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**We have had to cancel our Annual Covered Dish Dinner due to COVID-19 concerns and uncertainty.** We will still be holding a lecture January 10 at 7 PM. Sarah Luttrell will be discussing Birdsong. Please watch your email for links to the Zoom broadcast. If you cannot attend by Zoom there will be a call-in number available for you to hear the lecture.

We have planned an extensive program of lectures and field trips, but public health guidelines are changing so rapidly that we do not know whether these events will be held. Currently lectures and meetings will be held online. More information on this will follow in our monthly eNews. For field trips, contact the leader for the latest information regarding each trip.

**Birders should carefully consider health risks before attending a field trip. Attendance is at your own risk.**

#### FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

- Check BBC program trip leader, schedule, newsletter, website and e-bulletin for trip details and changes.
- Trips will be limited to ten people or less so you must register with the trip leader in advance.
- Carpooling should only be by family members or those who live together.
- During the pandemic, please practice social distancing.
- During the pandemic, the leader may require that participants wear masks.
- During the pandemic, there may be other requirements, such as requiring participants to sign waivers. Your leader will let you know.
- 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 your dog at home.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- “Take nothing but pictures, leave only footprints.”

## DECEMBER 2020- FEBRUARY 2021

### MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE

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

IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS PLEASE CONTACT THE LEADER.

**Note – directions are at end of booklet**

#### DECEMBER 2020

**Dec 2 (Wed) 8:00 AM-12:00 PM First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of surveys at the fort and wetland. Binoculars required. Telescope can be useful for distance viewing. \*Due to Covid-19 all walks are currently pending, please look for announcements via BBC email or social media or contact walk leader for updates. Cancelled in bad weather. Please park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410- 665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443- 204-3754).

**Dec 5 (Sat) 7:30 AM-11:00 AM Masonville Cove Environmental and Education Center and Middle Branch Park.** Masonville Cove is located in Baltimore City and has become a hot spot for birds. We will 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. Trails are not paved. Currently the building is closed and bathroom facilities are not available. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. RSVP to leader required. Leader: Alina Martin, alinacmartin@gmail.com.

**Dec 8 (Tues) 7:00 PM-8:30 PM BBC Board Meeting (online).** 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.

**Dec 12 (Sat) 8:00 AM-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. For information, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, [patterson.audubon.org](http://patterson.audubon.org).

**Dec 13 (Sun) 9:00 AM-11:00 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. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294.

**Dec 19 (Sat) 8:00 AM-9:30 AM Patterson Park.** Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in southeast Baltimore. With more than 200 species on record, the park is full of surprises. For directions, contact

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**Dec 20 (Sun) Dawn-Dusk Middle River Christmas Bird Count.** Birders of all levels of expertise or experience are welcome and urged to participate in this annual post-migration bird census in eastern Baltimore County. The area being surveyed is in a 15-mile diameter circle in eastern Baltimore County, encompassing Fort Howard up to Days Cove at the mouth of the Gunpowder. 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. Contact compiler, Joe Corcoran, [corcoran2921@gmail.com](mailto:corcoran2921@gmail.com), 667-231-6453, for area assignment with one of the sector coordinators.

#### JANUARY 2021

**Jan 1 (Fri) 8:30 AM-12:00 PM Loch Raven.** Start off New Year Birding at Old Picnic Area Trail section of Loch Raven Reservoir. Expect waterfowl, winter passerines and raptors. Trails are not paved. Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. RSVP to leader required. Leader: Joe Corcoran, [corcoran2921@gmail.com](mailto:corcoran2921@gmail.com).

**Jan 5 (Tue) Dawn-Dusk Loch Raven Christmas Bird Count.** Birders of all levels of expertise or experience are welcome and urged to participate in this annual post-migration 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 on 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, Libby Errickson, [elizabeth.errickson@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.errickson@gmail.com), or Joe Corcoran, [corcoran2921@gmail.com](mailto:corcoran2921@gmail.com), for area assignment with one of the sector coordinators.

**Jan 6 (Wed) 8:00 AM-12:00 PM First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of surveys at the fort and wetland. Binoculars required. Telescope can be useful for distance viewing. \*Due to Covid-19 all walks are currently pending, please look for announcements via BBC email or social media or contact walk leader for updates. Cancelled in bad weather. Please park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410- 665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443- 204-3754).

**Jan 10 (Sun) 9:00 AM-11:00 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. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, [baypuffin@hotmail.com](mailto:baypuffin@hotmail.com) or 410-686-7294.

**Jan 10 (Sun) 7:00 PM-9:00 PM Lecture (online) Sarah Luttrell on Birdsong.** Acoustic communication is important for birds. Luckily for us, bird and human hearing ranges largely overlap, allowing us to key in on this communication channel for general enjoyment, and for better birding. Sarah Luttrell is a research assistant in the Feather Identification Lab at the Smithsonian Institution. She has a background in bioacoustics and using bird sounds to help understand evolution in North American Birds. Sarah will talk about the natural history of bird sounds and how we can use songs and calls to enhance our birding experience.

**Jan 16 (Sat) 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Saturday Morning Monitoring Walk at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Binoculars required. Telescope can be useful for distance viewing. \*Due to Covid-19 all walks are currently pending, please look for announcements via BBC email or social media or contact walk leader for updates. Cancelled in bad weather. Park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Ben Poscover, (410) 882-1309 (alternate contact-Wendy Alexander, (443) 204-3754).

**Jan 23 (Sat) 8:00 AM-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. For information, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, [patterson.audubon.org](http://patterson.audubon.org).

**Jan 30 (Sat) 8:00 AM-9:30 AM Patterson Park.** Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in southeast Baltimore. With more than 200 species on record, the park is full of surprises. For directions, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, [patterson.audubon.org](http://patterson.audubon.org).

## FEBRUARY 2021

**Feb 3 (Wed) 8:00 AM-12:00 PM First Wednesday Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing a series of surveys at the fort and wetland. Binoculars required. Telescope can be useful for distance viewing. \*Due to Covid-19 all walks are currently pending, please look for announcements via BBC email or social media or contact walk leader for updates. Cancelled in bad weather. Please park outside the main entrance gate in lot on left, and meet at the gate. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410- 665-0769 (alternate contact Wendy Alexander, 443- 204-3754).

**Feb 7 (Sun) 7:45 AM- Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center.** All day trip to see ducks, geese, swans, Bald Eagles, and Brown-headed Nuthatches. Possible other stops along the way. Bring lunch, water, and snacks. Trip canceled in snow, rain, or slippery conditions. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. RSVP to leader required. Meet at 7:45 AM at Nursery Rd/Hammond Ferry Rd P&R. Leader: Joe Corcoran, [corcoran2921@gmail.com](mailto:corcoran2921@gmail.com), 667-231-6453.

**Feb 9 (Tues) 7:00 PM-9:00 PM BBC Board Meeting (online).** 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.

**Feb 14 (Sun) 9:00 AM-11:00 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. All are welcome, including families. Telescopes useful. RSVP Leader Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, baypuffin@hotmail.com or 410-686-7294.

**Feb 20-21 (Sat-Sun) 8:00 AM Ocean City.** We will meet in Ocean City and search for Harlequin Ducks, Common Eider, Purple Sandpipers and many other winter specialties. We will visit Assateague Island, and maybe other spots for winter birds. Overnight is optional. Contact leader for more information and meet-up instructions. Be Prepared: Masks and Social Distancing May Be Required. Trip limited to 10 participants. RSVP to leader required. Leader: John Landers, [dado1bw@aol.com](mailto:dado1bw@aol.com), 410-292-9549.

**Feb 20 (Sat) 8:00 AM-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. For information, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, [patterson.audubon.org](http://patterson.audubon.org).

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**Feb 27 (Sat) 8:00 AM-9:30 AM Patterson Park.** Join Audubon to explore this urban oasis in southeast Baltimore. With more than 200 species on record, the park is full of surprises. For directions, contact Patterson Park Audubon Center. Participants must adhere to our COVID code of conduct and register in advance at our website, [patterson.audubon.org](http://patterson.audubon.org).

## **DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACES**

in Alphabetical Order

**Druid Hill Park.** Contact [Patterson.audubon.org](http://Patterson.audubon.org) to register and get directions.

**Fort 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. GPS coordinates [39.265341,-76.583458](https://www.google.com/maps/place/39.265341,-76.583458)

**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. This 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](#)

**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](#)

**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](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](#)

**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](#)

**Patterson Park.** Contact [Patterson.audubon.org](http://Patterson.audubon.org) to register and get directions.



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