A short comic about birds and people in Baltimore
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When most people think of bird fans in Baltimore, they usually think of...

These birds' fans... which is not wrong...

But there is another kind of bird fan.

(Birds left to right: mourning doves, northern flicker, eastern screech-owl)
One of the biggest bird-lover organizations is "Baltimore Bird Club" (BBC). It started as "Maryland Ornithological Society" in 1945 and became BBC in 1949.

Another important one is Patterson Park Audubon Center. The mission is to conserve Baltimore's natural ecosystem focusing on birds.

Both groups are very active. Almost every week, there is a guided bird walk in the city or a field trip further out.

Within Baltimore City, they often go to...

- Patterson Park
- Druid Hill Park
- Fort McHenry
BIRDS THAT CAN BE FOUND IN BALTIMORE:

- Common Yellowthroat
- American Woodcock
- Bald Eagle
- Chimney Swift
- Pileated Woodpecker
- American Kestrel
  
  ..and many more..

But the one that gets the most love from the public is...

**Hi!**

**Baltimore Oriole!** (Yep, that's the name)

**Despite the area specific name, they can be found all over the place.**

**They just happen to have the same color as...**

**Lord Baltimore's coat of arms.**
Beside enjoying bird-watching, people also put a lot of effort into conservation.

One of the most successful and remarkable projects is... "Lights Out Baltimore"

While migrating, birds use the moon & stars to navigate.

So, the bright city lights confuse them.

They become lost in the city due to glass reflection.

And they often hurt themselves, or die.

So LOB asked big buildings downtown to turn off lights from 11 PM-6 AM during the migrating season.

Over 4000 birds have been found dead or injured since Lights Out Baltimore started monitoring since 2008.

And in the morning, LOB volunteers walk around the 20 monitored buildings to rescue injured birds.

Capture, rehab, release.
Patterson Park Audubon Center has a volunteer program to create habitat for birds.

Similarly, "foodparks" is a project that aims to create edible green area in the city.

Some communities have a discussion concerning local birds.

Some individuals find their own way to help.

How can we renovate the water tower while saving the falcon? Let's try to find a way.

Ex. Curating an exhibition about birds.

With everyone's effort, Baltimore is a true birdland.
NEW TO BIRDS?

IF YOU WANT TO START BIRDING...

JUST TRY TO LISTEN TO THEIR CALLS AND TRY TO FIND THEM. LOOK FOR THE MOVEMENT.

OR YOU CAN JOIN A WALK WITH PATTERSON PARK AUDUBON CENTER OR BALTIMORE BIRD CLUB.

IT'S EASIER WHEN EXPERIENCED PEOPLE POINT BIRDS OUT FOR YOU.

AND AT THE SAME TIME, BE BIRD-FRIENDLY

PROVIDE WATER & FOOD

KEEP BIRD FEEDERS CLOSE TO YOUR HOUSE (3-5 FT.) TO PREVENT WINDOW COLLISION.

OR VOLUNTEER!

DONATE MONEY TO ORGANIZATIONS

IF YOU HAVE BIG WINDOWS, CONSIDER PUTTING STICKERS TO CREATE VISION BARRIERS.

KEEP YOUR CATS INDOOR.

SAY NO TO CHEMICAL PESTICIDES.
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