

BALTIMORE BIRD CLUB/ MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY YOUTH BIRDING BACKPACK CONTEST



Attention 10 - 16 year-olds!
You can win a fabulous backpack including binoculars, field guides, and other birding loot.

Winning is easy – just put together the best entry on one or more of the topics mentioned. We will judge on completeness, creativity, graphics, and accuracy.

Photos and artwork that help make points are welcome. The backpack will be awarded at the Baltimore Bird Club's January Pot Luck. Please include your name, phone number, and email address.

Submission Topics

Option #1

Write an essay or photo essay on our state bird, the Baltimore oriole. Why is the Baltimore oriole our state bird? What is its summer and winter range? Will it be impacted by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico? Are orioles increasing or declining in numbers? How can you tell the difference between a Robin, a Red-winged blackbird, and a Baltimore oriole?

Option #2

Millions of birds die by colliding into windows. These collisions can be prevented by painting designs on windows or using stickers spaced a minimum of 4"x 2" apart. Do you have a door, window, or sunroom that is a problem at your house? Submit a photo essay on how you made your problem area safe for birds.

Option #3

Do an essay or photo essay about birds in your yard. You may want include info on your yard – does it have big trees? Shrubs? Mostly grass?

What do the birds in your yard eat? On what key features did you base your ID of the bird (i.e. song, color, length/shape of tail, head, and beak)? How many different species did you observe?

Submit entries to baltimoreyouthbirding@yahoo.com by December 10, 2010, or email us with questions on non-email submissions.

The Baltimore Bird Club reserves the right to keep possession of the submissions until January 15, 2010 for publicity purposes. Non-email submissions must be picked up by January 30, 2010. The Baltimore Bird Club is not responsible to damage occurred to entries.

