

BALTIMORE BIRD CLUB LECTURE SERIES 2016-2017

September 6, 2016: Open Forum & Peter Lev, *The Doñana Marshes of Southern Spain.*

The Doñana Marshes is a vast park south of Seville, once a royal hunting preserve, the marsh is now one of the top birding areas in Europe. BBC President Peter Lev discusses resident and migrant birds seen on a recent trip including flamingos, storks, raptors, cuckoos, and warblers.

October 4, 2016: Gene Scarpulla, *Native Bees of Maryland.* Gene Scarpulla is an Associate at the Bee Inventory & Monitoring Laboratory, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, where he surveys and identifies native bees and wasps. In 2009 Gene conducted a yearlong survey of the bees of Hart-Miller Island. Gene will discuss the amazing diversity of bees in Maryland and on Hart-Miller Island.

November 1, 2016: Teena Gorrow & Craig Koppie. *The Bald Eagle: America's Living Symbol of Freedom.* Teena Gorrow, Professor., Salisbury U., Craig Koppie, Eagle/Raptor Biologist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, are co-authors of the award-winning book, *Inside a Bald Eagle's Nest*, and of *Inside an Osprey's Nest*. Through rare photographs and personal stories, enjoy an insider's view of American bald eagles as they nest, mate, lays eggs, and raise young.

January 8, 2017: Mark Johnson. *Trinidad and Tobago Birding.* Mark Johnson, Harford County Bird Club, Past President of MOS, will discuss his recent birding trip to Trinidad and Tobago, a twin island country off the northern coast of South America. A total of 470 species of birds have been recorded on the islands. There are few places in the world where so many bird species can be seen in such a small area. They range from the many species of hummingbird to the cave-dwelling oilbird and the spectacular scarlet ibis.

March 7, 2017: Bob Mumford, *National Wildlife Refuges, National Treasures.* Bob Mumford, Natural Images Photography, has visited eighty national wildlife refuges from Moosehorn in Maine to Tijuana Slough in California; from Alaska Maritime in the Aleutians to Key Deer in the Keys. He will share photos of everything from Spruce Grouse to Rattlesnakes to Yellow-headed Blackbirds and back.

April 4, 2017: Ian Nagoski, *Ecstatic & Wingless.* Music researcher Ian Nagoski will discuss his audio documentary project on early 20th century birdsong and its relationship to human performance. Learn the story of the first recordings of cagebirds and the practice of bird-imitation, a field that produced amazing and eccentric celebrities during the 1910s-20s. Rarely heard in recent years, bird imitation was recorded commercially on every continent by 1925 and possibly predates music or language in human history.

May 2, 2017: Patricia Delgado, *Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary.* Patricia Delgado, Ph.D., is the Superintendent and Wetland Ecologist for the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. The sanctuary is 1,700 acres of open water, tidal freshwater marshes, forested wetlands, upland and riparian forest, creeks, meadows, pine and sand barrens, and fields along the Patuxent River. Patricia will discuss the sanctuary's designation as a Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, a research, stewardship, and education program administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Natural Resources, and Anne Arundel County.