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MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
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WELCOME

A warm welcome to our friends from previous years as well as those who have joined us more recently. As we mark the beginning of our seventh year we hope you will share in many of our activities. As a chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society our major interest is birds, but many of our members are enthusiastic observers of other aspects of the natural world. The Discovery Walks and those field trips co-sponsored by the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks are geared to people who wish to observe the world around them at a leisurely pace. For individuals who want to improve their birding skills there are half day local trips as well as longer excursions scheduled to some of the better mid-Atlantic locations. Several trips are especially suitable for families. This chapter also participates in the Audubon Christmas Count and the May Count. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month from September through May featuring a program of slides or movies. Please return the attached membership blank with your dues promptly or bring it to the September meeting. Your membership fee entitles you to quarterly issues of Maryland Birdlife, five newsletters issued by the Howard chapter, and the opportunity to participate in a full schedule of programs and field trips. Do complete the questionnaire so that your interests are known to those who help with the planning. Feel free to call President John Clegg, 730-4362 if you have questions.

VOICE OF THE NATURALIST

To keep abreast of sightings of unusual birds dial the Voice of the Naturalist for a recorded list of species, locations, and directions. This tape is changed weekly and is sponsored by the Audubon Naturalist Society. The Washington area number is 652-1088. Note that the number has been changed from last year's.

NATURAL HISTORY COURSE AVAILABLE

Again this fall Eileen Clegg and Jo Solem will teach "An Introduction to the Natural History of Howard County" as a course offering of the Howard Community College, adult education division. This is a combination class and field introduction to the flora and fauna of the county. It is a non-credit course which meets on Wednesday evenings at Dunloggin Middle School and is co-sponsored by this chapter.

FIELD WORKSHOPS ANYONE?????

Subject to the Board's approval and sufficient interest by members, David Holmes may offer several field mini-workshops during the fall. These sessions would be open to members only and would be geared to intermediate and advanced birders. A small fee may be charged. Details available at the September meeting. Or call John or Eileen Clegg 730-4362.

CHAPTER BOOKSTORE

The Howard Chapter sponsors a "bookstore" available at meetings at which purchases of natural history materials can be made. Books, records, stationery, lists, patches, etc. are included in the inventory below the normal retail price. If you have specific wants call Louise Risse, evenings 997-2577. She can obtain numerous titles for you that are not kept on hand.

BLUEBIRD NEST SUMMARIES LVE

If bluebirds nested in any of your boxes during the 1978 breeding season Dr. Zeleny would like to hear from you. Send your name, location and number of boxes, number of young fledged, other species using nesting boxes, unusual behavior, predators observed, etc. to Lawrence Zeleny, 4512 Van Buren St., University Park, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782. Last year over 80 individuals in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia monitored almost 3,000 nest boxes from which more than 5,000 bluebirds were fledged.

MORONEY YARD LISTED BY NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Congratulations to Joanne Moroney and her family who were recently notified by the National Wildlife Federation that their yard had been certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. Their suburban acre maintains an environment conducive to many different types of wildlife. The enjoyment of wild things involves the whole family and provides something of interest all year. Club members may remember the family of Screech Owls which were resident in the Moroney's yard several summers ago.

INTRODUCTION TO ORNITHOLOGY COURSE

Howard Community College is offering an introductory field course in ornithology beginning September 23. It will meet on Saturdays for six weeks from 8:30-11:00 A.M. One of the meetings may be an all day trip to the Eastern Shore to be decided after the class meets. This is a non-credit adult education course. Details will be available in the catalogue mailed to all county residents.

BIRD SIGHTINGS

To report bird sightings, dates of arrival and departure of migrants, early and late nestings, etc., call Jo Salem 725-5037. These are compiled seasonally for submission to Maryland Birdlife.

HOWARD CHAPTER OFFICERS - 1978-79

John Clegg - 730-4362	- President
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FIELD TRIPS AND PROGRAMS - HOWARD COUNTY CHAPTER, MOS (Aug.-Dec. 1978)

Meeting Place for all activities (unless specified): Swansfield Elementary School, 5610 Cedar Lane, Columbia. MONTHLY MEETINGS: second Thursday of every month; 7:45 P.M.

FIELD TRIPS: dress for weather--comfortable hiking shoes and appropriate outer wear; waterproof boots may be necessary for some trips. Inclement weather will cancel a trip unless an alternate date is listed. DISCOVERY WALKS, cosponsored by the Howard Co. Dept. of Recreation and Parks, are open to adults and children. The flora and fauna of Howard Co. will be observed for 2-3 hours during each walk.

Field Trip Chairman: Linda Parfitt, 992-7124.

- AUG. 12, SAT. - BOMBAY HOOK NWR AND LITTLE CREEK NWR, DEL. An all-day trip to observe waterfowl and shore birds. Bring INSECT REPELLANT, protection from sun, and lunch.
Time: 7:00 A.M. Leaders: John Clegg, 730-4362, & Leroy Williamson, 730-0338.
- AUG. 27, SUN. - LANDSCAPING FOR BIRDS AND WILDLIFE (MEMBERS ONLY). Mrs. Alice Grant of Columbia will show us around her yard, which is entirely landscaped to attract wildlife, and will give you ideas on what to plant in your yard to do the same.
Time: 1:00 P.M. Leaders: Linda Parfitt, 992-7124, & Sheila Glanz, 730-4396.
- SEP. 10, SUN. - FALL WILD FLOWER WALK. An easy walk in the Trotter Rd. area of the Middle Patuxent Valley. Bring a magnifying glass or hand lens if you have one.
Time: 1:00 P.M. Jo Solem
- SEP. 11, MON. - DISCOVERY WALK - LONG REACH, COLUMBIA. Meet at Tamar Dr. and High Tor Hill; parents with children in strollers are welcome.
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Cathy Williamson, 730-0338, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- SEP. 14, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. Dr. George Gee will present a talk on "The Endangered Species Research Programs at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center."
- SEP. 17, SUN. - PATAPSCO STATE PARK, GLEN ARTNEY AREA. A chance to observe migrating fall warblers. Approximately a half-day trip.
Time: 7:00 A.M. Leader: David Holmes, 730-7083.
- SEP. 19, TUE. - DISCOVERY WALK - LAKE ELKHORN, COLUMBIA. Meet at Boat Dock; parents with children in strollers are welcome.
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Marcia Krishnamoorthy, 997-5967, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- SEP. 23, SAT. - ROCKBURN BRANCH REGIONAL PARK (cosponsored by Howard Co. Dept. of Recreation and Parks). A half-day trip to observe resident and migrating birds. Bring lunch.
Time: 8:30 A.M. Leaders: Chuck Dupree, 796-1086, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- SEP. 27, WED. - DISCOVERY WALK - DISCOVERY PARK, COLUMBIA. Meet at east branch (left end) of May Wind Court, off Green Mountain Circle.
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Sheila Glanz, 730-4396, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- OCT. 1, SUN. - FERN WALK, MCKELDEN AREA, PATAPSCO STATE PARK. Bring a magnifying glass or hand lens if you have one. Easy walk; will last about 3 hours.
Time: 1:00 P.M. Leaders: Jo Solem, 725-5037 & Sarah Haviland, 774-4483.
- OCT. 5, THU. - DISCOVERY WALK - FAULKNER RIDGE, COLUMBIA. Meet at Hesperus Dr. and Iron Pier Pl.; parents with children in strollers are welcome.
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Jo Solem, 725-5037, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
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- OCT. 7, SAT. - FT. HOWARD PARK AND BALTIMORE AREA (possibly Back River Waste Treatment Plant and Balt. Harbor). To observe late migrating land birds (warblers, thrushes, hawks) and a banding demonstration. Depending on birds and weather, this trip could last most of the day; bring lunch. RAIN DATE - OCT. 8, SUN.
Time: 7:30 A.M. Leaders: Cathy Williamson, 730-0338, & Jim Stase (from the

- OCT. 12, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. A film on "Birds of Prey," produced by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will be presented.
- OCT. 13, FRI. - DISCOVERY WALK -- LAKE KITTAMAQUONDI, COLUMBIA. Meet at the end of Vantage Point Rd., off Little Patuxent Parkway, north of the Lake.
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Eileen Clegg, 730-4362, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- OCT. 14, SAT. - BIRDING AND CANOEING, JUG BAY AREA, PATUXENT RIVER PARK. Reservations are required for this all-day trip; sign up at Sept. meeting or call Linda Parfitt, 992-7124, by Sept. 25. Details announced at that meeting. Bring your own canoe or rent one at the Park (\$9 per canoe). Bring lunch.
Time: 7:30 A.M. Leader: To be announced.
- OCT. 18, WED. - DISCOVERY WALK - WILDE LAKE, COLUMBIA. Meet at the Boat Dock; parents with children in strollers are welcome.
Time: 9:30 A.M. Leaders: Cathy Williamson, 730-0338, & Bill Eckert, 992-2484.
- OCT. 21-22, SAT. & SUN. - BRIGANTINE NWR AND CAPE MAY BIRD OBSERVATORY, N.J. A weekend of observing waterfowl, migrating hawks, and a banding demonstration; an evening in Atlantic City is a possibility. Reservations are required; sign up at Sept. meeting or call Linda Parfitt, 992-7124, by Oct. 2.
Time: 7:00 A.M. Leaders: John and Eileen Clegg, 730-4362.
- NOV. 5, SUN. - HABITAT BIRDING, COLUMBIA LAKES. This is a good trip for beginning birders; learn to identify wintering waterfowl, woodpeckers, and songbirds by habitat and behavior.
Time: 8:00 A.M. Leader: Nan Rhineland, 226-2427.
- NOV. 9, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. David Holmes will present a slide show and discussion on "Sparrow Identification."
- NOV. 18, SAT. - GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK AND HANOVER RESERVOIR, PA. History and birding combined; a great trip for the whole family. It will last all day, so bring your lunch.
Time: 7:30 A.M. Leaders: Chuck Dupree, 796-1086, & Jo Solem, 725-5037.
- DEC. 2, SAT. - NATIONAL ZOO. Another trip for the whole family. A chance to see some exotic birds in the bird house and outdoor flight cage and ducks and geese in the ponds. Bring lunch or buy it there; trip may last all day.
Time: 9:00 A.M. Leader: Linda Parfitt, 992-7124.
- DEC. 10, SUN. - FEEDER TRIP, COLUMBIA, WEST SIDE. We will observe wintering birds from both indoors and outdoors (grosbeaks, finches, nuthatches, woodpeckers). A good trip for beginning birders since birds will be fairly easy to see.
Time: 8:00 A.M. Leaders: Marty Chestem, 730-1527, & Marjorie Mountjoy, 730-5873.
- DEC. 14, THU. - MONTHLY MEETING. Claudia Wilds, past president of the Montgomery Chapter of MOS, will present a slide show on "Birds of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Antarctic Peninsula."

Board Meeting - September 7, 1978 - John + Eileen Clegg's home - 7:30 pm
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