the Edge*
- *A Shade-grown and Bird-compatible Coffee Future*
- *The 10 Most Important Things You can do for Birds and Bird Conservation*
- *Rice can be Nice – Lessons for Bird Conservation*
- *The Travel-and-Birding Network in North America: How It Evolved and How It Works*

*Balestri, Marcia

Contact Information

7922 Edgewood Church Rd.
Frederick, MD 21702
301-473-5098
mebalestri@comcast.net

Distance: Anywhere

Fees: Negotiable

Equipment Needed: PowerPoint Projector

Programs

- *Birding Cuba*

*Bell, Wayne, Past President MOS

Contact Information

6682 J. Oren Road
Easton, MD 21601-4550
410-820-6002
Wbell2@washcoll.edu

Distance: 100 miles one-way

Fee: none, except overnight lodging for distant engagements

Equipment Needed: Self-contained; use PowerPoint to show slides. Require a screen & table for laptop computer and projector.

Program:

- *An Ecologist Visits Peru*

*Blazer, Dave, MD Project Manager EcoLogix Group

Contact Information

Talbot Energy Associates
236 Ocean Parkway
Berlin, MD 21811
410-726-2235
dblazer@ecologixgroup.com

Distance: no limit

Fees: none

Equipment Needed: Screen

Program:

- *Offshore Wind Power in Maryland*

Boone, Dan

Contact Information:

8111 Chestnut Ave.
Bowie, MD 20715-4521
301-464-5199
ddanboone@yahoo.com

Distance: State Wide

Fees: Mileage reimbursement and \$50 honorarium

Equipment Needed: Laptop and digital projector for PowerPoint

Program:

- *Unintended consequences: The threat to wildlife and habitat from siting industrial wind turbines along Appalachian ridge tops.*

*Bowen, Michael

Contact Information:

8609 Ewing Dr.
Bethesda, MD 20817-3845
301-530-5764
dhmbowen@yahoo.com

Distance: Anywhere within the state of MD, with provision of funds for a locally located hotel/motel room for one night in locations beyond easy driving distance from Montgomery County.

Fees: \$50, which will be turned over to the YMOS Young Birders.

Equipment Needed: Possesses own digital projector, laptop computer & audio speakers; needs a screen & access to electrical outlet.

Program:

- *Birding Wales*
- *Workshop on Warblers of Maryland (with Linda Friedland) – available either as 2-plus hour workshop or approximately 1-hour “abbreviated version”*

*Brewer, Gwen

Contact Information:

Gwen Brewer
9505 Bland St.
Waldorf, MD 20603
301-843-3524
glbrewer@comcast.net

Distance: 1 hour of Annapolis or Waldorf, further negotiable.

Fees: None

Equipment Needed: LCD Projector if possible. She will bring her own if necessary.

Programs:

- *Birds, Landscapes and Cultures of Ecuador*
- *Birds and Bats of the Brazilian Amazon* - A joint program with George Jett.

*Brinker, David

Contact Information:

Central Appalachian Goshawk Project & Project Owl
1200 Frederick Rd.
Catonsville, MD 21228
410-744-8939 - office
410-744-3246 - home
E-mail: dbrinker@vserizon.net or dbrinker@dnr.state.md.us

Distance: Maryland & adjacent states

Fees: None if local (most cases); travel, etc., if long distance or

Over night is required; speakers fee is optional

Equipment Needed: LCD Projector for PowerPoint if possible or he can usually bring one.

Programs:

- *Strikers in the night: The ecology and natural history of Black Skimmers*
- *Maryland's Colonial Waterbirds are not birds from the 1600's*
- *Goshawks: Birds driven by their prey and when the next invasion might be due?*
- *Midwestern Red-tailed Hawk Migration: Where do they come from and where do they go?*
- *Natural History and Conservation of Northern Saw-whet Owls in the Central and Southern Appalachian Mountains*
- *Project OwlNet: revealing the Migration Mysteries of Northern Saw-whet Owls.*
- *What a wonderful bird is the pelican: Brown Pelicans in Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay*
- *Maryland's Biodiversity: The wonders of the free state and how we go about biodiversity conservation*
- *Owls of North America: Whoooo are they and what makes them tick*
- *Maryland's Secretive Marshbirds: Will they survive sea level rise?*

Brody, Doris & Phil

Contact Information:

6107 Benadler Dr.
Bethesda, MD 20816-1007
301-229-5924
dcbrody@verizon.net

Distance: Negotiable

Fee: None

Equipment: Program is on disc; a laptop & compatible projector for disc.

Program:

- Finding Birds on Your own in Costa Rica

*Brown, Cliff, Maryland Wood Duck Initiative

Contact Information:

3021 45th St, NW
Washington, DC 20016
703-447-5142
cliftonabrown@aol.com

Distance: Maryland state wide subject to overall travel logistics of field work and coordination of presentations with other activities.

Fee: None required but, as we raise no dues and are all volunteer anything always welcomed, especially gas money.

Equipment Needed: Laptop for power point presentation, screen.

Programs:

- Review of MWDI activities, volunteer opportunities for field work, nest inspection, educational program outings, new program development.
- A Review of Artificial Nest Program Best Practices

*Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Contact Information:

Heather Tuckfield
6 Herndon Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21012
443-482-2151
htuckfield@cbf.org

Distance: Anywhere within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed area

Fees: None

Equipment Needed: Projector & Screen for a PowerPoint Presentation

Programs:

- *State of the Bay and How the Bay is Doing*
- *Bay-friendly Landscaping*
- *Oyster Gardening/Restoration*

*Coskren, Dennis

Contact Information:

6324 Sandchain Road
Columbia, MD 21045
410-381-7344
coskren@verizon.net

Distance: 100 miles

Fees: \$100

Equipment Needed: Computer

Program:

- *Maryland's Himalayas – how habitats are influenced by the geology of an area*
- *Birds and Natural History of Northwestern Mexico*
- *Birds and Natural History of Ecuador*
- *Birds and Natural History of Northwestern Peru*
- *Birds and Natural History of Costa Rica*
- *Birds and Natural History of Panama*

*Curson, David, PhD

Contact Information:

Director of Bird Conservation
Audubon MD-DC
2901 E. Baltimore St.
Baltimore, MD 21224
410-558-2473 (office)
410-675-4963 (home)
dcurson@audubon.org

Distance: Anywhere in the state

Fee: Donation to IBA Program welcomed.

Equipment Needed: Has own computer and projector. Only needs a screen.

Programs:

- *Audubon's Salt Marsh Bird Conservation Initiative*
- *The Important Bird Area Program in Maryland and DC*
- *The Brown-headed Cowbird - a conservation challenge*

*Davis, Phil

Contact Information:

2549 Vale Court
Davidsonville, MD 21035
301-261-0184
pdavis@ix.netcom.com

Distance: state-wide

Fees: None

Equipment Needed: None; he has his own digital projector & speakers for his laptop.

Programs:

- *Maryland's Next Species* – (Note: If this presentation is requested, Phil will update the presentation and the synopsis to reflect the latest "Next Maryland Species" poll that was taken in 2009) In the fall of 2001, the editors of the Maryland Yellowthroat polled a number of Maryland birders to determine which species they predicted would be the next to be observed in our state. Anne Arundel Bird Club member Marshall Iliff compiled the results of the poll and prepared a detailed article enhanced with many ornithological and editorial comments. The resulting article was published in the Jan/Feb 2002 issue of the Maryland Yellowthroat. This PowerPoint presentation provides an update to that survey, indicating which species have since been recorded in the state, which ones are currently under review by the MD/DC Records Committee, and which ones are still predicted. For the still-predicted species, field identification is discussed, including key field marks with particular emphasis on how to separate similar species. Trips on where and when to look are also covered. This multi-media presentation includes both images and vocalizations.
- *A Southern Oceans Expedition* – A multi-media presentation on the scenery, birds, and other wildlife of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia Island, and the Antarctic Peninsula. In January-February 2003, Phil and Barbara Davis cruised the Southern Oceans and made 15 Zodiac landings. Their PowerPoint presentation features beautiful digital images and audio-video clips of landscapes, icebergs, penguins, other birds, and marine mammals.
- *Bird the Bearing Sea: Western Alaska Specialties and Asian Vagrants* – Any avid ABA lister must sooner or later trek to the Bearing Sea region to tick off Western Alaska specialties such as Red-legged Kittiwake, Whiskered Auklet, and Common Ringed Plover and, at the same time, hope to encounter some Asian vagrants along the way. Phil has journeyed 13 times to Western Alaska and has compiled a multimedia presentation on the birding locations and the key target species of the region. His presentation introduces the Western Alaska birding locations of Attu, Shemya, Adak, Dutch Harbor, the Pribilof Islands, Gambell, and

Nome. In addition to the “common” seabirds of the Bearing Sea (murre, puffins, guillemots, etc.), his presentation includes photos and discusses target species he has seen in Western Alaska since 1998. He also summarizes Western Alaskan and Asian subspecies that are candidates for future AOU splits. Species covered include the following:

Western Alaskan Specialties: Emperor Goose, Steller’s Eider, Spectacled Eider, King Eider, Willow Ptarmigan, Rock Ptarmigan, Arctic Loon, Yellow-billed Loon, Red-faced Cormorant, Pacific Golden-necked Stint, Rock Sandpiper, Vega Gull, Slaty-backed Gull, Red-legged Kittiwake, Ivory Gull, Ross’s Gull, all three jaegers, Dovekie, Whiskered Auklet, Bluethroat, Northern Wheatear, Eastern Yellow Wagtail, White Wagtail, Red-throated Pipit, McKay’s Bunting, and Hoary Redpoll.

Asian Vagrants: Bean Goose, Smew, Lesser Sand Plover, Common Sandpiper, Common Greenshank, Wood Sandpiper, Black-tailed Godwit, Long-toed Stint, Sharp-tailed Sandpiper, Ruff, Common Snipe, Eurasian Wryneck, Siberian Stonechat, Siberian Rubythroat, Gray Wagtail, Little Bunting, Brambling, and Eurasian Bullfinch.

*Derrickson, (Mr./Professor) Kim

Contact Information:

Professor
Department of Biology
Loyola College
4501 North Charles St.
Baltimore, MD 21210
410-617-2197
kderrickson@loyola.edu

Distance: 50-60 Miles

Fees: Negotiable

Equipment Needed: PowerPoint & Projection Systems; can bring his own if necessary.

Programs:

- *Nesting Biology of Wood Thrushes (Parental Behavioral Strategies Impact Nesting Success)*
- *How Birds Themselves Influence the Research Questions Asked by a Behavioral Ecologist – discussion of the movement of pairs of mallards, singing behavior in northern mockingbirds, singing and paternity in dusky antbirds, and the wood thrush research on singing and parental care.*
- *The Singing Behavior of Northern Mockingbirds.*

*Ellison, Walter

Contact Information:

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Chestertown, MD 21620
410-778-9568 home
410-778-6576 office
rossgull@baybroadband.net

Distance: 200 miles round trip

Fees: \$50

Equipment Needed: PowerPoint projector, screen

Programs:

- *Twenty Years of changing Birdlife: Results of the 2002-2006 MD-DC Atlas Project*
- *The History of Ornithology and Birding*
- Form, Function and Bird Identification
- Habitat and Nesting Biology

*Gemmill, Daphne

Contact Information:

215 - 10th Street, SE
Washington, D.C. 20003
202-546-3624 up until 10PM
dgemmill@mac.com

Distance: One hour from DC

Fees: Mileage

Equipment Needed: Slide Carousel; can bring her own if necessary. The first five presentations are digital.

Programs:

- *Birdlife of Vieques, Puerto Rico as Told by Old Field Notes*
- *Southeast Asia, Birds, Culture, and Food*
- *Zanzibar to Lake Victoria: An Unforgettable Tanzanian Wildlife Safari*
- *The Challenges of Birding the G's in West Africa (Gabon, Gambia, & Ghana)*
- *Follow "Our" Birds to the Greater Antilles (Jamaica, Hispaniola, Cuba & Puerto Rico)*
- *Midway Island, One of the Newest Birding Destinations*
- *Birding the Four Corners of South Africa/New Frontiers in Birding S. Africa*
- *The Birds of Midway Island in the Hawaii Island Chain*
- *Wildlife Viewing Opportunities Beyond the (fill in the local area): The Flora and Fauna of our National Forests*
- *Madagascar: A Conservation Challenge*
- *The Shearwaters of Rhum, Scotland*
- *Sound Recording Darwin Finches, the Galapagos Islands*
- *Banding Snow Geese on the Tundra in Manitoba—What did We Learn?*
- *The Birds of the Falkland Islands, S. Georgia and Antarctica*
- *Birds of the New Zealand Subantarctic*
- *The Shy Albatross: Two Weeks on a Very Small Albatross Island off Australia*

- *Birding at the End of the Earth, Attu, Alaska*
- *Banding Warblers in the Bahamas*
- *Earthwatch Ornithological Expeditions*
- *Birds of High Altitudes and Latitudes*
- *Birds of Remote Tropical Islands*

Geuder, Ralph

Contact Information:

5219 Talbots Landing
 Ellicott City, MD 21043
 410-788-3764
 OldHawk@aol.com

Distance: Within 2 hours of Columbia

Fees: Gas money

Equipment Needed: digital projector for his laptop

Programs:

- *Eastern Hawk Watch Sites*

*Gutberlet, Ron

Contact Information:

27337 Musket Dr.
 Salisbury, MD 21801
 903-714-7589 (cell)
 410-334-2655 (home)
 rlgutberlet@salisbury.edu

Distance: Unlimited

Fees: none

Equipment: Uses a laptop & projector: can bring his own when needed.

Programs:

- *A Year on the Road with North American Birds*
- *Alaska 2008: Gambell, Nome, and Homer*
- *New Access to Old Places: Natural History Exploration in Southern Peru*

*Harris, Clive

Contact Information:

6507 – 75th Place
 Cabin John, MD 20810
 301-320-9769
 clivegharris@yahoo.com

Distance: check w/Clive

Fees: none

Equipment Needed: He will bring a PPT file and need a computer & projector.

Program:

- *Gull ID*

*Harvey, Dave

Contact Information:

410-795-3117

dahtangara@verizon.net

Distance: -

Fees: Negotiable – up to the host club.

Equipment Needed: Computer and Projector*

Program:

- *Big Bend, Texas*
- *Bosque del Apache, New Mexico*
- *Peru*
- *Southern England*
- *Southern Spain*
- *Mallorca*

*Heffernan, Kevin & Karen Darcy

Contact Information:

9775 Diversified Lane

Ellicott City, MD 21042

410-418-8731 (H), 443-668-7618 (C)

kjheff@aol.com

Distance: 90 minutes one way

Fees: Gas money

Equipment Needed: Power Point presentation so computer, projector, need sound for Belize talk.

Programs:

- *Alaska Birding*
- *Belize Birding*
- *Birding South Florida and the Dry Tortugas*

Henkart, Pierre

Contact Information:

458 Honoring Trail

Annapolis, MD 21401

410-849-5343

henkartp@hotmail.com

Distance: Within a 1 hour drive of Annapolis.

Fees: none

Equipment Needed: Screen suitable for the room.

Program:

- *The Birds of Tropical Queensland, Australia, and the Albatrosses and Penguins of New Zealand*

*Hershberger, Wilbur

Contact Information:

wil@natureimagesandsounds.com

Distance: - any distance

Fees: \$75

Equipment Needed: Large Screen

Programs:

- *Songs of Insects*
- *A Celebration of Bird Song*
- *Bird Photography in the Digital Age*
- *Nature Sound Recording – Why and How (includes a discussion of Cornell Lab developments)*
- *Yellowstone National Park*

*Hoffman, Mark

Contact Information:

wcbirding@comcast.net

Distance: any distance

Fees: \$100

Equipment Needed: Screen, projector for computer

Program:

- *Rare Birds of Maryland*
- *Northeast Montana Prairies Birding Trail*

*Jett, George

Contact Information:

9505 Bland Street

Waldorf, MD 20603

301-843-3524

gmjett@comcast.net

Distance: Any MOS Chapter

Fee: Compensation for travel and, if possible, dinner

Equipment Needed: LCD Projector and Laptop

Programs:

- *The Big Picture – My big photo year in 2008 – A fund raiser for the American Bird Conservancy. See article in May/June 2009 issue of Yellowthroat for details.*
- *Conservation and Birding in Columbia*
- *Winter Birding in Arizona*
- *Birds and Bats in the Brazilian Amazon*
- *A Snapshot of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, TX – Going Digital*
- *Out of Season, Out of Range Hummingbirds* – recaps the historical information of generally winter hummingbirds with images. How to attract and feed them, etc.
- *I'm Number One* – Maryland's first records with pictures and a story about the bird. How to document the first records and get the message out
- *An Abridged Natural History of Southern Maryland*
- *Grand Argentina and Chile*

*Kearns, Greg, Park Naturalist

Contact Information:

Patuxent River Park
16000 Croom Airport Rd.
Upper Marlboro, MD
301-627-6074
Greg.kearns@pgparks.com

Distance: Will discuss

Fee: Honorarium for gas preferred

Equipment Needed: None

Programs: Too many to list all. Contact Greg for details.

- *Of Rice and Rails: A Report on Rail Populations at Jug Bay and the Importance of Wild Rice*
- *Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.*
- *South Africa*
- *The Pantanal*
- *Galapagos*

*Mackiernan, Gail

Contact Information

216 Mowbray Rd.
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-989-1828
katahdinss@comcast.net

Distance: 1 ½ hours

Fees: Travel expenses reimbursed

Equipment Needed: Digital projector/laptop computer (can supply if necessary).

For some programs, Slide projector: Screen.

Programs:

- *Bhutan (digital)*
- *Uganda (digital)*
- *Caribbean – Greater Antilles*
- *Caribbean – Lesser Antilles*
- *Longest Pelagic: Capetown to Chile via. Antarctica*
- *South Africa*
- *Peru*
- *Israel*
- *Eastern Pacific Odyssey – California to Chile*

*McCann, Jim (DNR)

Contact Information:

Natural Heritage Program
MD Dept. Natural Heritage Program
Frostburg, MD
301-689-7105
jmccann@dnr.state.md.us

Distance: Statewide, depending on audience and time of year

Fees: Not required. Honorarium can be donated to Natural Heritage Program

Equipment Needed: none

Programs:

- *Ecology and Conservation of Freshwater Mussels*
- *Dragonflies and Damselflies*
- *Tiger Beetles*
- *Forest Interior Bird Conservation*
- *Rare, Threatened and Endangered Animals*

*Messersmith, Dr. Donald

Contact Information:

3158 Gracefield Rd. #322
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301) 890-1952
dsmessersmith@comcast.net

Distance: Unlimited

Fees: Travel

Equipment Needed: Will bring his own projector.

Programs (call for additional programs):

- *Changes in Birding in China over 25 Years*
- *Birding and/or Natural History in Australia*
- *Birding in the Australian Outback*
- *Finding Rare Birds in Western Australia*
- *Birding and/or Natural History in China*
- *Birding and/or Natural History in Europe*
- *Cruising for Birds in Antarctica Waters*
- *Birding in India and Nepal*
- *Birding in the Falkland Islands*
- *Birding in the Cook Islands*
- *Birding in Southeast Brazil*
- *Birds of the World*
- *Research on Rare Cranes in China*
- *Insects of the World*
- *Natural History of Belize*
- *Natural History of the Galapagos Islands*
- *60 Years Finding & Studying Birds: My Life as a Naturalist*
- *Venezuela is For the Birds*
- *Wildlife of East (or South Africa) Africa*

*Metter, Elayne & Jeff

Contact Information:

4626 Live Oak Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-350-3980 (W), 443-622-1428 ©
metterj@mail.nih.gov

Distance: no limit

Fees: none

Equipment Needed: Digital Projector

Programs (call for additional programs):

- *Birding in the Cairnes Region of Queensland, Australia*
- *On a Clear Day You See L.A. – Birding Opportunities near Lost Angeles Airports*

*Millenson, Janet (Montgomery County Chapter Member

Contact Information:

(301) 983-9337
janet@twocrows.com

Distance: Not specified

Fees: Not specified

Equipment Needed: Laptop plus digital projector for the PowerPoint program.

Program:

- *Three Centuries of Birds- Artists and writers before Audubon*

*Mumford, Robert E. Jr. (author and photographer)

Contact Information:

(301) 948-6813 (w)
(301) 740-7576 (h)
natimgs@aol.com
www.naturalimgs.com

Distance: Up to 100 miles

Fees: Within 25 miles - \$75

Within 60 miles - \$100

Within 100 miles - \$125

Opportunity to bring matted prints for sale before or after the show.

Equipment Needed: Carousel Projector, Lectern, Digital Projector for the last program.

Programs:

- *Timeless Patterns - The Seasons at Churchill* which includes mammals, including polar bear, wildflowers and scenics, plus the usual northern birds: both Ptarmigan; NH, Snowy, and Boreal Owls; Smiths and Lapland Longspurs; Pine Grosbeak; BB and TT Woodpeckers; Merlin; breeding waders; etc. The results of 25 trips to that area.
- *Tanzanian Treasures* - Wildlife, birds and scenes. The results of two trips to the

country, including Arusha, Lake Manyara, Serengeti and Tarangire national parks, as well as the Ngorongoro Crater. Mammals include the big cats, elephants, zebras, bat-eared foxes, zebras and antelopes. Birds include many raptors, including the very rare red-necked falcon, rollers, spurfowl, waders and others.

- *Natural Kenya* – Wildlife, birds and scenes. This program reflects a month in Kenya, half in a wet summer (2004) and half in a dry (2005). Four national parks and one other major natural area were visited: Samburu, Buffalo Springs, Lake Nakuru (brackish), Lake Naivasha (Fresh), and the renowned Maasai Mara. The show will feature the big cats, different antelope, black and white rhinos, sparring elephants, and such unusual animals as gerenuks, reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra. Birds depicted include rollers, weavers, hornbills, kingfishers, raptors, and barbets. A huge puff adder, which kills more people in Africa than all other snake species combined, will also be shown.
- *East Africa Birds* – Birds and a few scenes combined from the above shows on Kenya and Tanzania
- *Florida Birds* – Birds and a few scenes from 25 locations in mainly South Florida, including Great White Heron, Mangrove Cuckoo, Common and Hill Mynas, Cave Swallow, Spot-breasted Oriole, parrots and parakeets, Florida Scrub Jay and more. Also a few other critters and a flower or two.
- *Exquisite Ecuador: A Taste of the Andes* – Birds, wildflowers, and a few scenes from the area both east and west of Quito, from about 4000 feet elevation to 14,000. Included are at least 15 species of tanagers, 20 species of hummingbirds, Choco Toucan, Crimson-rumped Toucanet, Rufous-bellied Seedsnipe, the endangered Black-faced Ibis, four species of Antpitta, including the Giant, and a gorgeous Golden-headed Quetzal. Not to mention the exotic Oilbird.
- *Ecuador South and East* – Birds, wildflowers, including orchids, and a few scenes from the Napo River basin (the Amazon basin) and the area south of Guayaquil to the Peruvian border. Also, a few reptiles, amphibians and mammals. Includes a number of hummingbirds, Chestnut-mandibled Toucan, Hoatzin, several screech owls, Scarlet Macaw, other parrots and parakeets. Jacana, the rare Zig-Zag heron, Barred Puffbird, and the endangered jocotoco Antpitta. Work from Podocarpus National park as well as Jocotoco Foundation Reserves.
- *The Best of Ecuador* – The most compelling images from at least 40 locations in Ecuador, from the Amazon Basin to the top of Papallacta Pass at 14,000 feet. See the Beryl-Spangled Tanager feeding young, rare and endangered species, Roadside Hawk eating a legless lizard, hummers in flight, and the exotic Sunbittern. Also parrots and parakeets at the world famous Napo River clay licks.

All are 140 slide or image presentations, with Q&A's, about one hour in length.

*Olsson, Wendy

Contact Information:

2211 Sulgrave Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21209
C 410-409-7086
H 410-664-1332
rwolsson@verizon.net

Distance: Contact Wendy

Fees: None

Equipment Needed: Laptop and laptop projector

Programs:

- *Lights Out Baltimore!*

*Omland, Kevin (PhD)

Contact Information:

Associate Professor
Dept. of Biological Sciences
University of Maryland Baltimore County
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250
410-455-2243 (phone)
410-455-3875 (fax)
omland@umbc.edu

Distance: Anywhere in the state

Fees: None

Equipment Needed: Can provide his own computer & Powerpoint Projector

Programs:

- Geographic Biases in Evolutionary Studies of Bird Color and Song: How the Baltimore Oriole Helps Lead Us Astray
- Defining Species in the Age of Genomes: Phylogeny, Speciation, and Hybridization in the Baltimore Oriole Group.
- Speciation In Ravens, Complicated Histories of Isolation, Interbreeding and Speciation in the Western US.

*Parks, Jared

Contact Information:

Land Protection Specialist
Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
601 Locust Street, Suite 302
Cambridge, MD 21613
443-988-8128
jparks@eslc.org

Distance: Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot

Fees: None

Equipment Needed: Projector for PowerPoint presentation. He can bring one if none is available.

Program:

- *Voluntary Land Preservation Options on the Eastern Shore*

Robbins, Chan

Contact Information:

USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center
Laurel, MD 20708-4015
(301) 497-5641, FAX (301) 497-5545
crobbins@usgs.gov

Distance:

Fees:

Equipment Needed: PowerPoint Programs

Programs:

- *Wintering with the Neotropical Migrants**
- *What I Have Learned from 100,000 Hours of Backyard Banding**

Scales and Tales

Contact Information:

Scales and Tales
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/snt/html>

Check the above email address for contact information throughout the state.

Distance: State Wide

Fees: There is a service charge

Program:

- *They have a wide variety of programs for all age groups, including Wings and Things and The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, both geared to all ages*

*Scallion, Mark

Contact Information

11450 Audubon Lane
Easton, MD 21601
410-770-4585
mscallion@pickeringcreek.org

Distance: Check with Mark.

Fees: Payment for mileage if location is off the Eastern Shore.

Equipment Needed:

Program: None

- Pickering Creek

*Schwarz, Kurt

Contact Information:

9045 Dunloggin Ct.
Ellicott City, MD 21042
410-461-1643
Krschwa1@verizon.net

Distance:

Fees: none

Equipment Needed: Projector for PowerPoint

Program:

- *Trogons and Mot-Mots: A February 2008 Trip to the West Coast of Mexico around San Blas. Mangroves, Mountains and Beaches.*
- *Aimophila Adventures: Most birders travel to southeast Arizona to seek such showy birds as Elegant Trogon and Flame-colored Tanager. Howard Bird Club Member and MOS Conservation Chair Kurt Schwarz spent the summer of 2009 in the region, and did look for such birds, but he also took time to study those little brown jobs that make Maryland sparrows appear downright gaudy. Kurt will show uncharacteristically in-focus pictures of many of Arizona's specialties such as Scott's Oriole and the ultimate LBJ, Botteri's Sparrow.*

*Schaefer, Bob

Contact information

1890 Long Corner Rd.
Mt. Airy, MD 21771
301-831-5660
robert.schaefer@gmail.com

Distance: statewide

Fees: gas depending on distance from Mt. Airy

Equipment Needed: Laptop to play DVD and digital projector

Program:

- Trips to Maine and Canada including Bonaventure Island and Nunavut

*Smith, Scott

Contact Information:

PO Box 68
Wye Mills, MD
410-827-8612 Ext 103
sasmith@dnr.state.md.us

Distance: 120 miles

Fees: None

Equipment Needed: PowerPoint projector but can bring one if necessary

Program:

- *The Maryland Amphibian and Reptile Atlas Project*

*Swarth, Chris

Contact Information:

Jug Bay Wetlands, Anne Arundel County
410-741-9330
cswarth@jugbay.org

Distance: AA, PG, Montgomery, Baltimore, Frederick, Calvert, and maybe St. Mary's Counties

Fees: None

Equipment Needed: PowerPoint Projector

Program:

- *15 Years of Ornithological Work at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary*
- Eastern Box Turtles
- Diving Duck Ecology on the Patuxent River Estuary (based on a current study)
- Birds and Natural History of Outback Australia

*Van Velsir, Gary

Contact Information:

275 Locust Ridge Lane
Arnold, MD 21012
410 544-7971
858-356-9160 – for the winter
gvanvelsir@msn.com

Distance: 150 miles

Fees: If possible, dinner.

Equipment Needed: Can provide his own projector & screen if necessary.

Programs:

- Maryland Breeding Birds
- Maryland Wildflowers
- Waterfowl in Maryland
- Wild Orchids
- A Birding Trip to Costa Rica
- Birds in Belize
- A Trip to the Galapagos and Ecuador

- Travel and Birding in China
- Birding Europe's Low Countries

*Webb, Pete

Contact Information:

7014 Lancaster Road
 Baltimore, MD 21207
 410 486-1217
 pete_webb@juno.com

Distance: Maryland

Fees: Dinner for 2, if over 25 miles

Equipment Needed: Slide Projector & empty Slide Carousel. He will provide the sound equipment.

Programs:

- *Identifying Confusing Fall Warblers digital*
- *Identifying Spring Warblers by Sight and Song (slides and tape)*

*Winegrad, Gerald

Contact Information:

1328 Washington Dr.
 Annapolis, MD 21403
 410 280-8956
 gwwabc@comcast.

Distance: Will discuss; depends on schedule at time of request.

Fee: \$150-\$250 depending on distance

Equipment Needed: lap top, PowerPoint projector and screen

Programs:

- *The Decline of the Chesapeake Bay and What Needs to be done to Restore the Bay*
- *Horseshoe Crabs, Red Knots and other Shorebirds: One of Nature's Great Phenomenons and Efforts to Conserve the Horseshoe Crab*
- *Communication Towers as Deadly Threats to Birds: How to prevent Avian Mortality at Towers*
- *Wind Energy and Birds: Threat or benefit to Avian Species?*
- *Back from the Precipice of Extinction: The Fascinating Story of Efforts to Save the San Clemente Loggerhead Shrike*
- *Pesticides and Birds: The Remarkable Story of International Cooperation to Prevent the Poisoning of Thousand of Swainson's Hawks in Argentina from Monocrotophos and Implications for Pesticide Regulation*
- *The Persecution of Double-crested Cormorants, Caspian Terns, and other Fish-Eating Birds: The Science and Policy Behind Fisheries and Bird Conflicts*

*Ziolkowski, Dave

Contact Information:

USGS - PWRC

12100 Beech Forest Rd., Laurel, MD 20708-4038

301-497-5753

dziolkowski@usgs.gov

Distance: Will discuss; depends on schedule at time of request.

Fee: none

Equipment Needed: none

Programs:

- *Trailside Nature: Things to Pique a Birder's Interest When the Pickin's Slim*
- *Panama's Canal Zone: Pulling the Tails of Natural History in a iLand of Winged Jewels and Poo-slinging Monkeys*
- *Taking Our Lumps and Moving On Evolving Ideas on Species Help Lay Ghosts of Field Guides Past to Rest*
- *The North American Breeding Bird Survey: 40+ Years of Measuring Change in Maryland's Bird Populations*

Note:

The speakers with a * in front of their name are recent or confirmed entries.

Suggestions for Building a local Speaker's List
Institutions to Contact for Speakers

1. Local colleges and universities, including community colleges
2. Arboretums
3. Local DNR offices
4. Local park visitor centers
5. Zoos
6. Natural history museum or other environmentally-inclined museums
7. Your local nursery may have someone willing to talk about bird-friendly plants
8. Field trip or adventure tour companies based in your area
9. Chapter members who work in biological or environmental fields
10. Chapter members who have taken trips to interesting locales
11. Local nature photographers
12. County Parks and Recreation offices
13. County natural resources or environmental offices
14. Local politicians who are environmentally-involved
15. Local nature artists
16. Local nature writers
17. Local rehabilitation centers

If you think of other ideas, let me know. Also and most important, if you DO find a new speaker who is willing to travel, please give me the name, title of the program and full contact information, so that others can enjoy the presentation as well.

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