

**Outer Banks of North Carolina:** A popular 4-day trip targeting birds of water and shore, including Northern Gannet, sea ducks, gulls, raptors, and shorebirds.

**Ocean City to Broadkill Marsh:** Scanning the ocean for loons, Harlequin Duck, Purple Sandpiper, Great Cormorant.

## SPRING

**Jug Bay:** Possible Rusty Blackbirds, Wilson's Snipe, and courtship display of returning Osprey.

**Huntley Meadows Park, VA:** Warblers in the woods, marsh birds from the boardwalk.

**Pennyfield Lock:** A favorite stretch of the C&O Canal for both birders and birds—warblers, orioles, tanagers, buntings.

**Patuxent River Drift Boat:** Peak migration for songbirds, also marsh and water birds.

**Green Ridge State Forest:** Allegany County offers a more northerly selection of birds.

**Rock Creek Park, DC:** Warblers and vireos at the city's premier migrant trap.



## SUMMER

### Delaware Coastal Areas:

Shorebirds are the star attraction at Bombay Hook NWR and neighboring Delaware sites.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

If we wish to join the Montgomery Bird Club, a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society, for the year beginning September, 2003, and enclose dues for:

- Individual (\$30)     Sustaining (\$70)  
 Household (\$40)     Life (\$1200)  
 Junior (\$6)     Associate (\$8)  
 (member of MOS through another chapter)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to Claudia Wilds Fund

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed

- New Membership     Renewal

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

- Check if changed

Would you like to be contacted for work on a committee?  Yes  No

Please make check payable to **MBC/MOS** and mail to **MBC/MOS, PO Box 59639, Potomac, MD 20859-9639**

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# Montgomery Bird Club



a chapter of the **Maryland  
Ornithological Society**

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The **Montgomery Bird Club (MBC)** is one of 16 chapters of the **Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)**. Its 300 members, ranging from noted birders to enthusiastic novices, come from Montgomery and neighboring counties as well as the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia and even farther afield. Membership in the MBC includes membership in the state organization, with subscriptions to *The Maryland Yellowthroat* and *Maryland Birdlife*.

From September through May, MBC holds lively and informative monthly meetings that feature presentations of field birding, conservation, and natural history. The meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the third Wednesday of the month at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road (½ mile west of Falls Road) in Potomac. Ample parking is available. In addition, the club draws on its own experienced birders to present workshops on gulls, shorebirds, and sparrows. The March meeting is supplanted by the Annual Social, complete with Members' Slide Show.

The Club sponsors frequent field trips to sites throughout the greater metropolitan area, as well as to the Eastern Shore, the Western counties of Maryland, and North Carolina. The trips are led by experienced members and are suitable for all levels of birding interest. Some field trips are especially appropriate for beginning birders. A complete list of meeting topics, field trips and leaders appears in the Club's newsletter, *The Chat*, and on the club's Web Page ([www.mdkinc.com/mccbbird](http://www.mdkinc.com/mccbbird)).

A *Birder's Guide to Montgomery County*—a new and handsomely illustrated MBC publication—details the county's best birding sites, describes its 251 regularly occurring species, and presents a month-by-month account of which birds to look for, when, and where. The guide, \$10 to members, can be purchased at meetings.



# A Field Trip Sampler

## FALL

**AAAAA: Almost Autumn Afternoon Avian Adventure.** A visit to McKee-Beshers WMA from late afternoon to dusk, scanning for waders and ducks, listening for owls.

**Triadelphia Area:** A morning of woodland birding along the Patuxent River watershed, seeking early fall migrants.

**Potomac River Paddle:** Explore the Glen Echo area, birding by canoe.

**Saw-whet Owl Banding:** Visit an owl banding station in Washington County to catch a rare glimpse of these tiny nocturnal migrants.

**Lilypons, Frederick County:** Search for Tree and Fox Sparrows, Pipits, and Horned Larks.



## WINTER

**Back Roads of Montgomery County:** Driving little-known back roads in search of wintering birds of hedge, field, and copse.

**Ducks Unlimited! Black Hill Regional Park:** Predictably excellent for wintering waterfowl, plus raptors, finches, possible Red-headed Woodpecker.

**Earliest Bird: DC Hot Spots:** A New Year's Day outing to check out and check off waterfowl, gulls, raptors.