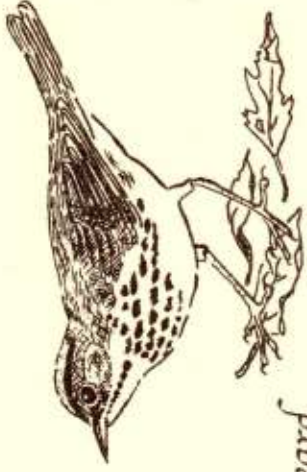


CALENDAR  
1985 - 1986



There is a singer  
everyone has heard,

Loud, a mid-summer  
and a mid-wood bird,

Who makes the solid  
tree trunks sound again.

Robert Frost



The oven-bird,  
scholastic creature,  
Crying for "Teacher!"  
"Teacher!" "Teacher!"

Louis Untermeyer

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## FIELD TRIP POINTERS

The field trips planned for this year are made possible by the generosity and cooperative spirit of the members who have agreed to lead them. To make their jobs easier and the trips more enjoyable for all participants, we offer these suggestions:

1. Call the leader to make reservations at least two days prior to trip. (This is important. Leaders have option of changing or canceling a trip if fewer than three people respond.)
2. Carpool for conservation. Leader can put you in touch with other participants in your area. Cost-sharing and good company are fringe benefits of carpooling. Passengers should contribute their share of gas and toll costs, and drivers should not be reluctant to accept.
3. Check program carefully for trip details. Study maps and make sure you know exact location of meeting place.
4. Wear comfortable clothing adaptable to weather and temperature changes.
5. Take binoculars, field guides, insect repellent, and lunch if indicated. Spotting scopes are advised for viewing shorebirds and waterfowl.
6. Leave pets at home.
7. Arrive at meeting place ON TIME and check in with leader.
8. When caravanning, maintain pace set by leader and keep car behind you in your rear-view mirror.
9. When stopping, pull well off road, turn motor off promptly, close doors quietly. DON'T SLAM!
10. Avoid sudden or loud noises or sweeping gestures. Walk quietly, keep voices low.
11. Never precede leader in caravan or on walk.
12. Do not "case" area before leader arrives.
13. Leave "pishing" etc. to leader.
14. If you must leave early, tell leader -- and avoid departing through area yet to be explored by the group.

*Take only pictures ... Leave only footprints.*

## PROGRAM

### September

- 8 (Sun.)  
2/3 day  
FOURTH ANNUAL MCC-MOS PICNIC, Little Bennett Regional Park. Bring picnic lunch. Bird scavenger hunt, prizes. Meet at campground entrance promptly at 8:00 a.m. Maps & directions to MOS picnic site available at entrance. Take Rt. 121 exit from I-270 NE to Rt. 355. Left on 355 to entrance. Suggest car pooling. See Newsletter for more details.

Leaders: Keith Van Ness - 972-7446  
Gary Nelson - 897-5049

- 15 (Sun.)  
1/2 day  
TURF FARM & SENECA. Shorebirds (possibly "grasspipers") & migrant landbirds. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Seneca on the C&O Canal.  
Leader: Lola Oberman - 365-1058
- 19 (Thu.)  
CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m., Chevy Chase Public Library. Michael Conroy: "Winter Ecology of Black Ducks." Radio telemetry used in this study.

- 28-29  
(Sat.,Sun.)  
2 days  
CAPE MAY WEEKEND. Meet at 6:45 a.m. Sat. at Lily Lake flagpole. See Newsletter for details, accommodations, etc.

Leader: Paul O'Brien - 424-6491

### October

- 5 (Sat.)  
2/3 day  
SANDY POINT STATE PARK. Gulls, waterfowl, raptors, & land birds. Meet 7:30 a.m. at McDonald's (open for breakfast) 2 mi. west of Bay Bridge, south side of Rt. 50 or 7:45 a.m. at the beach. Lunch suggested.

Leader: Greg Gough - 320-5539

- 6 (Sun.)  
1/2 day  
HUGHES HOLLOW & TURF FARM. Late migrant landbirds & shorebirds. Possible Lincoln's sparrows. Meet 8:00 a.m. Hughes Hollow parking lot. Leader: Bob Hilton - 387-2301

- 17 (Thu.)  
CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m., Chevy Chase Public Library. Lola Oberman: "Churchill On Your Own." Chapter member's recent experience at this prime site.

- 20 (Sun.)  
3/4 day  
HAWK WATCH (new field trip!). Fort Smallwood, Pasadena (just outside Baltimore). One of



America's best hawk watching spots. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Wendy's at Greenway Shopping Center, Greenbelt Rd. just east of the Washington-Balt. Parkway at the Beltway. Bring lunch and folding chairs. Canceled if rain.  
Leader: Bill Murphy - 552-2585

#### November

3 (Sun.)  
2/3 day

NEW DESIGN RD & LILY PONS. Late fall migrants & early winter arrivals: water pipits, sparrows. Meet 8:00 a.m. in commuter parking lot at Urbana exit from I-270 at Rt. 80. Lunch suggested.  
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21 (Thu.)

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23 (Sat.)  
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Leader: Henry Bielstein - 292-9592

19 (Thu.)

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21 (Sat.)

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#### January

16 (Thu.)

CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m., Chevy Chase Public Library. Robert Shallenberger: "Wildlife Management on Remote Islands." USF&WS manager on Pacific island reserves (excellent pictures).

18 (Sat.)  
1 day

GULLS ON THE SUSQUEHANNA. Thousands of gulls are present below the generators on the Conowingo Dam. Iceland, glaucous, lesser black-backed, and other rarities.

Leader: Rick Blom

Reservations: Gary Nelson - 897-5409

26 (Sun.)  
1 day

DELAWARE COAST. Waterfowl, winter coastal birds. See Newsletter for details, accommodations, etc.

Leader: Paul DuMont - 363-8994

#### February

2 (Sun.)  
1 day

POINT LOOKOUT. Winter ducks, gt. cormorants, wintering land birds. Bring lunch. Meet 8:00 a.m. at St. George Is. Bridge (from Beltway, Rt. 5 through Leonardtown; turn right on Rt. 249 to St. George Island).

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 IRISH GROVE (1,450 acres) . . . . . Somerset County  
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 MILL CREEK (155 acres) . . . . . Talbot County  
 PELOT (60 acres) . . . . . Caroline County  
 SEYMOUR B. COOPER (14.3 acres) . . . . . Frederick County  
 TUM SUDEN (1.5 acres) . . . . . Harford County

PRIVATE SANCTUARY PROGRAM

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MOS BOOKSTORE

Books, field guides, checklists, bird records and tapes, stationery and gift items can be purchased at a discount at the MOS Bookstore in Baltimore (located in the Irvine Natural Science Center, St. Timothy's School, on Green-spring Avenue, one mile north of the Beltway). Hours: 12 noon to 4 p.m., Mon.-Sat. (Sept.-May); Mon.-Fri. (June-August). Phone: 301-484-2413. Profits from the bookstore go to the Sanctuary Fund.

PELAGIC BIRD TRIPS

For information about trips into the Gulf Stream sailing from Hatteras, N.C., call Paul DuMont (202-363-8994), evenings to 11 p.m. For information about trips to the edge of the Continental Shelf, leaving from Ocean City, MD, write Ron Naveen, 2378 Rte. 97, Cooksville, MD 21723, or call him at 301-854-6262.

BIRD ALERTS

Hot-lines with taped reports of bird sightings are:  
 Voice of the Naturalist . . . . . 652-1088  
 Delaware Valley Bird Alert . . . . . 215-567-2473  
 New Jersey Bird Alert . . . . . 201-766-2661  
 Cape May Bird Observatory . . . . . 609-884-2626  
 New York Bird Alert . . . . . 212-832-6523  
 No. & So. Carolina Alert . . . . . 704-875-2525

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WEATHER INFORMATION

Local (C&P Telephone Co.) . . . . . 936-1212  
 Tri-state five-day forecast . . . . . 899-3240  
 Marine (Chesapeake Bay and Lower Potomac) 899-3210  
 Tides (not a tape) . . . . . 443-8060  
 Brief two-day forecasts for selected Eastern cities, including: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Miami, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia, Raleigh, St. Louis . . . . . 899-3244  
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8:00 a.m. Bring lunch.  
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25 (Sat.)  
2/3 day

NEW TRIP - WAGGONER'S GAP, PA. Good spot & time for Golden Eagles, Goshawks, Black-capped Chickadees, winter finches. Plan to leave Bethesda area at 7:30 a.m. Cancelled if raining. Bring lunch, warm clothing. See Newsletter for details. Leader: Bill Murphy - 552-2585

#### November

13 (Thu.)

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Leader: To be announced.  
Reservations: Gary Nelson - 897-5049

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1 (Sun.)  
1 day

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Leader: Paul O'Brien - 424-6491

12 (Thu.)

CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m., Chevy Chase Public Library. Claudia Wilds: "Tern Identification."

14-16  
(Sat.-Mon.)  
3 days

PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY COASTAL TRIP. Trip on the Delmarva Peninsula, from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel north to the Delaware coastal refuges. Joint trip with ANS. Limited space available.  
Leader: Paul DuMont - 931-8994

28 (Sat.)  
1 day

COASTAL TRIP - CAPE HENLOPEN TO OCEAN CITY. Snow buntings, red throated loons, gt. cormorants. Meet 7:30 a.m. at radar tower parking lot at point in Cape Henlopen State Park. See Newsletter for accommodations.  
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Leader: Roxie Laybourne

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14 (Sat.) PATUXENT RIVER PARK (JUG BAY), MD. Waterbirds & waterfowl in river marsh habitat. Winter birds, possible early spring migrants in deciduous forest. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at park headquarters. Details in Newsletter. Joint ANS-MOS field trip.

Leader: John Bjerke - 963-8525

17 (Tue.) NATIONAL ZOO. Midweek walk to study birds at close range. Meet 9:30 a.m. in lower parking lot near duck ponds.

Leader: Claudia Wilds - 333-5769

22 (Sun.) NEW DESIGN ROAD & LILY PONS. Possible long-spurs, sparrows, late winter birds. Meet 8:00 a.m. in commuter parking lot at Urbana exit from I-270 at Rt. 80. Lunch suggested.

Leader: Erika Wilson - 920-9181

April

4 (Sat.) NEW TRIP - PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER. Early spring migrants, water birds. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at entrance on Md. Rt. 197, approximately 5 mi. south of Laurel. Bring lunch.

Leader: Peter Osenton - 776-4118

9 (Thu.) CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m., Chevy Chase Public Library. Bob Ringier: "Rare Birds of Maryland and the Atlas."

11 (Sat.) WILDFLOWER WALK ALONG THE C&O CANAL. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Safeway in Potomac parking lot

for carpooling. Over 40 species in bloom. Bring binoculars & wear waterproof shoes.

Leader: Bill Wendell - 540-7382

19 (Sun.) BOMBAY HOOK NWR & LITTLE CREEK. Waterfowl, shorebirds, raptors, early migrants. Meet 6:30 a.m. Bowie parking lot (see Nov. 22). Plan to carpool. Leader: Paul O'Brien - 424-6491

25 (Sat.) NEW TRIP - LITTLE BENNETT REGIONAL PARK. Excellent for warblers, spring migrants. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at entrance to campgrounds. See Sept. 14 for directions.

Leader: Tony White - 229-1641

26 (Sun.) PENNYFIELD LOCK, C&O CANAL. Warblers & other migrants. Meet 7:30 a.m. in parking lot at end of Pennyfield Lock Road.

Leader: Greg Gough - 320-5539

May

2 (Sat.) MAY COUNT. See Newsletter for details.

3 (Sun.) NOLANS FERRY, NEW DESIGN RD & LILY PONS. Warblers, bobolinks, field birds & shorebirds. Possible 100 species. Lunch suggested. Meet 7:00 a.m. at Democracy Blvd. side of Sears parking lot at Montgomery Mall or 7:30 at Urbana parking lot (see March 22).

Leader: Gary Nelson - 897-5049

9 (Sat.) "ADVENTURE" & BOBOLINKS. Search for migrating bobolinks & demonstration at banding station. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Safeway in Potomac for carpooling. Leader: Bill Wendell - 540-7382

10 (Sun.) NEW TRIP - GT. FALLS, VA. Warblers & spring migrants. Look for Swainson's warbler. Meet 7:00 a.m. at parking lot to right of park entrance. Take Georgetown Pike (VA Rt. 193) west from Beltway to traffic light. Turn right.

Leader: Frank Schaff - 540-0843

14 (Thu.) CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m., Chevy Chase Public Library. Judith Gradwohl: "Ecology and Conservation of the Forest Birds of Panama."

16 (Sat.) CHINCOTEAGUE NWR. Shorebirds in breeding plumage. Meet 7:00 a.m., Refuge Visitor's Center at entrance to wildlife drive. Expect

to walk to Fishing Point (6 mi. round trip).  
Limit 20 people. Suggested motels: Light-  
house, Anchor Inn (both inexpensive), Island  
Motor Inn. Leader: Claudia Wilds - 333-5769

17 (Sun.) NEW TRIP - HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK, ALEXANDRIA.  
1/2 day Migrants, herons, king rail. Meet 7:30 a.m.  
at Nature Center. Take U.S. 1 south from  
Beltway to Lockheed Blvd., turn right to park.  
Leader: Erika Wilson - 920-9181

30-31 NEW TRIP - GARRETT CO. HOTSPOTS. Mountain  
(Sat., Sun.) birds--golden-winged warbler, least fly-  
2 days catcher, thrushes, bobolinks, warblers.  
Meet in Frostburg area 7:00 a.m. Sat. Details  
of accommodations, etc., in Newsletter.  
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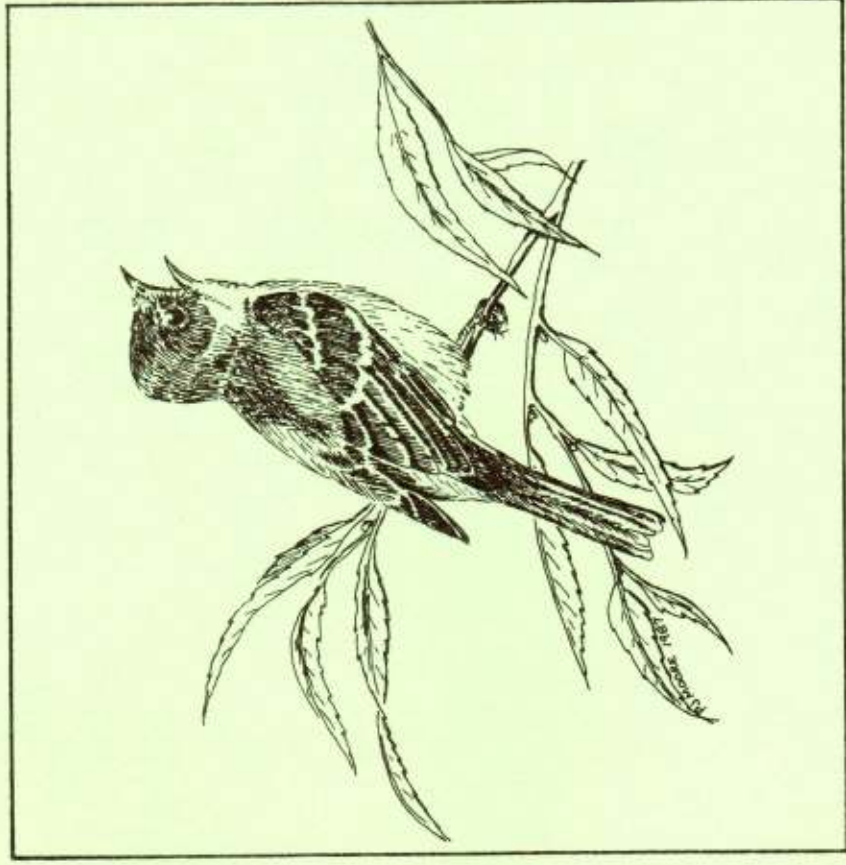
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#### November

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14 (Sat.) LOCAL DUCK HUNT. Meet 7:30 a.m. Georgetown Reservoir, MacArthur Blvd. at 47th Pl., N.W. (Park there). Migrating waterfowl, gulls. If time permits, will visit other areas for more waterfowl and sparrows.  
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1 day  
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3 days  
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Claudia Wilds - 333-5769

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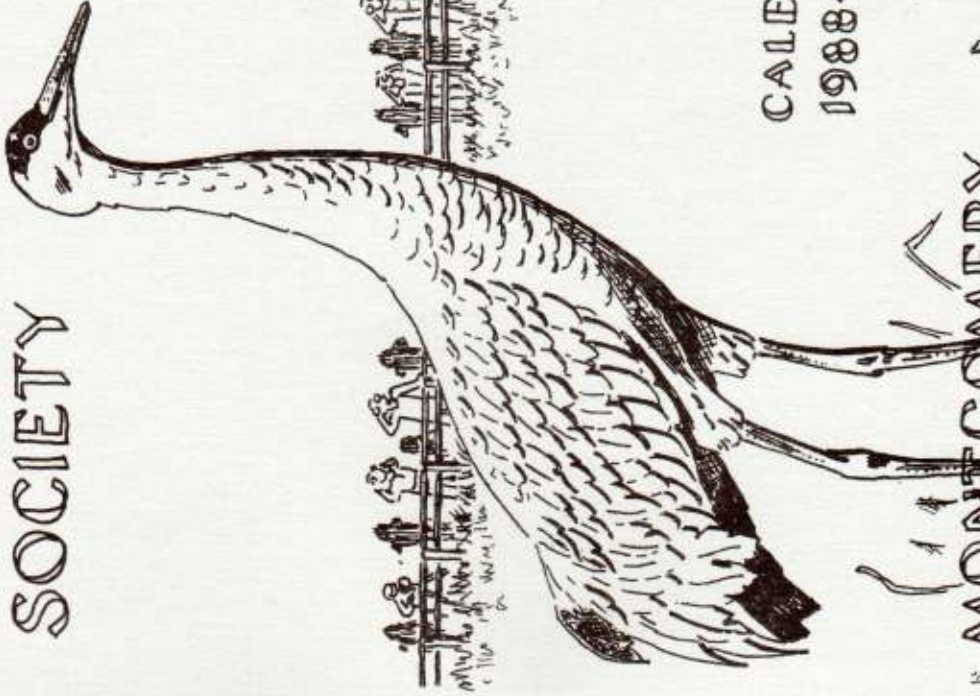


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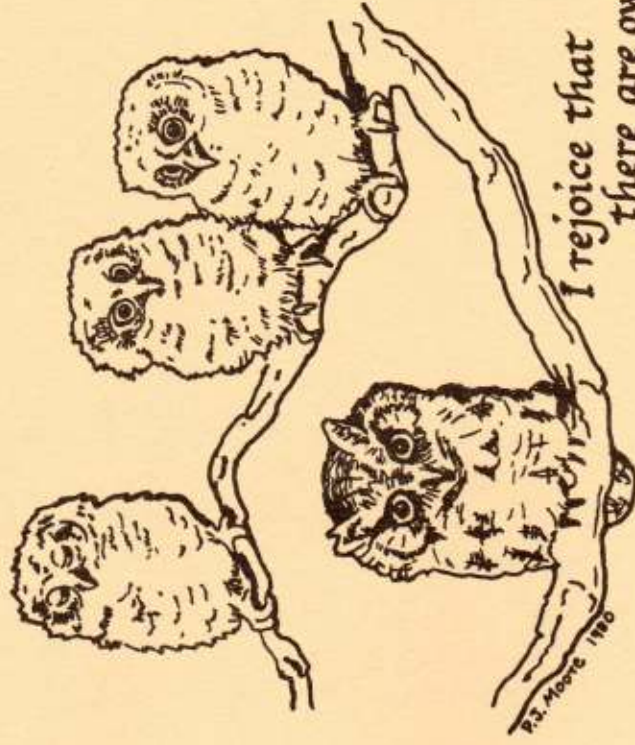
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DUES. A Bylaws amendment to increase annual dues will be considered at the October meeting. Until that time, dues (which are payable September 1) will be:

Adult (Individual)	\$14.	
Household	\$19.	(All members of the household at the same address; 1 copy of all publications)
Sustaining Life	\$29. \$400.	
Junior	\$ 6.	(Under 18 years of age)

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FIELD TRIP POINTERS

The field trips planned for this year are made possible by the generosity and cooperative spirit of the members who have agreed to lead them. To make their jobs easier and to make the trips more enjoyable for all participants, we offer these suggestions:

1. Call the leader to make reservations at least two days prior to the trip. This is important. Leaders may change or cancel a trip if fewer than three people respond.
2. Carpool for conservation. The leader can put you in touch with other participants in your area. Cost-sharing and good company are fringe benefits of carpooling. Passengers should contribute their share of gas and toll costs, and drivers should not be reluctant to accept.
3. Check program carefully for trip details. Study maps and make sure you know exact location of meeting place.
4. Wear comfortable clothing adaptable to weather and temperature changes.
5. Take binoculars, field guides, insect repellent, and lunch if indicated. Spotting scopes are advised for viewing shorebirds and waterfowl.
6. Leave pets at home.
7. Arrive at meeting place ON TIME and check in with the leader.
8. When caravanning, maintain pace set by leader and keep car behind you in your rear-view mirror.
9. When stopping, pull well off road, turn motor off promptly, close doors quietly. Don't slam!
10. Avoid sudden or loud noises or sweeping gestures. Walk quietly, keep voices low.
11. Never precede leader in catavan or on walk.
12. Do not "case" area before leader arrives.
13. Leave "pishing" to the leader.
14. If you must leave early, tell the leader--and avoid departing through area yet to be explored by the group.

September

13 (Thu.)

CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Bill Clark, noted raptor expert and author, "Eagles of the World."

22 (Sat.)  
½ day

HUGHES HOLLOW. Migrant land birds near fall peak, water birds, "grasspipers." Meet 8:00 a.m. in parking lot at Hughes Hollow just below corner of River Road and Hughes Road.

Leader: Robert Hilton, 270-1740

October

6-7 (Sat.-Sun.)  
2 days

CAPE MAY WEEKEND. Peak of migration at Cape May, NJ, one of North America's best migrant traps. For details, call the leader.

Leader: Bob Augustine, 933-5970

11 (Thu.)

CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: George Jett, Chapter member and ace photographer, "A Natural History of Costa Rica: Christmas in Sirena."

12-14 (Fri.-Sun.)  
3 days

OUTER BANKS WEEKEND. The traditional Thanksgiving weekend at an untraditional date. Late shorebirds, early waterfowl, falcon migration, and migrant passerines. Limit: 11 persons. Make reservations with Claudia Wilds, 333-5769.

Leaders: Claudia Wilds and Pat Moore

13 (Sat.)  
2/3 day

POINT LOOKOUT, MD. Migration hot-spot on western shore of Chesapeake Bay. Raptors, early waterfowl, migrant landbirds. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Coast Guard Bldg. at the Point.

Leader: Paul O'Brien, 424-6491

20 (Sat.)  
½ day

HYDRILLA HOLIDAY. Large numbers of waterfowl, bald eagles, shorebirds, along GW Parkway from Alexandria to Mt. Vernon. Meet at Belle Haven picnic area on GW Parkway. RESERVATIONS ONLY.

Leader: Dave Czaplak, 972-4467

November

3 (Sat.)  
2/3 day  
HYDRILLA BOAT TRIP ON THE POTOMAC. Thousands of dabbling and diving ducks in Maryland waters; bald eagles. Explore hot-spots, starting at Piscataway Creek, in open-top boat. Rain jacket and pants essential; it can be COLD. Bring snack and beverages. 7-person limit. RESERVATIONS ONLY.  
Leader: John Bjerke, 963-8525

8 (Thu.)  
CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Don Messersmith, popular tour leader and raconteur, "Birding in the Falkland Islands--Where Nature Is Still in Charge."

December

1 (Sat.)  
1/2 day  
LILY PONS and OLAND ROAD. Winter sparrows, raptors, waterfowl, loggerhead shrikes, horned larks; snow buntings and longspurs possible. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Monaccacy River bridge on Lily Pons Road. RESERVATIONS ONLY.  
Leader: Gail MacKernan, 593-7334

8 (Sat.)  
1 day  
BOMBAY HOOK and LITTLE CREEK, DELAWARE. Thousands of snow geese and other waterfowl. Raptors and variety of landbirds. Meet 8:00 a.m., Hollywood Diner, Dover, 2 blocks north of US 13 and DE 8 intersection.  
Leader: Henry Bielstein, 292-9592

13 (Thu.)  
CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speakers: Nancy and Al Boggess, NASA astrophysicists (and avid birders), "Traveling Through Time with the Space Telescope and COBE Satellites."

15 (Sat.)  
D.C. CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, coordinated by John Bjerke, 963-8525.

16 (Sun.)  
SENECA CHRISTMAS COUNT, sponsored by MCC/MOS and coordinated by Craig Tufts, 703-790-4438 (day), 703-689-2590 (evening).

29 (Sat.)  
SUGARLOAF CHRISTMAS COUNT, coordinated by Keith Van Ness, 301-845-4450, and Gary Nelson, 897-8916.

January

10 (Thu.)  
CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Paul Engman, the owl expert, "In Search of Owls: A Naturalist's View."

February

14 (Thu.)  
CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Bob Ringler, past president of MOS, on a subject to be announced later, in the newsletter. Bob guarantees it will have something to do with birds; we guarantee it will be good.

16-18 (Sat.-  
Mon.)  
3 days  
PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY COASTAL TRIP covering the Delmarva Peninsula from Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel north to Chincoteague, Ocean City, and Delaware coastal refuges. Joint trip with ANS. Space limited. Contact leader for details.  
Leader: Paul DuMont, 703-931-8994

23 (Sat.)  
1 day  
CAPE HENLOPEN TO OCEAN CITY Coastal trip. Snow buntings, red-throated loons, great cormorants; eiders and harlequin ducks possible. Meet 7:30 a.m. at radar tower parking lot at point, Cape Henlopen State Park.  
Leader: Henry Bielstein, 292-9592

March

5 (Tue.)  
1/2 day  
NATIONAL ZOO TRIP. Bird identification walk to study hard birds the easy way--up close with a field ID expert. The zoo has a large collection of birds from six continents, including such difficult species as trumpeter swan and Ross's goose. Meet 9:30 a.m. by the Bald Eagle Cage near Connecticut Ave. entrance.  
Leader: Claudia Wilds, 333-5769

8 (Fri.)

ANNUAL SOCIAL AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS, in the same room where our meetings are held. Watch THE CHAT for details.

9 (Sat.)  
1/2 day

JUG BAY ON PATUXENT RIVER. Waterfowl in river marsh habitat; winter landbirds, early migrants. Meet 8:00 a.m. at park headquarters. Contact leader for details.

Leader: John Bjerke, 963-8525



April

- 6 (Sat.) 2/3 day  
POINT LOOKOUT. Migration concentration point on western shore of Chesapeake Bay. Late waterfowl, raptors, swallows, early songbirds, resident brown-headed nuthatches. Meet near Coast Guard Bldg. at the point, 8:00 a.m. Bring lunch.  
Leader: Lynn Davidson, 301-647-7439
- 11 (Thu.)  
CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Bill Oberman, our widely-traveled chapter member, bird-bander and photographer, "The Peruvian Amazon and Its Birds."
- 28 (Sun.) 2/3 day  
LAKE FRANK. Migrant landbirds, swallows, and early warblers. Bluebirds certain, waterfowl possible. Lake Frank Park is east of Rockville on Rt. 115. Meet 6:30 a.m. Call leader for exact meeting place.  
Leader: Robert Hilton, 270-1740

May

- 4 (Sat.) 1/2 day  
GREAT FALLS, VA. Spring warblers and other migrants near peak at excellent concentration point. Meet 7:00 a.m. at parking lot. (Take Georgetown Pike, VA Rt. 193, west from Beltway; turn right at traffic light into park. Turn right after passing through entrance gate.)  
Leader: Frank Schaff, 301-694-3393
- 5 (Sun.) 2/3 day  
SOUTHERN FREDERICK COUNTY, NEW DESIGN ROAD AND LILY PONS. Warblers, bobolinks, field and shorebirds. Bring lunch. Meet 7:00 a.m. at Urbana parking lot (exit from I-270 at Rt. 80), or call leader for details.  
Leader: Gary Nelson, 897-8916
- 9 (Thu.)  
CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker to be announced in the newsletter.
- 11 (Sat.)  
ANNUAL MAY COUNT, coordinated by Paul Pisano, 685-3790.

May - continued

- 18 (Sat.) 1 day  
CHINCOTEAGUE NWR, VA. Shorebirds in breeding plumage. Possible curlew sandpiper, Wilson's plover, piping plover, or phalaropes. Meet 7:00 a.m. at refuge visitor's center, at entrance to Wildlife Drive. Suggested motels: Lighthouse (804-336-5091), Anchor Inn (336-6313), both inexpensive; Driftwood (336-6557), Island Motor Inn (336-3141), Refuge Motor Inn (336-5511).  
Leader: Claudia Wilds, 333-5769
- 19 (Sun.) 1/2 day  
RIVERBEND PARK, VA. Excellent spot for warblers and other migrants near spring peak. Possible eagles, waterbirds. Meet 7:00 a.m. Contact leader for meeting place.  
Leader: Erika Wilson, 703-536-3823
- 24-26 (Fri.-Sun.) 3 days  
ANNUAL MOS CONVENTION.  
This year, for the first time, the Montgomery County Chapter will be host for the annual state-wide MOS Convention, which will be held at the 4-H Center on Connecticut Avenue. Volunteers will be needed to lead field trips, help with registration, transportation, and hospitality. So mark the dates and plan ahead to be an active participant.
- June
- 8-9 (Sat.-Sun.) 2 days  
GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND. Western Maryland specialties at height of breeding season: ruffed grouse, black-billed cuckoo, alder flycatcher, Nashville, golden-winged, and possibly mourning warblers; Henslow's sparrows possible. Contact leader for details and suggested motels.  
Leader: John Bjerke, 963-8525
- NOTE: Watch the newsletter for possible changes in or additions to the schedule of field trips.*

#### MOS SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year MOS awards scholarships to Maryland teachers and youth leaders to enable them to attend summer workshops at National Audubon Society camps in Maine, Connecticut, Wisconsin, or Wyoming. Interested persons should contact the Chapter's Scholarship Chair before November 15.

Two annual awards are made from the Chandler S. Robbins and Eleanor C. Robbins funds to send applicants to ornithology workshops.

In addition, our own Chapter has a Memorial Scholarship Fund. For information about scholarships and eligibility, contact the Scholarship Committee Chair.

#### MOS RESEARCH GRANTS

For information about the MOS program to make grants to finance ornithological research, contact the Chapter President.

#### MOS SANCTUARIES

A Guide to the Sanctuaries of the Maryland Ornithological Society is available on request from the Chair of the Sanctuary Committee, Dottie Mumford, 1900 Generals Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401 (301-849-8336). Many of the sanctuaries offer good birding possibilities, and some have facilities for overnight stays.

#### BIRD ALERTS

Hot-lines with taped reports of bird sightings are:

Voice of the Naturalist . . . . . 652-1088  
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New York Bird Alert . . . . . 212-832-6523  
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#### WEATHER INFORMATION

Local (C&P Telephone Co.) . . . . . 936-1212  
Tri-state extended forecast . . . . . 260-0307  
Marine (Chesapeake Bay and Lower Potomac) 260-0505  
Brief two-day forecasts for selected  
Eastern cities . . . . . 260-0705  
Brief two-day forecasts for selected  
Western cities . . . . . 260-0706

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**NOVEMBER**

- 2 (Sat.) WAGGONER'S GAP, PA. Joint trip with ANS to a prime raptor migration site just 2 hours to the north. Golden eagles very likely.  
LEADER: Barry Cooper, 340-2071
- 3 (Sun.) HYDRILLA BOAT TRIP ON THE POTOMAC. Thousands of dabbling and diving ducks in Maryland water; bald eagles. Explore hot-spots starting at Piscataway Creek in open-top boat. LIMIT: 7 people. Call leader.  
LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525
- 6 (Wed.) GEORGETOWN RESERVOIR & BATTERY KEMBLE PARK. Ducks at reservoir; late migrant and winter landbirds at Battery Kemble. Meet 8 a.m., large parking lot at end of dirt road, Battery Kemble Park, Chain Bridge Rd., DC.  
LEADER: Byron Swift, 202-333-6890
- 13 (Tue.) VIOLETTE'S LOCK. Late migrants, winter birds. Meet 9 a.m. in parking lot.  
LEADER: Willem Maane, 229-1628
- 14 (Thu.) CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. Members' Slide Show. (More about this in the newsletter.)
- 23 (Sat.) BLACKWATER NWR. Waterfowl by thousands: Canada and snow geese, tundra swans; bald eagles, brown-headed nuthatches. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Bowie "park & Ride" s. of US 50, or 9 a.m. at refuge visitors center.  
LEADER: Gary Nelson, 897-8916
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LEADER: Henry Bielstein, 292-9592

**DECEMBER - contd.**

- 12 (Thu.) CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. Don Wilson, Director of Bio-Diversity Programs, Smithsonian, will speak on "Hats and Conservation."
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- 28 (Sat.) SUGARLOAF CHRISTMAS COUNT, coordinated by Keith Van Ness, 845-4450, and Gary Nelson, 897-8916.
- JANUARY
- 9 (Thu.) CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. Dan Boone, DNR's Natural Heritage Program, will speak on "Old-Growth Forests in Maryland."
- FEBRUARY
- 1 or 2 (Sat. or Sun.) COASTAL DELAWARE. A trip designed for beginners, but all are welcome. Winter birds: loons, sea ducks, etc. Date to be determined later; see the newsletter for details.  
LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525
- 13 (Thu.) CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. Mark Garland, ANS naturalist and field trip leader, will speak on "The Northern Rocky Mountains, from the Grand Tetons to Glacier National Park."
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28 (Sat.) LILYPONS AREA. Late waterfowl, winter birds, early spring migrants. Meet 8 a.m. at bridge on Lillypons Rd. LEADERS: Michael O'Brien, 424-6491, & Robert Hilton, 270-1740.

APRIL

9 (Thu.) CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. "Identification of Shorebirds," by Claudia Wilds, an authority on the subject.

11 (Sat.) POINT LOOKOUT. Late waterfowl, raptors, early songbirds, resident brown-headed nuthatches. Meet near Coast Guard Bldg. at the Point, 8 a.m.  
LEADER: Lyane Davidson, 647-7439

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MAY

2 (Sat.) GREAT FALLS, VA. Spring warblers and other migrants near peak. Meet 7 a.m. in parking lot. See newsletter for details.  
LEADER: to be announced

3 (Sun.) NEW DESIGN RD., NOLANS FERRY, & LILYPONS. Warblers, bobolinks, field birds, shorebirds. Meet 7 a.m. at Park & Ride, Rt. 80 at I-270, or call leader.  
LEADER: Gary Nelson, 897-8916

9 (Sat.) ANNUAL MAY COUNT, coordinated by Paul Pisano, 703-685-3790

10 (Sun.) LEADERLESS BIRDWALK, VIOLETTE'S LOCK. Prime time for migrant warblers, vireos, etc.  
Meet 7 a.m. in parking lot.

12 (Tue.) LILYPONS AREA. Field, marsh, and water birds during spring migration. Meet 8 a.m. in front of Lillypons.  
LEADER: Willem Maane - 229-1628

14 (Thu.) CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. "Huntley Meadows Park," by Ken Howard, who led volunteer effort to save the marsh.

16 (Sat.) CHINCOTEAGUE NWR. Shorebirds in breeding plumage. Meet 7 a.m. at refuge visitors center. BRING LUNCH. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.  
LEADER: Claudia Wilds, 202-333-5769

16 (Sat.) DELAWARE REFUGES. Peak time for shorebirds, horseshoe crabs. Joint trip with AMS. bring lunch. reservations required.  
Leader: Barry Cooper, 340-2071

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LEADER: Erika Wilson, 703-536-3823

19 (Tue.) C&O CANAL, WASHINGTON COUNTY. Orioles, warblers, breeding warbling vireos, and more. Meet 9 a.m. For directions, call:  
LEADER: Willem Maane, 229-1628



**MAY - contd.**

24 (Sun.) LITTLE BENNETT PARK. Late migrant and breeding (at least 10 species) warblers. Meet 7 a.m. Call Robert Hilton for directions.

LEADERS: Marie Plante, 530-7248  
Robert Hilton, 270-1740

**JUNE**

5-7 GARRETT COUNTY. Western Maryland special-ties at height of breeding season: alder flycatcher, Nashville and golden-winged warblers, black-billed cuckoo, ruffed grouse. For details, call:

LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525

**AUGUST**

14-16 ANNUAL MOS CONVENTION, Salisbury State College, Salisbury, MD.

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- ADVENTURE (75 acres) . . . . . Montgomery County
- CAREY RUN (162 acres) . . . . . Garrett County
- IRISH GROVE (1450 acres) . . . . . Somerset County
- MANDARES CREEK (8 acres) . . . . . Anne Arundel County
- MILL CREEK (154 acres) . . . . . Talbot County
- PELOT (60 acres) . . . . . Caroline County
- SEYMOUR B. COOPER (14 acres) . . . . . Frederick County
- TUM SUDEN (1.5 acres) . . . . . Harford County
- CAROLINE W. WILSON (85.8 acres) . . . . . Garrett County\*
- MERANGO WOODS (50 acres) . . . . . Talbot County\*

\*Recent acquisitions

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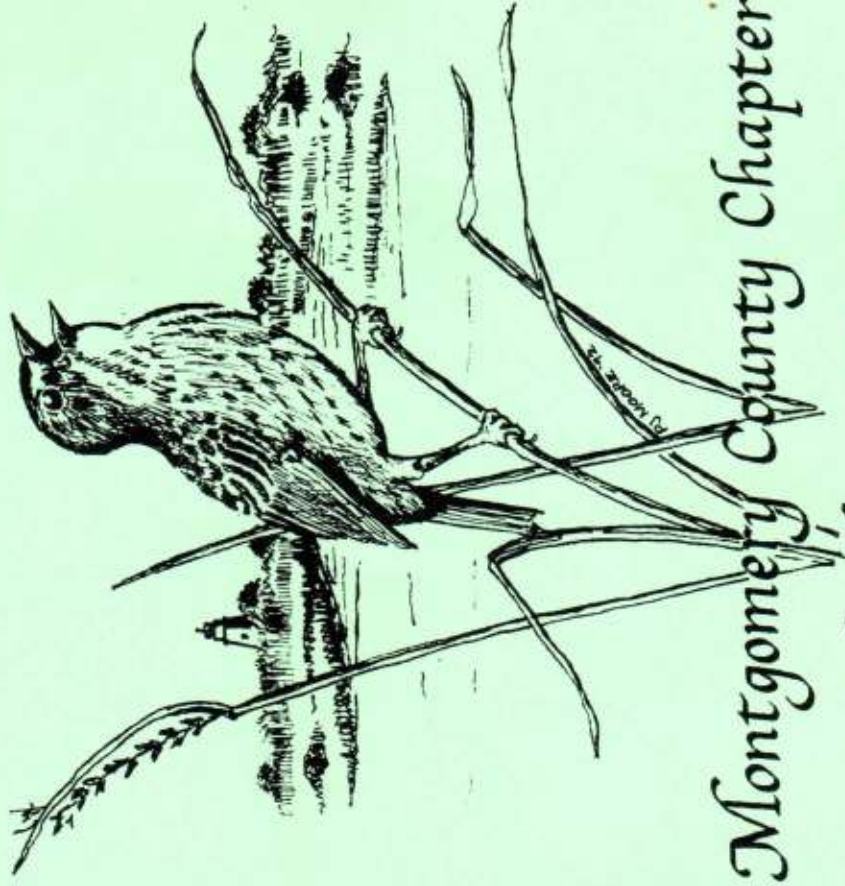
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Maryland Ornithological  
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Montgomery County Chapter  
Calendar 1992-1993







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LEADERS: Minette McCullough - 983-0937  
Marie Plante - 530-7248

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LEADER: Bill Kulp - 593-4617

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LEADER: Willem Maane - 229-1628

### OCTOBER

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LEADER: Bob Augustine - 933-5970

8 Thu. CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. SPEAKER: Mark Garland, Senior Staff Naturalist, ANS: "Natural Life of the Northern Rocky Mountains."

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5. Take binoculars, field guides, insect repellent, and lunch if indicated. Spotting scopes are advised for viewing shorebirds and waterfowl.
6. Leave pets at home.
7. Arrive at meeting place ON TIME and check in with the leader.
8. When caravanning, maintain pace set by leader and keep the car behind you in your rear-view mirror.
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13. Leave "pushing" to the leader.
14. If you must leave early, tell the leader--and avoid departing through area yet to be explored by the group.

October, contd.

10 Sat. POINT LOOKOUT. Migration hotspot on western shore of Chesapeake Bay. Raptors, early waterfowl, migrant landbirds. Meet 8 a.m. at Coast Guard Bldg. at the Point.

LEADER: Paul O'Brien, 424-6491

31 Sat. WAGGONER'S GAP, PA. Joint trip with ANS to a prime raptor migration site just 2 hours to the north. Golden eagles very likely. For reservations and details, call:

LEADER: Kerrie Kirkpatrick, 703-560-4950

**NOVEMBER**

11 Wed. VIOLETTE'S LOCK. Late migrants, winter birds. Meet 9 a.m. in parking lot.

LEADER: William Maane, 229-1628

12 Thu. CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. SPEAKER: David Blockstein, Exec. Dir., Committee for the National Institutes for the Environment: "The Passenger Pigeon--Reasons for Its Extinction."

14 Sat. HYDRILLA BOAT TRIP ON POTOMAC. Thousands of dabbling and diving ducks in Maryland waters; bald eagles. Explore hotspots starting at Piscataway Creek in open-top boat. LIMIT: 7. MAKE RESERVATIONS.

LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525

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LEADER: Gary Nelson, 897-8916

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**DECEMBER**

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LEADER: Henry Bielstein, 292-9592

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**JANUARY 1993**

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14 Thu. CHAPTER MEETING, 8 p.m. SPEAKER: Russell Greenberg, Dir., Migratory Bird Center, National Zoo: "Interspecific Territoriality in Migratory Birds in the Tropics."

30 Sat. MONTGOMERY COUNTY MIDWINTER BIRD COUNT coordinated by Norm Saunders. Call him for details: 202-272-5248 (daytime), 898-9035 (evening).

May, contd.

15 Sat. LEADERLESS BIRDWALK, VIOLETTE'S LOCK. Warblers and other spring migrants. Meet 7 a.m. in parking lot.

16 Sun. RIVERBEND PARK, VA. Excellent for warblers and other migrants; possibly bald eagles, water birds. Meet 7 a.m. Call leader for details.  
LEADER: Erika Wilson, 703-536-3823

19 Wed. C&O CANAL, WASHINGTON COUNTY. Orioles, warblers, breeding warbling vireos, and more. Meet 9 a.m. For directions, call:  
LEADER: Willem Maane, 229-1628

23 Sun. LITTLE BENNETT PARK. Late migrant and breeding warblers (at least 10 species). Meet 7 a.m. For directions call leader.  
LEADER: Robert Hilton, 270-1740

? WEST VIRGINIA EXPLORATORY TRIP, late May or early June, date to be announced in The Chat. This won't be a structured trip but a learning opportunity for all, including the leader, John Bjerke. Base will probably be in or near Elkins, WV.

**JUNE**

2 Wed. SKY MEADOWS STATE PARK, Fauquier Co., VA. Red-2/3 day headed woodpeckers, flycatchers, breeding songbirds. Meet 8 a.m. at park entrance. State fee area. From I-495 take I-66 west to Rt. 17 North (Delaplane/Paris) exit (this is the second Rt. 17 exit off I-66). GO 6.5 mi. on Rt. 17 to Rt. 710; turn left on 710 into park and proceed to gate.

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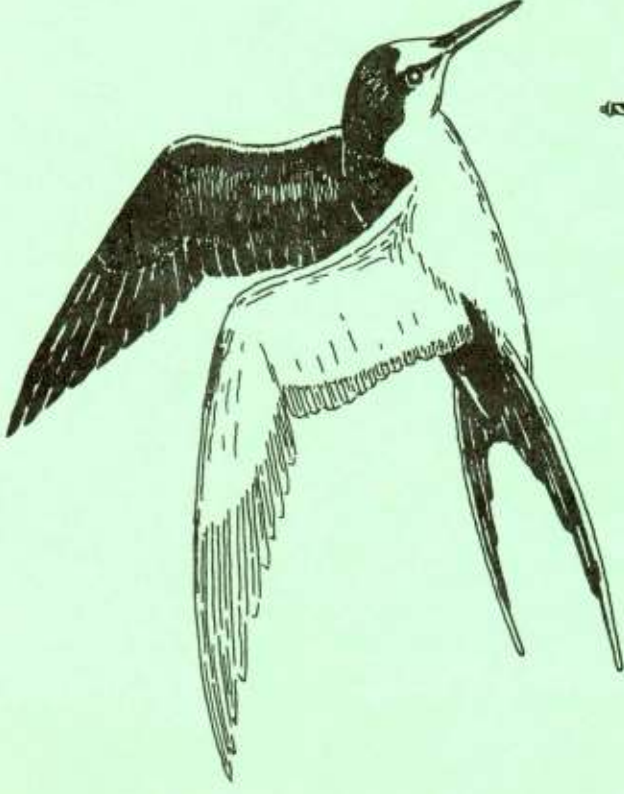


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Illustration of a rocky coastline with waves crashing against the shore. The text "1994" is written below the rocks.

Illustration of a bird perched on a branch. The text "PJ MOORE 1993" is written below the branch.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHAPTER  
MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL  
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**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

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**DUES** are payable September 1 and should be mailed to MCC/MOS, P.O. Box 59639, Potomac, MD 20859-9639. Make checks payable to MCC/MOS and indicate the appropriate category of membership:

- Adult (Individual) ..... \$18.
- Household (all members of the household at the same address; 1 copy of all publications) .. \$25.
- \*Sustaining ..... \$35.
- \*Life ..... \$400.
- Junior (under 18 years of age) ..... \$ 6.

\*It would greatly assist the Chapter if more members would opt for these categories of membership.

**MEETINGS.** Chapter meetings featuring knowledgeable speakers are held at 8 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month, September through May, except in **November** and **March** (see note below). Meetings are held at the Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, ¼ mile beyond the traffic light at Falls Road, Potomac. Ample parking space is available.

**NOTE:** The November meeting will be on the third Thursday (18th). The Annual Social, which replaces the regular March meeting, will be held on Friday, March 18.

Since program changes are sometimes necessary, it is wise for those traveling any great distance to call one of the officers in advance to make sure the meeting will occur as scheduled.

Cover design by Pat Moore, our artist in absentia, who watches Sooty Terns on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

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 & Steve Pretl . . . . . 251-8648  
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Marie Plante, 301 530-7248

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Leader: Bob Augustine, 301/933-3970.

25 Sat. **CANOE TRIP ON POTOMAC.** Many species of waterbirds, including osprey, herons, ducks. Will use canoes of Sycamore Island Club (A waiver of liability is required of all participants.) Limit 18. Call leader for information and reservations (required). Meet at 7:30 a.m.; trip lasts until 10:00 a.m.

Leader: David Winer, 301/229-8963

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*9-Pant Lookout Paw-Brown*  
LEADER: Luther Goldman

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*Review*

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DECEMBER

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22 Sat. "OWL-IT." 3:00-4:00 p.m. Call for information and reservations (required).

LEADER: Tom Valega, 301/424-7289

FEBRUARY

5 Sat. 1 day COASTAL TRIP, OCEAN CITY TO BROADKILL MARSH. Call leader for information and reservations.

LEADER: John Bjerke, 301/963-8525

10 Thu. CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. SPEAKER: Paul Engman. "Natural History of Owls."

18-20 Fri.-Sun. 2 1/2 days PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND COASTAL TRIP. Joint trip with ANS. See The Chat for further details. Call leader for information and reservations.

LEADER: Paul DuMont, 703/931-8994

26 Sat. 1 day CAPE HENLOPEN TO OCEAN CITY. Snow buntings, loons, great cormorants; possibly eider and harlequin ducks. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Cape Henlopen State Park. Call leader for information, directions, and reservations.

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*Michael*

**MARCH**  
18 **Fri. ANNUAL SOCIAL AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1994-1995.**

26 **Sat. LILYPONS AREA.** Late waterfowl, winter birds, early spring migrants. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at bridge on Lilypons Road. Call leaders for details and reservations.

**Leaders:** Michael O'Brien, 301/424-6491 - *Paul*  
Robert Hilton, 301/270-1740

**APRIL**

14 **Thu. CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. SPEAKER: Rick Blom.**  
"Endangered Birds in the Next Century."

23 **Sat. HUNTLEY MEADOWS PARK, FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA.** Rails, bitterns, and early songbirds. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Lockheed Blvd. entrance. Call leader for directions.  
**Leader:** Howard Elitzak, 703/528-3848

**MAY**

10 **Tue. LITTLE BENNETT REGIONAL PARK.** Nesting residents and migrants, warblers. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at King's Park on MD Route 121, one mile east of I-270 exit (Clarksburg). Call leader for information, reservations.  
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12 **Thu. ADVENTURE BANDING STATION AND BOBOLINK SEARCH.** Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Safeway in Potomac. Call leader for reservations (required!).  
**Leader:** Lola Oberman, 301/365-1058

12 **Thu. CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. SPEAKER: Daphne Gemmill.**  
"Birding Guide to the National Forests."

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**Leaders:** Willem Maane, 301/229-1629  
and Claudia Wilds, 202/333-5769

**JUNE**

3-5 **Fri. GARRETT COUNTY, MD.** Migratory and breeding warblers, and other migrants. Call leader for information and reservations.  
**Leader:** John Bjerke, 301/963-8525

4-11 **Sat. "OWL AND BAT-IT."** Call leader for information and reservations (required!). 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
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**JULY**

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LEADER: Bill Kulp, 593-4617  
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LEADER: Kerrie Kirkpatrick, 703-560-4950  
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LEADER: Willem Maane, 229-1628  
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LEADER: Erika Wilson, 703-536-3823  
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Oct 2, Sun Call leader for reservations, lodging information, and meeting time and place.  
3 days LEADER: Bob Augustine, 933-5970



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LEADER: David Winer, 229-8963

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**DECEMBER**

4 Sun LILYPONS/OLAND RD. Snow Buntings, longspurs, Horned Larks possible. Call leader for details.

LEADER: Gail MacKiernan, 989-1828

**DECEMBER, cont'd.**

8 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Sam Droege, who designs and implements bird monitoring programs for National Biological Survey, will speak on: "Bird Counts, Conservation, and Montgomery County."

10 Sat CHRISTMAS COUNT TUNE-UP, 8:00 a.m. Informal walk, lecture and demonstration to acquaint birders with concept and history of Christmas counts. Limit 15. Call leader (evenings before 8:30) for reservations.

LEADER: Norm Saunders, 989-9035

17 Sat D.C. CHRISTMAS COUNT. Coordinator, John Bjerke, 963-8525. (Past participants will receive information by mail; newcomers call ANS, 652-9188.)

17 Sat TRIADELPHIA CHRISTMAS COUNT. Coordinator: Norm Saunders, 989-9035 (evenings before 8:30).

18 Sun SENECA CHRISTMAS COUNT, sponsored by MCC/MOS. Coordinator, Craig Tufts, 703-679-4438 (day) or 703-689-2590 (evenings).

**JANUARY 1995**

2 Mon SUGARLOAF CHRISTMAS COUNT. Coordinators, Gary Nelson, 897-8916; Keith VanNess, 301-845-4450.

12 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Janet Millenson, editor of The Chat, will speak on "Three Centuries of Birds."

14 Sat WATERFOWL SEARCH. Local hotspots for wintering gulls and waterfowl. Trip designed for beginners or birders new to area. Limit 15. Start 7:30 a.m. Call leader evenings before 8:30 for details.

LEADER: Norm Saunders, 989-9035

**FEBRUARY**

4 Sat "OWL-IT" OWLING EXPEDITION. Meet at 4:00 p.m. at Old Montrose School, 5721 Randolph Rd. (at Rockville Pike). Dress for very cold weather. Reservations required.

LEADER: Tom Valega, 984-9453 or 424-7289

4 Sat OCEAN CITY, MD, TO BROADKILL MARSH. Wintering waterfowl, gulls, terns, shorebirds. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Ocean City Inlet parking lot. Bring scope. Reservations required.

LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525

**FEBRUARY, contd.**

- 9 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. George Jett, noted bird photographer, brings a message: "Save Our Songbirds: Adopt an Acre."  
11 Sat PATUXENT RIVER & TRIADDELPHIA RESERVOIR, 7:30 ½ day a.m. For beginners or birders new to area. Limit 15. Call leader evenings before 8:30 for reservations and directions.  
LEADER: Norm Saunders, 989-9035  
18-20 PRESIDENTS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND (Joint trip with Sat-ANS), Delmarva Peninsula--Ocean City, MD, to the Mon Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Reservations required. Details will appear in The Chat at a later date.

LEADER: Paul DuMont, 703-931-8994

**MARCH**

- 11 Sat JUG BAY (joint trip with ANS). Reservations required. Details in Chat later.  
½ day LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525  
17 Fri ANNUAL SOCIAL AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.  
25 Sat BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK. Trip for beginners or ½ day birders new to area. 7:30 a.m. Limit 15. Call leader evenings before 8:30 for reservations and meeting place.

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**APRIL**

- 20 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m., David Brinker of Maryland Department of Natural Resources will speak on "Black Skimmers: Strikers in the Night." Note change of meeting night to third Thursday.  
22 Sat C&O CANAL HOTSPOTS, 7:30 a.m. Trip for beginners or birders new to area. Call leader evenings before 8:30 for reservations.  
½ day LEADER: Norm Saunders, 989-9035

**MAY**

- TBS PATUXENT RIVER PARK/BOAT EXCURSION (Joint trip ½ day with ANS). Mid-week trip in early May, to be scheduled at a later date. Details will appear in The Chat.

LEADER: Paul DuMont, 703-931-8994

**MAY, contd.**

- 7 Sun NOLAND'S FERRY, LILYPONS, OLAND RD. Migrant and ½ day nesting landbirds; shorebirds and waterfowl possible. Meet 7:30 a.m., Rt. 80 commuter parking lot east of I-270 at Urbana.  
LEADER: Gary Nelson, 897-8916  
8 Mon HUNTLEY MEADOWS, VA. Migrant and nesting land- ½ day birds and marsh birds. Meet 7:00 a.m. at visitor center parking lot off Lockheed Blvd. Reservations required.

LEADER: Erika Wilson, 703-536-3823

- 9 Tue ADVENTURE BANDING STATION, 8:30 a.m. Limit 14. ½ day Call leader for reservations and details.

LEADER: Lola Oberman, 365-1058

- 11 Thu LITTLE BENNETT PARK. Resident and migrant land- ½ day birds. Meet 7:00 a.m. at King's Park, Rt. 121, 1 mile east of I-270 (Clarksburg exit).

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**JUNE**

- 3&4 Sat, SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA AND HIGHLAND COUNTY, VA. Nesting and migrant landbirds. Participants must be ready for 6:15 a.m. start on Saturday. Details will appear in The Chat at a later date.  
2½ days LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525

- TBS PATUXENT RIVER PARK/BOAT EXCURSION. Joint trip Sat with ANS to be scheduled for a Saturday in June. ½ day Details will appear in The Chat at a later date.

LEADER: Paul DuMont, 703-931-8994

**JUNE, contd.**

11 Sun GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST, Allegany Co., MD.  
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I-270 at Urbana. Rough roads will require car-  
pooling. We will return to the parking lot at  
5:00 p.m. Bring lunch, snacks, beverages, and  
repellent. Limit 12. Call leader for reserva-  
tions.

LEADER: Franz Hespenthalde, 253-0416

23-25 ANNUAL MOS CONVENTION at new location: Mount St.  
Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Frederick County.

**JULY**

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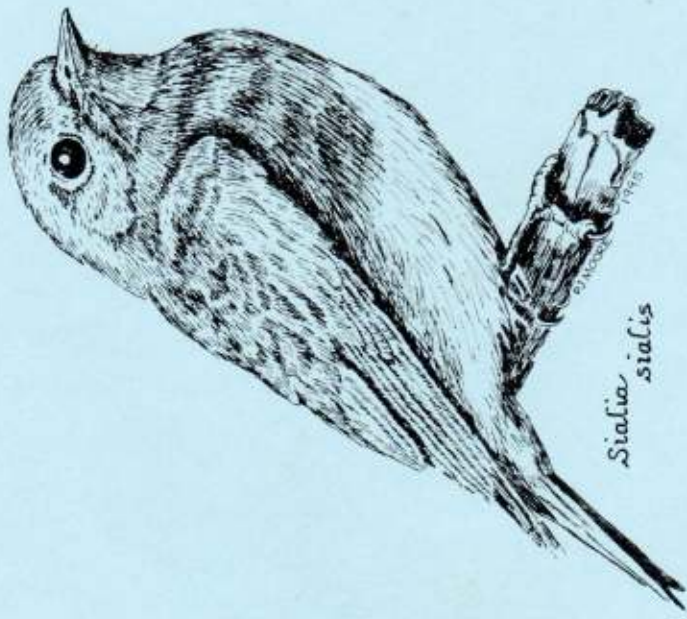
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LEADER: Bill Dobbins, 202-338-1321

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LEADER: Erika Wilson, 703-536-3823

## OCTOBER

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LEADER: Donald Messersmith, 593-5942

7 Sat MEADOWSIDE NATURE CENTER. Challenging fall warb- 1/2 day lers, local migrant landbirds. Early waterfowl possible. Meet at Nature Center parking lot at 7:30 a.m.

LEADER: Rick Sussman, 774-1185



## October, contd.

- 1-4 Sat LAYHILL PARK. Sparrows, woodland and field-edge birds. Wear waterproof boots, long pants. Bring insect repellent. Meet at 6:30 a.m. at first available parking space on left after entering park. Call for directions and reservations. Limit: 8.  
LEADER: Howard Youth, 770-7504
- 14 Sat MOS FAMILY PICNIC, BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK, 12:00 to 4:00. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun and games. Bring your own food and drinks.  
COORDINATOR: Jane Jarber, 365-43623
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LEADER: Bill Young, 703-522-7921
- 12 Sun BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK. Waterfowl, field birds, possibly Red-headed Woodpeckers. Meet at visitors center at 8:00 a.m. Bring scope and snack.  
LEADER: Howard Eiltzak, 703-528-3848
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- 16 Thu BLACKWATER NWR. Geese, swans, eagles, Brown-headed Nuthatches. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at visitors center (U.S. fee area). Bring lunch and scope.  
LEADER: Willem Maane, 229-1628
- 16 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Note change to third Thursday. Speaker: Craig Faanes of US Fish & Wildlife Endangered Species Division, "The Eskimo Curlew in the Lesser Antilles."

## DECEMBER

- 2 Sat PINEY RUN PARK AND LAKE, Carroll County. Meet at 8:00 a.m. Call leader for reservations and details. Bring lunch and scope.  
LEADER: Bill Kulp, 593-4617
- 3 Sun LILYPONS/OLAND ROAD. Winter field birds, including Snow Buntings and wintering sparrows; Loggerhead Shrike and Lapland Longspurs possible. Post-trip stop at Black Hill Reservoir if interest and weather warrant. Reservations necessary. Call the leader for details.  
LEADER: Gail MacKiernan, 989-1828
- 14 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speakers: Judy Fleth and Mike Male, wildlife filmmakers who make up Blue Earth Films, "Warbler Watching."
- 16 Sat D.C. CHRISTMAS COUNT. Coordinator, John Bierke, 983-8525. (Past participants will receive information by mail; newcomers call ANS, 652-9188.)
- 16 Sat TRIAD/DELPHIA CHRISTMAS COUNT. Coordinator, Norm Saunders, 989-9035 (evenings before 8:30).
- 17 Sun SENECA CHRISTMAS COUNT, sponsored by MCC/MOS. Coordinators: Bill Kulp, 593-4617, and Steve Pretl, 251-8648.
- 30 Sat SUGARLOAF CHRISTMAS COUNT. Coordinators: Gary Nelson, 897-8916, and Rob Gibbs, 253-6903.

## JANUARY 1996

- 6 Sat WATERFOWL QUEST. Search of local reservoirs and rivers for wintering ducks, geese, and gulls. Destinations will depend on weather. Call leader for time and meeting place.  
LEADER: Paul Pisano, 703-685-3790
- 11 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Greg Kearns Patuxent River Park naturalist and rail expert, "Sora Rail Research at Jug Bay."
- 12 Fri NORTH CAROLINA OUTER BANKS. Loons, gannets, wintering ducks and shorebirds; alcids and less common gulls possible. Call leader for motel and trip information. Reservations required. Limit 10.  
LEADER: Frank Witebsky, 871-7990
- 20 Sat GREAT GULL TREK. Lesser Black-backed Gulls likely; Iceland, Glaucous, and Yellow-legged possible. All levels welcome; gull I.D. coaching available for the gull-shy. Meet in parking lot adjacent to the Haines Point miniature golf course on Ohio Dr. at 1:00 p.m. Bring scope. Reservations required.  
LEADER: Howard Eiltzak, 703-528-3848

## FEBRUARY

- 3 Sat OCEAN CITY TO BROADKILL MARSH. Wintering waterfowl, gulls, terns, shorebirds. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Ocean City Inlet parking lot. Bring scope. **Reservations required.**
- 8 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Karene Motivans, endangered species biologist with MD DNR, "The Habitat Benefits of Piping Plover Management on Assateague Island."
- 17 Sat PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND. Joint trip with ANS, to Delmarva Peninsula, Ocean City, Md., to Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel. Details will appear in *The Chat* later.
- 19 Mon LEADER: Paul DuMont, 703-931-8994

## MARCH

- 2 Sat BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK. Waterfowl, landbirds. Meet at visitors center at 8:30 a.m.
- 9 Sat JUG BAY. Joint trip with ANS. Highlights may include Rusty Blackbirds, migrating Common Snipe, and courtship display of Osprey. Meet at 8:00 a.m. Call leader for details. **Reservations required.**
- LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525

## 15 Fri ANNUAL SOCIAL AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1996-97.

- 23 Sat SOUTHERN MARYLAND - CHARLES COUNTY LOOP. Waterfowl, woodpeckers, sparrows, and early migrants. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Charlestown Center. Call for specifics and reservations. Limit: 12.

- 30 Sat SURPRISE TRIP! Meet at Shady Grove Metro at 8:00 a.m. Destination to be revealed at meeting place. Bring lunch. Call leader for information and reservations. Limit: 10.
- LEADER: Robert Hilton, 270-1740

## APRIL

- 13 Sat POINT LOOKOUT STATE PARK, MD. Ducks, Great Cormorant, Northern Gannets, Brown-headed Nuthatch, early spring migrants. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Coast Guard Station at end of peninsula. **Reservations required.** Limit: 25.
- LEADER: Lynn Davidson, 410-647-7489
- 18 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Note change to **third Thursday**. Speaker: Christine Montouri, Montgomery County's only licensed bird "rehabber." "Bird Rehabilitation: Pros and Cons."

## April, cont'd.

- 20 Sat VIOLETTE'S LOCK. Early spring warblers, migrants, some resident songbirds. For beginners and those new to area—all are welcome. Meet in parking lot at 7:30 a.m.
- 25 Thu ROCK CREEK PARK. Migrant warblers, vireos, etc. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at picnic area #18 (.5 mi. below Nature Center on Ridge Rd.). We'll bird this area 7:00-8:00, then move on. Call leader for details.
- 26 Fri SENECA. Early warblers plus lingering winter species; river surprises. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at Seneca parking lot. No reservations.
- LEADER: Bill Dobbins, 202-338-1321
- 27 Sat MEADOWSIDE NATURE CENTER. Early spring migrants, late waterfowl. Bring scope. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Nature Center.
- LEADER: Rick Sussman, 774-1185
- MAY
- 1 Wed MONTROSE PARK. Early migrants. Meet at sundial at R St. and Avon Pl. in Georgetown, 7:00 a.m. Bird until 9:00 a.m. No reservations.
- 2 Thu PATUXENT RIVER PARK/BOAT EXCURSION. Joint trip with ANS. Details later in *The Chat*.
- 5 Sun NOLAND'S FERRY/LILYPONS. Birds of forest, fields, and wetlands. Spring warblers, Bobolinks, and shorebirds. **Reservations required.** Meet at 7:30 a.m., Rte. 80, commuter parking lot, east of I-270 at Urbana.
- LEADER: Gary Nelson, 897-8916
- 6 Mon HUNTLEY MEADOWS, VA. Migrant and nesting landbirds and marsh birds. Meet 7:00 a.m. at visitors center parking lot off Lockheed Blvd. **Reservations required.**
- 9 Thu LITTLE BENNETT REGIONAL PARK. Resident and migrant landbirds. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at King's Park, Rte. 121, 1 mi. east of I-270 (Clarksburg exit).
- LEADER: Bill Kulp, 593-4617
- 9 Thu CHAPTER MEETING, 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Mark Simpson, ornithologist and author, "Birds of the Blue Ridge Mountains."
- 11 Sat ANNUAL MAY COUNT. Coordinator: Paul Pisano, 703-685-3790.
- 15 Wed HUNTLEY MEADOWS, VA. SENIORS, JUNIORS, AND IN-BETWEENS. Classic trip to a favorite birding spot. Warblers, marsh birds, possibly raptors. Call leader for time and meeting place.
- LEADER: Luther Goldman, 474-1240



## May, contd.

18 Sat DELAWARE REFUGES. Waterbirds and shorebirds. Meet 8:00 a.m. at Bombay Hook visitors center.

1 day Bring lunch, insect repellent, sunscreen, scope.

Call leader for details and reservations. Limit: 16.

LEADER: Claudia Wilds, 202-333-5769

19 Sun SOUTHERN MARYLAND SONGBIRDS & MIGRANTS.

2/3 day Western Charles County, Myrtle Grove to Nanjemoy. Cuckoos, thrushes, vireos, warblers, tanagers, and grosbeaks. Meet 6:30 a.m. at Myrtle Grove. Reservations required. Limit: 12.

LEADER: George Jett, 843-3524

21 Tue BOMBAY HOOK, LITTLE CREEK, Ted Harvey-Logan Lane

1 day Tract, DE. Mostly shorebirds and other migrants. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at Bombay Hook visitor center. Bring scope and snack. Reservations required. Limit: 12.

LEADER: Willem Maane, 229-1628

26 Sun VIOLETTE'S LOCK TO PENNYFIELD. Breeding song-

1/2 day birds and late migrants--Cerulean, Worm-eating, Prothonotary warblers, etc. Meet at 7:00 a.m.

LEADER: Howard Eltzak, 703-528-3848

JUNE

1&2 GARRETT COUNTY (AND WESTERN MARYLAND). "Northern" warblers, Roblinks, Upland Sandpipers, other

Sat & northerly nesting species. Participants must be ready for 6:15 a.m. start. Reservations required.

LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525

2 days ANNUAL MOS CONVENTION at a new location: University of Maryland, Catonsville Campus.

6-8 GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST, Allegany County, MD. Nesting warblers: Cerulean, Golden-winged, etc. Meet at 6:00 a.m. Rte. 80 commuter lot, east of I-270 at Urbana. Rough roads will require carpooling. We'll return to parking lot at 5:00 p.m. Bring lunch, beverages, repellent. Reservations. Limit: 12.

LEADER: Franz Hespenthalde, 253-0416

9 Sun PATUXENT RIVER, joint trip with ANS. Details will appear later in *The Chat*.

1 day LEADER: Paul DuMont, 703-931-8994

Tue HUGHES HOLLOW - BUTTERFLY BONANZA. Meet in 3/4 day parking lot at 10:00 a.m., "butterfly" until 3:00. Bring lunch. Limit: 15. Reservations.

LEADERS: Rich Bray, 652-0387  
Jack Schultz, 869-1255

JULY

Tue DELAWARE COASTAL AREAS, joint trip with ANS. Details will appear later in *The Chat*.

Sat LEADER: John Bjerke, 963-8525

## MOS SANCTUARIES

Adventure (100 acres) ..... Montgomery County  
Carey Run (162 acres)\* ..... Garrett County  
Irish Grove (1450 acres)\* ..... Somerset County  
Mandares Creek (8 acres) ..... Anne Arundel County  
Mill Creek (155 acres) ..... Talbot County  
Myrtle Simon Pelot (60 acres) ..... Caroline County  
Seymour B. Cooper (14 acres) ..... Frederick County  
Caroline W. Wilson (85.8 acres) ..... Garrett County  
Merango Woods (50 acres) ..... Talbot County

\*Overnight accommodations available to members.

## PRIVATE SANCTUARY PROGRAM

Official MOS sanctuary signs can be purchased at \$3.00 each for posting on private property. For information, write or call: Lola Oberman, 6606 Melody Ln., Bethesda 20817 (365-1058).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year MOS awards scholarships to Maryland teachers and youth leaders to enable them to attend summer workshops and National Audubon Society camps in Maine, Connecticut, Wisconsin, or Wyoming. Interested persons should contact the Chapter President before November 15. Two annual awards are made from the Chandler S. Robbins and Eleanor C. Robbins funds to send applicants to ornithology workshops.

## BIRD ALERTS

Voice of the Naturalist ..... 652-1088

(Usually taped Tuesday at noon. To report

sightings, call the Audubon Naturalist Society,

652-9188 x 3101 and record a message at any

hour, or FAX 301-951-7179.)

Virginia Bird Alert ..... 804-929-1736

Delaware Valley Alert ..... 215-567-2473

New Jersey Bird Alert ..... 908-766-2661

Cape May Bird Observatory ..... 609-884-2626

New York Bird Alert ..... 212-979-3070

North Carolina Bird Alert ..... 704-332-2473