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<b>CHOOSE A CHAPTER:</b>		
Allegany County Bird Club	\$25	\$30
Anne Arundel Co. Bird Club	\$28	\$35
Baltimore Bird Club	\$35	\$45
Caroline County Chapter	\$25	\$30
Carroll County Bird Club	\$25	\$30
Cecil Bird Club	\$25	\$35
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Harford Bird Club	\$33	\$39
Howard County Bird Club	\$30	\$45
Kent County Bird Club	\$25	\$35
Montgomery Bird Club	\$30	\$40
Patuxent Bird Club (Pr. George's)	\$26	\$33
Talbot County Chapter	\$25	\$35
Tri-County Chapter*	\$30	\$40
Washington County Chapter	\$25	\$30
At-Large membership	\$20	\$25

\* Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Membership:  Individual  Household  Junior  
 Dues (see table): \_\_\_\_\_ Additional donation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to MOS, and mail to:**  
 Emmalyn Holdridge, 5812 Harness Ct., Columbia, MD 21044

*(Note: Annual membership renewals are due September 1.)*

## Birding That Counts

MOS sponsors a variety of projects that contribute to the scientific study of birds. You'll find these activities are a good way to sharpen your skills and meet other birders, and you don't need to be an expert to participate.

- More than 20 Christmas Bird Counts across Maryland
- Fall Migration, Mid-winter, and Spring Migration Counts
- The Maryland/D.C. Breeding Bird Atlas (2002-2006)
- Big Sits and other Big Days

Members also play a role in Citizen Science projects such as those sponsored by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, and in compiling local and regional data for publication.

### Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc.

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- *more BIRDS,*
- *more BIRDING, and*
- *more BIRDERS...*



*...join the Maryland Ornithological Society!*

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## Local Bird Clubs



Our members come from many walks of life but they all share an enthusiasm for wild birds! Join a chapter near where you live or work, and you'll be welcomed by friendly people eager to share their knowledge. MOS has 15 chapters across the state from the mountains to the Eastern Shore. Along with regular meetings, most chapters hold informal get-togethers such as picnics and potlucks.

## Field Trips to Hot Spots

MOS leaders know all the best places and times to find birds in Maryland and nearby locales. Enjoy the camaraderie as you add to your lists and pick up identification tips from the experts. Many chapters offer trips on weekdays as well as weekends.

## Informative Publications

MOS publications are must-haves for every Maryland birder. State and county checklists go into the field with you, and the popular "Yellow Book" tells you which species to expect where and when. Detailed birding guides are available for several counties. MOS members receive *Maryland Birdlife*, the state's journal of record on bird sightings, and *The Yellowthroat*, our lively newsletter.

## Interesting Programs

Presentations at chapter meetings are exciting and educational. Entertaining speakers share stories of their travels, the results of their research, and fascinating facts about our favorite wildlife. You're guaranteed to see terrific photos and learn something new about birds.

## Maryland Sanctuaries

MOS sanctuaries help preserve a variety of bird habitats around the state. Totalling several thousand acres, these woods, fields, marshes and streams offer a place for MOS members to visit for nature study and recreation. Two sanctuaries are available for overnight stays.



## Annual Conference

Get together with hundreds of your fellow birders for a weekend of field trips and fun in Maryland's best birding areas. Each year the conference is held in a different place around the state, usually during the peak of migration. Keynote speakers include some of the biggest names in birding. Make time between outings and socializing to attend a workshop or to purchase binoculars, scopes, bird art, books, clothing, and other items.

## Research and Education

Each year MOS awards scholarships to Maryland educators and grants for ornithological research in the state. MOS also supports youth birding activities. We maintain a library of ornithological resources at the Baltimore Arboretum's Cylburn Mansion, along with a mounted bird collection. Past issues of *Maryland Birdlife* are available on a searchable CD-ROM.



## Authoritative Records

The MOS Maryland/D.C. Records Committee certifies sightings of rare species in the state and in the District of Columbia, and compiles the official bird lists for each. The MOS-sponsored Maryland/D.C. Breeding Bird Atlas project is gathering data on the occurrence and distribution of breeding birds throughout the state, updating a vital scientific database.

## Conservation Action

MOS makes itself heard in Annapolis and Washington for the protection of wild birds and their habitats. We work in partnership with conservation efforts on a scale ranging from international to local. Join MOS and make a difference in preserving the natural world.

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