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Baltimore Bird Club Board meetings occur at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month, September through 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, 2019–August 31, 2020.

<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 September 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:

Terry Ross (Membership Secretary)
4128 Roland Avenue
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or you may register and pay your dues through PayPal at the Maryland Ornithological Society website,
<https://mdbirds.org/join/chapters/baltimore-bird-club/#toggle-id-3>

Further contributions, living trusts and bequests are gratefully accepted. For possible land donations, contact the MOS Sanctuary Committee Chairperson.

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 MOS periodical publications are:

Maryland Yellowthroat, the club bimonthly newsletter.

Maryland Birdlife, a semi-annually report of observations.

MOS Annual Conference 2020, date TBA

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 **MOS Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/Maryland-Ornithological-Society-117735355227722/>

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:

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Baltimore Bird Club E-News

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 <https://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 several 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/.

Lights Out Baltimore

Lights Out Baltimore was formed by a group of concerned BBC birdwatchers who had seen firsthand how lights and windows can injure or kill birds. Our goal is to make Charm City safe for migratory birds by turning out decorative lighting in the city during Fall and Spring migration between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am. We also advocate for bird-safe building design that makes glass and windows visible to birds. Learn about LOB on their website and Facebook pages:

<http://www.lightsoutbaltimore.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/savethebaltimorebirds>

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

BBC has an outstanding collection of mounted birds, visual aids, and other resources at Cylburn. The bird museum formerly housed in the Cylburn Carriage House is now closed for renovation. However, some mounted birds as well as paper records and natural history collections are stored in the third floor BBC work room in the Cylburn Mansion. Contact Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net with questions about the BBC collections.

Lectures at Cylburn

Meetings with presentations on birds and related topics are held at Cylburn in the Greenhouse Classroom generally on the first Tuesday of each month from September through November and March through May although exceptions to time and place may occur. Please check the program guide for the exact schedule and location. Some lectures may be held on weekends and at alternate places and/or times. This February we offer a special lecture at the annual **Covered Dish Dinner** on Sunday, February 23, 2020, in the Vollmer Center at Cylburn. There is no lecture in December or January. For Tuesday evening lectures, the doors open at 7:00 pm for refreshments and socializing. The program begins about 7:20 and ends about 9:00.

Note: Tuesday Evening events are canceled if City schools are closed that day. If in doubt on a weekend event check with field trip/ lecture chairperson Kevin Graff (text only) 410-967-5896 or keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or BBC President Mark Linardi, 443-834-8413, mlinardi@outlook.com.

BALTIMORE BIRD CLUB FALL/WINTER LECTURES SCHEDULE 2019-2020

Monthly Lectures at Cylburn, in the Greenhouse Classroom unless otherwise noted.

September 3 (Tues), 7 pm– Joan Cwi- “The Ordinary, Extraordinary Chimney Swift”

October 1 (Tues.), 7 pm- Marty Brazeau – “Filming birds in China, Philippines, Thailand, and Costa Rica.”

November 5 (Tues), 7 pm-Lindsey Jacks– “Saving Birds One Building at a Time”

February 23 (Sun), noon- Hank Kaestner – “The Jewels of Ecuador”, held at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn

FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

- Check BBC program schedule, newsletter, website and e-bulletin for trip details and **changes**.
- Report 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 footprints.”
- Go Green- Car pool on all trips to save on gas.

MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE

BIRDERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS AND AGES, INCLUDING BEGINNERS AND YOUTH, ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED!

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NOTE: THIS PROGRAM BOOKLET INCLUDES COMPLETE EVENT SCHEDULING FOR AUGUST 15, 2019—FEBRUARY 29, 2020 ONLY.

Some of the field trips for March thru August, 2020 are included, but most have yet to be scheduled.

A SPRING SUPPLEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY VIA EMAIL, BBC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK (hardcopy only if you get Chip Notes in hardcopy).

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Events may be canceled for inclement weather. When in doubt, check with the trip leader.

Note – directions are at end of booklet

AUGUST 15-31, 2019

AUG 24 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Druid Hill Park. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

AUG 27 (Tue) 8:00 am. 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: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410-952-9426.

AUG 31 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 210 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

SEPTEMBER 2019

SEP 3 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: John Landers, 410-292-9549 or dado1bw@aol.com.

SEP 3 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. First in a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows each month except December and January. **Tonight: “The Ordinary, Extraordinary Chimney Swift” presented by Joan Cwi.** Although the hummingbird is the closest taxonomic relative to the swift, swifts certainly did not inherit the hummingbird’s “pretty” genes. But these plain, little birds are extraordinary in so many ways. We will discuss this particular species in regard to anatomy, speed, dexterity, nesting and migration based on sixteen years of research and observation during the Baltimore Bird Club’s migration swift watches. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, lecture starts about 7:20 pm. See directions at the end of this booklet.

SEP 4 (Wed) 8:00 am - noon First Wednesday Walk at Fort McHenry. One of a series of morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Canceled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769, (alternate contact-Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

SEP 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. **Recommended for young birders and their parents.** Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

SEP 10 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Gene Ricks, 410-592-4382 or gricks@verizon.net.

SEP 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.

SEP 14 (Sat) 8:00 am Mariner Park- Mariner Point Park in Harford County is a great place for beginner birders and also offers many photo ops. Many of the birds and small wildlife are quite tame thanks to the neighbors feeding them seed and peanuts. (You may want to feed them as well.) Being on the water allows for Osprey, Cormorant, Great Blue Herons and various Waterfowl as well as Hawks, Woodpeckers and common early fall birds. Spot-a-Pot and possibly flush toilets. Leaders: Debbie & Lou Taylor, debrataylor11@gmail.com, 410-852-9807.

SEP 15 (Sun) 8:00am Milford Mill. One-mile level walk on a mostly shaded, paved path. Looking for Fall Warblers, Thrushes and resident birds. Leader: Leslie Starr, turnstar@aol.com.

SEP 15 (Sun) 8:15 am Cylburn 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. Leader: Mark Linardi, mlinardi@outlook.com.



SEP 15 (Sun) 7:00-7:45 pm Chimney Swifts at Dusk. The swifts have been returning regularly to the Bookbindery Chimney in Hampden, so that is where we will hold the watch again this fall, 2019! We will observe the chimney the week before, and should it not be productive, we will post a change of venue on the BBC website, so be sure to double check. If cloudy or a drizzle, come a half hour early. Canceled if raining. Binoculars useful but not necessary. Hope to see you there! Website: <https://baltimorebirdclub.org> Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/ Leaders: Joan Cwi, 410-467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net and Alice Nelson, 410-499-0546 or alice.display@verizon.net.

SEP 17 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Marty Brazeau, tropicbider56@gmail.com or 443-595-8694.

SEP 21 (Sat) 7:00am sharp Patuxent River Park, Jug Bay Natural Area. Half day joint trip with the Carroll County Bird Club. Three-hour pontoon boat trip on the Patuxent followed by trail walk. Search for Sora, also migrant songbirds, water birds and raptors. We may have the opportunity to see some rails in hand during the trapping project. Bring fee of \$7 per person for park program. Boat trip can be cool and a bit damp. RSVP required. Once our 11 seats are filled, a waiting list will be created. Please email dterry12@verizon.net if you wish to join the trip. Include your name, phone number and email address in case the trip needs to be canceled. Leader: Greg Kearns.

SEP 21 (Sat) 8:00 am Saturday Morning Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Canceled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754.

SEP 21 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Druid Hill Park. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

SEP 24 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Mike Bradley, michaelbradley023@gmail.com.

SEP 28 (Sat) 8:15 am Cylburn Walk and Quarry Lake. 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. Then we'll move to nearby Quarry Lake for a different set of habitats. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Peter Lev, 410-952-9426 or plev@comcast.net.

SEP 28 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 210 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

OCTOBER 2019

OCT 1 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com or 667-231-6453.

OCT 1 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows each month except December and January. **Tonight: Filming birds in China, Philippines, Thailand, and Costa Rica**, presented by Martin Brazeau. Marty Brazeau, Community College of Baltimore County Birding class instructor, will share many high-definition video clips of exotic birds from his travels to China studying the Black-throated Blue Warbler with Chinese researchers, Philippines and Thailand while traveling as a tourist, and Costa Rica to create a promotional video for the Rancho Naturalista bird lodge. While showing the footage, he will describe each bird, share humorous stories, and give strategies for getting good bird footage. Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, presentation starts about 7:20 pm. See directions at the end of this booklet.

OCT 2 (Wed) 8:00 am - noon First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescopes useful. Canceled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769, (alternate contact-Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

OCT 5 (Sat) 8:00-10:30 am Habitat Walk: Lake Roland Serpentine. The southwest corner of Lake Roland park is a mix of pine forest and serpentine barrens. The barrens (meadows) are a globally rare ecosystem because specialized plants thrive in the

rocky, metallic soil. Join Dwight Johnson (Native Plant Society) and Peter Lev to explore the plants and birds of this unusual site. We'll meet at the Lake Roland/Falls Rd. light rail station and carpool from there. Moderate difficulty, includes some rocky trails. Trip limited to 12; must register with Peter Lev. Leaders: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410-952-9426, and Dwight Johnson.

OCT 6 (Sun) 8:00 am Soldier's Delight. Expect to see a wide variety of migrating songbirds at Soldiers Delight Natural Environment Area in Owings Mills. Meet at the Overlook on Deer Park Rd. We will cover 1.5-2 miles of level but sometimes rocky terrain. Trails can be muddy if the weather has been wet. Leader: Sarah Luttrell, luttrell.sa@gmail.com or 614-352-7718.

OCT 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: Ron Davis, ronldavis1963@gmail.com, 410-821-1297.

OCT 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.

OCT 12 (Sat) 8:00 am Northampton Furnace Trail (Loch Raven Watershed). One-mile level trail through woods to water overlooks. Possibly muddy spots, boots recommended. Telescopes may be useful for waterfowl. Expect to see sparrows, waterfowl, kinglets, and maybe Purple Finches. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com
Leader: John Dennehy.

OCT 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. **Recommended for young birders and their parents.** Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

OCT 15 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Continuing a series of weekly Tuesday morning walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

OCT 18 (Fri) 8:00 - 9:30 am Druid Hill Park. Walk moved to Friday this month only due to Baltimore Marathon activity Saturday. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

OCT 19 (Sat) 8:00 am Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Canceled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate, in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754.

OCT 20 (Sun) 9:00 am Irvine Nature Center. A great spot for sparrows, raptors and other birds of this transitional season. Leader: John Landers, 410-292-9549 or dado1bw@aol.com.

OCT 22 (Tue) 8:00 am Cromwell Valley Park. Last in a series of weekly Tuesday morning walks to follow the progress of fall migration. Beginning birders welcome. Lunch will follow at McFaul's Ironhorse Tavern at 11 am. If you are unable to attend the walk but would like to join the group for lunch, please contact Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com. Leaders: Debbie & Lou Taylor, 410-852-9807, debrataylor11@gmail.com.

OCT 26 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Patterson Park Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 210 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

NOVEMBER 2019

NOV 5 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows each month except December and January. **Tonight: Lindsey Jacks—"Saving Birds One Building at a Time"**. Every 9 seconds a bird strikes a building and dies. Lights Out Baltimore is a project of the Baltimore Bird Club with the goal of making Baltimore safe for migratory birds. In 10 years, LOB has collected over 4000 birds, rescued 1000 birds and 50 bats, and installed bird safe retrofits to commercial buildings such as National Aquarium and Patuxent Visitors Center. Lindsay Jacks will lead an engaging talk on how migratory birds are affected by light pollution and glass collisions, what species have been rescued downtown including the Yellow Rail, which buildings have reduced collisions and light pollution, and how YOU can save birds at your own homes. Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:20 pm. See directions at the end of this booklet.

NOV 6 (Wed) 8 am First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Canceled in bad weather. Meet outside of park front gates and park at lot on left hand side. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769, (alternate contact-Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

NOV 9 (Sat) 8:30 am Ashland NCR Trail and Paper Mill Flats. 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. **Note-Daylight Savings time ends this weekend.** Leader: Debbie Terry, 443-578-8243 or dterry12@verizon.net.

NOV 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. **Recommended for young birders and their parents.** Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: TBA. Contact Marshy Point for further details, 410-887-2817.

NOV 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.

NOV 16 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Canceled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754.

NOV 23 (Sat) 7:00 a.m. Bombay Hook. The peak of waterfowl migration occurs in November. Expect to see Tundra Swan, Snow Geese, Gadwall, American Widgeon, Wood Ducks, Greater Scaup, Bufflehead and many others. Minimal walking. All day trip so bring lunch, water, and snacks. Telescopes very useful. Meet at Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Rd Park and Ride(P&R) at 7 am sharp. Leader: Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com, 667-231-6453.

NOV 23 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Druid Hill Park. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

NOV 30 (Sat) 8:00 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 210 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

DECEMBER 2019

DEC 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. Canceled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769 (alternate contact-Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

DEC 7 (Sat) 7:30-11:00 am Masonville Cove Environmental and Education Center and Middle Branch Park. Breakfast with the Birds. Masonville Cove in Baltimore City welcomes BBC for donuts and coffee and a look at waterfowl in Baltimore Harbor. Landbirding is also good at Masonville, sometimes turning up unexpected surprises. We will visit both the area immediately behind the Nature Center and Access Area 2. Then we'll drive 5 minutes up the road to Middle Branch Park, another good spot for water birds. Telescopes useful. RSVP to the leader; trip limited to 25. Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

DEC 7 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Druid Hill Park. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

DEC 8 (Sun) 7:00 am Cambridge Waterfront and Blackwater NWR. All-day trip to Maryland Eastern Shore. Two stops on Cambridge waterfront for ducks and other waterfowl. Then on to Blackwater for ducks, geese, swans, shorebirds and some land birds. American White Pelican and Brown-headed Nuthatch possible. All-day trip. Bring lunch, water, snacks. Scopes useful. Meet 7:00 am at Nursery Road Park and Ride or 10:30 am at Blackwater Visitor Center. Canceled in bad weather. Carpooling

encouraged. **Reserve your place with the leader.** Leader: Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410-952-9426.

DEC 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. **Recommended for young birders and their parents.** Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

DEC 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.

DEC 14 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 210 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

DEC 15 (Sun) Dawn to Dusk. Loch Raven Christmas Bird Count. Birders of all levels of expertise or experience are welcome and urged to participate in this postmigration bird census in northern Baltimore County. The area being surveyed is in a 15-mile diameter circle touching Lake Roland on the south, Hereford on the north, and centered around Cockeysville. 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. No fee. Contact compiler Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, or 410-967-5896 (text only) for area assignment with one of the sector coordinators.

Optional Dinner/Tally Rally to be held at McFaul Ironhorse Tavern on Cromwell Bridge Rd at 5pm. Contact Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com or 410-967-5896 if interested.

DEC 21 (Sat) 8:00 am Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Meet outside of park front gates and park in lot on left hand side. Leader: David Sandler, 410-370-0747, (alternate contact- Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

DEC 22 (Sun) 8:00 am Loch Raven Picnic Area. Morning trip to see ducks, grebes, coots, and other water birds. Scopes useful. Trip canceled in snow, rain, or slippery conditions. RSVP required in case trip is canceled. Leaders: Debbie Terry, 443-578-8243 or dterry12@verizon.net and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

JANUARY 2020

JAN 1 (Wed) 8:30 am North Point State Park. Start the New Year birding. Varied habitats including marsh, woods and beach. Expect waterfowl, sparrows and raptors. Scopes useful. Advise boots if we have had a lot of rain. Entrance fee \$4 unless you have pass. Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

JAN 8 (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. Canceled in inclement weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769 (alternate contact-Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

JAN 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. **Recommended for young birders and their parents.** Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

JAN 18 (Sat) 8:00 am Loch Raven Point and Loch Raven Dam. Morning trip to see ducks, grebes, coots, and other water birds. Meet at Loch Raven Point (public area on Loch Raven Drive, just west of Bridge #1). Our second stop will be Loch Raven Dam. Scopes useful. Trip canceled in snow, rain, or slippery conditions. RSVP required in case trip is canceled. Leaders: Debbie Terry, 443-578-8243 or dterry12@verizon.net and Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

JAN 18 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes useful. Canceled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. Leader: Ben Poscover, 410-882-1309, (alternate contact- Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

JAN 18 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Druid Hill Park. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.com.

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FEBRUARY 2020

FEB 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. Telescope can be useful. Canceled in bad weather. Meet outside the park front gates and park in lot on left hand side. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769, (alternate contact-Wendy Alexander, 443-204-3754).

FEB 8 (Sat) 7:00 am Blackwater NWR. All day trip to see ducks, thousands of geese, Bald Eagles, and Brown-headed Nuthatches. White Pelicans possible. Rough-legged Hawk and Short-eared Owl possible in the late afternoon. Possible other stops along the way. Bring lunch, water, and snacks. Trip canceled in snow, rain, or slippery conditions. RSVP required in case trip is canceled. Meet at 7:00 AM at Nursery Rd/Hammond Ferry Rd P&R for car-pooling. Leader: Joe Corcoran, corcoran2921@gmail.com, 667-231-6453.

FEB 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. **Recommended for young birders and their parents.** Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

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FEB 22 (Sat) 7:30am. Winter Waterfowl at North Beach/Herrington Harbour. A 3/4 day trip south along border of Calvert and Anne Arundel Counties to spot waterfowl at North Beach Marsh, North Beach Boardwalk, Chesapeake Beach Railway Trail, and Herrington Harbour. We'll also look for winter residents such as sparrows, and raptors. Optional lunch at local restaurant. Telescopes useful. Meet at Nursery Rd/Hammond Ferry Rd P&R for car-pooling. Canceled if high winds, snow. Contact leader for more info. Leader: Kevin Graff, keyweststyle2001@gmail.com.

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FEB 23 (Sun) 12:00-4:00 pm 75th Anniversary Covered Dish Dinner. We'll celebrate BBC and MOS's 75th Anniversary with a brief program and then introduce our main speaker, Hank Kaestner presenting "The Jewels of Ecuador." Former Baltimore Bird Club president and renowned world birder Hank Kaestner will speak about two of his favorite subjects: birding in South America, and watching hummingbirds. This talk follows Hank as he transects Ecuador, from the tropical "Choco" habitat in the Pacific slope, up over the Andes, and down the eastern slope towards Amazonia. On the trip Hank saw nearly 400 species of birds, including many "jewels" (the hummingbirds). Photography is made easy by the hummingbird feeders that are at each of the eco-lodges along the way. Not only will you see many beautiful birds, but this talk will give you a real appreciation for what eco-tourism has meant to the locals and the environment.

To reserve a place and tell us what you will bring, please use the website PerfectPotluck.com—detailed instructions will be sent out in December. See directions in the final section of this booklet. For information contact the coordinator Kevin Graff at keyweststyle2001@gmail.com, or call Mark Linardi at 443-834-8413.

FEB 29 (Sat) 8:00 - 9:30 am Patterson Park. Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in Southeast Baltimore. With more than 210 species on record, the park is full of surprises. Meet at the fountain, near intersection of E. Lombard St. & S. Patterson Park Ave. For directions or to borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or

MARCH - JULY 2020

A complete schedule of Baltimore Bird Club Spring trips and activities will be released in February via email, the BBC website and the BBC Facebook page. Only members who receive *Chip Notes* in hardcopy will get a hardcopy version of this schedule.

Here we list only BBC lecture dates for Spring, plus series walks (once a month, once a week, etc.) from BBC and other organizations that are scheduled well in advance.

Monthly Lectures at Cylburn, in the Greenhouse Classroom unless otherwise noted.

March 3 (Tues), 7:00 pm, Leslie Starr- "Basics of eBird "

March 29 (Sun) 2:00 pm, Sarah Luttrell "Bird Songs", please note new day and time.

May 5 (Tues) 7:00 pm – Daisy Sudano-Pellegrini – "Horseshoe Crabs and Shore Bird Migration"

Fort McHenry. Saturday mornings, 8 am. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescopes can be useful. Canceled in bad weather. Meet outside of park front gates and park at lot on left hand side.

March 21, Leader David Sandler

April 18, Leader Wendy Alexander

May 16, Leader Wendy Alexander

Fort McHenry. Wednesday mornings, 8am. Same description as above.

March 4, Leader-Mary Chetelat

April 1, Leader-Mary Chetelat

May 6, Leader-Mary Chetelat

June 3, Leader-Mary Chetelat

Marshy Point Nature Center. Sunday mornings, start time varies. Easy half-day walk through varied habitats for songbirds, raptors and waterfowl. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. **Recommended for young birders and their parents.** Boots advisable, telescopes useful.

March 8, 9:00 am

April 5, 8:00 am

May 10, 8:00 am

June 14, 9:00 am

July 12, 9:00 am

Druid Hill Park. Saturday mornings, 8:00 am. Join Audubon and the Maryland Zoo to explore this leafy city park! From forest to lake, a variety of bird species await. Meet at 3001 East Drive to start the walk. To borrow binoculars, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

March 21

April 18

May 23

June 20

July 18

Patterson Park. Saturday mornings, 8:00 am. This green oasis in the middle of Baltimore City can be a magnet for migrating, wintering and nesting birds. For questions or to arrange to borrow binoculars for a walk, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center at 410-558-2473 or baltimore@audubon.org.

March 28

April 25

May 30

June 27

July 25

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACES in Alphabetical Order

Cromwell Valley Park. From Baltimore Beltway I-695 inner loop (eastbound) take Exit 29A Cromwell Bridge Road. At end of entrance ramp. Turn left to head northeast on Cromwell Bridge Rd. From beltway outer loop (westbound) take Exit 29 ramp down to Cromwell Bridge Road. Turn left to head northeast on Cromwell Bridge Rd. Once on Cromwell, continue 1.4 miles beyond the light, turn left at the second CVP entrance, "Willow Grove Farm." Follow entrance road, cross a small bridge, and park in lot on left. For a safer turn (better visibility) you can turn left at the first CVP entrance, "Sherwood Farm," go up the long, windy entrance drive and park behind the Sherwood House. Then walk the paved park road—pedestrians only—east to the Willow Grove parking lot. Allow 5-10 minutes for the walk.

GPS Coordinates: [39.417000,-76.54700](#)

Cylburn. From Baltimore Beltway I-695, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Parkway 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 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 and follow directions below to specific meeting place.

- 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.

GPS Coordinates [39.351721,-76.655407](#)

Days Cove. From I-695 Baltimore Beltway northeast side of town, take exit 35 and go 6.8 miles north on US-40 Pulaski Highway (2.7 miles north of White Marsh Blvd, 1/4 mile north of Allender Road), right onto Days Cove Road. Drive to end, past the refuse center and the split for the reclamation center, keep left and travel down the gravel road. There is a "Days Cove Environmental Education Center" sign out front.

GPS coordinates [39.395439,-76.373146](#)

Druid Hill Park. From I-83 take Exit 7 toward Druid Park/Lake Drive. Keep left at the fork and merge onto W. 28th St. Turn left on Sisson St., then left onto Wyman Park Drive. Wyman Park turns slightly right and becomes East Drive. Turn right into parking lot for Baltimore City Recreation and Parks building, 3001 East Drive.

GPS coordinates [39.321008,-76.634658](#)

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 Highway which turns west, first left Lawrence Street, left (east) on Fort Avenue and continue east to the entrance gate into Fort McHenry. Alternate route: Take the JFX, I-83 south to St Paul Street exit. Go south on St Paul until it becomes Light Street. Turn left (east) onto Fort Avenue, and continue to end and entrance gate as above. Park outside the main entrance gate at the lot on left hand side (Wallace Street) and meet at the gate.

GPS coordinates [39.265341,-76.583458](#)

Hampden Bookbindery (Chimney Swifts) From I-83, take the Cold Spring exit headed east to Keswick Road (about 5 lights). Turn right and take Keswick 1.3 miles to 33rd Street. Turn right on 33rd Street, then left on Elm Street. Follow Elm Street to the end where it curves to the left and park in the Mill Center parking lot. Then walk back up to the Bookbindery—across from the chain link fence.

GPS: If using GPS, search for 3100 Elm Avenue

Irvine Nature Center, 11201 Garrison Forest Rd., Owings Mills. From Beltway I-695 take Exit 20 for Reisterstown Rd, MD-140 north toward Garrison. Turn right onto Greenspring Valley Rd. Turn left onto Garrison Forest Rd. and go 2.1 miles. Driveway to Irvine is on the right.

GPS coordinates [39.433029,-76.762759](#)

Lake Roland. From I-83 take the Northern Parkway East exit. Move over quickly to the left lane and turn left on Falls Rd. Just after Lake Avenue and Pepe's Restaurant, take the right turn marked "Light Rail" and "Lake Roland." Continue straight to park in the Light Rail parking lot.

GPS coordinates [39.376262,-76.649477](#)

Loch Raven Picnic Area. From Baltimore Beltway take exit 27B toward Dulaney Valley Road. After crossing the bridge, you bear to the right and stay on Dulaney Valley Road. After you pass the Loch Raven Fishing Center entrance on the right you proceed to the next road on the right is the entrance to what old timers call the picnic area. A little way in there is a parking area on the left.

GPS coordinates [39.465557, -76.562816](#)

Loch Raven Point and Dam. From Baltimore Beltway exit 29 go northeast on Cromwell Bridge Rd. for 2.8 miles. Turn left at Glen Arm Rd./Cub Hill Rd. Turn left at Manor Rd. and go 1.2 miles. Turn left on Morgan Mill Rd. and go .9 miles. Turn left on Loch Raven Drive and park before the bridge, in front of an open, grassy area.

GPS coordinates [39.453776, -76.544856](#)

Mariner Park. From I-695 take exit 33 to merge onto I-95 North towards New York. Take exit 67 onto MD43 East toward US40 Middle River. Turn right onto Pulaski Highway. Turn right onto Joppa Farm Road. Turn right onto Kearney Drive for one half mile to the large parking lot at the end. 100 Kearney Drive, Joppa, MD 21085.

GPS coordinates [39.399709, -76.349812](#)

Marshy Point Nature Center. From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take Exit 36, Route 702. Take 2nd exit, Chase/Eastern Boulevard, Route 150 east. Go 6 miles. Turn right at Marshy Point sign. Go 1/2 mile, turn left into Nature Center parking lot.

GPS coordinates [39.348692, -76.370541](#)

Maryland Natural History Society. From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take exit 32A and merge onto Belair Rd heading southeast. Continue 1.2 miles, MNHS will be on your right. Or, from E. Northern Parkway, turn left onto Belair Rd. MNHS is 2 blocks north on your left. Parking lot north of the building, additional parking across the street.

GPS: If using GPS, search for [6908 Belair Rd, Baltimore 21206](#)

Masonville Cove Environmental and Education Center. Masonville Cove can be hard to get to, so you may want to use directions on the Masonville website http://www.masonvillecove.org/pages/contact/contact_us.html or use Maps for 1000 Frankfurst Avenue, Baltimore MD 21226.

From downtown Baltimore:

- I-395 south
- follow ramp for I-95 North, but stay on the ramp to
- Exit 54, Route 2 south, Hanover Street
- continue over two bridges, bear left onto Frankfurst Avenue
- The Masonville Campus will come up on the left

Through the City from north:

- I-83 south, becomes President Street
- right (west) on either Fayette Street or Lombard Street
- left (south) on Howard Street, becomes I-395 south
- follow ramp for I-95 North, but stay on ramp to
- Exit 54, Route 2 south, Hanover Street
- continue over two bridges, bear left onto Frankfurst Avenue
- The Masonville Campus will come up on the left

From Northeast of Baltimore:

- I-95 South
- Merge onto I-895 South, toll
- Go through tunnel
- Exit 8B toward Hanover Street (first exit)
- Merge onto Frankfurst Avenue
- The Masonville Campus is immediately on the right

From South of Baltimore on 295 northbound:

- take ramp for I-95 North, then follow directions below

From Beltway south or west side:

- I-95 north. At end of ramps for I-395, take
- Exit 54, Route 2 south, Hanover Street
- continue over two bridges, bear left onto Frankfurst Avenue
- The Masonville Campus will come up on the left

GPS coordinates [39.243060, -76.594400](#)

Middle Branch Park. From I-695 W Beltway use the right 3 lanes to take exit 11A-11B for I-95 N toward Baltimore. Go 3.6 miles and take Exit 54 to merge onto Hanover St. for .3 miles. Turn right on Waterview Ave. Parking lot for Sports Complex/Rowing Club will be on right. **OR,** take I-83 south until it merges into President St. Turn right on E. Lombard St. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto Light St. Use the right 2 lanes to turn right on E. Conway St. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto I-395 South. Take the exit onto I-95 N toward New York. Take exit 54 to merge onto Hanover St. for .3 miles. Turn right onto Waterview Ave., then right into parking lot.

GPS coordinates [39.254685, -76.622179](#)

Milford Mill Park aka Villa Nova Park. From the Baltimore Beltway/I-695, take Exit 18 and go west on MD Route 26/Liberty Road. Make a right at the first traffic light to go north on Washington Avenue. Washington Avenue ends at Milford Mill Road; at that point, turn right (east) onto Milford Mill Road. The small parking area for the Park is on the right immediately after the overpass.

GPS coordinates [39.360030, -76.742683](#)

NCR trail at Ashland. From the Baltimore Beltway I-695, 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). Go 1.2 miles, bearing left to stay on Ashland Road. Ashland Road becomes Paper Mill Road where the well-marked NCR trail crosses the road. Park in the lot on your left.

GPS coordinates [39.501732, -76.633657](#)

North Point State Park. From Baltimore Beltway I-695 take Exit 42, North Point Boulevard 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 (\$4 per car-free with Senior Pass).

GPS coordinates [39.220991, -76.430216](#)

Northampton Furnace Trail (Loch Raven Watershed). From Baltimore Beltway I695 take exit 27, Dulaney Valley Road North. Go 2.2 miles and park ACROSS from Chapelwood Lane, where we will meet. If full, park on Chapelwood Lane.

GPS coordinates [39.441233, -76.596930](#)

Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Rd Park and Ride (P&R). From Baltimore Beltway I-695 outer loop (southbound), take Exit **8B** (NOT 8A), ramp leads to parking lot across Hammonds Ferry Road. From Beltway inner loop (northbound), take Exit 8 ramp, right onto Fairview, turn right onto Nursery Road, right onto Hammonds Ferry Road, then left at next light into Park-n-Ride lot.

GPS coordinates [39.227299, -76.665519](#)

Papermill Flats and Ashland Trail. See NCR Trail at Ashland (above).

Patterson Park. From downtown Baltimore, drive east on Pratt Street until you dead end at South Patterson Park Avenue. Go left onto South 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 South Patterson Park Avenue and Lombard Street.

GPS coordinates [39.290774, -76.584533](#)

Patuxent River Park, Jug Bay Natural Area-Jackson Landing. Take I97 South. Take exit 7 MD-3 to US-301- SRt. 301 until you see Croom Station Road at the light. Take a left onto Croom Station Road. When that ends, take a left on Croom Road and travel about 5 miles until you see Croom Airport Road on your left. Turn left onto Croom Airport Road. Turn left onto Park Entrance Road (at the 2 pillars after the Patuxent River Park mailboxes.) Stay on this road following the signs to Jackson Landing where the road dead ends. It is about 1 1/4 miles until you reach the landing. The pontoon boat will be there.

GPS coordinates [38.773199, -76.709295](#)

Soldiers Delight Overlook -Deer Park Road. From I-695 Beltway take Exit 18 Liberty Rd. west 4 miles. Bear right onto Deer Park Rd. just before traffic light and water tower. Go approximately 2 miles and past the entrance to the Visitor Center to Overlook parking on your left.

GPS coordinates [39.414365, -76.835797](#)

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<https://baltimorebirdclub.org>

Other sites of interest:

BBC Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/382565775136349/members/

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