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Baltimore Bird Club Board meetings occur at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, September thru June, at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Our membership year runs September 1, 2014–August 31 2015.

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Dues</u>
Individual.....	\$35.00
Household	\$45.00
Sustaining.....	\$100.00
Junior (through age 17).....	\$10.00
Chapter only, Individual.....	\$15.00
Chapter only, Household	\$20.00
New Individual after March.....	\$17.50
New Household after March	\$22.50
Life (in state organization only).....	\$1000.00

A full year's dues received after May 1 will be applied to the next membership year, which starts May 1.

New MOS life members will pay “Chapter Only” membership dues to hold membership in the Baltimore Bird Club. The life membership fee is a one-time donation to the MOS Sanctuary Fund and is deductible for income tax purposes to the extent provided by law. For all classifications of membership, make check payable to the Baltimore Bird Club, and mail to:

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Further contributions, land donations, living trusts and bequests are gratefully accepted and may be directed, if so desired, to a specific project or to the MOS Sanctuary Fund.

THE MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS), organized in 1945, is an independent, non-profit educational bird-watchers organization with many local chapters throughout the state, including our Baltimore Bird Club. Many activities are sponsored at the state level, including teacher scholarships to summer nature camps, research grants, and the annual convention.

The two M.O.S. periodical publications are:

Maryland Yellowthroat, the club bimonthly newsletter.

Maryland Birdlife, a quarterly report of observations.

MOS Annual Conference May 15-17 (Fri-Sun at Clarion Hotel and Hagar Hall in Hagarstown MD. Full schedule of field trips, lectures, Silent Auction and other activities will become available closer to the conference date. . Check the BBC newsletter, eNews and website, and at the MOS website and Conference Flier in the mail.

MOS. Sanctuaries

The MOS has properties set aside to preserve habitat in various locations throughout the state, including two with houses suitable for overnight accommodations.

See the **MOS Web Page** at <http://www.MDBirds.org>

Up-to-date **news on bird sightings in Maryland** can be accessed at **Google Groups – Maryland & DC Birding**, a computer internet chat-line which posts Maryland bird reports as soon as they come in. It can be accessed, without having to sign up, at: <http://www.mdbirding.com/>

BALTIMORE BIRD CLUB

The purpose of our club is to function as a local chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc., and to further educational, scientific, and charitable pursuits relating to bird life in Maryland. The BBC sponsors field trips, bird counts, lectures, youth programs, scholarships, the Lights Out Baltimore! Campaign, and other conservation efforts.

Chip Notes is our club newsletter, produced quarterly, providing information about birds, birders and club activities in the Baltimore area. Members are alerted via email when **Chip Notes** is available on-line. Paper copies are available upon request. Members are encouraged to send articles to our editor:

Joan Cwi

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Baltimore Bird Club E-News Bulletin

We also send, via e-mail, a monthly e-news bulletin with announcements, updates and reminders of major upcoming events. This service is only available to BBC members and cannot be accessed through the BBC website. **Please let the membership secretary know if your email address changes so we can keep your e-bulletin coming.**

Baltimore Bird Club on the Internet

Check us out at www.baltimorebirdclub.org for updates and changes to our activities schedule including field trips, bird lists, links to Maryland & DC Birding reports, to the state MOS organization's web page, links to a number of other regional rare bird alerts and other organizations and activities, membership application form, and more.

Baltimore Bird Club on Facebook

BBC now has a Facebook page that members can access, whether or not they are members of Facebook. To contribute and/or receive routine updates, you need to join.

Check us at

www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/



Baltimore Orioles Junior Birding Club

Who? Are you 8 to 15 years old and enjoy watching birds? Join other young birders on youth-centered bird hikes and weekend outings. Join other young birders on youth-centered bird hikes and weekend outings. You will locate, identify, and study birds with binoculars, field guides, and apps for your smart phone.

Where, When and How? Bird in the Baltimore area year-round. See the schedule below. You will need to attend our programs with a parent or a sanctioned adult. Mom and Dad will benefit by learning ways of enjoying nature at home and on family vacations. If available, bring a pair of binoculars and a bird field guide on our hikes. We may be able to lend you binoculars. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy boots or hiking shoes. Our program is free. Visit the club's web page for member information: <http://baltimorebirdclub.org>

Contact John Robinson to register for the program, ask questions, or get binocular purchasing advice. Phone: 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

BBC Headquarters at Cylburn Arboretum

The BBC and MOS have had a long-standing relationship with Cylburn Arboretum. We continue this association in many ways.

Cylburn Birds and Nature Museum

The Baltimore Bird Club has an outstanding collection of mounted birds, visual aids, and other resources at Cylburn. The bird and nature exhibit is located in the Carriage House behind the main building and is open only **on weekends**. To arrange an appointment for use of the collection and its resources, call Joan Cwi at 410 467-5352.

Tuesday Evening Lectures at Cylburn

Meetings with presentations on birds and related topics are held at Cylburn in the Greenhouse Classroom on the first Tuesday of each month from September through May, January (Covered Dish Dinner on 2nd Sunday). There is no lecture in December or February. The doors open at 7:00 pm for refreshments and socialization. Lectures begin about 7:15 and end about 9:00.

Note: Tuesday Evening events are cancelled if City schools are closed that day. When in doubt, check with lecture chairman Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 (cell phone) or pete_webb@juno.com.

The January lecture will be at the annual **Covered Dish Dinner** on Sunday, January 11, 2015, in the Vollmer Center at Cylburn.

**Baltimore Bird Club Fall/Winter Lectures
Schedule 2014-2015**

Tue. Sept. 2 – Audubon Society’s Salt Marsh Conservation Initiative with David Curson, Maryland Bird Conservation Director.

Tue. Oct. 7 – BBC Members 2014 Trip to Costa Rica: The Real Story – the places, the fun, the birds they saw.

Tue. Nov. 4 – "The Ordinary Extraordinary Junco." A remarkable film by researchers at Indiana University about a not-so-ordinary backyard bird.

Sun. Jan. 11 - Covered Dish Dinner at Cylburn’s Vollmer Center – Bruce Beehler’s explorations to see Birds of Paradise and other amazing inhabitants of New Guinea's rainforests.

Tue. Mar. 3 – Female Birds Do Sing – Dr Kevin Omland, UMBC

Tue. Apr. 7 – “Birds of a Feather: Seasonal Changes on Both Sides of the Atlantic” by author Colin Rees.

Tue. May 5 – Bird in Art and Human Culture – in paintings, sculpture and photographs - panel discussion with Lynne Parks and Janet Millenson.

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

- Check BBC program schedule, newsletter, website and **e-bulletin** for trip details and **changes**.
- Report your arrival and departure to leader.
- Do not go ahead of leader on walk or in caravan.
- Speak quietly on a walk or move to the back of the group when talking. “Bird Listening” is as important as “Bird Watching”.
- Do NOT play bird song or call recordings without leader approval.
- Leave dog at home
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- "Take nothing but pictures, leave only your footprints."
- Go Green - Car pool on all trips to save on gas.

MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE

NOTE: Watch for changes to our schedule! Check our club newsletter, e-news bulletin, and club website at <http://www.baltimorebirdclub.org> for upcoming announcements and changes.

Events may be cancelled for inclement weather. When in doubt, check with the trip leader, or with Program Chairman:
Pete Webb,
phone 443 904-6314 (cell) or pete_webb@juno.com

***Directions for meeting places are at end of this booklet.**



Designates a new field trip



Designates a youth program

Note – directions are at end of booklet

AUGUST 2014

AUG 9 (Sat) 7:00/9:15 am Bombay Hook N.W.R. in Delaware. Meet at Nursery Rd Park-n-Ride 7:00 am OR Bombay Hook visitor center lot 9:15 am. Bring lunch. For herons, wide variety of migrating shorebirds including avocets, Blue Grosbeaks, Purple Martins and more. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking involved. Telescopes useful. Leader: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or pete_webb@juno.com.

✓ **AUG 9 (Sat) Youth Birding at Robert E Lee Park**
(aka **Lake Roland** (Robert E. Lee Park) with John
Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home),
jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

AUG 10 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Half-day trip for early waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

AUG 26 (Tue) 8:00 am. Cromwell Valley Park. First in a series of weekly Tuesday morning walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Tuesday walks will be held at Cromwell in the fall, and at RELP in the spring. This park has variety of habitats including fields, stream-side woods and hillside forest. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: Joan Cwi, 410 467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net.

AUG 30 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park. Early migrant swallows, flycatchers, resident American Kestrel and Wood Ducks and more in this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. Stroll with Audubon Maryland-DC among gardens, wetlands, and the Boat Lake. This event is a regularly scheduled bird walk open to the public. For questions or to arrange to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 2014

SEP 2 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall

migration. **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: Debbie Terry, 410 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net.

SEP 2 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. First in a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows on the first Tuesday of each month except December and February. **Tonight: David Curson, National Audubon Society's Director of Bird Conservation in Maryland,** will discuss Audubon's study and conservation initiative, using science and partnerships, for protecting Maryland's Salt Marsh birds and habitat threatened by rising sea levels. Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm. See directions at the end of this booklet.

SEP 3 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. First in a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

SEP 6 (Sat) 8:15 am North Point State Park. Meet in the parking lot just after the toll booth. There is a fee of \$3 per car to enter the park. We will walk down the path to Black Marsh Wildlands, a great spot for various wetland birds, raptors, warblers and flycatchers. The woods around the Black Marsh area host many woodpeckers and vireos, and we can head down to the beach to check for terns. Scopes very useful. Path tends to be very muddy, and don't forget your bug spray. Leader: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net, or 410-823-2962.

SEP 7 (Sun) 8:30 am Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Expect to find a

variety of migrant and resident birds. **Beginning birders welcome.** No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

SEP 9 (Tue) 8:00 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

SEP 9 (Tue) 7:00 pm **BBC Board meeting.** While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

✓ **SEP 13** (Sat) 8:00 am **Hawks over Cromwell Valley Park.** Joint trip with our youth birding group. Jim Meyers will take us for a short walk along a stream-side path to explore one of the best birding areas near Baltimore for sparrows and late warblers, along with lingering summer residents, then head up to the hawkwatch site for Broad-winged Hawks and other raptors. This is part of the 10-year anniversary Hawk Migration festival at the park. **Beginning birders welcome.** Bring lunch if you'd like to stay all day. Leader: Jim Meyers, 410 665-2440 or jamesleomeyers@mac.com. Youth Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

SEP 14 (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Half-day trip for early waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

SEP 16 (Tue) 8:00 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** Continuing a

series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: Chris Davidson, 410 828-1325.

SEP 20 (Sat) Baltimore Fall Count. We will tally all birds seen within the City and County during this calendar day. Birders of all levels of experience are welcome and urged to participate. To avoid duplication of counting, contact compiler Joel Martin, 410 744-9211 or jcdlmartin@aol.com, for area assignment.

SEP 20 (Sat) 7:30 am Milford Mill Park. One-mile level walk on paved path for migrant warblers thrushes, tanagers, grosbeaks and other songbirds Leader: Leslie Starr, 410 664-3133 or turnstar@aol.com.

SEP 20 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Wendy Alexander, (410) 788-4080 or drbeanes@verizon.net.

SEP 21 (Sun) 8:00 am Quarry Lake. Popular and scenic birding location with level, often paved, pathways with excellent views down (not up!) into the treetops surrounding Quarry Lake. Meet at the benches where the 3 flags are flying on Quarry Lake Drive. Cancelled if raining. Leader: John Dennehy, 410 653-5214 or jedennehy@verizon.net.



SEP 21 (Sun) 6:45-7:30 pm Chimney Swifts at Dusk. Join the BBC SwiftWatch Team as Chimney Swifts enter a favorite chimney at sunset. We're expecting hundreds, even thousands of swifts. Due to the fact that the swifts routinely

change migration roosting chimneys, this year's fall site will be posted on the BBC website (<http://baltimorebirdclub.org/>) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/) on Friday, Sep 19. Come a half hour early if the weather is cloudy or gray. Cancelled if raining. Leader: Joan Cwi, 410-467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net.

SEP 23 (Tue) 8:00 am **Cromwell Valley Park**. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. **Beginning birders welcome**. Leader: Mary Anne Fluke, 443 690-4319 or mfluke62@gmail.com.

SEP 27 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am **Patterson Park**. Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. For questions or to arrange to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

SEP 30 (Tue) 8:00 am **Cromwell Valley Park**. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. **Beginning birders welcome**. Leader: John Landers, 410 292-9549 or dado1bw@aol.com.

OCTOBER 2014

OCT 1 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry**. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

OCT 5 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. **Beginning birders welcome.** No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

OCT 7 (Tue) 8:00 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: Ron Davis, 410 821-1297 or 2athigh1@verizon.net.

OCT 7 (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening at Cylburn.** Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows on the first Tuesday of each month except December and February. In January, lecture is part of the Covered Dish Dinner. **Tonight: BBC Members 2014 Trip to Costa Rica: The Real Story.** Six BBC members, along with seven other MOS members, spent nine days in southern central Costa Rica last April. Hear about the places we visited, the fun we had--and especially the birds we saw—357 species ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime! Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm. See directions at the end of this booklet.

OCT 11 (Sat) 7:00 am sharp. **Cape May Hawkwatch.** Meet at Cromwell Bridge Road Park-n-Ride. All-day excursion – bring lunch – to spend day mostly at the hawk watch platform at Cape May observing hawks flying by, with possible uncommon seabirds in view out over the water. Optional walks around the impoundment for migrant waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds. A few late migrant songbirds are possible in the trees next to the platform. Last year, 80 bird species were seen or heard during 4 hours at the platform. Rain date Oct 18. Leaders: Pete Webb, 443 904-

6314 or pete_webb@juno.com, and Kevin Graff,
keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.



OCT 11 (Sat) 8:00 am Youth birding at Oregon Ridge Park. We'll explore the fields and woods for migrating birds, as well as late insect migrants and residents. For those who have not visited the Nature Center before, we'll spend some time admiring the displays and information available inside. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

OCT 12 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

OCT 14 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of fall migration. **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

OCT 14 (Tue) 7:00 pm BBC Board meeting. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

OCT 18 (Sat) rain date for Cape May Hawkwatch trip.

OCT 18 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Joe Supik, 443 417-5015.

OCT 21 (Tue) 8:00 am **Cromwell Valley Park**. Continuing in a series of weekly Tuesday morning walks to follow the progress of fall migration. This park has variety of habitats including fields, stream-side woods and hillside forest. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. **Beginning birders welcome**. Leader: Ruth Culbertson, 410 825-1379 or ruthec@verizon.net.

OCT 25 (Sat) 8:00 am **Northampton Furnace Trail**. Special walk **honoring the memory of Joy Wheeler**, who led many walks here. Level trail through woods to water overlooks. Possible muddy spots, boots recommended. Telescopes might be useful for waterfowl. Leaders: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or pete_webb@juno.com, and Marty Brazeau, 410-583-0275 or tropicbirder@verizon.net.

OCT 25 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am **Patterson Park**. Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. For questions or to arrange to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 2014

NOV 4 (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening at Cylburn**. Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows on the first Tuesday of each month except December and February. In January, lecture is part of the Covered Dish Dinner. **Tonight: "The Ordinary Extraordinary Junco."** A film produced by the Junco Project at Indiana University. This documentary is designed to engage, entertain and inspire audiences of all backgrounds. It highlights research on a common yet amazing group of backyard birds: Juncos. The

Junco Project does a superb job of converting a common and widespread backyard bird into a lively textbook about evolution, animal behavior, genetics, and even our own biological makeup. Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm. See directions at the end of this booklet.

NOV 5 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

NOV 9 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

NOV 11 (Tue) 7:00 pm BBC Board meeting. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

NOV 15 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Wendy Alexander, (410) 788-4080 or drbeanes@verizon.net.

NOV 22 (Sat) 7:30 am Blackwater NWR, Hooper's Island, and Cedar Creek. Roundup of waterfowl and other

target birds on the lower Eastern Shore in Dorchester County. Possible Rough-legged Hawk, White Pelican, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Short-eared Owl, and other rarities. Possible optional dinner stop on way home. Bring lunch, and telescope if you have one. Meet at Nursery Road Park-n-Ride to carpool. Leader: Kevin Graff, keywest2001@gmail.com.

NOV 23 (Sun) 8:00 am **Loch Raven**. Two mile level walk to see winter residents on both land and water. Past years have included Loons, Ducks, Grebes, Bald Eagles, Bluebirds, Winter Wrens, both Kinglets, Brown Creepers, Sapsuckers, and occasional rarities of all kinds. Telescopes handy for waterfowl. Leader: Peter Lev, 410 823-2962 or plev@comcast.net.

✓ **NOV 29** (Sat) 8:00 am **Patterson Park**. Joint trip with the Youth Group and the Patterson Park Audubon Center. Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. The birding there is exceptional, despite being in a major city. Expect the unexpected! For questions or to arrange to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com. Youth Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

DECEMBER 2014

DEC 3 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry**. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

DEC 9 (Tue) 7:00 pm **BBC Board meeting.** While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.



DEC 13 (Sat) **Youth Birding at the Loch Raven Picnic Trail.** Come on our 2 mile level walk to see winter residents on both land and water. Past years have included Loons, Ducks, Grebes, Bald Eagle, Eastern Bluebird, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, and occasional rarities of all kinds. **Pre-registration strongly encouraged!** Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

DEC 14 (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

DEC 20 (Sat) Dawn to dusk **Middle River Christmas Bird Count.** Birders of all levels of expertise or experience are welcome and urged to participate in this **brand-new** post-migration bird census in eastern Baltimore County. The area being surveyed is in a 15 mile diameter circle in eastern Baltimore County, encompassing Fort Howard up to Day's Cove at the mouth of the Gunpowder. This is a count of all birds seen or heard in the count circle. Count totals will be submitted to the National Audubon Society for nationwide publication. Contact compilers Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 , pete_webb@juno.com, or Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, for area assignment with one of the sector coordinators.


DEC 20 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Ben Poscover, 410 882-1309.

DEC 27 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am **Patterson Park.** Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. For questions or to arrange to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

JANUARY 2015

JAN 1 (Thu) 8:30 am **Loch Raven Reservoir.** Start the New Year birding. Varied habitats including woods, fields and the reservoir. Probably also birding other sites for a “Big Day” in Baltimore City & County. Leader: Kevin Graff, email keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or call 410 557-2456.

JAN 7 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

 **JAN 10** (Sat) 9:00 am **Youth Birding at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge** near Cambridge on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. All-day trip, bring lunch. **Reservations REQUIRED for this trip!** Pre-registration is mandatory for

this trip, so we know who to expect, and can wait for stragglers. The trip itself is free, but the refuge charges a \$3 fee for each car. We can expect a wide variety of waterfowl, various wintering residents on the milder Eastern Shore, Bald Eagles, possible Brown-headed Nuthatches, Tundra Swans, Canada and Snow Geese, and possible White Pelicans. Dress for the weather - it is often quite cold and windy, so warm coats, gloves and hats are recommended for standing outside the car bird watching. Following the refuge visit, as interest indicates, we may have lunch nearby and stop on the way back at the Choptank River and on Kent Island for more ducks, geese and swans. It's about a 2 hour drive, so if carpooling is desired, mention that when you register. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

JAN 11 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

JAN 11 (Sun) 4:30 pm Covered Dish Dinner and Lecture at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn. Tonight's featured talk: Exploring New Guinea in Search of Birds of Paradise and Other Natural Wonders. Ornithologist and tropical ecologist Bruce Beehler made more than 50 field trips to New Guinea over a span of four decades. He will present highlights of his field trips, with a focus on the birds and other amazing inhabitants of New Guinea's rainforests. Please contact Kevin Graff in advance at keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, to let him know you are coming, and what food you plan to bring. See directions in the final section of this booklet.

JAN 13 (Tue) 7:00 pm **BBC Board meeting.** While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

JAN 17 (Sat) **Baltimore Mid-Winter Bird Count.** To participate in post-migration bird count in your choice of location in Baltimore City or County, call Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or pete_webb@juno.com.

JAN 17 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: David Sandler, 410 370-0747.

JAN 31 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am **Patterson Park.** Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. For questions or to arrange to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 2015


FEB 4 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

FEB 7 (Sat) 8:00 am **Waterfowl and Rare Birds Roundup.** We'll be checking out several sites in search for ducks, geese

and possible swans at Quarry Lake, Loch Raven area, and along shoreline of Baltimore County. Any recently reported hot-line rare birds will be fair game. Bring your 'scopes if you have them. Meet at Cromwell Bridge Road Park-n-Ride. Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

FEB 8 (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center**. Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

FEB 10 (Tue) 7:00 pm **BBC Board meeting**. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

 **FEB 14** (Sat) 9:00 am **Youth Birding at Marshy Point Park**. This easy walk in a very diverse area is good for feeder birds and winter residents of land, marsh and water varieties. Sparrows, finches and ducks are common and hopefully easy to see. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

FEB 21 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry**. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Ben Poscover, 410 882-1309.

FEB 28 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am **Patterson Park**. Come see what birding action abounds amid the varied habitats of this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. For questions or to arrange

to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

MARCH 2015

MAR 3 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom. Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows.

Tonight's topic - Female song: widespread and ancestral in songbirds with Dr. Kevin Omland.

Bird song has historically been considered an almost exclusively male trait, an observation fundamental to the formulation of Darwin's theory of sexual selection. Like other male ornaments, song is used by male songbirds to attract females and compete with rivals. Thus, bird song has become a textbook example of the power of sexual selection to lead to extreme neurological and behavioral sex differences.

Karan Odom and Kevin Omland, biological scientists, made headlines around the world with a Nature Communications article that challenges the assumption that bird song is an exclusively male trait resulting from sexual selection. They will be presenting their findings this evening. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

MAR 4 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

MAR 7 (Sat) 8:00 am Middle Creek WMA. Bring lunch for an

all-day trip to visit this major gathering place north of Lancaster, PA., for Snow Geese and other waterfowl. There is also an excellent display of mounted birds in the visitor center. Note: Trip may go elsewhere if Middle Creek is frozen over. Meet 8 am at Timonium Park-n-Ride. Watch our club website and newsletter and e-bulletin to learn which date we choose, depending on winter conditions and how soon the waterfowl are likely to turn up there. Leaders: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or pete_webb@juno.com, and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com. Contact leader(s) to learn if trip is on or off, due to ice on lake or weather conditions. Snow date: Sat Mar. 14.

MAR 7 (Sat) 8:00-10:30 am. **First of 3 weekend walks sponsored by Robert E. Lee Park.** Meet at the Ranger Station - note different meeting place from BBC Tuesday walks! We'll look for wintering water birds and song birds. Ages 10 and up, all skill levels welcome. Binoculars helpful. Cancelled if snowing, raining, or icy. Contact Peter Lev, plev@towson.edu or 410 823-2962.

MAR 8 (Sun) **8:30** am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

MAR 10 (Tue) 7:00 pm **BBC Board meeting.** While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

MAR 11 (Wed) 8:00 am **70 year anniversary Bird Walk at Lake Roland** (aka Robert E. Lee Park). On March 11, 1945

the first field trip by the fledgling Maryland Ornithological Society, now known as the Baltimore Bird Club, took place at Lake Roland. Commemorating this, we repeat the walk at the same site 70 years later. Leader: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or pete_webb@juno.com.

MAR 14 (Sat) 9:00 a.m. Youth Birding at North Point State Park. Meet at the small parking area on the left, just past the toll booth at the entrance. We will walk down the Black Marsh loop and back, and then go to the main parking area overlooking the Bay, looking for late ducks and early migrants. Rusty Blackbird possible. The walk is free, but there is a \$3 charge to enter the park. Wear good footwear, the trail can be mucky. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jrobin@jhmi.edu.

MAR 21 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: David Sandler, 410 370-0747.

MAR 28 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park. Early spring migrants found in this urban park may include Caspian Tern, Merlin, Pine Warbler, Fox Sparrow or Woodcock! For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

APRIL 2015

APR 1 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main

entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

APR 4 (Sat) 8:30 am Papermill Flats and Ashland Trail.

Double-header trip for marsh birds and lingering waterfowl and early migrant songbirds. Meet at north side of Paper Mill Road 100 yards east of the bridge over the upper end of Loch Raven Reservoir. Leaders: Debbie Terry, 410 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net, and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

APR 5 (Sun) 8:30 am Cylburn Self-guided Walk. First in a series of casual spring walks. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. **Beginning birders welcome.** Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

APR 7 (Tue) 8:00 a.m. Robert E. Lee Park (aka Lake Roland). First in a series of weekly Tuesday morning walks to follow the progress of spring migration. Habitats include woods, lake, streams and marsh. This park has an impressive bird list, including waders, raptors, and passerines. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Ruth Culbertson, 410 825-1379 or ruthc@verizon.net.

APR 7 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom. Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight Join Marylander Colin Rees as he discusses his book, "Birds of a Feather: Seasonal Changes on Both Sides of the Atlantic," co-authored with his British friend, Derek Thomas. In this one-year diary about avian-centric observations, you get to know their thoughts, countries, families, and even their dogs. The

book is written over the course of a year in point-counterpoint style. It starts in January 2010 and ends in December. Each author writes a commentary or two per week. Often the observations are similar, sometimes polar opposites. So the reader gets to "feel" the natural world evolve in parallel on each side of the Atlantic. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

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✓ **APR 11** (Sat) 9:00 am **Irvine Nature Center**. Joint trip with our Youth Birding Group. The easy trails wind through woods and fields, and we'll be looking for early migrants, especially sparrows. We can look for possible Rusty Blackbirds, White-Crowned, Fox and Tree Sparrows, Wilson's Snipe, Eastern Bluebirds, and migrating hawks, among other nice birds. Wear boots for muddy spots. Spotting telescopes can help view distant perched birds. **Beginning Birders Welcome.** Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

APR 12 (Sun) 8:00 – 10:30 am Second of 3 weekend walks sponsored by **Robert E. Lee Park**. Meet at the Ranger Station - note different meeting place from BBC Tuesday walks! Habitats include woods, lake, streams and marsh. Catch the beginning of spring migration! Water birds, hawks, and song birds are moving. Ages 10 and up, all skill levels welcome. Binoculars helpful. Cancelled if snowing, raining, or icy. Contact Peter Lev (plev@towson.edu or 410-823-2962).

APR 12 (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center**. Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile

trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

APR 14 (Tue) 8:00 am **Robert E Lee Park** (aka **Lake Roland**). Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: [Mary Chetelat](mailto:Mary.Chetelat@verizon.net), 410 665-0769.

APR 14 (Tue) 7:00 pm **BBC Board meeting**. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

APR 18 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry**. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Wendy Alexander, 410 788-4080 or drbeanes@verizon.net.

APR 18 (Sat) 9:00 am - 12:00 noon **Southwest Area Park**. For possible Rusty Blackbird, lingering Fox Sparrows, possible American Woodcock, more migrant sparrows, waterfowl including Blue-winged or Green-winged Teal, yellowlegs, possible Least Tern, Double-crested Cormorant, Hooded Merganser, and other possibilities. Leader: Dave Walbeck, dwalbeck@comcast.net or 410 757-0112.

APR 21 (Tue) 8:00 am **Robert E Lee Park** (aka **Lake Roland**). Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: [Debbie Terry](mailto:Dterry12@verizon.net), 410 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net.

APR 25 (Sat) Swan Harbor Farm in Harford County for rails, resident Pied-billed Grebes, herons and egrets and other marsh and water birds. Level walk to observation blind, optional additional walk, more rugged, along dikes with some ticks and holes underfoot, but more observational opportunities. Last year produced **King, Clapper, Sora and Virginia Rails**, Marsh Wren and Little Blue Heron. Nice looks at the Sora and Virginia Rails. The Pied-billed Grebes were calling on territory (how often do you get to hear that?) and seen well. Meet at Cromwell Park-n-Ride lot at 8 am or at Swan Harbor Farm lot at 8:45 am. Leaders: Pete Webb, pete_webb@juno.com or 443 904-6314 (cell phone, will be on), and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

APR 25 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park. Catch spring migration at this green urban oasis in the City. For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

APR 26(Sun) 8:30 am Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Continuing a series of casual spring walks. Meet at the main Vollmer Center parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest in spring migration. **Beginning birders welcome.** Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.



APR 26 (Sun 7:45-8:30 pm Chimney Swifts at Dusk. Join the BBC Swift Watch Team as Chimney Swifts enter a favorite chimney at sunset. Due to the fact that the swifts routinely change migration roosting chimneys, this year's spring site will be posted on the BBC website (<http://baltimorebirdclub.org/>) and Facebook page

(www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/) on Friday, Apr 25. Come a half hour early if the weather is cloudy or gray. Cancelled if raining. Leader: Joan Cwi (410)467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net.

APR 28 (Tue) 8:00 am **Robert E Lee Park** (aka **Lake Roland**). Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: John Landers, 410 292-9549 or dado1bw@aol.com.

MAY 2015

MAY 2 (Sat) 6:30 am **Susquehanna State Park, Rock Run area**. Meet at Cromwell Bridge Road Park-n-Ride. Or meet there at 7:30 am at the lot next to the old mill building. Trip to river in Harford County for resident Cerulean and Prothonotary Warblers and a collection of spring migrants. Possibly one of the best spring warbler watching sites in Maryland; 18 to 24 warbler species possible in a single day. Bring a picnic lunch for the wrap-up of what could be an excellent morning of birding. Leaders: Pete Webb, pete_webb@juno.com or 443 904-6314 (cell phone, will be on), and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

MAY 2 (Sat) 8:00 – 10:30 am Third of 3 weekend walks sponsored by **Robert E. Lee Park**. Meet at the Ranger Station - note different meeting place from BBC Tuesday walks! Habitats include woods, lake, streams and marsh. Songbird and hawk migration should be in full swing. We'll look for spring migrant warblers and freshly arrived summer resident orioles, vireos, thrushes and warblers. Ages 10 and up, all skill levels welcome. Binoculars helpful. Cancelled if raining. Leaders: John Landers, dadolbw@aol.com or 410 292-9549, and Claire Wayner.

MAY 3 (Sun) 8:00 am **Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park**. Please join us for a bird walk at the height of spring migration in Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park, a 120 acre wilderness park in west Baltimore City. The park contains mature and secondary forest as well as riparian habitats and some limited field habitat. Meet at the Winans Meadows parking lot at 4500 Franklinton Road, 21229. Leaders: Elise and Paul Kreiss, 410 367-8194, ekreiss@verizon.net, paul1kreiss@verizon.net.

MAY 5 (Tue) 8:00 am **Robert E Lee Park (aka Lake Roland)**. Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. **Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Ron Davis**, 410 821-1297 or 2athigh1@verizon.net.

MAY 5 (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom**. Finale in a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. **Tonight: Birds in Art and Human Culture**, with Lynne Parks and Janet Millenson (and possibly others). The subject of birds and human culture, particularly birds as the subject of art, is vast. The panel will discuss birds in painting, including trophy art (and symbolism to be found therein) from the Renaissance forward, perhaps Houdin's beautiful sculpture of a dead thrush or Fabritius's *The Goldfinch* which has gotten so much attention lately owing to the novel by Donna Tartt. Other areas include dead birds in paintings and photographs that have new implications these days considering what we know about building collisions, outdoor cats, plastic consumption, and pesticides.

Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

MAY 6 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry**. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys

of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate.. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

MAY 9 (Sat) May Count. (International Migratory Bird Day). All-day count of birds in Baltimore City and County. For area assignments call compiler Joel Martin, 410 744-9211 or email jcdlmartin@aol.com.

✓ **MAY 9 (Sat) 8:00 am Youth Birding at Cromwell Valley Park.** Our return visit to this park is at one of the best times for migrating warblers and vireos. In addition to them, we can expect to see oodles of Orioles, Bluebirds, Tree Swallows and other nesting birds, plus a wide variety of other migrants including cuckoos, thrushes, sparrows and whatnots. This trip is highly recommended. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

MAY 10 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410 686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

MAY 12 (Tue) 8:00 am Robert E Lee Park (aka Lake Roland). Weekly walks following the progress of spring migration. **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: Chris Davidson, 410 828-1325.

MAY 12 (Tue) 7:00 pm BBC Board meeting. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is

welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

MAY 15 – 17 (Fri – Sun) MOS Conference at Clarion Hotel in Hagerstown, MD. Full schedule of field trips, lectures, Silent Auction and other activities. Check your Conference Flier or go to mdbirds.org for more information.

MAY 16 (Sat) 7:30 am Milford Mill Park. One-mile level walk on paved path for migrant warblers thrushes, tanagers, grosbeaks and other songbirds Leader: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or pete_webb@juno.com.

MAY 16 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Joe Supik, 443 417-5015.

MAY 17 (Sun) 9:00 am Glen Artney and Avalon areas, Patapsco River Valley State Park. This park has a variety of habitats including Lost Lake, stream-side woods and open fields. Possibilities include spring migrants such as warblers, vireos and orioles as well as resident birds. Level walking on paved and gravel roads. This is a fee area of \$2 or \$3 dollars per car. Car pooling is recommended. Leader: Mary Anne Fluke, 443 690-4319 or mfluke62@gmail.com.

MAY 19 (Tue) 8:00 am Robert E Lee Park (aka Lake Roland). Weekly walk following the progress of spring migration. **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

MAY 23 (Sat) 7:00/9:15 am Bombay Hook. Meet at

Nursery Road Park-n-Ride 7:00 am OR Bombay Hook at 9:15 am. For a wide variety of migrating shorebirds. Possible breeding plumage Turnstones, Sanderlings, and Red Knots. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking. Bring lunch. Telescopes very useful. Leader: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or email pete_webb@juno.com.

MAY 26 (Tue) 8:00 am **Robert E. Lee Park (aka Lake Roland)**. Final weekly walk following the progress of spring migration. **Beginning birders welcome**. Leader: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net, or 410-823-2962.

MAY 30 (Sat) 8:00 am **Patterson Park**. Look for late spring migrants and resident Wood Ducks, American Kestrel, and surprises in this urban oasis. For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

MAY 30 (Sat) 9:00 am **Kiwanis Pond heron rookery** near York, PA. Nesting Great Egrets, Black-crowned Night-herons and more. Meet at Mt. Carmel Road park-n-ride off I-83 north of the Beltway. Leader: TBA

MAY 31 (Sun) 8:00 am **Quarry Lake**. Popular and scenic, birdy location with resident Baltimore and Orchard Orioles, Willow Flycatcher, Green Herons, and views *DOWN* into the tree-tops where these birds nest. Level paved paths and sidewalks. Meet at the benches where the three flags are flying on Quarry Lake Drive. Cancelled if raining. Leader: John Dennehy, 410 653-5214 or jedennehy@verizon.net.

JUNE 2015

JUNE 3 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry**. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys

of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

JUNE 5 - 7 (Fri - Sun) Carey Run Weekend in Western Maryland. Memory-making weekend - breeding warblers, sparrows, Bobolinks and more in Allegany and Garrett Counties in our state's western end. Good chance for Henslow's, Grasshopper, Vesper and Savannah Sparrows, Eastern Meadowlark, Magnolia, Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Canada, Black-throated Green and Black-throated Blue Warblers, chance for Golden-winged Warbler, Upland Sandpiper, Northern Waterthrush, possible Ruffed Grouse, Winter Wren, Junco, Hermit Thrush and Veery, Alder Flycatcher, possible Least Flycatcher, and other birds normally seen only in migration or winter. Mostly birding near the cars, telescopes useful for some distant perching birds. Leaders: Pete Lev, plev@comcast.net, or 410-823-2962, and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

JUNE 9 (Tue) 7:00 pm BBC Board meeting. While only authorized Board members have a vote, any Club member is welcome to attend and participate in discussions. Call any club officer or board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom.

JUNE 13 (Sat.) 8:00 am Youth Birding at Patterson Park. Return trip to see what we can see. Who knows what we will turn up, but it will undoubtedly include some surprises. Following the trip, if desired, we may go get an early lunch nearby. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

JUNE 14 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center. Half-day trip in search for waterfowl, raptors, passerines.

Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410 686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

JUNE 27 (Sat) 8:00 am **Patterson Park.** Look for late spring migrants and resident Wood Ducks, American Kestrel, and surprises in this urban oasis. For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

JULY 2015

JULY 1 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

JULY 12 (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Half-day trip in search for waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410 686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

JULY 25 (Sat) 8:00 – 9:30 am **Patterson Park.** Look for late spring migrants and resident Wood Ducks, American Kestrel, and surprises in this urban oasis. For questions or to arrange to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

AUGUST 2015

AUG 5 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys

of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.

AUG 9 (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Half-day trip in search for waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410 686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

AUG 22 (Sat) 7:00/9:15 am **Bombay Hook.** Meet at Nursery Road Park-n-Ride 7:00 am OR Bombay Hook at 9:15 am. For herons, wide variety of migrating sandpipers including avocets. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking. Bring lunch. Telescopes very useful. Leader: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or pete_webb@juno.com.

AUG 25 (Tue) Cromwell Valley Park. First in a series of weekly Tuesday morning walks to follow the progress of fall migration. This park has variety of habitats including fields, stream-side woods and hillside forest. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Joan Cwi, 410 467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net.

AUG 29 (Sat) 8:00 am **Patterson Park.** Early migrant swallows, flycatchers, resident American Kestrel and Wood Ducks and more in this green oasis in the middle of Baltimore. Stroll with Audubon Maryland-DC among gardens, wetlands, and the Boat Lake. This event is a regularly scheduled bird walk open to the public. For questions or to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or ppaudubon@gmail.com.

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NOTE: more spring/summer 2015 trips may be added to the schedule; watch club newsletter, e-news bulletin, and club website at <http://www.baltimorebirdclub.org> for upcoming announcements and changes to the schedule.

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DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACES

in Alphabetical Order

- *Bombay Hook NWR, Delaware Visitor Center* - From Bay Bridge follow Rt 301 north about 34 miles. Right onto Rt 300, 19 miles to Kenton, DE. Right onto Rt 42, 8 miles to Leipsic. Left onto Rt 9, go 1.5 miles to inconspicuous Bombay Hook marker on right. Right, go to Visitor Center lot at end. Drive time from Bay Bridge about 1.5 hours.
- *Cromwell Bridge Road Park-n-Ride* - From Baltimore Beltway I-695 Inner Loop (eastbound), take exit 29A Cromwell Bridge Rd. At end of entrance ramp, turn left onto Cromwell Bridge Road. The Park-n-Ride will come up almost immediately on your left. From Beltway Outer Loop (eastbound towards Towson) take exit 29 ramp, then turn right onto Cromwell Bridge Road. Continue under bridges for Beltway, then the park-n-ride will be on your right.
- *Cromwell Valley Park* - From Baltimore Beltway I-695 inner loop (eastbound) take exit 29A Cromwell Bridge Rd. At end of entrance ramp, turn left (north) onto Cromwell Bridge Road. From Beltway outer loop (westbound) take exit 29 ramp down to Cromwell Bridge Road, turn left (north). Once on Cromwell, continue 1.4 miles beyond the light, turn left at the “Willow Grove Farm” entrance. Follow entrance road, cross a small bridge, and park in lot on left.
- *Cylburn* - From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Pkwy exit west (right). Go about ½ mile up hill to traffic light, turn left on Greenspring Avenue. Go about ¼ mile, just past first road intersection, and turn left through stone gate entrance into

Cylburn Arboretum mansion grounds. Follow the drive to circle in front of the Vollmer Center building. Go most of the way around the circle to enter the parking area.

- For **Cylburn Self-guided walks**, meet in the parking lot.
 - For **Covered Dish Dinner**, drop off passengers, food or other items in front of the Vollmer Center building, then continue around circle to park in the lot.
 - For **lectures at the Greenhouse classroom**, follow signs at back end of parking lot (i.e., from that point, turn right, then immediately turn right again, go up short hill to small parking lot on top of the hill). The building beside the lot has a side entrance door. Go in and left, walk through a short hallway, and through a door at the end into the lecture room.
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- *Ft. McHenry* - From I-95, take Hanover Street exit 55, McComas Street) east (last exit before tunnel eastbound, first after tunnel westbound), north (left) on Key Hwy which turns west, first left Lawrence St, left (east) on Fort Ave, continue east to the entrance gate into Fort McHenry. From the JFX, I-83, south to St Paul St exit, south on St Paul becomes Light St, then left (east) onto Fort Avenue, continue to end and gate as above. Park outside the main entrance gate at the lot on left hand side (Wallace St.), and meet at the gate.
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- *Gwynns Falls/Leaking Park* - **Directions:** From the Baltimore Beltway, take Route I-70 towards Baltimore (Exit 16) to where it terminates in the Park & Ride, loop left around the Park and Ride area without going in, then take an immediate right ramp onto Security Boulevard. Take a right at the first light onto Forest Park, then right at

Franklinton Road. The parking lot will be visible on your left.

- *Irvine Nature Center* - From I-695 Beltway take exit 19, I-795 3.7 miles to exit 4, bear right on ramp onto Owings Mills Blvd. Go 2 miles, turn right at Crondall Ln. Turn right at Garrison Forest Rd. Irvine Nature Center entrance will come up on the left.
- *Loch Raven picnic trail* - From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take exit 27, Dulaney Valley Rd north, go several miles, cross large bridge over reservoir, and bear right immediately. Continue to second right into parking lot, next after Loch Raven Fishing Center sign.
- *Marshy Point Nature Center* - From Beltway take exit 36, Route 702. Take 2nd exit, Chase/Eastern Blvd, route 150 east. Go 6 miles. Turn right at Marshy Point sign. Go 1/2 mile, turn left into Nature Center parking lot.
- *Milford Mill Park* - From Beltway take exit 18 Liberty Rd, proceed west to first light at Washington Ave. Turn right, proceed to end at light on Milford Mill Rd, turn right, and right again just after the overhead bridge into small parking lot. If the lot is full, park along the side street across Milford Mill Rd from the park entrance.
- *Northampton Furnace Trail (Loch Raven)*. From Baltimore Beltway (-695, take exit 27, Dulaney Valley Rd north, go 2.2 miles north, and park on Chapel Wood Ln, where we will meet.
- *North Point State Park* - From Beltway take exit 42, North Point Blvd toward Sparrows Point. Make an immediate left onto Bethlehem Road, and keep right onto North Point

Road. Go through the town of Edgemere and keep going, past Millers Island Road, until you see the signs for North Point State Park on the left. Go in the entrance, parking will be on left after toll kiosk (\$3 per car).

- *Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Rd Park-n-Ride* - From outer loop (southbound), ramp leads to parking lot across Hammonds Ferry Rd. From inner loop (northbound), follow ramp right onto Fairview, turn right on Nursery Rd, right on Hammonds Ferry Rd, then left at next light into Park-n-Ride lot.
- *Oregon Ridge Park*. Take 695 to 83 North to Exit 20B (Shawan Road West). Follow Shawan Road to the first light, Beaver Dam Road, and turn left. Immediately after making the left onto Beaver Dam Road, there will be a fork in the road. Take the right fork. Follow the driveway to the parking lot and meet at the Nature Center, located a short walk up the rest of the driveway, at the top of the hill.
- *Papermill Flats*. From the Baltimore Beltway, take I-83 North. Get off at Shawan Road East. Turn right on York Road, then left on Ashland (first light). Ashland becomes Paper Mill. Go over the bridge, then in 1/4 mile turn into a pulloff on the left side of the road. The short trail to the flats starts from the side of the pulloff closest to the bridge.
- *Patapsco River Valley Trail*. Directions to Glen Artney and Avalon areas, Patapsco River Valley State Park. From Baltimore Beltway on southwest side of town, take exit for U S Route 1, Southwestern Blvd, south (away from the City). Continue through merger onto Washington Blvd. Just after the ramps for I-195 to airport and college, go

right onto South St then left onto River Rd going into Patapsco State Park. Continue on this drive under railroad bridge and under I-95 bridge, to 'T' intersection, right on Gun Rd and then right into parking lot. Entrance fee collected at ranger kiosk along River Rd.

- *Patterson Park* - From downtown Baltimore, drive east up Pratt St, go left onto South Patterson Park Ave and park on this street in the first or second block. **Meet at the White House**, just inside the west edge of park at intersection of S. Patterson Park Ave and Lombard St.
- *Quarry Lake* - Quarry Lake is located off Greenspring Ave about half way between Smith Ave and Old Court Rd. If coming from interstate 695, get off at Exit 22, Greenspring Ave. At the light (Greenspring), turn left (south), and proceed half a mile. Turn right at the light at Quarry Lake Dr, and proceed .3 mi to the 3 flag display. Turn right into Travertine Dr and park in the lots to the left or right. Walk back to the flags to start the walk.
- *Robert E. Lee Park (aka Lake Roland)* - Walks begin at the head of the Boardwalk, accessible from the Light Rail parking lot. From Baltimore Beltway I-695 take Jones Falls Expressway I-83 south to Northern Pkwy exit, and go east (left) to next light, Falls Rd. On Falls Rd turn left (north) and proceed 0.8 miles. After third light (Lake Ave) drive past Pepe's (and before Falls Rd Bridge), turning right at signs to Light Rail parking. Then curve left and go straight over small iron bridge continuing to follow signs to Light Rail Parking. As you enter the parking lot, curve right and drive toward back of lot near RELP boardwalk entrance.
- *Southeast Area Park* - From Beltway, take exit 7, I-295 north 3.3 miles. Get off at Waterview Avenue. Sharp left off

ramp onto Waterview, take next two left turns, crossing over I-295, and going south on Annapolis Road, MD 648. Go 1.7 miles, crossing W. Patapsco Ave. Just after government building complex on right, turn left onto Georgia Avenue, go 1/2 mile to park entrance. Cross the light rail tracks, turn left and go 0.4 mile to the parking area next to the tennis courts on your right. Meet at lot next to the tennis courts.

- *Timonium Park-n-Ride* - North on I-83 from Beltway, take SECOND Timonium Rd exit (north of overpass bridge), follow ramp down and turn LEFT onto Greenspring Dr, go past warehouses and first couple of entrances, past the “Kiss-n-Ride” entrance, take the next entrance on right into the park-n-ride lot.

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