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Saving Hart-Miller Island



President's Corner by Joe Corcoran Conservation Corner by Kathy Lambrow

Following is a letter to the editor submitted to the Baltimore Sun in response to their article about abandoning the dredging plan for Hart-Miller Island and the \$40M Community Benefit payment. Most of the articles written neglected to discuss the environmental importance of the Island to the birds that currently rely on the 800-acre North Cell. We hope that our letter gives some very important perspective.

Important Facts About Dredge Placement on Hart-Miller Island

Joe Corcoran and Kathy Lambrow, Baltimore Bird Club

Many recent articles have appeared around the outcome of a Tradepoint Atlantic proposal, in partnership with Mediterranean Shipping Company and others, to place 4.5 million cubic yards of dredge material from the construction of a new port facility on Tradepoint's property (old Sparrow's Point site) into the 800-acre North Cell of Hart-Miller Island (HMI). Most of these articles minimized or neglected the impact that placing the dredge would have on the wildlife, especially birds, which use the island for migration stopover feeding and resting, wintering or breeding.

Read about Gavin's fun time at the World Series of Birding, page 5!



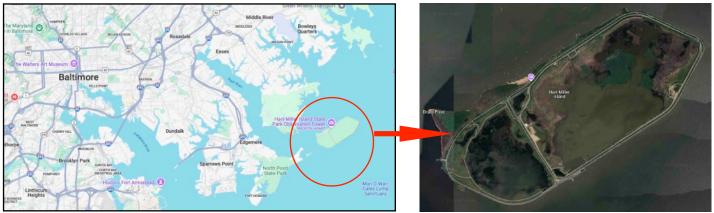
Both YMOS Elementary School teams together at the end of their competition day. Left to Right: (Gavin Hausladen, Ethan Lichtig, Leo Prikhodko, Theo Lanahan, Gavin Qian, Teddy Macri, and Colin Moynihan)

Saving Hart-Miller Island, continued

HMI is well known to naturalists and birders for its extensive bird populations that utilize the mudflats, ponds, wetlands and uplands. HMI is one of Maryland's unique and special bird habitats. It is an Audubon designated Important Bird Area, a top 3 hotspot in Maryland with 310 species recorded of the 462 total bird species ever found in Maryland and has had nearly as many species recorded in its 1,100 acres than the much larger 28,900-acre Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge with 325 species.

HMI contains hundreds of acres of protected wetland habitat, home to several breeding birds, a few of which are considered rare and/or threatened in Maryland. Had the presented dredge placement plan proceeded, the entire North Cell would have been filled with dredge decimating 400 acres of wetland habitat and the remaining acreage completely smothered. Requests to save at least 100 of those acres would not be committed to. Moreover, this north cell of HMI is within five years of the ability to convert to a long-planned State nature park. Had the dredging been approved, it would be 15 to 25 years before the park could have come to fruition.

Hart-Miller Island today is a tremendous natural achievement completed by the Maryland Port Authority, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Maryland Environmental Services and others, for which the local and nature community is very grateful. With the completion of the final plan to build the wildlife refuge park here, it will be a special attraction and beloved Chesapeake Bay jewel for generations of Marylanders to come. We regret the Tradepoint arrangement did not materialize, with wildlife protections of course, but it's best from the natural habitat point of view. We hope that our Baltimore County elected officials will come to realize the truly special place that this wildlife refuge is.



Location of Hart-Miller Island

Google Maps satellite image of the island

Oregon Ridge Park Update, My Takeaways by Marty Brazeau

I attended the trail planning meeting at the Oregon Ridge Park Lodge on Saturday, October 19, 2024. My takeaways:

- A. Baltimore County has funded one resource manager, not yet hired, with original funding requesting two managers. The manager will likely be responsible for all the parks countywide. My takeaway is that the damage to the forest due to the logging resulting in invasive plants and little oak regeneration will not be addressed. Invasive plants need to be removed and then oak trees need to be planted in deer-proof tubes. It was stated that the logged forest in thirty years will be healthy enough to re-open a soon to be closed trail. I disagree. Without considerable resource management, that will not happen.
- B. There is indecision concerning trail construction. Proposed trail maps were posted and people attending the meeting were asked to put post-it note comments on the maps with suggestions. Many who attended the meeting wanted bridges to be installed over streams; however, the planners responded that expenses and logistics could be a problem.
- C. It looks like a fairly-level paved circuit trail suitable for bicycles, strollers, and perhaps inline skaters will soon be funded and installed in the lowlands between the nature center and lodge. Planners want to eventually place a road with offshoot parking lots between the nature center and lodge. I believe the road will lead to car congestion and destroy critical lowland bird habitat. Have the planners not read Edward Abbey's suggestions for minimizing cars from parks?

D. More updates in the next newsletter. You can read over the extensive master plan at this address. https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/programs/oregon-ridge-lodge/master-plan

With its future unclear, birders embrace the Hart-Miller Island of the present

With dredge plans abandoned, Hart-Miller will remain as-is for now Note: This article is part of a larger article in the Baltimore Sun, and is reprinted with the Sun's permission



Oct 25, 2024: Joe Corcoran, president of the Baltimore Bird Club, leads a birding tour of Baltimore County's Hart-Miller Island. The island is made up mostly of material dredged from the Baltimore Harbor shipping channels. Adding dredge material was stopped in 2009 due to community opposition. Recently, Tradepoint Atlantic wanted to dump dredge material from the Patapsco on the island but abandoned the plan due to community concerns for the wildlife. Over 300 species of birds have been spotted on the island. The birders observed 78 species. (Staff photo)



Kyle Rambo, of Green Castle, PA, stands among the reeds as he looks for birds during a tour of Hart-Miller Island led by Joe Corcoran, president of the Baltimore Bird Club. The island is made up mostly of material dredged from the Baltimore Harbor shipping channels. Adding dredge material was stopped in 2009 due to community opposition. Recently Tradepoint Atlantic wanted to dump dredge material from the Patapsco on the island but abandoned the plan due to community concerns for the wildlife. (Staff)

By BALTIMORE SUN STAFF

Updated: November 3, 2024 at 3:34 PM EST

Gazing out at the sea of marsh grasses on Hart-Miller Island, Joe Corcoran had his eyes peeled. Corcoran, a longtime birder and president of the Baltimore Bird Club, was looking for a king rail, a threatened species difficult to find in Maryland. Using his iPhone, Corcoran played the bird's call aloud, hoping to draw out any rails that could be hiding amid the waving reeds.

Then, he heard it: A sharp "kek, kek, kek." The sound of a king rail. For Corcoran, it was a highlight of October's birding trip to Hart-Miller, a once-eroded island chain offshore of Baltimore County that was brought back to life by sediment dredged from the Chesapeake Bay.

In all, birders on the October tour spotted (or overheard) 78 different bird species: Royal terns, buffleheads, trumpeter swans, American-Golden plovers. About 300 different species have been observed on the island, according to an online database called eBird.

Though it's now a popular tourist attraction, the restoration of the island didn't come without controversy. Residents pushed their fight all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, though they were unsuccessful. Since the placement of dredge material ended on Hart-Miller in 2009 due to state legislation, birding tours have become increasingly popular. Officials from the Maryland Environmental Service, which maintains the island's dredge facility, say they have conducted tours for hundreds of people over the past few years. So environmentalists - and bird lovers in particular – had lots to say after word came down, shortly after the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in March, that Hart-Miller was a possible destination for material dredged from the Patapsco River to create a new berth for massive ships, which would have been reachable even with the bridge site blocked by debris. (continued next page)

Hart-Miller Island Baltimore Sun's article (continued) Leaf Blowers article

In part because of residents' vocal pushback, Tradepoint abandoned its plan for Hart-Miller. Instead, it will store about 4.2 million cubic yards of contaminated sediment elsewhere, including at an ocean storage facility, and at other dredge storage areas locally. Unanticipated speed bumps that would have slowed the placement of dredge at Hart-Miller also played a role. The Bird Club, for its part, was concerned that Tradepoint's plan would have dumped dredge material on key habitat in the north cell of the island, a popular congregating area for birds, with no plans in place to preserve sections of habitat. "The entire wildlife habitat in the north cell will be decimated by becoming covered in dredge slurry during the process," read a letter from the Bird Club regarding Tradepoint's plans. "This is unacceptable!"



Mute Swans and other aquatic birds feed in the water on Hart-Miller Island (Staff)

Note: For the rest of this article, please click on this link: <u>https://www.baltimoresun.com/2024/11/02/hart-miller-birding-dredge-plan-abandoned/</u>

Conservation Corner:

Phase Out Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

Conservation Committee

Our friends at the Sierra Club are working to phase out gas-powered leaf blowers and need our assistance. Did you know that one-hour use of a gas-powered leaf blower produces as much pollution as driving 1,100 miles, the equivalent of Baltimore to Miami. Not only air pollution, but noise pollution from their use has been proven to create stress-related illnesses, hearing loss, sleep disruption, and lost productivity in humans. The impact to wildlife is significant as well - in fact, Audubon Mid-Atlantic provided written testimony in favor of supporting the phase-out Bill 23-0367 recently passed in Baltimore City. "The noise significantly affects birds, including while trying to attract mates via song, establish nests, or listen for predators. Noise pollution can increase birds' stress levels, reduce body size and feather growth, lower hatching success and ultimately reduce their life span." Alternative electric and battery-powered lawn equipment is both effective and affordable.



You can find more information at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m_915uEmkY9f25p7x05CvPNQFR88Az89zjpfMjMaj8/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.30j0zll

Please take a few minutes to take their survey here -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ 16rzb6vlQiyC1Txp903zYNvI5Bw329S0ETmBK7QdrsZU/viewform? edit_requested=true

Youth Birder Gavin's fun participation at the World Series of Birding



The Journey of a Lifetime: A Birding One

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YMOS The Empire Shrikes Back Team. Left to Right (Gavin Hausladen, Leo Prikhodko, Ethan Lichtig)

On May 11, 2024, I competed in my first World Series of Birding (WSB), in Cape May, New Jersey. I had no idea what my team was going to face, or what we would find. We started off on a frigid, bird-filled night at Belleplain State Forest. After a few false alarms we got our first birds, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Eastern Screech-Owl, and a Mourning Dove. We then went on to Jake's Landing, where our slow start of 3 bird species turned into 40! Then we picked up a few more bird species at Pine Swamp Road, including a Wild Turkey right next to a Bobcat, followed by a Summer Tanager, and a Yellow-billed Cuckoo! At this point we were pretty confident that we would get our goal of 120 species!

My three favorite spots netted us a lot of species. First, the Wetlands Institute brought cool bird species, like Green Heron, Lincoln's Sparrow, and more. Next, the platform on Harvard Avenue, which was stacked with amazing birds like all three Scoters, a Ruddy Turnstone, Parasitic Jaeger, Brown Pelican, Baltimore Oriole, Cooper's Hawk, and many more! It was amazing! And my favorite place was the Ocean City Welcome Center, because of the awesome rookery with Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Little Blue Heron, Tricolored Heron, White Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Rose-breasted Grosbeak and even another Baltimore Oriole. And all of these species in one spot was amazing; there are just no words to describe it.

My team, Ethan Lichtig, Leo Prikhodko and I were the "YMOS The Empire Shrikes Back." All of us had birding experience, but only Ethan had WSB experience. And the other team from YMOS, the "YMOS Snap, Grackle & Pop," was right alongside us the whole time. That team included Theo Lanahan (also from the Baltimore area), Colin Moynihan, Gavin Qian, and Teddy Macri. And, of course, it wouldn't be the WSB if we didn't miss a common bird species, which ended up being the White-breasted Nuthatch! Some other highlights were a Long-tailed Duck, and a Black-throated Green Warbler that drowned in the mud when trying to take a bird bath right in front of us. My theory is that he didn't see the mud in the water. One funny moment was when I saw a gigantic Osprey in a tree. My team thought I saw a really cool new bird as I told them, "That is,"; 20-second pause, "the," 20-second pause, "biggest," 20-second pause, "Osprey I have ever seen!" It was 1.5 times the size of a normal Osprey.

My team ended up learning a lot while competing and were shocked at our final score. We found 144 species, between 5 A.M. and 8 P.M. setting a new Elementary School division record (the prior record was 127), and securing the win for the division. Our other YMOS team the Snap, Grackle & Pop, had an impressive 142 species. And we couldn't have done this without our YMOS mentor, George Radcliffe, who helped us with planning along the way. Thanks, George!

Gavin Hausladen is an 11-year-old in 6th grade at Cockeysville Middle School, in Baltimore County. He has been a birder since he was 5 years old and is an active member of the Youth Maryland Ornithological Society (YMOS).

Chip Notes Reader Respond Prize Drawing This issue's drawing: two t-shirt winners.

Totally made up sample Readers Responses to the Fall 2024 Chip Notes.

Attention: Since this is the first time we are featuring this reader's response page, I have included sample fictional responses and prize winner. We want to give readers an opportunity to respond to Chip Notes articles. We will publish actual responses to this Winter 24 issue in our Spring 25 Chip Notes! We will also have a real prize drawing for the shirt below on January 2, 2025! Glad to know more about Carol's achievements as the Conservation Chair. Leonardo DiChattio

I want to go to Bempton Cliffs after viewing Marty's video. Matthew and I will be birding in England soon. We will visit the reserve soon and hope to see a puffin. **Sara Jessica Parakeet**

Welcome New Members! Thanks for joining!

Time to bring your binoculars to any or all of our winter bird hikes! You can participate in the winter bird count and join us on bird lectures. Join us at the Covered Dish Supper. We would like to get to know you.

Bonnie and Steve Bradley ... Baltimore Kelly Cagle ... Baltimore Megan Doede ... Baltimore Elizabeth Gamer ... Baltimore Brett McMillan & Scott Derosier ... Baltimore Ian Moody ... Baltimore Calia Mulcahey & Jacob Tinkhauser ... Baltimore Kirsten Rook ... Baltimore Kyle Smith ... Baltimore Chris Whitaker ... Baltimore Elizabeth Cione ... Cockeysville Charles Matulewicz ... Ellicott City Robert and Elaina Hirsch ... Lutherville Regina Rutkowski ... Pikesville Cassandra Boches ... Reisterstown Mary and Robert Carter ... Towson Kirk Fielder ... Towson Susan Nestler ... Towson George Poscover ... Towson



I read the informative article about Deb and Lou's tour of Lesvos. Great pictures. I visited Greece two years ago. While starring in a film there I saw this strange woodpecker. Can anyone identify it? **Brad Pipit**

Could the Baltimore Bird club include an article about famous birders? You could include information about me and Jimmy Carter. Laura Bush

Readers Respond Prize Drawing Procedures:

- 1. You must be a member of the bird club to enter the prize drawing.
- 2. Send Marty an email: tropicbirder56@gmail.com with:
 - a comment or question concerning an article
 - brief anecdotal story as it relates to an article, etc.
- 3. Responses will be placed in the next issue of Chip Notes. We reserve the right to edit your submission. We will try to answer any questions posed in your article responses.
- 4. You can also suggest an article topic to be featured in an upcoming issue.
- 5. To be considered for a prize, your full name must be in the response email.
- Each name will be placed in a hat to be drawn for a prize sent to the winners. This issue's prize: two "Easily Distracted by Birds" t-shirts shown below.

Fake award winner picture:



Marty Brazeau, was awarded the Sibley Birder's Trivia box. He will use it for his CCBC birding class.

DISTRACTED BY BIRDS

FIELD TRIP REPORTS Baltimore Bird Club Trip Reports: August through October 2024

August 8

Days Cove.

Leader: Sam Tillman

Our bi-annual canoe trip to Days Cove hit all the marks good weather, great company, and lots of birds! This was our largest trip yet, with 22 people on the water. While we missed our main target - Marsh Wren - we did observe 57 other species. We took an unusual route back into the "pond" area to look for migrating warblers and were treated to five species including Black-andwhite Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, and Chestnut-sided Warbler. Everyone got to experience the fun of tracking warblers while their boat was constantly drifting! By September the submerged aquatic grasses have become quite thick, so we all got quite an arm workout getting back into the cove where Sora are expected - and thankfully we caught up with a very vocal one! All in all, another great day on the water.

August 24

Habitat Walk, Lake Roland Serpentine Barrens

Co-leaders: Peter Lev and Dwight Johnson

Fifteen participants. Weather-Sunny, 65-75 degrees. This trip, co-led with botanist Dwight Johnson, was about the birds, plants, and butterflies of the Serpentine Barrens at the southwest corner of Lake Roland. It is a globally rare habitat, with three sites in the State of Maryland and a total of fifteen up and down the east coast of the United States. Birding was slow, with only sixteen species, so we spent a lot of time talking about plants instead of looking/listening for birds. Bluebirds put on a nice show for us, with both adult and young birds. We also saw five species of butterfly and had a good look at a White-tailed Dragonfly. Dwight identified some of the rare plants of the Barrens, including Fame Flower, Annual Fimbry, Tall Boneset, and Blackjack Oak, and he talked about the unique geology of the site. It was an enjoyable morning.



American Redstart, Marty Brazeau



Days Cove canoe trip, Lou Taylor

September 1

Herring Run Park.

Leader: Kim Tomko

We had perfect weather for an early fall walk at Herring Run Park. Everyone had great views of an Ovenbird that was walking right along the main trail and a beautiful fall Cape May Warbler that was foraging in a vine close to the trail. Other warblers, like Black-andwhite, American Redstart, Northern Parula, and Canada were in the treetops and gave our necks a workout. A Yellow-billed Cuckoo paused just over the trail to the delight of many and a Great Egret was fishing in the stream near the footbridge. Our last treat was a Common Yellowthroat bathing in the stream near the end of the walk.

September 7

Wyman Park

Leader: Libby Errickson

Twenty-six participants. We spent a lovely morning exploring the urban birding specialty that is Wyman Park. Warblers stayed high in the trees and the group had to work to get decent looks, but we managed to tally a Tennessee Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, several Black-and-white Warblers, a Northern Parula, Cape May Warbler, American Redstart, and Blackthroated Blue Warbler. The group also saw two Rubythroated Hummingbirds and had great looks at a perched Cooper's Hawk near the end of the walk. Many other species of expected early September birds punctuated the morning, and overall, it was a great way to start an early fall day in Baltimore.

September 28-29

Cape May Birdapalooza

Leaders: Alyssia Church, Libby Errickson and Sam Tillman Eighteen participants (not including leaders). We had a great time on the 2nd annual BBC Cape May Birdapalooza! We met on Saturday morning at the Garrett Family Preserve on Cape Island and kicked off the weekend with a smattering of interesting migrants, including a Clay-colored Sparrow and a Yellow-breasted Chat, as well as some salt marsh specialties such as White Ibis and Clapper Rail. We then visited the famous Cape May Hawkwatch platform, where the group was treated to point blank looks at a continuing female Dickcissel just off the platform. We went on to explore some of Cape May Point State Park's trails, which treated us to decent looks at a Pectoral Sandpiper and some other shorebirds in one of the ponds, a handful of migrating warblers, Little Blue Herons and Black-crowned Night Herons, and a variety of waterfowl. In the afternoon, the sun came out and we took a Birding By Boat trip on the Osprey, which explored the back bays of Cape May and the Cape May Inlet.

Highlights from the boat trip included two Great Cormorants in the inlet, Tricolored Heron, many individuals of both Blackcrowned and Yellow-crowned Night Herons, a Seaside Sparrow, many shorebirds such as Black-bellied Plovers, American Oystercatchers, Ruddy Turnstones, and Short-billed Dowitchers, and a couple people even caught a glimpse of an American Bittern. After the boat trip, we gathered at the Cape May Meadows for a special presentation from the Cape May Raptor Banding Project. The project's expert banders showed us raptors they'd recently caught up close, including a Red-tailed Hawk, a Sharp-shinned Hawk, and two Cooper's Hawks. What a treat! After the presentation we birded the Meadows, where the major highlights were fantastic looks at several close Soras, as well as Stilt Sandpipers, and other species of shorebirds and ducks. What a great first day in Cape May!

We started the day on Sunday at the Cape May Morning Flight at Higbee Beach. While not a huge migration day by the location's standards, we still had several neat sightings. A few folks saw a Northern Bobwhite that had been frequenting the vegetation around the viewing platform, and other folks up on the dike were treated to a Clapper Rail that landed on the mudflats and stayed in view for several minutes, the first ever to be actually seen rather than heard at this location. Migrating warblers spotted whizzing by high overhead were identified with help from the official Morning Flight counter and included Cape May, Blackpoll, Pine, Prairie, Palm, Yellow-rumped, and Baybreasted Warblers, along with Northern Parula, and American Redstart.

Once the flight died down a little, we headed back to the hawkwatch where we attended a Raptor ID presentation put on by the BBC's own Kojo Baidoo, who is working as a naturalist for the Cape May Bird Observatory this fall. After the presentation, we concluded the trip with one last wander around the state park. We were able to find a smattering of migrating warblers, a brief glimpse of a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, a raft of Black Scoters off the beach, Merlins tearing through a flock of Tree Swallows, and a couple people even spotted a Parasitic Jaeger way out over the ocean. Overall, the group collectively saw 124 species for the weekend, proving that even when the winds aren't favorable for migration, Cape May is always a magical place to bird in the fall. We can't wait to go back again next year!

October 6

Violette's Lock, C&O Canal

Leaders: Debbie and Lou Taylor

We had beautiful sunny skies at Violette's Lock, reaching 70 degrees. Seven birders were off to a great start because within five minutes of us walking we hit a wonderful birdy patch with a Black-throated Blue, a Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and a Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Kingfishers were zipping up and down the canal and then we came upon two Blue-gray Gnatcatchers. We were also surprised when we saw two Brown Creepers on one tree. It's usually hard to find just one. One of our best birds of the day was a Yellow-throated Vireo as shown in picture below. Both Kinglets were seen flitting around and two White-throated Sparrows were found at the edge of the trail. The other Warblers we saw included a Nashville and a Parula. An American Avocet then flew across the canal, another unexpected bird. Overall it was a great morning with all of us working as a team to figure out a few of the species.



Yellow-throated Vireo, Lou Taylor

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Baltimore Bird Club Trip Reports: August through October 2024, continued

October 8

Cromwell Valley Park

Leaders: Debbie and Lou Taylor

What a beautiful Fall day with sunny skies reaching 70 degrees by 11am. With a large group, we headed towards the Hawk Watch area and found a variety of birds, including Bluebirds, Mockingbirds and Towhee. As we hiked up the incline across from the Hawk Watch, a Black-throated Green Warbler made its appearance. We were also greeted by several Palm Warblers, several Eastern Phoebes and many Chipping Sparrows.

The sunlight on the hill certainly helped attract birds due to its warmth. A Brown Thrasher made a short appearance. Continuing along, a Nashville Warbler, two Black-throated Blue Warblers, and a Kingfisher were seen. After 10:15 a Sharpie, juvie/mottled Bald Eagle, and a Red-Shouldered Hawk flew above us.

A few Golden-crowned Kinglets were fun to see as well as White-throated Sparrows. Walking towards the Upper Lime Kiln, Laura heard a neep, neep, neep call and then spotted a Red-breasted Nuthatch. This was a real treat for Cromwell Valley Park. Overall, the park was pretty busy this day with a big variety of birds and a few special ones too.

Since 2020 I have been filming birds in the Eastern United States. Click on the on the video below to learn birds by voice and appearance. Or use the direct link <u>https://youtu.be/21Zc21v626U</u> Marty Brazeau

October 12

The Big Sit North Point State Park

Leaders: Libby Errickson and Alyssia Church

Twelve and more participants. On October 12th, the Baltimore Bird Club participated in the Big Sit for the third year in a row. The Big Sit is an international event where birders try to see or hear as many different species as they can from a fixed 17-foot diameter circle. Birders all around the world count from their circles on one of the days of the designated weekend. Our circle is by the beach at North Point State Park, where we can see out over the bay but are close to some woodland habitat as well.

We tallied 22 species in the first hour or so, consisting of mostly the usual expected species but also included a Yellowbellied Sapsucker and what would be our only warbler of the day, a Yellow-rumped Warbler. We steadily added more species to our list over the course of the day. Highlights included two Least Sandpipers on the rocks of Crystal Pier, a pair of Bald Eagles soaring overhead, an American Kestrel zooming above a gap in the treetops, and the trill of a Pileated Woodpecker in the distance. Our final bird of the day was a gorgeous Merlin speeding along the shoreline as the day faded into sunset. A non-avian highlight was a bat that flew out over the water and along the beach in the middle of the day!

At the end of the day, we tallied 44 species from our circle. Although we fell short of previous years' records, it was a fun day at a beautiful hotspot and an enjoyable time spent with fellow birders.



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Deadlines for submitting articles for upcoming issues: February 24, 2025



Application

The membership year is September 1-August 31. Only new members joining after March 1 will be members for the upcoming year as well as the remainder of the year that they enroll.

The most convenient way to join is at the Maryland Ornithological Society website using this address: <u>https://mdbirds.org/join/chapters/baltimore-bird-club/#toggle-id-3</u> where you may pay your dues using PayPal.

OR, you may join by mail.

Make check payable to "MOS" and mail with completed application to:

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