



Lights Out Baltimore Earns Chapter Award

(editor's note: the following is a May 17th email from Joan Cwi, Conservation Committee, MOS Liason)

"I just returned from the MOS convention, and was totally shocked when Wayne Bell presented the MOS Chapter Achievement Award to the Baltimore Bird Club for "its continuing involvement with the Lights Out Baltimore initiative". He presented the award to me as the BBC liaison (and since Wendy was not there) to take back to the club congratulating all of us for our work on this endeavor. Then, at breakfast this morning, Chan Robbins came up to me to thank the club for doing this effort, stating that we have to work bird safety from every angle.

I also had a lot of people asking questions about LOB, and have a couple of new names to add to the fall effort. There was no official discussion about the LOB at the convention, but people remembered the article from Yellowthroat and were very inquisitive."



While walking around the Baltimore Convention Center Lights Out volunteers Maire and Mike found this flycatcher which had suffered a bad bump on the

head and was left blind from its injury. Maire whisked the bird up to Phoenix Wildlife Center, where, after rest and relaxation, it was successfully released into the wild. While this flycatcher didn't sing during its convalescence to allow us a positive species ID, our expert volunteers narrowed it



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Lights Out Baltimore Update by Wendy Olsson

Local news

Spring brought new faces to the Lights Out Baltimore program and more birds. Even small stretches of glass such as those on the pedestrian bridges on Pratt Street proved lethal as we watched two White throated Sparrows collide with one and die instantly. We stepped up our data collection of live birds, and were treated to two live Virginia Rails, a Sora, getting zoomed by a Ruby-Throated Hummingbird on Pratt St., and 122 other live birds of various species.

Our Spring data included 81 dead birds, 15 compromised birds (these are birds that fly away as we try to rescue them), 10 birds we rescued and released, and 21 birds taken to rehabilitator extraordinaire Kathy Woods at Phoenix Wildlife Center. Most frequent spring birds we found included White Throated sparrow (29), Gray Catbird (20), Ovenbird (17), Common Yellowthroat (9), Wood Thrush (6), and American Woodcock (4). Other notable species found included Nashville Warbler, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Towhee, and American Redstart. We found a marked increase in the number of birds we took for rehabilitation in the spring, which is something that other rescue groups have also found in spring. Lights Out Baltimore is also looking forward to hosting Dr. Daniel Klem, professor of Ornithology at Muhlenberg College for its Tuesday lecture at Cylburn Arboretum on Tuesday, September 1st.

Baltimore is a big city and our monitoring loop is only 2.6 miles. More monitors would mean expanding our efforts to other areas along Pratt St. and through Harbor East. As our data increase, we would have more clear data showing building managers, architects, and developers that there is a problem not only in big cities like Toronto and Chicago, but also in Baltimore. Consider the number of structures in North America and the numbers become staggering. Contact us at savebirds@verizon.net to help.

National Update

We mourn the loss of Karen Cotton, former American Bird Conservancy Bird Collisions Coordinator, who died of cancer this summer. Karen will be sorely missed and was instrumental in getting our group started. Assuming Karen's posi-

tion at ABC is Dr. Christine Sheppard. Prior to joining ABC, she was Curator of Ornithology for the Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo, and is working on a project to identify existing building materials that can reduce the incidence of

bird mortality from glass strikes. Chris has served as science advisor for the Bird-safe Glass Foundation, a coalition of conservation groups working to find solutions to the bird-window collision issue.

Growing evidence proves windows and glass are a leading source of mortality of wild birds, second only to habitat destruction. 31,705 birds of 141 species were found at one Chicago building between fall 1978 and fall 2004, according to the Audubon Lights Out Chicago website. Awareness is increasing on a national level, and inroads are slowly being made in the green building industry. Thanks to Audubon Minnesota and TogetherGreen Grant support, a new "Lights Out"



Photo: Dan Lebbin Sample of Window Strike
Bodies Found by LOB volunteers

law signed by the Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty will protect migrating birds from building collisions. The law requires state-owned or leased buildings to turn off lights after midnight during spring and fall migration. It is thought to be the first law of its kind in the country, and will save birds, energy, and money in these tough economic times!

On the green building front, the Bird-Safe Glass Foundation has submitted language for innovation in Design Credit for Bird-Safe Glazing requirements. The credits would give LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification applicants additional points toward an overall LEED rating of silver, gold, or platinum. LEED is an interna-

tionally recognized green building certification system. Guidelines for the bird-safe innovation in design credit include:

- Keeping bird-attracting trees and shrubs either 50' away from glass buildings or immediately adjacent (3' or less) to glass.
- Avoiding reflection of vegetation in glass through non-reflective glazes, patterns, or films.
- Avoiding huge expanses of clear glass by creating "visual noise" on glass, especially on clear corners.
- Light reduction (For example, placing indoor lighting near opaque surfaces vs. windows).
- Covering ventilation and drainage grates at ground level with screens or netting so injured/exhausted birds don't fall through them and become trapped.

Kudos to our volunteers!		
Keith Costley	Joann Pettinicchio	Kevin Graff
Tim Carney	Joan Cwi	Daniel Lebbin
Marci Treece	Kathy Woods	Erin Allen
Erin Allen	Mary Shock	Mike Stahl
Judy Harding	Bryce Butler	Vicki Dodson
Laurie Dickeson	Maire Doyle	John Landers
Wendy Olsson	Supportive Spouses and significant others	



Spring Field Trips
compiled by Kevin Graff

Apr 19 - Granite/Woodstock - It was wonderful morning birding in Patapsco Valley State Park. We found five species of warblers (Northern Parula, Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle), Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler (Yellow), Louisiana Waterthrush) and six Woodpecker species. Singing Ruby-crowned Kinglets were all over. We had great looks at the Northern Parula feeding and singing, a Green Heron on the river and flock of Cedar Waxwings feeding low in a Red Cedar. We also saw a Broad-winged Hawk hanging upside down on a branch with another Broad-winged standing above it –on the same branch. 59 species. 7 participants. Leader: Keith Eric Costley.

Apr 21 - Lake Roland - After an inch plus rain on Monday, it was wonderful to take a birdwalk with a great group of birders on

Tuesday. Many Ruby-crowned Kinglet seen as they migrated north. The Red-shouldered Hawk's nest first seen on Apr 8 was observed. We suspect the honkered down bird on the nest was the mom. Of our 3 species of warblers two were heard only and the Yellow-rumped Warbler was seen. An enjoyable morning. 39 species. 8 participants. Leader: Debbie Terry.

Apr 26 - Marriotsville - A pleasantly cool morning of 65 F gradually gave way to warming temp's as the day progressed, ending in an oppressive near 90 F noon. The spring wildflower blooms were a welcome sight, but it was obvious that everything was about 2 weeks behind the normal development. Nine warblers were recorded, a Blue-winged was the most spectacular, seen by most. As expected, the Ovenbird, Black-and-white and parula were frequently heard, if not seen. The Louisiana Waterthrush was also well heard and seen. Rounding out the list: Worm-eating, Prothonotary* and American Redstart. Misses were Common Yellowthroat and Yellow-throated Warbler. A Barred Owl was seen by most and the Yellow-throated Vireo charmed all with its song. Other highlights: Bluebird, Pileated Woodpecker, RC Kinglet and Scarlet Tanager (heard). 56 species. 8 participants. Leader: Paul Noell.

Apr 26 - Druid Hill Park - clear morning, little to no wind, temp 60-85 F At the beginning, mid myriad Red-wing Black-birds nesting around the reservoir a Swamp Sparrow popped up. Five Warbler species were seen in the welcome shade on the flowering fruit trees that wrap the north side of the lake. Yellow, numerous Yellow-rumped, 1 Worm-eating, a pair of Palm Warblers(yellow), and at the later end of the day a Black and White. A Blue-winged Warbler was clearly heard but could not be located in the thick foliage. A pair of Orchard Orioles put on a mating display near last year's nest. The most unexpected bird was a Green Heron spotted as it awkwardly flew up off the lake to perch next to an Eastern Kingbird atop a 50 ft oak. 52 species, 10 participants. Leader: Bryce Butler

Apr 26 - Chimney Swift Watch - Beautiful setting at Druid Hill Conservatory. 250 chimney swifts entered between 8:15-8:27pm, although they had been circling for a half hour - trying to get those last bugs! 250 swifts.. 18 participants. Leaders: Joan Cwi & Carol Schreter.

May 2 - Halethorpe Ponds - Threatening weather limited the number of birds and birders, but three participants enjoyed a good morning, seeing or hearing a total of 60 species. Although there were few migrant warblers, we all picked up some first-of-year birds, including some that are very good for this location.

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An early flock of 6 migrating Common Loons was a good start. Later we saw Spotted and Solitary Sandpipers, an adult Little Blue Heron, and a beautiful Lincoln's Sparrow, among the regulars; Bald Eagle, Warbling Vireo, Yellow Warbler and Baltimore Oriole. Other warblers were Northern Parula, Yellow-rumped, American Redstart, Prothonotary and Common Yellowthroat. Somewhat shocking was the extent of construction work on a new sewer line through the woods between the ponds and the river. A wide swath has been cut all the way east to I-695 and covered with a wide wooden boardwalk. Although there was no active work on a Saturday morning and the workers were friendly, this project is likely to limit birding opportunities for quite some time. Leader: Joel Martin.

May 2 - Soldiers Delight - During the Baltimore Bird Club walk at Soldier Delight we found six species of thrush and enjoyed watching an adult Hermit Thrush singing on the Choate Trail. The twelve warbler species found were Northern Parula, Yellow Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle), Black-throated Green Warbler, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, American Redstart, Worm-eating Warbler, Ovenbird and Common Yellowthroat with nice close ups of a pair Pine and Prairie. Thank you to participants for making a walk in an extraordinary place a special experience. 66 species. 13 participants. Leader: Keith Eric Costley.

May 11 - Poplar Island - Jan Reese joined us to find target birds for many of us. We found lingering Surf Scoter, Red-breasted Merganser & Ruddy Duck, thousands of nesting cormorants. Some of us got a glimpse of Least Bittern hiding in grasses. Among the 17 shorebird species, most interesting were 5 Black-necked Stilts, 1 Ruddy Turnstone and 4 Purple Sandpipers. Jan found us 2 Horned Larks and 1 Seaside Sparrow. 50 species. 13 participants. Coordinator: Kevin Graff.

May 12 - Lake Roland (upper trail) - The day began with persistent singing at the trailhead of an American Redstart. During the walk, it would be joined by 7 other warblers, including the Prothonotary and Chestnut-sided. The Baltimore Oriole was quite vocal, as were the omnipresent BG Gnatcatcher and N. Cardinal. The near-fully leafed-out trees and understory made spotting the birds a challenge. Not so the nesting Red-shouldered Hawks, whose activity on and near the nest was quite evident. Although avian activity was, overall, fairly subdued, our determined group was able to tally a respectable total of 60 birds. 60 species. 14 participants. Leader: Paul Noell.

May 14 - NCR Trail - Numerous close views of nesting Black-and-whites and American Redstarts, Cedar Waxwings, a Yellow-throated Vireo and both Orioles. Lots of singing so we could

practice learning the songs of these birds. Great people and good birders. A fun day to be out birding. 51 species. 4 participants. Leader: Debbie Terry.

May 17 - Owings Mills Mall wetlands - Highlights during the BBC walk this morning included a male Bobolink (both females before walk), many Willow Flycatchers, lots of Yellow Warblers and finding nest of both Baltimore and Orchard Orioles. 56 species. 7 participants. Leader: Keith Eric Costley.

May 19 - Lake Roland - Highlights were lots of people and birds during the walk, Scarlet Tanager and Baltimore Oriole, Wood Duck with babies, heard-only Yellow-breasted Chat at unexpected location at dike, in wooded setting, but also was heard couple of days earlier by another observer; late distant Broad-winged Hawks. 5 shorebirds: Killdeer, Lesser Yellowlegs, Solitary, Spotted and Least Sandpipers. 72 species. 20 participants. Leaders: Peter Lev/Pete Webb.

May 23 - Delaware Bay - Highlights were Black-crowned Night Herons, Black-necked Stilts, Bald Eagles, good looks at Willow Flycatcher, Seaside Sparrow and Marsh Wren. Also Black-bellied Plovers, Little Blue Heron, adult this time, Turnstones and Knots at Port Mahon and Mispillion which also had Black Skimmers. ? participants. Leader: Pete Webb.

May 24 - Milford Mill Park Sunny, temp mid-60's, wind - NE 5 mph. A Chestnut-sided Warbler was briefly seen by one of our party of 4 at the start of the walk. At least a dozen American Redstarts punctuated the walk along the stream. Red-eyed Vireos were thick as flies and nearly as numerous. 15 or so Cedar Waxwings zipped about the tops of the trees. Wood Thrush and Veery were heard and spotted singing throughout the park. Ovenbirds were heard several times. A Hooded Warbler remained tantalizingly elusive as we followed its song. A Kentucky Warbler was also heard but refused to show. 32 species 4 participants. Leader: Bryce Butler



Conservation Corner

BBC Conservation Committee Report, 2009
By Carol Schreter and Joan Cwi

When organized 8 years ago, the Baltimore Bird Club (BBC) Conservation Committee expected to be testifying and writing letters on behalf of birds and bird habitat. We did not expect to be walking the streets of downtown Baltimore.

Lights Out Baltimore

This year, the Conservation Committee focused on a project called Lights Out Baltimore! BBC volunteers monitored a 2.6 mile loop around the Inner Harbor starting at 5 AM on weekdays and weekends during spring and fall migration, 10 weeks each. Our objective was to identify the extent of the problem of birds killed or injured by collisions with glass in downtown buildings.

Each season, there were over 100 bird strikes recorded by our volunteers. Our monitors collected the dead birds (about 80%) to give to the Smithsonian Institute for research purposes. Seriously injured birds were taken to Kathy Woods, our participating wildlife rehabilitator. Birds that recovered quickly were released in a more suitable location. Lights Out Baltimore! volunteers developed two informational brochures.

Stimulated by the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) in Washington, D.C., this project is one of several around the nation. Our local partners include the MD/DC Audubon Society and the National Aquarium, who sometimes join us in meetings with others.

As you've read, BBC received a Chapter Award for this project from MOS at the state-wide Annual Meeting in May.

We are most pleased that Baltimore's new Sustainability Plan includes bird-friendly language and goals. Members of the Lights Out! team talked about bird-friendly design to people planning new buildings with a considerable amount of glass at the University of Baltimore (a Law School building) and Cylburn Mansion (a Visitor Center).

In 2009-2010 we hope to continue migration monitoring and to construct a website. We will approach building managers, city officials, architects and the general public to educate them about the extent of the problem. We will suggest solutions for high strike, problem areas. We will provide information about bird-friendly design for new construction.

We Testify

While much energy focused on the Lights Out! program downtown, Conservation Committee members also watched out for

bird health and habitat elsewhere.

Hart-Miller Island, where the state is dumping dredge from the harbor, is a magnet for wildlife. Birders Gene Scarpulla and Bob Ringler have documented 280 species of birds there over 25 years. At a hearing for the Maryland Port Authority in October 2008, we testified on behalf of BBC. We called the habitat created there an historic experiment. We support a plan to develop the North Cell in a similar fashion that favors wildlife habitat and passive recreation.

Against all odds, we continue to oppose wind power turbines on the forested ridge tops of western Maryland. This is a major bird migration route. On behalf of BBC, MOS and the Howard County Bird Club, in February 2009 we testified in Annapolis. We favor putting state-level Public Service Commission and environmental reviews back into the wind power certification process.

We also joined an MOS Alternative Energy Subcommittee, to examine the impact of various energy options on birds and bird habitat.

We Write Letters

The Red Knot, a shorebird, faces extinction. A local youth group called Friends of the Red Knot (FoRK) recommends a total moratorium on the harvest of Horseshoe Crabs. Their eggs are the major food source for migrating Red Knots. In concert with FoRK, we wrote the newly elected governor of Delaware last March. At our March meeting, Board members individually signed FoRK postcards sent to Governor O'Malley and the new U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar.

In January 2009, for BBC, we also wrote Wicomico County's President to oppose high density development or cluster zoning around Nassawango Creek.

We Activate Others

Our spring Chimney Swift Watch at the Conservatory was videotaped this year by the Friends of Druid Hill Park.

When Program Open Space funds were, briefly, at risk due to the state budget deficit, we urged BBC members, by e-mail, to write Senate President Mike Miller in Annapolis.

By e-mail we told members about Earth Hour, March 22, 8-9 PM, when conservation-minded people all over the world turned out their lights for an hour. Even Baltimore's City Hall lights were turned off during Earth Hour 2009.

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JOIN THE ECO ACTION

- If you wish to be notified directly, by e-mail, of critical regional conservation issues?
- -Register on-line with the Maryland League of Conservation Voters at www.mdilcv.org
- -Register on-line with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation at www.cbf.org
- -Or join us as we look at issues and strategies.
- The BBC Conservation Committee meets monthly.
- Contact Carol Schreter at (410) 664-5151.
- Carol Schreter, Chair Joan Cwi, Co-Chair
- Joan Hellman Dixie Mullineaux Wendy Olsson

BACKYARD BIRDING AND BEYOND!

Big Bend and West Texas in Summer
by Jim Highsaw

After a wonderful trip to Big Bend National Park in Texas in 1996, I decided to go again in July 2009, this time on a Victor Emanuel Nature Tours trip. The 7-day trip also included the El Paso area, Cibolo Creek Ranch, and the Davis Mountains. We enjoyed the benefits of a small group (only four participants), an excellent leader, and some luxury accommodations. The total number of species found on the trip was 156.

The trip started with a late afternoon visit to some parks and birding spots in El Paso. Some of the highlights were Mississippi Kite and Hooded Oriole. The following morning we birded some areas in and around El Paso and found birds such as Burrowing Owl and Curve-billed Thrasher. Then we headed east and then south to Cibolo Creek Ranch near Presidio. After checking in at the lodge we did some late afternoon birding and found Zone-tailed Hawk and Summer Tanager, among others. In the evening we went back out and found Western Screech Owl and Common Poorwill. The third day started with an early morning field trip on the Ranch to see birds such as Canyon Wren and Black-tailed Gnatcatcher. After a delicious lunch, we checked out and headed for Big Bend National Park via the scenic River Road, with stops along the way to look at birds. After a late afternoon arrival at the Chisos Mts. Lodge and dinner, we drove to the Rio Grande Village area of the park for some evening birding. Here we found Elf Owl, another Western Screech Owl, and Roadrunner, among others.

On the fourth day we set out early to walk 2 miles down the Window Trail and then back up. The birding was excellent, topped off by a pair of Rufous-capped Warblers (a Mexican species which is a Rarity

at Big Bend). Other sightings included Lucifer Hummingbird, Scott's Oriole, and Blue Grosbeak. After lunch we drove to the Cottonwood Campground area of the park where we found Gray Hawk and Tropical Kingbird, among others, and enjoyed the scenic view of Santa Elena Canyon. On Day 5 I decided not to do the long all-day hike to Boot Spring to look for the Colima Warbler. Instead, I birded near the Lodge for a couple of hours and then relaxed for the rest of the day. The group reported that they found Colima Warblers, and also found another Rarity - Flame-colored Tanager. The sixth day we left the Lodge early and drove to Rio Grande Village for another visit. This time we found Common Black Hawk and many other birds including Vermilion Flycatchers, Painted Buntings, and Verdin. Then we headed north and left the park, stopped for lunch, then continued on towards Fort Davis with stops to look at various birds including Scissor-tailed Flycatcher and Eastern Meadowlark. After a midafternoon break at the Hotel Limpia followed by dinner, we spent a couple of hours at Fort Davis State Park looking for Montezuma Quail, with no results. We had to continue to the McDonald Observatory Road where we finally found Montezuma Quail just before dark.

On the last day we spent the morning at the Nature Conservancy Preserve in the Davis Mountains, where we enjoyed seeing birds such as Grace's Warbler and Buff-breasted Flycatcher. On the way back to El Paso we stopped at several reservoirs and ponds, then finished up the trip watching the Hummingbirds, including the Rufous, in the trip leader's backyard. After looking at the final trip list I realized that I had found about 20 new species for me.

Birding in Amazonian Ecuador.
by Paul Wildgust

Owned and operated by the local Añangu community, the Napo Wildlife Center (www.napowildlifecenter.com) protects 82 square miles of pristine Amazonian rainforest in Yasuni National Park - a 2.5 million acre UNESCO biosphere reserve - in North-eastern Ecuador.

Three types of rainforest habitat are accessible from the Napo Wildlife Center lodge - dry "terra firme" forest, "Várzea" jungle (seasonally flooded) and "Igapó" forest (permanently flooded). This habitat variety coupled with the protection provided by the Añangu community ensures the forest retains impressive biodiversity - including a bird-list of more than 560 species! So anticipation was high when we traveled to the

Napo Wildlife Center over Memorial week this year. On arrival, we were split into groups and introduced to our guides who would help us explore the forest. Each group - in our case just four guests - had two guides: an Añangu guide and a bi-lingual guide who both stayed with us for the duration of our stay at the Center.

A major attraction at the Center were two easily ac-



cessible clay-licks – which parrots and parakeets visit for daily doses of clay to help neutralize the toxins they accumulate from eating unripe seeds and fruits. Our visit to the clay-licks yielded Mealy Amazon and Yellow-crowned Parrots, Dusky-headed and Cobalt-winged Parakeets and a bonus pair of Crested Owls. However, our favorite birding hotspot proved to be the impressive canopy tower which nestles at the top of a 130 foot tall Ceiba tree. With expansive views of the canopy stretching in all directions, the tower allowed close-up viewing of mixed flocks of Tanagers (including the stunning Paradise Tanager), Honeycreepers, Dacnis and Spangled Cotinga as they foraged through the branches just above our heads. The tower also provided great views of Blue-and-yellow Macaws, Many-banded and Ivory-billed Araçaris, White-throated Toucans, and raptors including Slender-billed Kite, Gray-headed Kite and Black Caracara.

Canoe trips along the black-water creeks running through the forest yielded all the kingfisher species resident in the Amazon (Green, American Pygmy, Amazon, Rufous & Green, and Ringed), Gray-necked Wood-Rail, Boat-billed Heron, Rufescent Tiger Heron, Sungrebe, Great Potoo, White-eared and White-chinned Jacamars, Pauraque, Common Piping-guan, Gilded and Scarlet-crowned Barbets, Oropendolas, Yellow-rumped Caçiques, and two elusive species in the Salvin's Curassow and Zig-Zag Heron. Hikes deeper into the terra firme produced Great Tinamou, Cinereous Antshrike and Screaming Piha. Even the lodge area and its lagoon produced a long list of birds including Great Black Hawk, Wattled Jacana, Snail Kite, Laughing Falcon, Speckled Chachalaca, Long-billed Starthroat, Golden-tailed Sapphire, Fork-tailed Woodnymph, and Masked Crimson Tanager. In all we saw over 120 species of bird during our 7-day stay along with a variety of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. I can thoroughly recommend the Napo Wildlife Center as an extremely comfortable and relaxing way of experiencing the natural wonders of the Amazon Basin....

following photo: Hoatzin
 (a large, gregarious bird known as the "stinky turkey" due to a noxious side-effect of its unique fermentation-based digestive system),



The Mystery of the Empty Nest
 Irma Weinstein

In the middle of June, alerted by the cries of a robin, I noticed a nest in the shrubbery around my porch door. Every time I went in or out of that door, the bird flew away, uttering loud calls. My son took a photo with his telephone, revealing four blue eggs. We tried to avoid using that door, so that the bird would not abandon the nest. After two weeks, I noticed that the bird's alarm cries diminished, finally ceased, and then silence. There was no evidence of fledglings. Another photo revealed an empty nest/. No broken shells, just an empty nest.



**Editor's Note: Next Deadline for Nov-Dec issue is:
 Oct 5th**

The calendar that follows is short due to space. A full calendar is in your booklet and available online. (baltimorebirdclub.org) These include directions to the sites.

SEPTEMBER 2009.

SEP 1 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. LAKE ROLAND Leader: Debbie Terry (410) 252-8771 or Joan Cwi, (410) 467-5352 or email jafjsc@verizon.net 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.

SEP 1 (Tue) 7:00 p.m. TUESDAY EVENING LECTURE AT CYLBURN First in a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows on the first Tuesday of each month except 2nd Sunday dinner in January. (Note time change from previous years.) Tonight: "Bird-window collisions: a lethal issue for architecture and conservation." Dr Daniel Klem, professor of Ornithology and Conservation Biology at Muhlenberg College, PA. Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

SEP 2 (Wed) 8:00 a.m. FIRST WEDNESDAYS AT FORT McHENRY Monthly morning survey of bird activity at the wetland. Telescope can be useful. Automatically cancelled in bad weather (rain, sleet, snow, fog, etc.). Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. Leader: Mary Chetelat, (410) 665-0769. Meet at the main gate.

SEP 2 (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. Meet at the main gate.

SEP 6 (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

SEP 8 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. LAKE ROLAND Leader: Debbie Terry (410) 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net (see above listing)

SEP 9 (Wed) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. EVENING WALKS AT FORT McHENRY (see above listing)

SEP 13 (Sun) 8:30 a.m. CYLBURN SELF-GUIDED WALK (see above listing)

SEP 13 (Sun) 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. CHIMNEY SWIFTS AT DUSK Join the BBC

Swift-Watch Team for "Swift Night Out" as Chimney Swifts pour into one of their favorite chimneys. Swifts are counted and results, nationwide, are listed at www.chimneyswifts.org. The Swifts occasionally switch overnight roosting sites between the Hampden and the Conservatory (Druid Hill Park) chimneys, so we will post which chimney is being used on Thursday, 9/10 at <http://www.baltimorebirdclub.org>. Come at 6:15 if the weather is cloudy or gray.

Leader: Joan Cwi, 467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net

SEP 15 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. LAKE ROLAND Leader: Ruth Culbertson, (410) 825-1379. (see above listing)

SEP 16 (Wed) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. EVENING WALKS AT FORT McHENRY (see above listing)

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 coordinator Debbie Terry, phone (410) 252-8771 or email dterry12@verizon.net, for assignment.

SEP 19 (Sat) 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 NOON WALKS AT FORT McHENRY (see above listing)

SEP 20 (Sun) 8:30 a.m. CYLBURN SELF-GUIDED WALK (see above listing)

SEP 22 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. BROAD-WINGED HAWKS OVER CROMWELL VALLEY PARK Diverse habitat that includes stream, woods and fields. Expect to see a variety of resident and migrant birds. Peak time for migrating Broad-winged Hawks if weather is right. Leaders: Dot Gustafson, (410) 584-9509 or dotsg7@verizon.net, and Ruth Culbertson, (410) 825-1379 or ruthc@verizon.net

SEP 26 (Sat) 6:00 a.m. SHARP SORAS AT JUG BAY Pontoon boat ride for viewing Soras at Jug Bay Park. By reservation only, limit 16 people. Contact for reservations and Baltimore area meeting place directions: Pete Webb, pete_webb@juno.com or (410) 486-1217.

SEP 27 (Sun) 8:30 a.m. CYLBURN SELF-GUIDED WALK (see above listing)

SEP 29 (Tue) 8:30 a.m. LAKE ROLAND Leader: Patsy Perlman, (410) 466-3998 or pattony2@gmail.com (see above listing)

OCT 1 (Thu) 7:00 p.m. Bird Banding talk at Natural History Society on BELAIR ROAD An illustrated slide program by Dr. David Thorndill, CCBC Professor, about catching, banding birds will be followed by a tour OCT 3 (Sat) 9 and 11 AM Bird Banding Demonstrations at Essex Campus, CCBC Dr. Thorndill, Professor at CCBC will catch, band birds..htm Leader: David Thorndill 410-256-3261, or dthorndill@ccbcmd.edu

OCT 3 (Sat) 8:00 a.m. GWYNNS FALLS/LEAKIN PARK one of the largest urban wilderness areas. Leaders: Paul and Elise Kreiss, (410) 367-8194

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