



Editor's Note

We are going to try a new publishing schedule for this next year. The issues now will be May-Jun, Sep-Oct, Nov-Dec, Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr. I want to see if we can get in more of the field trips in a more timely fashion. I don't know about you but I find it somewhat frustrating to wait all summer to find out what happened on the spring trips. Granted we don't have the bulk of the spring trips but it is more than we had before. Perhaps it will whet the appetite for the May trips. If you violently disagree with this plan let me know. I would love to hear from any of you, even a disagreement would be more welcome than the resounding silence that usually follows my plea for input from club members. The Program Booklet and Membership letter will come in a separate mailing in August.



The next deadline is August 10 !

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Maryland Plan to Limit Horseshoe Crab Harvest Will Help Save Rapidly Declining Shorebird Population

(Washington, D.C.) The State of Maryland announced today that effective April 1 it will require

a 2:1 male to female harvest ratio to provide additional horseshoe crab eggs to migratory shorebirds. See the Maryland Department of Natural Resources release below.

"This is a strong step in the right direction in ensuring more critically important horseshoe crab eggs will be on the beach when Red Knots stop to refuel on their long migration northward," said Darin Schroeder, Vice President of Conservation Advocacy for American Bird Conservancy. "Both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Geological Survey have concluded that without greater conservation of horseshoe crabs, the eastern Red Knot (*rufa*) subspecies could be extinct within a decade. Gov. O'Malley and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources are to be commended for taking this action, which we hope will ensure future generations of Americans will be able to see this magnificent bird like past generations have."

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The (rufa) Red Knot, a reddish-brown shorebird a little larger than an American Robin, annually migrates from Tiera Del Fuego to its Arctic breeding grounds, stopping to rebuild critical energy reserves by feasting on horseshoe crab eggs in the Delaware Bay. Unfortunately, science has shown the number of available horseshoe crab eggs has declined, leading the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to conclude that, "The primary factor threatening the red knot (sic) is destruction and modification of its habitat, particularly the reduction in key food resources resulting from reductions in horseshoe crabs ...". Due to a 15% decline in Red Knot numbers at the species' wintering grounds in the past year, and a 75% decline from 1985 to 2007, FWS has increased the listing priority for the species from a six to a three. Only 14,800 Red Knots were counted in 2007 at the species' primary wintering areas.

REMEMBER: EXTINCT MEANS FOREVER

by
Mike Hudson

My name is Mike Hudson and I am 13 years old. My friends and I have been working for a little over 2 years to protect an endangered shorebird called the Red Knot rufa (*Calidris canutus rufa*). It really started in May of 2006 when, on a bird walk, I heard some people talking about endangered migrants. One of the birds being discussed was the Red Knot. After hearing that the number of migrating Red Knots had declined from 100,000 to 12,375 in around 20 years, I decided to help. That week, there was an article in the newspaper about the Red Knot and its symbiotic relationship to the Horseshoe Crab. This reiterated the conversation on the bird walk in a less dramatic but still ominous tone. I got some friends together and we started to plan our campaign. The following February we made a presentation to our school to stir up support for our cause. In March of 2007,

Friends of the Red Knot was born through a club of dedicated kids ranging in age from 7 to 13. After collecting information on the Red Knot and Horseshoe Crab and drafting a letter to former Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne, we



POSTCARD IMAGE USED IN CAMPAIGN

made another presentation to our school during Earth Week. Almost every student, teacher, and parent present signed a copy of our letter.

Since that fateful day we have been to hearings, city council meetings, bird bandings, nature center openings, and countless other places to present our educational display and share our enthusiasm. We have collected signatures on hundreds of postcards to Interior Secretaries Kempthorne and Salazar and to Governor O'Malley. And we use our website to spread the word about the plight of the Red Knot and get people from all over the country to print, sign and send letters. This spring is going to be just as busy with activities. Friends of the Red Knot hopes to present our display at the Maryland Zoo again this year. We will also definitely be participating in the Delaware Bird-a-Thon. This is an event where birders go anywhere in Delaware and count as many bird species as possible in 24 hours. They collect sponsors, and all the money raised goes to buying shorebird habitat. And, of course, we will be looking for Red Knots on the Delaware Bay in May!

If you still have questions or are wondering what you can do to help our cause, check out our website: www.friendsoftheredknot.org DDDDDD

At the Covered Dish Supper in January 2009, Mike Hudson was honored by the Baltimore Bird Club for his work on bird conservation. As part of the Maryland Ornithological Society's Youth Program, each Chapter was given a backpack containing a pair of Eagle Optics Triumph binoculars, an autographed copy of Bill Thompson's youth birding guide and other miscellaneous birding books. The BBC chose Mike as our recipient of this award and also provided a free subscription to ChipNotes to Mike's Green Mount School Bird Club in Baltimore City. Mike, along with his family, presented their educational display and Mike gave a brief introduction to the Friends of the Red Knot (FoRK) endeavor when given his award. The BBC would like to acknowledge the unique and important contribution that FoRK has made to birding and the environment. FoRK has inspired both the BBC and MOS to write the new Delaware Governor in support of a moratorium on Horseshoe Crab harvesting in order to save the Red Knot.

The U.S. State of The Birds

Washington, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today released the first ever comprehensive report on bird populations in the United States, showing that nearly a third of the nation's 800 bird species are endangered, threatened or in significant decline due to habitat loss, invasive species, and other threats.

At the same time, the report highlights examples, including many species of waterfowl, where habitat restoration and conservation have reversed previous declines, offering hope that it is not too late to take action to save declining populations.

"Just as they were when Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring* nearly 50 years ago, birds today are a bellwether of the health of land, water and ecosystems," Salazar said. "From shorebirds in New England to warblers in Michigan to songbirds in Hawaii, we are seeing disturbing downward population trends that should set off environmental

alarm bells. We must work together now to ensure we never hear the deafening silence in our forests, fields and backyards that Rachel Carson warned us about."

The report, *The U.S. State of the Birds*, synthesizes data from three long-running bird censuses conducted by thousands of citizen scientists and professional biologists.

In particular, it calls attention to the crisis in Hawaii, where more birds are in danger of extinction than anywhere else in the United States. In addition, the report indicates a 40 percent decline in grassland birds over the past 40 years, a 30 percent decline in birds of aridlands, and high concern for many coastal shorebirds. Furthermore, 39 percent of species dependent on U.S. oceans have declined.

However, the report also reveals convincing evidence that birds can respond quickly and positively to conservation action. The data show dramatic increases in many wetland birds such as pelicans, herons, egrets, osprey, and ducks, a testament to numerous cooperative conservation partnerships that have resulted in protection, enhancement and management of more than 30 million wetland acres.

"These results emphasize that investment in wetlands conservation has paid huge dividends," said Kenneth Rosenberg, director of Conservation Science at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "Now we need to invest similarly in other neglected habitats where birds are undergoing the steepest declines."

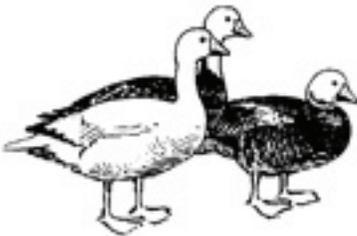


Field Trips

compiled by Kevin Graff

Feb 8 - Marshy Point Nature Center - Nice selection of waterfowl on the partially open creek. Over 20 Tundra Swans present. Five woodpecker sp. seen including several flybys by Pileated. 44 species. 10 participants. Leaders: Mary Byers & Debbie Terry.

Feb 14 - Cape Henlopen to Ocean City - Ross's Goose roadside in Delaware in a flock of Snow Geese, some blue phase, near Henlopen (Nico photos); Brown-headed Nuthatches at Henlopen visitor center feeder, close Ipswich (Savannah) Sparrow near radar tower parking lot at Henlopen, Snow Buntings at Henlopen Point. Black-bellied Whistling Duck snoozing at Silver Lake. Eared and Horned Grebes up close at 32nd St bayside for comparison Distant glimpses of one Razorbill in ocean off north O.C. jetty, both King and Common Eiders behind south O.C jetty, late afternoon light fading.



Feb-15, Both eiders, razorbill and 2 red-necked grebes at inlet, horned lark and meadowlarks near Ocean

City Airport, and Clapper Rails heard at Truitts Landing Rd. On Monday on way home we had turkeys and bobwhites at Blackwater, Snowy Owl near Oxford. 118 species total including 110 in Maryland and 77 in Delaware. 11 participants. Leader: Pete Webb

Mar 7 - Middle Creek, PA - Tons of Tundra Swans and Snow Geese and 1 Ross's Goose, nice white adult. 18 waterfowls species, bluebirds, Bald Eagle, Horned lark perched & singing. Struggle to get meadowlark and round & round the circuit, led to 4 harriers including two "gray ghost" males and 4 Short-eared Owls. OWL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL! 61 species. 5 participants. Leader: Kevin Graff

Mar 8 - Old Picnic Area Trail - Not a very birdy

day but the participants made it a very enjoyable field trip. Our high count of 66 Pied-billed Grebes and the 122 redhead were the trip highlights. 42 species. 7 participants. Leader: Debbie Terry.

Mar 9 - Poplar Island - 1. Enroute to boat dock, Adult Bald Eagle at Claiborne Landing, Large no's of Robins and Grackles on the move. Later, on our return, spotted 14 Wild Turkey in the vicinity of Pea Neck Rd. At Poplar Island, Bob Ringler's weather made for a smooth ride out & back. Large # of Greater Scaup; good # of Common Goldeneye & Bufflehead; all 3 scoter species seen, mostly Surf. We dipped on the Short-eared Owl & Purple Sandpipers, but had a good # of Dunlin, plus several Tree Swallows. Red-winged Blackbirds numerous. Finally, a number of people enjoyed a rare glimpse of Jan Reese on his bike, doing a periodic survey of island flora & fauna (and as reported faithfully in MDOsprey by Les Roslund). Great pre-spring weather, bring on the birds! Species. 20 participants. Leaders: Robin Armetta & Kevin Graff.

Mar 14 - Horsehead Wetlands Center - Going solo as no one shows up, bad choice. Siskins flyover at park n' ride; american woodcock, hermit thrush and siskins at Cabin Creek Landing; one Cackling Goose headed N w/ scores of Canada Geese, 4000+ Ruddy Duck, Osprey back on nest platform at Lake Knapp, Eastern Screech owl at roost, and 1 Pine Warbler at Horsehead; 20 Horned and 1 Red-necked Grebe, scores of Long-tailed Duck and Common Goldeneyes and 1 Field Sparrow at Terrapin. On way home, made a stop at Oceanic Drive near Anne Arundel tollbooth and enjoy seeing huge rafts of 1100+ Canvasback, 1800+ Greater Scaup, hundreds of other ducks, 1 Peregrine Falcon on bridge. 73 species including 66 at Cabin Creek/Horsehead/Terrapin. Leader: Kevin Graff.

Mar 25 - Loudon Park Cemetery - This year's Loudon Park Cemetery was again meager but our four observers joined heartily in the search for a total of 15 species including a pipit. It was as always, a lovely way to spend the morning, even in a cemetery. 15 species. 4 participants. Leader: Joy Wheeler.

Mar 28 - Ocean City Seawatch cancelled due to weather unfavorable.

Apr 4 - Cromwell Valley Park - Windy day didn't stop us from doing our walk. Everyone enjoy hearing singing adult male Rusty Blackbird, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, first of year for those who saw it (or heard it "wheeze"). Good look at Swamp Sparrow, two Golden-crowned Kinglets, two adult Bald Eagles soaring overhead and a pair of Tree Swallows sitting on a nest box , numerous Bluebirds. 44 species. 9 participants. Leader: Kevin Graff.

Apr 9 - Lake Roland - Rusty Blackbird (very good views); 5 Great Blue Herons, close together; Palm (several) & Yellow-rumped (1) Warblers; *Red-shouldered Hawk on nest! We can look forward to watching the hawk family's progress!* 44 species. 13 participants. Leader: Mary Chetelat.

Apr 14 - Lake Roland - Highlights were the rain and the Barred Owl including a Red-eyed Vireo, and 2 Ruby-crowned Kinglets .17 species. 1 participant. Leader: Joan Cwi.



Backyard Birding and Beyond

Hi Bryce!

I am very excited this spring because I am pretty sure that a pair of Cooper's Hawks are starting a nest in a big pine tree near my house. The two hawks have been around for about 3 weeks, sharing food (maybe some of those yummy feeder birds, you know what I mean) and carrying branches into the pine tree, among other activities. I am hopeful...

There have also been Hermit Thrushes, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, White-throated Sparrows, a Fox Sparrow, and "the usual suspects" (robins, cardinals, chickadees, White-breasted Nuthatches, American Goldfinches, etc.) in my yard and out by my stream over the past few weeks. I always look forward to Spring in my backyard.

Happy Birding! Mary Chetelat



I was also surprised by a Merlin last evening in Baltimore City: As I was taking my son to the train station, driving down St. Paul Street, a small dark falcon made its way up and over the buildings in front of me. Its size, strong, direct flight, and dark appearance contributed to the identification, although this bird was the first Merlin I'd seen within the City limits. A few minutes earlier, about 20 blocks North, I saw a bird fly over with the right size and flight profile for a Peregrine. If I get birds this good each time, I'll be happy to take my son to the train whenever he wants.

Don Burggraf
Baltimore



Mon, 13 Apr 2009
From: Kevin Graff
Subject: murre at Assateague

Hi all,
Earlier this morning, took my kayak down to O.C. harbor and kayaking to north side (bayfront) of Assateague and may had a Common Murre (description fit as mentions by others) which is farther out, at least 100 yards SE of south jetty. Also in area are 1 razorbill in nearly breeding plumage, 3 Common Eiders, few RB Mergansers, Buffleheads, both loons and lots of gannets headed N.



FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

MAY 2009.

MAY 2 (Sat) 7:30 a.m. HALETHORPE PONDS Diverse habitat of this little-birded area includes the river, two freshwater ponds, floodplain woods and a power line cut. We'll look for Warbling Vireo, both Orioles, Black-Crowned Night Heron, Osprey, Bald Eagle, Pheasant, and an assortment of Warblers. Meet at Nursery Road Park & Ride. Leader: Joel Martin, (410) 744-9211 or jcdlmartin@aol.com
MAY 2 (Sat) 7:30 a.m. SOLDIERS DELIGHT Warblers,

Flycatchers and Tanagers are featured as spring migration heats up in this globally rare ecosystem. Meet at historical marker. Leader: Keith Eric Costley, 443-985-6849 or email oriolekec1@comcast.net
 MAY 3 (Sun) 8:30 a.m. CYLBURN SELF-GUIDED WALK. Meet at Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning Birders Welcome. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, (410) 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

MAY 5 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. LAKE ROLAND (ROBERT E. LEE PARK). One in a series of weekly walks to follow the progress of Fall Migration. Habitats include woods, lake, streams and marsh. This park has an impressive bird list, including songbirds, herons, shorebirds and raptors. Leader: Kevin Graff, (410) 557-2456 or whitemarlin2001@yahoo.com. Note: there is a new meeting place for 2009 walks, as the bridge below the Dam is now closed: birders will meet at the North Entrance of the park.

MAY 5 (Tue) 7:30 p.m. TUESDAY EVENING LECTURE AT CYLBURN. Finale in a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. "Birding in Trinidad and Tobago" Larry and Jean Fry, of the Tri-County Bird Club, present an illustrated account of their birding trip to this very birdy Caribbean island nation.

MAY 6 (Wed) 8:00 a.m. FIRST WEDNESDAYS AT FORT McHENRY Monthly survey of bird activity at the wetland. Telescope can be useful. Automatically cancelled in bad weather (rain, sleet, snow, fog, etc.). Leader: Mary Chetelat, (410) 665-0769

MAY 6 (Wed) 9:30 a.m. DRUID RIDGE CEMETERY, located at 7900 Park Heights Avenue in Pikesville. This is our third and final cemetery birding trip this season. Possibility of both Baltimore and Orchard Orioles, and migrant warblers. Leader: Joy Wheeler, (410) 825-1204

MAY 6 (Wed) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. EVENING WALKS AT FORT McHENRY Automatically cancelled in rain, fog, etc. Park on Wallace Street. Meet at the main gate. Leader: Jim Peters, (410) 429-0966

MAY 9 (Sat) all day. MAY COUNT (INTERNATIONAL MIGRATORY BIRD DAY) All-day count of birds in Baltimore City and County. For area assignments call compiler Joel Martin, (410) 744-9211 or email jcdlmartin@aol.com

MAY 9 (Sat) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. SATURDAY MONITORING WALKS AT FORT McHENRY A continu-

ing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Park in the Visitor Center Parking Lot. Meet outside the Visitor Center. Cancelled in bad weather (high winds, fog, rain). Leader: Jim Peters, (410) 429-0966

MAY 10 (Sun) 8:00 a.m. PATUXENT NORTH TRACT (RESEARCH REFUGE) Bring lunch for all-day trip to Anne Arundel County site for Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, Chat, and other Southern specialty birds. Prothonotary Warbler possible. Meet at the Nursery Road/Hammonds Ferry Road Park & Ride. Steve Sanford, (410) 922-5103 or scartan@verizon.net

MAY 10 (Sun) 8:30 a.m. CYLBURN SELF-GUIDED WALK. Meet at Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning Birders Welcome. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, (410) 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

MAY 11 (Mon) 6:30/9:00 a.m. POPLAR ISLAND Meet at Nursery Road Park & Ride at 6:30am for Carpool OR meet at Tilghman Island at 9:00 am. Habitat similar to Hart-Miller Island. Boat ride from Tilghman Island. 2 hour bus ride around Poplar Island, stopping wherever birding looks good. Scopes are very helpful. Facilities are available. Bring snacks if desired. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Limit 8 to 24 people. Leader: Robin Armetta. Coordinator: Kevin Graff, whitemarlin2001@yahoo.com

MAY 12 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. LAKE ROLAND (ROBERT E. LEE PARK). One in a series of weekly walks to follow the progress of Fall Migration. Habitats include woods, lake, streams and marsh. This park has an impressive bird list, including songbirds, herons, shorebirds and raptors. Leader: Paul Noell, (410) 243-2652 or myconut@verizon.net. Note: there is a new meeting place for 2009 walks, as the bridge below the Dam is now closed: birders will meet at the North Entrance of the park. Directions to North Entrance of Robert E. Lee Park (Lake Roland).

MAY 13 (Wed) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. EVENING WALKS AT FORT McHENRY Automatically cancelled in rain, fog, etc. Park on Wallace Street. Park on Wallace St (left just before the gate). Meet at the main gate. Leader: Jim Peters, (410) 429-0966

MAY 14 (Thu) 8:00 a.m. NORTH CENTRAL RAILROAD TRAIL We will visit a spot north of Monkton where migrants and nesters are (usually) easy to find. Minimal walking. Trip limited to 12. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, because parking is limited. Contact the leader by May 14 for reservations and

information. Leader:
Debbie Terry, (410) 252-8771 or gt5s@bcpl.net
MAY 15-17 (Fri-Sun) ANNUAL MOS CONFERENCE

MAY 17 (Sun) 7:30 a.m. OWINGS MILLS MALL WETLAND Willow Flycatchers, Green Heron, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-breasted Chat and Orchard Oriole are just a few of the birds that breed in and around the Mall's wetland area. Leader: Keith Eric Costley, (443) 985-6489 or oriolekec1@comcast.net

MAY 17 (Sun) 8:30 a.m. CYLBURN SELF-GUIDED WALK. Meet at Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning Birders Welcome. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, (410) 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

MAY 19 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. LAKE ROLAND (ROBERT E. LEE PARK). One in a series of weekly walks to follow the progress of Fall Migration. Habitats include woods, lake, streams and marsh. This park has an impressive bird list, including songbirds, herons, shorebirds and raptors. Leader: Peter Lev, 410-823-2962 or plev@comcast.net. Note: there is a new meeting place for 2009 walks, as the bridge below the Dam is now closed: birders will meet at the North Entrance of the park.

MAY 20 (Wed) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. EVENING WALKS AT FORT McHENRY Automatically cancelled in rain, fog, etc. Park on Wallace Street. Meet at the main gate. Leader: Jim Peters, (410) 429-0966

MAY 23 (Sat) 8:00 a.m. PATTERSON PARK, at the White House (27 South Patterson Park Ave). Migrants found in this urban park have included: Blue-headed, Red-eyed, White-eyed and Warbling Vireos, Wood, Swainson's and Gray-cheeked Thrushes, Veery, Summer Tanager, Merlin and Woodcock! Leader: Dave Curson, (410) 675-4963 or dcurson@audubon.org

MAY 23 (Sat) 7:00/9:00 a.m. DELAWARE BAY Meet at Nursery Road Park & Ride 7:00 am OR Bombay Hook at 9:00 am. For a wide variety of migrating shorebirds. Possible breeding plumage Turnstones, Sanderlings, and Red Knots. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking. Bring lunch. Telescopes very useful. Leader: Pete Webb, (410) 486-1217 or pete_webb@juno.com

MAY 24 (Sun) 7:30 a.m. MILFORD MILL PARK, for migrant warblers, thrushes and other song birds. Leader: Bryce Butler, (410) 728-0646 or capitano.

bryce@verizon.net *Directions to Milford Mill Park. From Beltway 695, exit 18 Liberty Road, proceed west to first light at Washington Ave. Turn right, proceed to light on Milford Mill Road just after the overhead bridge.

MAY 26 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. LAKE ROLAND (ROBERT E. LEE PARK). One in a series of weekly walks to follow the progress of Fall Migration. Habitats include woods, lake, streams and marsh. This park has an impressive bird list, including songbirds, herons, shorebirds and raptors. Leader: Patsy Perlman, (410) 466-3998 or pattonyp@aol.com. Note: there is a new meeting place for 2009 walks, as the bridge below the Dam is now closed: birders will meet at the North Entrance of the park.

MAY 27 (Wed) 6:00 - 8:00p.m. EVENING WALKS AT FORT McHENRY Automatically cancelled in rain, fog, etc. Park on Wallace Street. Meet at the main gate. Leader: Jim Peters, (410) 429-0966

JUNE 2009.

JUN 3 (Wed) 8:00 a.m. FIRST WEDNESDAYS AT FORT McHENRY Monthly survey of bird activity at the wetland. Telescope can be useful. Automatically cancelled in bad weather (rain, sleet, snow, fog, etc.). Park in the Visitor Center Parking Lot. Meet outside the Visitor Center. Leader: Mary Chetelat, (410) 665-0769

JUN 5 (Fri) 8:00 p.m. WHIP-POOR-WILLS AT SOLDIERS DELIGHT Listen for the birds at dark. Meet at historical marker. Leader: David Curson, (410) 675-4963

JUN 13 (Sat) 7:30 a.m. CARROLL COUNTY FIELD BIRDS Bird the fields of Carroll and/or Frederick Counties for singing and nesting Vesper, Grasshopper, Field, and possible Savannah Sparrows, Bobolink, Dickcissel, Horned Lark, Meadowlark, Willow Flycatcher, Red-headed Woodpecker. Bird half-day or bring lunch and bird the whole day. Rain date: June 26. Leader: Pete Webb, (410) 486-1217, or email pete_webb@juno.com

JUN 20 (Sat) 7:30 a.m. PATAPSCO VALLEY STATE PARK, GRANITE AREA Nesting Birds. Blue-winged, Prairie, Pine Warblers, and Yellow-breasted Chat are among the 6 confirmed (11 possible) breeding warblers in the area. Boots recommended. Leader: Keith Eric Costley, (443) 985-6489 or oriolekec1@comcast.net

The Baltimore Bird Club Needs Your Help!

There are several positions on the Board of Directors that need to be filled. These positions are a Publicity Chair, a Scholarship Chair, a Hospitality Chair, a BBC director, a MOS Director and a representative to the MOS Sanctuary Committee.

The Publicity chair furnishes information to the media and public concerning the BBC and its activities.

The Scholarship Chair acts as a liaison with the Maryland Ornithological Society, which awards Ecology Scholarships at National Audubon Society (NAS) camps and Ornithology Scholarships at NAS Maine Camp, to Maryland teachers and leaders.

The Hospitality Chair arranges for refreshments at the lectures and other meetings and arranges and takes reservations for the Covered Dish Supper.

The BBC Director attends the BBC Board Meetings and can bring issues from the general membership before the Board. The BBC Board meets monthly from September to June.

The MOS Director attends the MOS Board meetings and reports on its activities to the BBC Board. The MOS Board meets four times during the year.

The Representative to the MOS Sanctuary Committee acts as the liaison between the Committee and the BBC and is the local coordinator for the workdays at the sanctuaries.

The present members of the BBC Board have held their positions for several years. The Board could use some new faces and new ideas. If you are interested in any of the vacant positions or any other positions, you can contact President Peter Webb (pete_webb@juno.com, 410-486-1217) or Recording Secretary Paula Schugam (pschugam@msn.com 410-654-6545) for more information or to volunteer.

Hope we can count on you.

Paula Schugam, Recording Secretary

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