



# News from the Hood

## Patuxent Bird Club

*A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society*

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September-October 2022

### Upcoming Virtual Meetings

**Tuesday, September 13, 7:30 pm**

**Sign in to Zoom at 7:00 pm for informal social time before speaker**

**Birding Ecuador**

**Presented by Jane & Fred Fallon**



While further afield than Costa Rica or Panama as a neotropical birding destination, Ecuador is becoming increasingly popular with North American birders. One of South America's smaller countries, it is nonetheless larger than the UK; about the size of Colorado. Within that area is a wide variety of habitat, a consequence of the Andes Mountains bisecting the country and creating distinct zones of high and low altitude, and wet and dry forests – including a good chunk of Amazonian rainforest. As a result, the country's species list is over 1,600 (of which 200 are migrants from North America), comparing favorably with such giants as Colombia and Venezuela. In this talk, examples of native species will be illustrated, with emphasis on the different families represented and their relation to habitat regions. Interspersed, we'll cover living conditions, infrastructure, and tips on travel.

**About the Presenters:** Jane Fallon was raised in Northern Lower Michigan, in the resort town of Petoskey on the shores of Lake Michigan. She earned a BS at Michigan State University and an MS in Mathematics at The Ohio State University. After working in Chicago for a couple of years she moved to Maryland. She likes to be outside whether birding, botanizing, hiking, kayaking, or gardening. Jane retired from Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in 2013.



Fred's educational background is in astronomy, optics, and statistics, with a bit of aeronomy and geophysics. He has a PhD in astronomy from the University of Florida and has conducted research at the University of South Florida, Goddard Space Flight Center, and NOAA.

He is a native of this area, raised in Silver Spring (and Selby Bay near Edgewater during summers), where he started birding at age 14, and got really serious about 40 years ago after joining MOS and PGAS. Fred has long been active in bird conservation, for several years leading the MD Partners in Flight Habitat Committee, where he was proud to have helped write the ground-breaking manual

"Habitat Management Guidelines for the Benefit of Land Birds in Maryland" in collaboration with great regional experts. While on a PGAS canoe trip, Fred met future wife Jane. Since then, they've birded together for over 30 years and been active in our Patuxent chapter. They've been happy taking a few excursions far afield such as this trip to Ecuador.

This program, sponsored by Patuxent Bird Club and PGAS, will be presented via Zoom and is free and open to the public. **There is no need to pre-register for this meeting.** Simply sign in to Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87163167227?pwd=VGk5aDZFLNlrdGZ5VTht2M20vYlVEZD09>

See yellow box on next page for phone numbers if dialing in.

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*Upcoming Virtual Meetings, continued***Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 pm****Sign in to Zoom at 7:00 pm for informal social time before program****Churchill, Manitoba: Birds, Bears, and Belugas****Presented by Dr. Matthew C. Perry**

The talk by Matt Perry is based on 13 trips he made to Churchill, Manitoba, in conjunction with his research on seaducks, but also as a leader of ecotours. Most of his time was devoted to Long-tailed Ducks, but in the process, he had exciting experiences with many species of birds, as well as bears and belugas. His program will reveal the importance of this sub-tundra area to all groups of wildlife, while presenting highlights of his studies with ducks. The Churchill area provides the geography, climate, vegetation, and invertebrates that make it outstanding habitat for a great diversity of birds and other wildlife, including charismatic species like polar bears and belugas.



**About the Presenter:** Dr. Matthew C. Perry is a Scientist Emeritus at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Dr. Perry's love of birds was a constant throughout his life and resulted in him choosing to major in wildlife management at the University of Rhode Island. He also earned an MS degree in wildlife management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a PhD in avian science from the University of Maryland.

Matt served as an officer in the US Navy during the mid-1960s and spent many hours cruising off the coast of South Vietnam. Later Matt worked at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in Laurel, Maryland, where he conducted numerous research studies, mainly in waterfowl nutrition, Chesapeake Bay ecology, and in the management, restoration, and creation of wildlife habitat. His last official research projects dealt with a study of seaducks in the Atlantic Flyway, which included a nutrition study of captive ducks and a satellite telemetry tracking study with wild ducks. Matt retired after 45 years with the Federal government, but as an emeritus scientist continues to publish research articles, and recently completed a research project in Argentina dealing with satellite telemetry of ducks.

Matt is a founding member of the Prince George's Audubon Society and a long-time member of Patuxent Bird Club and MOS.

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84779110305?pwd=UFRnMzljdGVOQndVSXNjNlRlRWFwZDZ09>

If joining by phone, dial +1 301 715 8592 (Maryland & Washington DC area), meeting ID 858 4996 8649.

Or use one of the following depending on your location:

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

## Patuxent Bird Club Meeting Dates for Remainder of the Club Year

We are still working on confirming speakers for most of the upcoming meetings, but you can use this list of dates to mark your calendar. We do not yet know when we will be able to return to in-person meetings. An announcement will be made by email when we're ready to go back to in-person meetings.

Monthly meetings are on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Zoom meetings open at 7 pm.	
November 8	March 14
December 13 – Annual Film Night	April 11
January 10	May 9
February 14	June 13 – Annual Members' Night

## Patuxent Bird Club members are cordially invited to attend Anne Arundel Bird Club meetings!

### Anne Arundel Bird Club, Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 6:30pm—9:00pm

Meeting starts at 7 pm; sign in to Zoom starting at 6:30 pm or attend in person at Harvest Hall, Kinder Farm Park, 1001 Kinder Farm Park Rd, Millersville, MD 21108. Zoom link will be available later.

#### Wildlife in India's National Parks

Join Larry Zoller as he shares photos of a variety of India's birds and other wildlife from a recent trip during a record heat wave. Learn how India manages their parks to conserve their rich natural heritage and encourages responsible ecotourism.

*About the Presenter:* Larry Zoller is a retired biology and environmental science teacher. He taught in Anne Arundel County for 40 years. He is also a past president of Anne Arundel Bird Club and a past president of Wake Audubon Society (WAS) in Raleigh, NC where he currently resides. Along with his wife, Diane, he has traveled to all seven continents in search of birds, culture and natural ecosystems. He is currently the Educational Outreach Chairperson for WAS.

### Breakfast Meeting: Anne Arundel Bird Club, Saturday, October 1, 2022, 8 am, Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Park Road, Annapolis, Md 21403

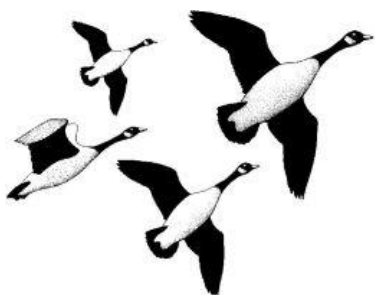
The meeting will begin at 8 am with a bird walk starting at the Sycamore Pavilion in the park, followed by a continental breakfast and a presentation on the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (formerly known as Horsehead Wildfowl Trust) by Judy Wink and Adele Clagett. Park entry fee \$6.00 per car unless you have an annual pass for county parks. More details soon.

*AABC is going HYBRID! The meetings will begin on Zoom and in-person at 6:30 pm to allow time for members to catch up with each other. The meeting will start at 7:00pm: a short business meeting followed by the evening's speaker. All presentations will be recorded, with presenter approval, and posted to AABC's YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>.*

### Meetings and Speakers Hosted by Other MOS Chapters

Most MOS chapters are continuing their monthly meetings in an online format, and would welcome your attendance for their guest speaker presentations. To see upcoming meetings and speakers around the state, go to the online MOS calendar at

<https://mdbirds.org/calendar/>



### Welcome New Members!

Shannon Browne  
Ellen & Logan Davis  
Dorothea Leonnig  
Mary Malzahn  
Marie Elena Montero  
Jeremiah Schatt

## Upcoming Bird Walks and Field Trips

*Click on blue underlined titles to go to a description of each place.*

*Everyone is welcome on all trips and walks. No experience necessary.*

- [Fran Uhler Natural Area](#) – first Saturday of each month: **September 3; October 1; November 5; December 3**. Leader: Bill Sefton. Meet at the parking area off Lemons Bridge Road north of Bowie State University at **7:30 am**.
- [Governor Bridge Natural Area](#) – third Saturday of each month: **September 17; October 15; November 19; December 17**. Leader: Bill Sefton. Meet at the parking area off Governor Bridge Road, south and east of the Route 301/Route 3/Route 50 interchange at **7:30 am**.
- [Lake Artemesia Natural Area](#) – first and third Thursdays of each month: **September 1, September 15, October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, December 1, December 15**. The walks are led by Terry Watson and Marc Manheimer. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Ballew Avenue and Berwyn Road in Berwyn Heights. **The start time is 3 pm from September through March.**
- [Fall Bird Count](#) – Sunday, September 18. Coordinator Matt Felperin. See box below for details.
- **Migration Festival at [Lake Artemesia Natural Area](#)** – Saturday, September 24, 9 am – 12 noon. Sponsored by Prince George's Audubon Society. For details, see flier on following page.
- [Jug Bay Christmas Bird Count](#) – Sunday, December 18. Compiler Marcia Watson. Details will be provided in the November-December newsletter.
- [Bowie Christmas Bird Count](#) – Monday, January 2, 2023. Compiler Dave Mozurkewich. Details will be provided in the November-December newsletter.

**Note** that on bird walks and field trips, the leader has the discretion to ask participants to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, and also to ask for social distancing. And we may have to cancel if the COVID situation worsens. On the other hand, we do anticipate scheduling additional field trips and bird walks. Watch your email for announcements

### Fall Count Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Volunteers Needed

The Annual Fall Bird Count will be held this year on Sunday, September 18th. Our aim for that day is to census birds throughout Prince George's County. We hope you'll volunteer to participate. You can choose your own start and stop times, as well as the location where you count. You can stay home and do a backyard or feeder count, or you can select your favorite park or wildlife area. Some folks like to stay out all day, moving from spot to spot to see how many bird species they can tally within the day.

Some coordination is necessary to make sure we reduce overlap and spread birders out across the county. If you wish to participate, please contact our county Fall Count coordinator, Matt Felperin at <[REDACTED]>, no later than Sunday, September 4th. Matt will provide you with a checklist for the count as well as instructions for submitting your numbers, or you can print and use the checklist at the back of this newsletter.

Since Covid is on the rise again, we do ask that participants practice COVID precautions during the count, such as not sharing a car with people outside your household, unless you all wear masks and all have been fully vaccinated and boosted. The most important thing is simply "Be safe, above all else."

Note: The Fall Count offers a rare opportunity to bird in the restricted areas of Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), although slots there are limited. The count at BARC will be coordinated by Michel Cavigelli; if you'd like to try for a slot at BARC, instead of contacting Matt Felperin, please send a note to Michel ([REDACTED]) and don't wait too late to do so.



# PGAS Celebrates 50 Years of Birding



## Mi Casa es Su Casa MIGRATION CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022  
9am - 12pm  
Lake Artemesia Park  
Berwyn Road & 55th Ave.,  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740**



*Ruby throated Hummingbird- 2022 BIRD*



### Schedule of Events

- ☐ 7:30am Bird walk
- ☐ 9:00am EVENT OPENS
- ☐ 10:00am Family bilingual Nature walk - introducing iNaturalist app
- ☐ 10:00am -12:00pm Live birds of prey from Watkins Nature Center
- ☐ 11:00am Birds of Prey talk with park naturalist
- ☐ Door prizes throughout event
- ☐ Butterfly life cycle display
- ☐ Audubon Plants for Birds display



### Fun Stuff for Families!

- Bird coloring mural & cool crafts
- Make a pair of recycled binoculars!
- Bilingual Activities
- Spanish/English Nature Bingo pages
- Celebration of 50 years of PGAS



For more information about this event, visit our webpage at <http://www.pgaudubon.org>.

## Message from the President

Welcome to the start of a new club year for the Patuxent Bird Club. I'm very grateful to our loyal members and our many new members for sticking with us as we continue working our way through the Covid pandemic.

A few weeks ago, we conducted our first-ever online election of club officers and directors. All of our incumbents had agreed to serve an additional term, and so our Board contains a lot of familiar people. We also are happy to announce that a new member, Ellen Davis, is taking up a position as chapter director. You can read brief biographies of our board members on pages 7-8 of this newsletter.

But, **we are in need of more people to help us lead the club.** This year, Fred Fallon will be serving as Acting Vice President. He's been Vice President since 2018, and before that, served as President for a total of nine years: 2000-2004, 2007-2009, and 2015-2018. Fred has our sincere gratitude for his many years of dedicated service.

We're hoping to identify someone to take over from Fred as Vice President during this year, and then to replace me as President the following year. I'm entering my fifth consecutive year as chapter President, and had served a previous term as well. If we can identify someone willing to step in as Vice President and President-elect, I will work with that person during this year to prepare them to assume the president role next year. One of the best benefits of serving as president is the opportunity to work with other MOS chapter presidents throughout the state. It's a delightful group of people. Please let me know if you are interested.

Meanwhile, I hope that you're able to get out and enjoy the beautiful late summer weather and the start of fall migration. Good birding!

*Marcia*



Patuxent Bird Club Officers and Directors		
President	Marcia Watson	
Acting Vice-President	Fred Fallon	
Treasurer/Memberships	Jane Fallon	
Second Year Directors (Term 2021-2023)	Ellen Davis	
	Kevin Bennett	
	David Mozurkewich	
First Year Directors (Term 2022-2024)	Ken Cohen	
	Matt Felperin	
	Ikumi Kayama	
Representatives to MOS State Board	Marcia Watson	
	Ross Geredien	
Field Trip Coordinator	Ken Cohen	
Newsletter Editor & Webmaster	Marcia Watson	
Facebook Page	Matt Felperin	
Fall Bird Count	Matt Felperin	
Spring Migration Count	Kevin Bennett	
Bowie Christmas Bird Count	David Mozurkewich	
Jug Bay Christmas Bird Count	Marcia Watson	
Visit us on the web at <a href="http://www.patuxentbirdclub.org">www.patuxentbirdclub.org</a>		

## Meet the Board of Patuxent Bird Club

### Marcia Watson (President)

Marcia has been President of the Patuxent Bird Club since 2018. She is a long-time member of the Maryland Ornithological Society and was a founding member of the Cecil Bird Club. As a member of the MOS Sanctuary Committee, Marcia keeps the committee records and works to foster awareness of the sanctuaries among MOS members and the public. Marcia also serves as editor of MOS's online *Birder's Guide to Maryland and DC*. Marcia serves as the compiler for the annual Jug Bay Christmas Bird Count and conducts monitoring surveys for breeding birds in support of Audubon's Important Bird Areas program. Interested in biology and the outdoors from the time she was a little girl, Marcia holds a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences, and was on the faculty and served as an academic administrator at the University of Delaware and later at the University of Maryland Global Campus. Marcia is now retired and lives with her husband Gene Scarpulla (editor of *Maryland Birdlife and The Maryland Entomologist*) in Bowie, which provides a good home base for birding Maryland. Marcia has an adult son who lives with his wife in Tokyo, Japan.

### Fred Fallon (Acting Vice President)

Fred has served as Vice President since 2018, and prior to that, served for a total of nine years as President through several separate terms. Fred's educational background is in astronomy, optics, and statistics; with a bit of aeronomy and geophysics. He has a PhD in astronomy from the University of Florida; has done research at University of South Florida, Goddard Space Flight Center, and NOAA. He is a native of this area, raised in Silver Spring (and Selby Bay near Edgewater during summers) where he started birding at age 14, and got really serious about 40 years ago after joining MOS and PGAS. Fred has long been active in bird conservation, for a time leading the MD Partners in Flight Habitat Committee, where he was proud to have helped write the ground-breaking manual "Habitat Management Guidelines for the Benefit of Land Birds in Maryland" in collaboration with great regional experts. While on a PGAS canoe trip, Fred met future wife Jane. Since then, they've birded together for over 30 years and been active in our Patuxent chapter. They've been happy taking a few excursions far afield.

### Jane Fallon (Treasurer and Membership)

Jane is the long-serving Treasurer of the Patuxent Bird Club. She was raised in Northern Lower Michigan, in the resort town of Petoskey on the shores of Lake Michigan. She earned a BS at Michigan State University and an MS in Mathematics at The Ohio State University. After working in Chicago for a couple of years, she moved to Maryland. She likes to be outside whether birding, botanizing, hiking, kayaking, or gardening. Jane retired from Patuxent Wildlife Research Center in 2013.

### Kevin Bennett (Director, 2021-2023)

Kevin is an evolutionary biologist and PhD student at University of Maryland and the National Museum of Natural History, studying the genetics of hybridization and plumage color in White-collared and Golden-collared Manakins in Panama. He earned his MS at Fordham University working with the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center to estimate free-roaming cat abundance in the Washington, DC region. Kevin serves as the Coordinator of the Spring Bird Count for our chapter. When he is not working with DNA in the lab or mist-netting birds in the field, Kevin tries to encourage the next generation of birders by pointing out birds to his one-year-old son, Elijah.

### Ken Cohen (Director, 2022-2024)

Ken Cohen is starting his second term as a Director of the Patuxent Bird Club. Ken is a retired lawyer and a recent transplant (2014) to Prince George's County. During his early years in practice as a Federal Prosecutor for the Western District of New York, Ken enforced the Migratory Bird Treaty Act with both corporate and individual prosecutions. Ken has been a bird watcher for over 50 years, primarily in the United States, and maintains life, state, and country lists as well as a yearly list. Ken have been an active participant in Christmas Bird Counts and other bird censuses for over 25 years. During the early 1990s, Ken taught an adult education ornithology class at the Buffalo Museum of Science and also led overnight field trips along both the north and south shores of Lake Erie. Ken have been a member of the Buffalo Ornithological Society and the National Audubon Society for over 40 years. Besides serving as a Director of Patuxent Bird Club, Ken is currently the president of the Prince George's County Audubon Society and is on the board of Audubon Maryland-DC.

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*Board Biographies, continued***Ellen Davis (Director, 2022-2023)**

Ellen Davis is the newest member of the Board of Patuxent Bird Club, and will be filling out the second year of a Director position that went unfilled last year. Ellen lives in Odenton with her husband Logan, cat Monty, and dog Maverick. She worked in the field as an educator for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, in Denali National Park leading Road Scholar trips across Alaska, and at Seney National Wildlife Refuge (where she really learned to love birding). Ellen holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Sustainability with a minor in Dance from Northern Michigan University. Originally from Harford County, Maryland, Ellen enjoys hiking and skiing with her husband, dancing, crafting, and being in the mountains. She currently works as the Director of Staffing, Facilities, IT & Compliance for a government relations, public relations, & law firm in Annapolis.

**Matt Felperin (Director, 2022-2024)**

Matt Felperin is a DC-area local, raised in Takoma Park, MD. He is the Roving Naturalist with NOVA Parks, the regional park system of Northern Virginia. Matt has always been drawn to nature, and has been sharing his findings with anyone within earshot since his days as a small child looking for salamanders and crayfish in nearby Sligo Creek. He truly treasures the Chesapeake Bay and has enjoyed field work and naturalist programs in several types of habitats within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and credits working under naturalist Greg Kearns for sparking his love of birds. As the NOVA Parks Roving Naturalist, Matt leads environmental education and recreation programs such as bird walks and kayak tours for the public. He views his wildlife photography work as one of the most useful tools to connect people with nature. Matt serves as the Coordinator of the Fall Bird Count for our chapter, and also manages our Facebook page.

**Ikumi Kayama (Director, 2022-2024)**

Ikumi Kayama has served as a Patuxent Bird Club Director since 2017. She is a medical and scientific illustrator, and the principal illustrator at Studio Kayama. Her award-winning works have appeared in textbooks, websites, journals, and science exhibits. Ikumi has given lectures and attends professional illustrator events, sharing her techniques and passion for medical and scientific illustration. She creates original medical and scientific illustrations for textbooks, journals, magazines, federal and local organizations, non-profits, aquariums, parks, and more. Ikumi says that when she's not drawing, she's running around counting birds, spinning/knitting/weaving wool, and growing native plants from seed. Ikumi holds an MA in Medical & Biological Illustration from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and a BFA in Scientific Illustration and in French from the University of Georgia. In addition to her service for Patuxent Bird Club, Ikumi is the Vice President of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators; is a volunteer Insect Ambassador at the Smithsonian Institution, Museum of Natural History; and serves as the Treasurer for the Prince George's County Audubon Society.

**David Mozurkewich (Director, 2021-2023)**

David Mozurkewich has been an active birder in Maryland and a member of MOS since the mid-1980's. He has led numerous field trips for the chapter and for MOS conventions and has participated in over 250 Christmas and seasonal counts. He is a former Prince George's county compiler of the Maryland fall bird count and currently compiles the Bowie Christmas Bird Count. David is also the county coordinator for the Third Breeding Bird Atlas project. He has served many terms as a Director of the Patuxent Bird Club and is also a former president, having served in that position for a total of six years.

**Ross Geredien (Representative to MOS Board of Directors)**

Ross is a long-time member of MOS and was a member of the Anne Arundel Bird Club before moving to Prince George's County and joining our chapter. He serves as Team Lead for the Washington DC-Baltimore Area within the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Ross earned a Master of Environmental Management - Landscape Ecology from the Yale School of the Environment and a BS in Natural Resources/Conservation from the University of Maine. Ross's career includes previous positions at the MD Department of Natural Resources, The Nature Conservancy, and the USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), among others. Ross says that his passions include sustainable agriculture, resource extraction, biodiversity protection, and ornithology, as well as all things environment and sustainability. Ross serves as the Chair of MOS's Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.



## Local Updates

### WB&A Horsepen Spur Branch Trail Closed for Bridge Construction

As reported by email to members earlier this summer, construction has started on a foot-bridge that will span the Patuxent River, connecting the WB&A Trail in Prince George's County with the portion of the WB&A Trail in Anne Arundel County. While this is an exciting and long-awaited project, there will be some pain involved, in that access to the Horsepen Spur branch of the WB&A Trail will be cut off while construction is in progress. Access to part of the WB&A Trail on the Anne Arundel side will also be blocked during construction. It is hoped that the bridge will open in June 2023. The map below shows the affected area on the Prince George's side with a red outline and pink shading. For more details, see <https://wtop.com/maryland/2022/06/final-piece-of-trail-decades-in-the-making-will-finally-come-together/> and the transcript of a public hearing at <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/capital-projects/resources/wba-trail/wba-meeting-q-and-a.pdf>.



*Local Updates, continued***Call to Action: Save Greenbury Point**

In February 2022, a proposal was made to build a golf course on property owned by the Navy at **Greenbury Point** in Anne Arundel County. You can read the Navy's FAQ on the golf course proposal [here](#).

Greenbury Point is currently managed by the Navy as a conservation area that is open to the public for nature education, birding, hiking, and other passive recreation. Located on the Chesapeake Bay south of the Bay Bridge, it is one of the top birding spots in Anne Arundel County (<https://birdersguidemddc.org/site/greenbury-point/>). Greenbury Point has hosted many rare birds over the years and has a total of 224 species reported on eBird.

There are many reasons why a golf course is not a good idea for this location, including the fact that there is an existing golf course adjacent to Greenbury Point, and that Greenbury Point lies in the Critical Area for the Chesapeake Bay – it is feared that a golf course would negatively affect water quality. The loss of habitat for wildlife would of course be an issue, and birders would lose access to an excellent birding location.

Executive Director Josh Kurtz of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation issued the following statement:

*"CBF is concerned about the potential conversion of forested land to turf for a golf course, which could harm water quality and displace wildlife. We urge the Navy and federal government to continue to use Greenbury Point as a conservation and natural recreation area.*

*The recovering forest at the site supports a broad range of wildlife and the trees sequester carbon as well as filter water and air. Protecting forested land in the critical area—so close to the Bay's shoreline—is a tenet of the federal and state Chesapeake Bay Agreement. For these reasons, CBF is opposed to the idea of building a golf course on the property."*

Other environmental groups are lining up with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in opposition to the golf course proposal.

Most recently, Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman countered the golf course proposal with a proposal for the county to administer Greenbury Point as a county conservation area through a lease with the Navy ([click here to read Pittman's letter](#)). The Navy's response to this proposal was to temporarily halt consideration of the golf course proposal, saying it couldn't consider two sole-use proposals at the same time.

Our sister chapter, the Anne Arundel Bird Club, supports the county's proposal for a county conservation area at the site, and the county proposal is also supported by the MOS Conservation Committee.

For media coverage and details on this issue, see

- <https://patch.com/maryland/annapolis/golf-course-proposed-annapolis-residents-petition-stop-project>
- <https://rickhutzell.bulletin.com/greenbury-point-golf/>
- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/08/11/greenbury-point-navy-anne-arundel/>
- <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/16082022/the-navy-abandons-a-plan-to-develop-a-golf-course-on-a-protected-conservation-site-near-the-naval-academy-in-annapolis/>
- <https://bayweekly.com/on-the-hunt-for-biodiversity/>

You might wish to join the [Facebook group Save Greenbury Point](#), which reportedly has over 2500 members to date.

To sign an online petition to halt the golf course, please go to <https://www.change.org/p/save-greenbury-point>. Also please feel free to post the link to the petition on social media so that more signatures can be gathered.



## News in Brief from the Maryland Ornithological Society

### MOS Officers

John McKitterick (Howard County) is completing his term as MOS President. Bonnie Borsa (Frederick County) now steps up to assume the presidency. The new Vice President will be Evelyn Ralston (Montgomery County). Treasurer Carol Daugherty (Montgomery County) and Secretary Maryanne Dolan (Cecil County) are continuing in their roles.

### MOS Sanctuary Chair

Jeremy Castle, a member of Patuxent Bird Club, has assumed the role of chair of the MOS Sanctuary Committee and has hit the ground running, having already visited several sanctuaries and getting involved in all aspects of the properties.

### In Memoriam: Jane H. Coskren (October 23, 1939 – July 11, 2022)

We are sorry to report the death on July 11<sup>th</sup> of Jane Coskren of Howard County. Jane was one of MOS and Howard County Bird Club's most active members. She joined in 1980 and for 36 years held a succession of leadership positions in both the local chapter and in MOS.

An avid lister, Jane consistently contributed seasonal records to the Maryland birds databases. Her leadership roles were many: Howard County co-chair of the first statewide breeding bird atlas, HCBC President 1982-84, manager of the HCBC Parks Checklist Project, compiler of the county's annual bird list 1987 – 2007, and, for years, the Atlas Committee Chair for MOS, shepherding the second statewide atlas from the planning stage to publication. Those in Prince George's County who worked on previous atlases no doubt will remember Jane's excellent leadership qualities and her attention to detail.



Condolences may be sent to Jane's husband, T. Dennis Coskren, 6324 Sandchain Rd., Columbia, MD 21045 and memorial donations may be made to the Maryland Ornithological Society or the Howard County Bird Club.

### Volunteer Opportunity: Sanctuary Coordinator for Piscataway MOS Sanctuary

MOS owns an 82-acre sanctuary near Accokeek in the southern part of Prince George's County. Piscataway Sanctuary was acquired in 2008 as a gift from a developer. The sanctuary is mostly wooded and contains a stream valley formed by a tributary of Piscataway Creek. A local coordinator is needed to organize volunteers for annual chores such as trimming brush, clearing trails, and general cleanup, and to advise the Sanctuary Committee on needs such as signage and trails. If interested, please send an email to Jeremy Castle, Sanctuary Committee Chair ([REDACTED]).



## eBird Updates

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology



## eBird Reviewers Urge Caution in Use of Merlin Sound ID



An article in the [September-October 2021 Patuxent Bird Club newsletter](#) reviewed the use of the Sound ID feature that is built into the free Merlin app available from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. As we noted then, Merlin's ability to identify bird songs is not infallible, and must be used judiciously. It's best to treat Merlin's sound identifications as suggestions rather than hard-and-fast diagnoses, particularly when a bird is unusual for the season or the place.

Tim Carney, one of the members of the eBird Review Team\* for Maryland, wrote in April 2022 to the MDBirding Google email group about the need to be cautious with Merlin's suggestions for identification of bird sounds. Tim included a plea from a group of Howard County Bird Club leaders about this issue. Tim wrote:

Hi everyone,

This is probably preaching to the choir but it's an important issue that should be shared with newer birders. The MD eBird review team, as well as several other record-keeping types throughout MD, have noticed a huge uptick in questionable bird reports that have been "confirmed" by the Merlin Sound ID app. This is a great tool but it's not diagnostic. Please help us communicate this to newer birders. Russ Ruffing wrote an excellent summary of this issue which I've copied/pasted below.

Tim Carney  
Parkville, MD  
MD eBird Review Team

*Birders,*

*Many of you are familiar with and users of the bird ID app, Merlin, and its audio ID functionality. It can be a fantastic tool to help with bird identification, and we have personally seen it perform impressive identifications that were visually confirmed as correct. On the other hand, the app can be mind-numbingly wrong, not only mis-identifying actual bird sounds but also mistaking many common non-bird sounds (frogs, car alarms, mechanical noises, and many others) as actual bird species. It will also miss frequently on birds that sound similar (Chipping Sparrow vs. Worm-eating Warbler vs. Pine Warbler for example) or on known mimics like European Starlings (which do dead-on Killdeer and pewee imitations, among others) and mockingbirds, which have an amazing repertoire (we've heard our neighborhood mockers imitate 35+ species alone).*

*If you are an eBird user, over-reliance on Merlin poses several problems. Far too often, eBird checklists include a comment like "confirmed by Merlin" as support for an observation. To be blunt, Merlin cannot confirm anything, and should never be used as the justification for why you made an identification. Merlin can only offer the best matches for a sound that it processes, and all such recordings are exposed to such a wide variety of variables that in some cases it can make it impossible for the app to even get in the correct "zipcode" so to speak. In talking to some eBird reviewers, the use of Merlin in this casual fashion is reaching pandemic proportions and is dramatically increasing the amount of errors that are submitted to eBird. It is also making their reviews much more difficult and time-intensive.*

*So please...if you are relying on Merlin to "confirm" your ID's, that's fine and that is a personal choice...but leave it at that. Please don't enter such ID's on an eBird checklist unless you've independently verified the ID yourself, preferably through visual ID but if not, with a good recording that you can compare with known sources or even get others' opinions on.*

*Sincerely,  
Russ Ruffing, Joe Hanfman, Jo Solem, and Tim Carney*

\*What's the **eBird Review Team**? These are volunteers who review submissions to eBird involving birds that are rare for the area and/or date on which they were reported. If you submit a checklist reporting, say, an American Flamingo at Lake Artemesia, you'll receive a polite little email from an eBird reviewer asking you for details or photographs of your sighting. The eBird reviewers help to keep eBird's database as accurate as possible.



*eBird Updates, continued***Important Changes to Exotic Species in eBird**

Suppose you were birding at Lake Artemesia recently and on your eBird checklist, you reported European Starlings and House Sparrows – not unusual. When you later look at your checklist in My eBird on your computer, you're startled to see a mark next to "European Starling" and "House Sparrow" that looks like an asterisk inside a gray circle. You don't remember seeing anything like that on your checklists before. What's up?

That little asterisk is clickable, and when you click it, you'll see a box that looks like this:



A screenshot of an eBird checklist. It shows a list of species with their counts and status markers. The species listed are: 10 European Starling (with an asterisk in a gray circle), 2 Gray Catbird, 5 Northern Mockingbird, 8 American Robin, and 4 House Sparrow (with an asterisk in a gray circle). Red arrows point to the asterisks on the European Starling and House Sparrow entries.

10	European Starling	*
2	Gray Catbird	
5	Northern Mockingbird	
8	American Robin	
4	House Sparrow	*

**Exotic species**

Exotic species flags differentiate locally introduced species from native species.

- \* **Naturalized:** Exotic population is self-sustaining, breeding in the wild, persisting for many years, and not maintained through ongoing releases (including vagrants from naturalized populations). These count in official eBird totals and, where applicable, have been accepted by regional bird records committee(s).
- \* **Provisional:** Either: 1) member of exotic population that is breeding in the wild, self-propagating, and has persisted for multiple years, but not yet Naturalized; 2) rarity of uncertain provenance, with natural vagrancy or captive provenance both considered plausible. When applicable, eBird generally defers to bird records committees for records formally considered to be of "uncertain provenance". Provisional species count in official eBird totals.
- \* **Escapee:** Exotic species known or suspected to be escaped or released, including those that have bred but don't yet fulfill the criteria for Provisional. Escapee exotics do not count in official eBird totals.

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So, the short story is that eBird is now flagging "exotic species" with asterisks to differentiate them from birds that are native to an area. As shown in the box above, eBird is using three different categories of exotic species: naturalized, provisional, and escapee. The rationale for marking exotic species within the eBird database is to enable better tracking of bird movements across the world.

Think about the huge task it has been to code this information into the eBird database. For example, a Wood Duck at Lake Artemesia is a native species; no big deal and no need to flag it. But suppose that you're birding in the Fælledparken in Copenhagen, Denmark. A Wood Duck there is not expected, and if you were to report one, it would bear the orange-circle asterisk indicating it as a likely escape from captivity. So the eBird flags for exotic species are sensitive to the exact location where the species is reported. It's **not** one-size-fits-all, across the globe.

1 Wood Duck \*

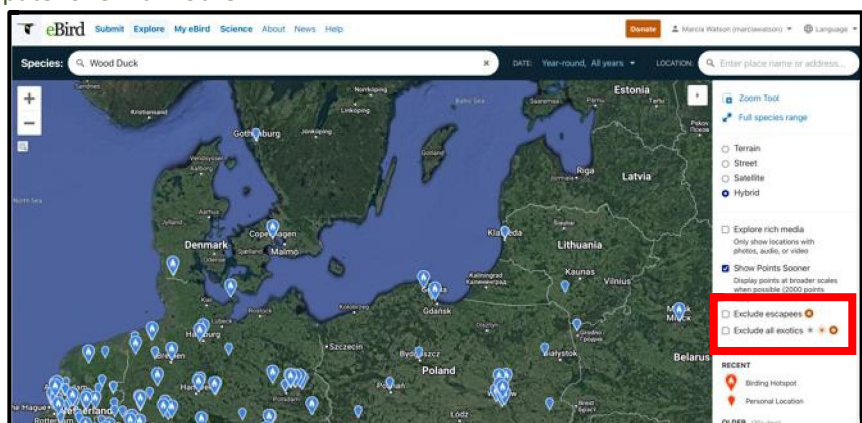
Coding all this information into eBird is a work in progress. Currently, the appropriate asterisks appear on all submitted eBird checklists, either your own or others', even those from long ago. However, the asterisks do not yet appear on the screens that you use to **submit** a checklist, whether using your computer or eBird Mobile.

On eBird Species Maps, there are now checkboxes on the right that allows you to include, or not, locations where the species is considered exotic (like our Wood Duck in Copenhagen).

Exotics icons also currently appear on observation lists, Hotspot and Regional Explore pages, Illustrated Checklists and maps. They will soon appear on your life lists, target lists, bar charts, and Trip Reports.

For more information, see

<https://support.ebird.org/en/support/solutions/articles/48001218430#How-are-Exotic-Species-displayed-in-eBird>.



## Notable Bird Sightings in Prince George's County

### May through August, 2022

*Based on eBird Rare Bird Alerts*

The undoubted star of the show over the last four months in Prince George's County was the **Fork-tailed Flycatcher** found by Michel Cavigelli at the [Beltville Agricultural Research Center](#) (BARC) on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Michel is a Patuxent Bird Club member who is a soil scientist at BARC. The bird was hawking insects from various perches, including wires, corn stalks, and trees. (Photo at right by Michel Cavigelli, Macaulay Library ML455095811).



Michel first noticed the bird around noon, photographed it, posted to eBird, and quickly got the word out to local birders. Within an hour of Michel's notifications, other birders began to show up and were delighted by clear scope views and excellent photo opportunities – it was a clear sunny day with brilliant light.

Although access to BARC is restricted, this bird was adjacent to Beaverdam Road, and was easily seen from the public roadway. By dusk, over 60 eBird reports had been posted. It was a good thing that birders got there quickly, because the flycatcher was a one-day wonder, and could not be found the following day.

Fork-tailed Flycatcher is found throughout Central and South America, but some populations are migratory and occasionally wander into the US. If accepted by the Maryland-DC Records Committee (the photos taken provide ample documentation), this sighting will be only the sixth record for Maryland and the first for Prince George's County. Previous records were in Anne Arundel (twice!), St. Mary's, Kent, and Worcester Counties, but this is the first spring record – all the previous records were from the fall (September through November).

Another exciting find at BARC was a long-staying **Henslow's Sparrow**, originally found by Kevin Bennett on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Kevin heard it singing from a grassy area. Since it was in a restricted area at [BARC](#), it was observed by only a few birders with permission to enter under an ongoing research program. The bird was last reported on June 14<sup>th</sup>. (Photo at right by Fred Shaffer, 5/28/22, Macaulay Library ML454151251).



Other birds of interest over the last few months include a **Chuck-will's-widow** at [Lake Artemesia Natural Area](#) on May 15<sup>th</sup> (Hartmut Doebel).

A **Black-bellied Plover** was in a field along Piscataway Road on May 24<sup>th</sup> (Marisa Rositol, Kevin Bennett).



A smattering of **Glossy Ibis** reports livened things up. Singles were reported from the Patuxent River near [Jackson Landing](#) during a PBC/PGAS field trip on May 4<sup>th</sup> (Devi Abbott/Kevin Bennett/Matt Felperin/Ikumi Kayama); Harmony Hall on May 8<sup>th</sup> (Kevin Bennett); Hyattsville on July 4<sup>th</sup> (Ian Carroll); Konterra Fields (restricted access) on July 5<sup>th</sup> (Marcy Stutzman and Jay Sheppard). A group of three was seen off the Paint Branch Trail in College Park on April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (numerous observers). Fred Shaffer hit a jackpot of ten ibises at [Governor Bridge Natural Area](#) on May 5<sup>th</sup>. (Photo at left by Brian Harris, 4/30/22, Paint Branch Trail, Macaulay Library ML442473621.)

A **Black-necked Stilt** was at [Merkle Natural Resources Management Area](#) on May 15<sup>th</sup> (Steve Little and Colin Little).

A few **Common Loons** came through during migration. A long-staying Common Loon caused a sensation at [Lake Artemesia](#) from May 10<sup>th</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>, seen by many birders. Another was at [Patuxent Research Refuge – South Tract](#) on May 4<sup>th</sup> (Cavan Allen, Steve Kaiderman); another was at [Rocky Gorge Reservoir/Supplee Park](#) on May 10<sup>th</sup> (Derek Richardson); one loon was seen by Michel Cavigelli at [BARC](#) on May 15<sup>th</sup>; one was at Hyattsville on May 30<sup>th</sup> (Sarah Jonson), and two Common Loons were reported from [Bladensburg Waterfront Park](#) on June 9<sup>th</sup> (David Lapidus). (Photo at right by Charlene Fan, 6/5/22, [Lake Artemesia](#), Macaulay Library ML456799621.)



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*Notable birds, continued*

Tom Eck had a remarkable sighting along the Patuxent River at [Jackson Landing](#) on May 28<sup>th</sup> – two **American White Pelicans**, resting on a mudflat in the company of cormorants. The huge white birds dwarfed the cormorants. American White Pelicans are rare in our county but do turn up every couple of years or so. (Photo at left by Tom Eck, Macaulay Library ML454087481.)

A few **Little Blue Herons** (most of them immatures) popped up around the county: at [Lake Artemesia](#) on May 4<sup>th</sup> (Ed Huestis); near Priest Bridge on Route 3 near Bowie on May 12<sup>th</sup> (Fred Shaffer); at [Mount Calvert](#) on May 14<sup>th</sup> (Kevin

Bennett); at [Jackson Landing](#) on May 14<sup>th</sup> (Alex Pellegrini and Amy O'Donnell); along the [Horsepen Branch section of the WB&A Trail](#) on June 6<sup>th</sup> (Elain Hendricks); at [South Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge](#) on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> (several observers); and at [Jackson Landing](#) again on July 29<sup>th</sup> (Alex Pellegrini). (Photo of two immatures at right by Allen Burke, 7/29/22, [Patuxent Research Refuge South Tract](#), Macaulay Library ML472169871.)



A **Mississippi Kite** was seen – and beautifully photographed – at [Fort Washington National Park](#) by Marisa Rositol on May 12<sup>th</sup>; the bird was seen again on May 14<sup>th</sup> by Josh Kiner. What was probably the same bird was also photographed in flight over a nearby residential area by Marisa on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Another Mississippi Kite was at Patuxent Research Refuge - Central Tract (restricted access) on May 20<sup>th</sup> (Mikey Lutmerding) and one was at [Lake Artemesia](#) on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Ed Huestis). It is worth paying close attention to Mississippi Kites, which are expanding their breeding range into our area. Last year, a pair nested in Montgomery County and the family is still present; this year, a pair nested in a sports park in northern Anne Arundel County, just south of the Baltimore Beltway. (Photo at left by Marisa Rositol, 5/12/22, [Fort Washington National Park](#), Macaulay Library ML447620121.)

An **Alder Flycatcher** was seen at Patuxent Research Refuge - Central Tract (restricted access) on May 18<sup>th</sup> (Andrew Rapp) and another was at a private residence along the Patuxent River on May 19<sup>th</sup> (Jeff Shenot).

A **Dickcissel** was found by Hartmut Doebel at [BARC](#) on May 15<sup>th</sup>. At the other end of migration, a Dickcissel was found by Christina Yuan near Patuxent Research Refuge - Central Tract on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

In glancing back over the dates in these reports, you'll notice that most of the reports are from May and June, representing spring migration and the early breeding season. There weren't many rarities around in July or August.

### Your Submissions Invited

Do you have an idea for an article you would like to see published in a future issue of *News from the 'Hood*? Send a note with your suggestion or, better yet, a draft article to the editor, Marcia Watson at [REDACTED]. Concerned that you're not a good writer? No worries – Marcia will happily help with your article. Deadline for submission of completed articles is the 20<sup>th</sup> of even-numbered months (August, October, December, February, and April). If your article is just a rough idea, please allow more time to develop the text and to seek illustrations, if appropriate.



## MOS/Patuxent Bird Club Membership Application



**REQUEST TO ALL CURRENT AND NEW MEMBERS:** If at all possible, please join or renew your membership online at the MOS website (<https://mdbirds.org/>), even if you haven't done so in the past. This will streamline our database maintenance and bookkeeping procedures, and make things easier for our volunteer workforce. At the website, you will be able to choose the Patuxent Bird Club as your local chapter for membership registration and dues payment - and also make charitable donations to the Patuxent Bird Club or to MOS. If, however, you prefer to remit your membership dues by check, please print and complete this form and mail it with your check to the address below. Thank you for your assistance!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Full dues include Chapter and MOS State membership, and subscriptions to *Maryland Yellowthroat*, *Maryland Birdlife*, and the Patuxent Bird Club Newsletter. (The Patuxent Bird Club newsletter will be sent by email unless US mail requested). Dues are tax-deductible; see note below.

**Choose Membership category:**

<b>Chapter and State combined membership:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Household \$33 <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$26 <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (Age < 18) \$6	or	<b>Chapter membership only:</b> (must be a full-paying member of another MOS chapter - indicate primary MOS chapter: _____)  <input type="checkbox"/> Household \$8 <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$6 <input type="checkbox"/> Junior \$1
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In addition, I have enclosed a tax-deductible contribution

- ☐ to Patuxent Bird Club in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ to Maryland Ornithological Society in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Maryland Ornithological Society** and mail with this completed application to:

**Carol S. Daugherty, MOS Treasurer**  
**11925 Oden Court**  
**Rockville, MD 20852**

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**THANK YOU AND HAPPY BIRDING!**



**MD Fall Count Checklist****Date:** Sept. \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 **County:** \_\_\_\_\_**Compiler:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Need some details

\*\* Need full details

\*\*\* All write-ins need full details

Provide party data on back

Snow Goose	Wilson's Snipe	Eastern Kingbird
Canada Goose	Spotted Sandpiper	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Mute Swan	Solitary Sandpiper	Eastern Wood-Pewee
Wood Duck	Lesser Yellowlegs	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher*
Blue-winged Teal	Willet	Acadian Flycatcher
Northern Shoveler	Greater Yellowlegs	Alder Flycatcher**
Gadwall	Wilson's Phalarope	Willow Flycatcher**
American Wigeon	Red-necked Phalarope*	Trail's Flycatcher*
Mallard	Bonaparte's Gull	Least Flycatcher
American Black Duck	Laughing Gull	unidentified Empidonax
Northern Pintail	Ring-billed Gull	Eastern Phoebe
Green-winged Teal	Herring Gull	White-eyed Vireo
Greater Scaup*	Lesser Black-backed Gull	Yellow-throated Vireo
Lesser Scaup*	Great Black-backed Gull	Blue-headed Vireo
unidentified scaup	unidentified gull	Philadelphia Vireo
Surf Scoter*	Least Tern	Warbling Vireo
White-winged Scoter*	Caspian Tern	Red-eyed Vireo
Black Scoter	Black Tern	Loggerhead Shrike*
Hooded Merganser	Common Tern	Blue Jay
Common Merganser*	Forster's Tern	American Crow
Red-breasted Merganser*	Royal Tern	Fish Crow
Ruddy Duck	Black Skimmer	unidentified crow
Northern Bobwhite	Common Loon	Common Raven
Wild Turkey	Double-crested Cormorant	Carolina Chickadee
Ruffed Grouse	American White Pelican	Black-capped Chickadee
Pied-billed Grebe	Brown Pelican	Tufted Titmouse
Horned Grebe**	American Bittern	Horned Lark
Rock Pigeon	Least Bittern	Bank Swallow
Mourning Dove	Great Blue Heron	Tree Swallow
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Great Egret	N. Rough-winged Swallow
Black-billed Cuckoo	Snowy Egret	Purple Martin
Common Nighthawk	Little Blue Heron	Barn Swallow
Chuck-will's-widow*	Tricolored Heron	Cliff Swallow
Eastern Whip-poor-will	Cattle Egret	unidentified swallow
Chimney Swift	Green Heron	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Black-crowned Night-Heron	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Clapper Rail	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	Cedar Waxwing
King Rail	Glossy Ibis	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Virginia Rail	Black Vulture	White-breasted Nuthatch
Sora	Turkey Vulture	Brown-headed Nuthatch
Common Gallinule	Osprey	Brown Creeper
American Coot	Northern Harrier	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
American Oystercatcher	Sharp-shinned Hawk	House Wren
Black-bellied Plover	Cooper's Hawk	Winter Wren
American Golden-Plover	unidentified Accipiter	Sedge Wren*
Killdeer	Bald Eagle	Marsh Wren
Semipalmated Plover	Red-shouldered Hawk	Carolina Wren
Piping Plover	Broad-winged Hawk	Gray Catbird
Upland Sandpiper	Red-tailed Hawk	Brown Thrasher
Whimbrel	unidentified Buteo	Northern Mockingbird
Hudsonian Godwit*	Barn Owl	European Starling
Marbled Godwit*	Eastern Screech-Owl	Eastern Bluebird
Ruddy Turnstone	Great Horned Owl	Veery
Red Knot	Barred Owl	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Stilt Sandpiper	Northern Saw-whet Owl*	Swainson's Thrush
Sanderling	Belted Kingfisher	Hermit Thrush
Dunlin	Red-headed Woodpecker	Wood Thrush
Baird's Sandpiper	Red-bellied Woodpecker	American Robin
Least Sandpiper	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	House Sparrow
White-rumped Sandpiper	Downy Woodpecker	American Pipit
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Hairy Woodpecker	House Finch
Pectoral Sandpiper	Northern Flicker	Purple Finch
Semipalmated Sandpiper	Pileated Woodpecker	Pine Siskin**
Western Sandpiper	American Kestrel	American Goldfinch
Short-billed Dowitcher	Merlin	Grasshopper Sparrow
Long-billed Dowitcher	Peregrine Falcon	Chipping Sparrow
American Woodcock	Great Crested Flycatcher	Field Sparrow

**Compilers:** Send compilations by October 15, 2022 to Chuck Stirrat, Fall Count Coordinator, 13318 Hunt Ridge, Ellicott City, MD 21045-1155. Email reports (preferred) should be sent to: [stirrbird@outlook.com](mailto:stirrbird@outlook.com).