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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, 2015–August 31 2016.

<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 BBC/MOS is a non-profit organization; all membership fees and donations are 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** (Fri-Sun) usually in May. Site and dates to be determined. Full schedule of field trips, lectures, Silent Auction and other activities. Details will come later. Check the BBC newsletter, eNews, Facebook page and website, and at the MOS website, Facebook page, and the 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>  
and the **new MOS Facebook Page** at  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maryland-Ornithological-Society/117735355227722?fref=ts>

For **up-to-date news on bird sightings in Maryland**, see <http://www.mdbirding.com>, a computer internet chat-line which posts Maryland bird reports as soon as they come in. It can be read without having to join or sign up.

## **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  
633 Stoney Spring Drive., Baltimore MD 21210  
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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](http://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/](http://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. 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](mailto: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 Mansion and is open on weekends (except winter) or by special appointment. 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, with exceptions – January's lecture (Covered Dish Dinner) is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, and there are no lectures 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 Mary Shock, 410-675-5431.

The January lecture will take place as part of our annual **Covered Dish Dinner** on Sunday, January 10, 2016, in the Vollmer Center at Cylburn.

**Baltimore Bird Club Fall/Winter Lectures  
Schedule 2015-2016**

**Tue. Sept. 1 – Elaborate Female Song and Coloration in Tropical Orioles - Why Our Baltimore Oriole is Exceptional** with Kevin Omland, Ph.D., Biology professor at UMBC

**Tue. Oct. 6 – Patterson Park, The Miracle Pond** with Middleton Evans, author and photographer

**Tue. Nov. 3 – Rachel Carson and Her Sisters: Extraordinary Women Who Have Shaped America’s Environment** with Robert K. Musil, Ph.D., adjunct professor at American University

**Sun. Jan. 10 (Sun) The Biodiversity Project** with Jim Brighton, one of the founders of this effort to catalog all of the living things of Maryland

Dates for the remaining lectures (which aren’t confirmed yet) are: Tuesdays March 1, April 5, and May 3.

## 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 while walking 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

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**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.**

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Events may be cancelled for inclement weather. When in doubt, check with the trip leader, or with Program Chairman:  
Pete Webb,  
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**\*Directions for meeting places are at end of this booklet.**



**Designates a new field trip or activity**



**Designates a youth program**

### AUGUST 2015

**AUG 9** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**AUG 19** (Wed) 6 – 8 pm **Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** First in a series of evening bird walks at the Fort and wetland. Telescope may be 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.

**AUG 22** (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, Avocets, Black-necked Stilts and a variety of migrating shorebirds, Blue Grosbeaks, Purple Martins and more. Be prepared for heat, sun and biting insects. Minimal walking involved. Telescopes useful. Leader: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or [pete\\_webb@juno.com](mailto:pete_webb@juno.com).

**AUG 25** (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 Lake Roland 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](mailto:jafjsc@verizon.net).

**AUG 26** (Wed) 6 – 8 pm **Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of evening bird walks 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: Joe Supik, 443 417-5015.

**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 arrange to borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

## SEPTEMBER 2015

**SEP 1** (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: Ruth Culbertson, 410 825-1379 or [ruthec@verizon.net](mailto:ruthec@verizon.net).

**SEP 1** (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: Elaborate Female Song and Coloration in Tropical Orioles - Why Our Baltimore Oriole is Exceptional** with Kevin Omland, Ph.D., Biology professor at UMBC. Bird song has historically been considered an almost exclusively male trait, an observation fundamental to the formulation of Darwin's theory of sexual selection. 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 2** (Wed) 8:00 am - noon **First Wednesday Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of 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 2** (Wed) 6 – 8 pm **Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing an evening series at the Fort and wetland. Telescope may be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet outside of park front gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader Joe Supik, 443 417-5015.

**SEP 5** (Sat) 8:15 am **North Point State Park.** Meet in the parking lot just after the toll booth. There is a fee of \$4 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 6** (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](mailto:ilenel@juno.com).

**SEP 8** (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: Marty Brazeau, 410 583-0275 or tropicbirder56@gmail.com.

**SEP 8** (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 9** (Wed) 6 – 8 pm **Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing an evening series at the Fort and wetland. Telescope may be 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.

✓ **SEP 12 (Sat) 8:00 am Youth Birding at Cromwell Valley Park, Willow Grove.** Meet at the Nature Education Center, 2175 Cromwell Bridge Road (the second entrance off Cromwell Valley Road). We begin our season at one of the best birding areas near Baltimore at the height of fall migration. We can look for all sorts of sparrows, warblers, flycatchers and various other migrants, along with lingering summer residents. Start the season by learning how to identify all the confusing fall birds! **Beginning birders welcome.** Leader: John Robinson, 443 810-9059 (cell), 410 483-6620 (home), [jcrobin@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).

**SEP 13 (Sun) 8:00 am Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park.** Please join us for a bird walk at the height of fall migration in 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, on north side of Franklinton Road. Leaders: Elise and Paul Kreiss, 410 367-8194, [ekreiss@verizon.net](mailto:ekreiss@verizon.net), [paul1kreiss@verizon.net](mailto:paul1kreiss@verizon.net).

**SEP 13 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**SEP 15 (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 19 (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](mailto:jcdlmartin@aol.com), for area assignment.

**SEP 19 (Sat) 8:00 am 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](mailto:drbeanes@verizon.net).




**SEP 19 (Sat) 6:45-7:30 pm Chimney Swifts at Dusk.** Join the BBC Swift Watch 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/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/)) on Friday, Sep 18. 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](mailto:jafjsc@verizon.net).

**SEP 20 (Sun) 8:00 am Lake Roland Park** (aka Robert E Lee Park). Popular birding location off Falls Road near Lake Avenue. Meet at the Ranger Station near the footbridge below the dam, not in the park-n-ride lot. Cancelled if raining. Leader: Peter Lev, 410 823-2962 or [plev@comcast.net](mailto:plev@comcast.net).

**SEP 22** (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](mailto:dado1bw@aol.com).

**SEP 26** (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](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

 **SEP 27** (Sun) 1:00-4:00 pm **Migration: Hawks, Eagles, and Falcons.** BBC, working in collaboration with the Natural History Society, celebrates the thousands of hawks and eagles that soar high above us on their migration to spend winter in warmer climes. There will be exhibits, short lectures throughout the afternoon on raptor migration, raptor beaks and talons, and habitat preservation as well as live raptors on display. Games and story-telling available for kids. Join us to learn more about these mighty predators of the sky--bald eagles rebounding from near extinction and the numerous varieties of hawks that pass this way each year. At Maryland Natural History Society headquarters, □6908 Belair Road, Baltimore, MD 21206, 410 882-5376.

**SEP 29** (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: Michael Bradley, [michaelbradley023@gmail.com](mailto:michaelbradley023@gmail.com).

## OCTOBER 2015

**OCT 3** (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. **Overnight Weekend option** for some observers - stay there and bird more on Sunday, with birding at additional locations in New Jersey, might expect 120 species for the weekend. Rain date Oct 10. Leaders: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or [pete\\_webb@juno.com](mailto:pete_webb@juno.com), and Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

**OCT 4** (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](mailto:ilenel@juno.com).

**OCT 6** (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: Joan Cwi, 410 467-5352 or [jafjsc@verizon.net](mailto:jafjsc@verizon.net).

**OCT 6** (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. **Tonight: Patterson Park, The Miracle**

**Pond** with Middleton Evans, author and photographer. 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 7** (Wed) 8:00 am - noon **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410 665-0769.



**OCT 10** (Sat) 8:00 am **Youth birding at Oregon Ridge Park.** We'll explore the fields and woods for migrating birds (and insects!). For those who have not visited the Nature Center before, we'll spend some time admiring the displays and information available inside. The variety of habitats allows us to see a good variety of birds, and we'll have plenty of opportunities to get to know both the common residents of the area, and the less common migrants that pass through on their way south. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), [jcrobin@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).

**OCT 10** (Sat) rain date for **Cape May Hawkwatch** trip.

**OCT 11** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**OCT 13** (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 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.



**OCT 17** (Sat) 8:00 am **Hawks Festival at Cromwell Valley Park.** Bird walk from the parking lot, followed by hawk watch and identification class at the hawkwatch observation area across the field and up the hill from the parking area. Leader: Jim Meyers, 410 665-2440 or jamesleomeyers@mac.com.

**OCT 17** (Sat) 8:00 am **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 20** (Tue) 8:00 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** Last in the fall in a series of weekly Tuesday morning walks following 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: Debbie Terry, 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net.



**OCT 25** (Sun) **Mount Pleasant Farm park in Howard County.** Meet at Old Court Road Park-n-Ride 730 a.m. or meet at Mt. Pleasant Farm parking lot near barn 8 a.m. Easy walking through the fields of the farm. Tree lines, hedgerows, and streams provide opportunity for non-

meadow species. Great opportunity for seeing interesting sparrows and flyover hawks. Facilities available. Leader: Joe Hanfman. B.B.C. coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

**OCT 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.

## NOVEMBER 2015

**NOV 3** (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. **Tonight: Rachel Carson and Her Sisters: Extraordinary Women Who Have Shaped America's Environment** with Robert K. Musil, Ph.D., adjunct professor at American University. 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 4** (Wed) 8:00 am - noon **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry**. Continuing survey 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. 8** (Sun) 7 am **Swan Harbor Farm Park**. Half-day trip to Harford County hotspot for sparrows, waterfowl, raptors, Horned Larks and other birds of this transitional season. Meet 7 am at Cromwell Bridge Park & Ride, or 8 am at Swan Harbor Farm Park's parking lot.

Leaders: Peter Lev, [plev@comcast.net](mailto:plev@comcast.net) or 410-823-2962  
and Dave Larkin, [larkin3001@comcast.net](mailto:larkin3001@comcast.net).

**NOV 8** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**NOV 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.



**NOV 14** (Sat) 8:00 am **Youth Birding at Patterson Park.** This urban park has a surprisingly diverse variety of birds that can be found during the year, and we can expect winter residents (and possibly unusual visitors) in both the brushy areas and on the lake. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), [jcrobin@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).

**NOV 21** (Sat) 8:00 am **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](mailto:drbeanes@verizon.net).

**NOV 21** (Sat) 8:30 am **Papermill Flats and Ashland NCR Trail.** Trip to two locations for marsh birds, wintering waterfowl and late fall songbirds. Bring spotting telescope if you have one. Meet at NCR Trail parking lot north side of



Ashland/Paper Mill Road. Leaders: Debbie Terry, 410 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net, and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

**NOV 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.

## **DECEMBER 2015**

**DEC 2** (Wed) 8:00 am - noon **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry**. Continuing survey 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 5** (Sat) **Wild Birds Unlimited Holiday Open House**. Co-sponsored by WBU and Baltimore Bird Club. Live raptors, hot drinks & food. BBC members will get a discount. More info later on November e-newsletter and BBC website. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

**DEC 6** (Sun) **Winter Birds near Prettyboy Reservoir**. Meet 8:15 am at Mt. Carmel Park-n-Ride off I-83 north, exit 27, just barely west of I-83 on the north (right) side of Mt. Carmel Road. For winter birds - possible Fox Sparrow, Brown Creeper, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Thrasher, Winter Wren, Red-headed Woodpecker. Leaders: Peter Lev, 410 823-2962,



plev@comcast.net, and Kevin Graff,  
keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

**DEC 8** (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 12** (Sat) 8:00 am **Youth Birding at Fort McHenry.** We will walk around the area outside the fort, looking over the water for ducks, grebes and gulls, plus a selection of land birds in the grassy areas. This is an often interesting area for waterbirds, and as an option, those who desire can pay the entrance fee and tour the fort after the walk is over. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), [jcrobin@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).

**DEC 13** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**DEC 19** (Sat) 8:00 am **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.

**DEC 19** (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 post-migration bird

census in eastern Baltimore County. The area being surveyed is 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. Come to the tally 5 pm at Bill Bateman's Bistro, 7800 York Road in Towson (on the Towson University campus just north of Cross Campus Drive, known for its Buffalo Wings), to count up the totals for each species. Count totals will be submitted to the National Audubon Society for nationwide publication. Contact one of the compilers: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314, [pete\\_webb@juno.com](mailto:pete_webb@juno.com), and Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com) for area assignment with one of the sector coordinators.

**DEC 26** (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](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

## JANUARY 2016

**JAN 1** (Fri) 8:30 am **Loch Raven Reservoir**. Start the New Year birding. Varied habitats including woods, fields and the reservoir. Possibly also birding other sites for a "Big Day" in Baltimore City & County. Meet at Cromwell Bridge Park-n-Ride. Leader: Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

**JAN 6** (Wed) 8:00 am - noon **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry**. Continuing survey 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 9 (Sat) 9:00 am Special Youth Birding trip in Harford County.** Pre-registration is mandatory for this trip, so we know who to expect, and can wait for stragglers. This will be a two-stop trip. We will meet at the Wawa on Rte. 1 at the intersection of Rte 136 (Whiteford Rd.), about an hour north of Baltimore, at 9 am. The first stop will be at **Conowingo Dam**, the parking lot below the dam at the end of Shure's Landing Rd. off of Shuresville Rd., where we will see lots of **Bald Eagles**, ducks, gulls, and numerous other birds enjoying the fish that get swept through the generating system. After that, we will drive a half-hour down to **Swan Harbor Farm** in Havre de Grace on the shore of the upper bay, where we can expect a variety of wintering land and water birds. Dress for the weather - it may be quite cold and windy, so warm coats, gloves and hats are recommended for out-of-the-car walking. After the last stop, we may have lunch nearby before heading back home. Carpooling is possible, but should be arranged ahead of time. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), [jcrobin@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).

 **JAN 9 (Sat) 9:00 am New Design Road in Frederick County.** Bring 'scopes - we will be viewing winter field birds south of Frederick. For Horned Larks and possible Lapland Longspurs, slight chance of Snow Buntings. Optional visit to nearby Lily Pons aquatic farm for winter sparrows and surprises. Meet at I-70 Park-n-Ride lot inside Beltway. Leaders: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or [pete\\_webb@juno.com](mailto:pete_webb@juno.com), and Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

**JAN 10** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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.

**JAN 10** (Sun) 4:30 pm **Covered Dish Dinner and Lecture at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn.** Tonight's featured talk: **The Biodiversity Project** with Jim Brighton. The Maryland Biodiversity Project (MBP) is a non-profit organization focused on cataloging all the living things of Maryland. The goal is to promote education and conservation by helping to build a vibrant nature study community. The project was started in June 2012 by Bill Hubick and Jim Brighton. They have already cataloged over 15,000 species, including over 6,000 species with photographs, and feature the work of more than 400 naturalists and photographers. 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 Cylburn directions in the final section of this booklet.

**JAN 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.

**JAN 16** (Sat) 8:00 am **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.

**JAN 23 (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](mailto:pete_webb@juno.com).

**JAN 30 (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](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

## FEBRUARY 2016

**FEB 3 (Wed) 8:00 am - noon First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey 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 6 (Sat) 8:00 am Waterfowl at Piscataway Park.** We'll be checking out several sites in search for ducks, geese and other waterfowl along the inlets and shoreline of the Potomac River south of Washington D.C. in Prince George's County. Bring your 'scopes if you have them. Meet at Cromwell Bridge Road Park-n-Ride. Leader: Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

**FEB 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.



**FEB 13** (Sat) 9:00 am **Youth Birding at Marshy Point Park.** This easy walk through widely varied habitats is good for feeder birds and winter residents of land, marsh and water varieties, including possible Fox Sparrows, Swamp Sparrows and Purple Finches. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), [jcrobin@jhmi.edu](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).



**FEB 13 – 14** (Sat – Sun) **Henlopen to Ocean City coastal weekend.** Birding south from Cape Henlopen, DE to Ocean City, MD with stops along the way Saturday, continuing Sunday at various places. Presidents' Day weekend birding for winter waterfowl and other birds along the way. Bring 'scopes if you have them, and bundle up – the coast can be windy and brutally cold, but the birds are worth it! Possible scoters, Red-throated Loons, Great Cormorant, Peregrine Falcon, Sanderlings, Purple Sandpipers, Long-tailed Ducks, possible Common Eiders, Snow Geese, Bonaparte's Gulls, slight chance for Snow Buntings, Short-eared or Snowy Owl, and lots, lots more. Contact leaders for more information (overnight accommodations and other arrangements). Leaders: Pete Webb, 443 904-6314 or [pete\\_webb@juno.com](mailto:pete_webb@juno.com), and Kevin Graff, [keyweststyle2001@gmail.com](mailto:keyweststyle2001@gmail.com).

**FEB 14** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Fox Sparrows, Swamp Sparrows and Purple Finches possible. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or [baypuffin@hotmail.com](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**FEB 20** (Sat) 8:00 am **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 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.

## MARCH 2016

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**MAR 1** (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 T.B.A. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

**MAR 2** (Wed) 8:00 am - noon **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey 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 8** (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 for Board member for details. Held at the Cylburn Greenhouse

Classroom.



**MAR 12 (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 waterfowl and early migrants. Rusty Blackbird possible. There is a \$3 per car charge to enter the park. Wear good footwear, the trail can be mucky. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

**MAR 13 (Sun) 9:00 am Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Fox Sparrows, Swamp Sparrows and Purple Finches possible. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

**MAR 19 (Sat) 8:00 am 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 26 (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 2016

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**APR 5 (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 T.B.A. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

**APR 6 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey 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 9 (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, Lincoln, Vesper, 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. Last year's highlights included Wilson's Snipe and Vesper Sparrow. Beginning Birders Welcome. Leader: John Robinson, 443-810-9059 (cell), 410-483-6620 (home), jcrobin@jhmi.edu.

**APR 10 (Sun) 8:30 am Marshy Point Nature Center.** (April and May **8:30** am instead of **9** am). Easy half-day walk

through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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 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.

**APR 16** (Sat) 8:00 am **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 20** (Wed) 6 – 8 pm **Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** Resuming a series of evening bird walks 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.

**APR 27** (Wed) 6 – 8 pm **Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing evening bird walks 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.

**APR 30** (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](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

## **MAY 2016**

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**MAY 3 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom.** Finale in a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight's topic T.B.A. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

**MAY 4 (Wed) 8:00 am - noon First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey 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 4 (Wed) 6 – 8 pm Wednesday Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing evening bird walks 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 8 (Sun) 8:30 am Marshy Point Nature Center.** (April and May **8:30** am instead of **9** am). Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**MAY 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.

**MAY 11** (Wed) 8:00 am - noon **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. 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 14** (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](mailto:jcrobin@jhmi.edu).

**MAY 21** (Sat) 8:00 am **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 28** (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. Blue Grosbeaks and Night-herons likely. 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](mailto:pete_webb@juno.com).

**MAY 28** (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](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

## JUNE 2016

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**JUNE 1** (Wed) 8:00 am - noon **First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry**. Continuing survey 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 12** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center**. Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**JUNE 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.

**JUNE 25** (Sat) 8:00 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 borrow binoculars for the walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410 558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

## **JULY 2016**

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**JULY 10** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center**. Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com).

**JULY 30** (Sat) 8:00 – 9:30 am **Patterson Park**. Look for summer vagrant songbirds 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](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

## AUGUST 2016

**AUG 14** (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for feeder birds and other songbirds, raptors, and waterfowl. 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 20** (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, Avocets, Black-necked Stilts and a variety of migrating shorebirds, Blue Grosbeaks, Purple Martins and more. 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 27** (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 2016 trips will 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, go 19 miles to Kenton, DE. Right onto Rt 42, go 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, then left into the park-n-ride. - From Beltway Outer Loop (westbound towards Towson) take exit 29 ramp, then turn right onto Cromwell Bridge Road. Continue under bridges for Beltway, then right into the park-n-ride.
  
- *Cromwell Valley Park* - From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take exit 29 Cromwell Bridge Road north 1.4 miles, turn left at the “Willow Grove Farm” entrance. Follow entrance road, cross a small bridge, and park in lot on left.



- *Cylburn* - From Beltway, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Pkwy exit west (right). Go up the hill to traffic light, go left on Greenspring Avenue. Go past a traffic light, and turn left through stone gate entrance into Cylburn Arboretum 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 lot.
  - 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 the parking lot - from back of lot, turn right, then right again, up a short hill to another parking lot. Walk in the side entrance door on a building beside the lot, walk left through a short hallway, and through a door at the end into the lecture room.
  
- *Ft. McHenry* - From I-95, take Hanover Street exit 55, McComas Street east (last exit before tunnel going northeast, first after tunnel going southwest). Go east, turn left on Key Hwy which turns left, take another left at Lawrence Street, and left again onto Fort Avenue. Go 1.2 mile to the end at the entrance gate for Fort McHenry.

- From the JFX, I-83 coming south toward downtown, go to exit 4, St. Paul Street (MD Rt 2), go 1.8 mi, turn left onto Key Hwy, go 1.0 mi, turn right onto Lawrence St, then turn left onto Fort Avenue, go 1.2 mile to the entrance gate for Fort McHenry.

If the gate is open, follow the drive to parking at the end. If the gate is closed, turn left just before the gate onto Wallace Street, park in the lot, and meet at the gate.

*Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park* - Directions: From the Baltimore Beltway, take exit 16 Route I-70 towards Baltimore to end – just before the very end, take the ramp on the right, which will loop around onto Security Boulevard. Take a right at the first light onto Forest Park, then right onto Franklinton Road. Go about 1.4 miles. The parking lot entrance will be on your left.

- *I-70 Park-n-Ride* – From I-695 Beltway, west side of town, take exit 16 I-70 **EAST** for “local Traffic”. Continue to end, follow sharp left U-turn to go into the Park-n-Ride lot.
- *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 about 2.7 miles, turn right at Crondall Lane (traffic light). At end, turn right onto Garrison Forest Road. Go about 1/4 mile, Irvine Nature Center entrance will come up on the left just after the cemetery (also on the left).
- *Lake Roland Park (aka Robert E Lee Park)* - Walks begin at the head of the Boardwalk, at the Light Rail parking lot. From Beltway north of town, take Jones Falls Expressway I-83 south to Northern Pkwy exit, and go east, (left) to next traffic light, Falls Road. Go left (north) on Falls Road. After third light (Lake Ave) drive past Pepe’s, and turn right just before the bridge, at sign to Light Rail parking. Follow curve left and go straight over a small bridge, following signs to Light Rail Parking. As you enter the parking lot, go right and drive to the far end of the lot, and park near the boardwalk entrance.
- *Loch Raven picnic trail* - From Beltway take exit 27, Dulaney Valley Rd north, go several miles, cross large bridge over reservoir, and bear right immediately. Go past the Fishing Center, and turn right at next drive into small parking area.

- *Marshy Point Nature Center* - From Beltway take exit 36, Route 702. Take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit, Chase/Eastern Blvd, route 150 east (left). Go 6 miles. Turn right at Marshy Point sign. Go 1/2 mile, turn left to get to Nature Center parking lot.
- *Milford Mill Park* - From Beltway take exit 18 Liberty Road west towards Randallstown. Turn right at traffic light for Washington Avenue. At end, turn right at light, Milford Mill Road, go under the Beltway bridge, turn right into small parking lot. If the lot is full, park along the side street across Milford Mill Road from the park entrance.
- *Mt. Carmel Road Park-n-Ride* - From Beltway take I-83 north to exit 27, MD 137 Mt. Carmel Road. At top of ramp, turn left (west) onto Mt. Carmel Road, go over I-83 and immediately turn right into park-n-ride lot.
- *NCR trail at Ashland*. From the Baltimore Beltway, take I-83 North. Get off at exit 20 Shawan Road and go east. At end, turn right onto York Road, then left onto Ashland Road (first light). Ashland becomes Paper Mill. The NCR trail parking lot will be on your left.
- *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. There is a fee of \$4 per car.
- *Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Road Park-n-Ride* - From Beltway outer loop (southbound), exit 8 (not 8A) ramp leads to parking lot across Hammonds Ferry Road. From inner loop (northbound), follow exit 8 ramp right onto Fairview, right on Nursery Road, right on Hammonds Ferry Road, then left at next light into Park-n-Ride lot.

- *Old Court Road Park-n-Ride* - From Beltway, take Exit 20 Reisterstown Rd southeast towards Pikesville, go 0.5 mile, turn right onto Old Court Rd, go 1 mile, right into entrance to Park-n-Ride lot.
  
- *Oregon Ridge Park*. From Beltway take I-83 North to exit 20 Shawan Road. Go west on Shawan Road to the first light, Beaver Dam Road, and turn left. Immediately after getting onto Beaver Dam Road, there will be a fork in the road. Take the right fork, up to the parking lot, and take a short walk up the rest of the driveway to the Nature Center.
  
- *Patapsco River Valley Trail*. Directions to Glen Artney and Avalon areas, Patapsco River Valley State Park. From Beltway on southwest side of town, take U. S. Route 1 south. Continue through Washington Blvd merge. Just after the ramps for I-195 to airport and college, go right onto South Street, then left onto River Road going into Patapsco State Park. \$3 per car entrance fee collected at ranger kiosk on this drive. Continue under railroad bridge and under I-95 bridge, to "T" intersection, right on Gun Road and then right again into parking lot.
  
- *Patterson Park* - From downtown Baltimore, drive east on Pratt Street, go left onto S. Patterson Park Avenue 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 Street.
  
- *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 Drive, and proceed 0.3 mi to the 3 flag display. Turn right into Travertine Drive and park in the lots to the left or right. Walk back to the flags to start the walk.

- *Robert E Lee Park – See Lake Roland Park.*
- *Swan Harbor Farm Park* – From Beltway northeast side, take I-95 north, go 21 miles to exit 85, Route 22. Go right (southeast) on Route 22, continue 2.5 miles to U.S. Route 40. Follow ramp to go northeast on Route 40 and go 1.5 mile. Turn right at traffic light onto Oakington Road. Bear left to stay on Oakington where Route 132 goes off to the right. Continue 0.8 mile on Oakington to sign and entrance on left for Swan Harbor Farm. Go 3/4 mile on the drive (Timber Lane) past woods and fields to a cluster of buildings on left with a parking lot.
- *Timonium Park-n-Ride* - North on I-83 from Beltway, take SECOND Timonium Rd exit (north of the bridge over Timonium Road), follow ramp down and turn LEFT onto Greenspring Drive, 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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