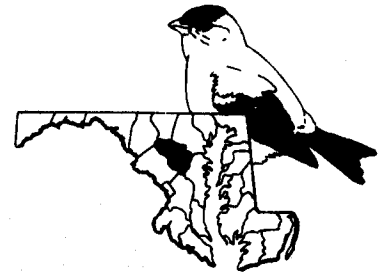




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NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1 -- PLEASE MAIL DUES PROMPTLY

Our membership year runs from September 1, 1983 through August 31, 1984. Membership fees are now due. Please complete ALL of the attached membership blank and return it to the treasurer: Donald Randle, 6424 Lochridge Rd., Columbia, MD 21044. Don will be available from 7:00 p.m. the night of the September 15th meeting for those who choose to pay in person. PLEASE bring the completed membership form with you. Membership entitles you to quarterly issues of Maryland Birdlife, issues of the Maryland Yellow-throat (state) newsletter and the Howard (chapter) newsletter. You may participate in the full schedule of programs, field trips, workshops and special events.

The night of the first meeting the bookstore will also be open at 7:00 p.m. New materials have been added over the summer so come early and browse. If you need anything before the meeting, call Jan at 531-6296.

PRESIDENT FARRELL NAMES COMMITTEE HEADS FOR COMING YEAR

President Jane Farrell has named the following individuals to fill committee chairmanships for the 1983-84 calendar year: Bookstore, Jan Randle; Conservation, Gerald Einem; Field Trips, Joe Lutz; Hospitality, Thelma Feldman; Newsletter, Jo Solem; Programs, Eva Sunell; Publicity, Sharon Chaiklin; Seed Sale, Eileen Clegg and Waterfowl Committee, Pat Birnie. These individuals along with the elected officers constitute the Board of Directors. The President wishes to thank those committee heads who served so capably during the 1982-83 year bringing the club a fine calendar of programs, field trips and special events and making sure that events ran smoothly and were well publicized. Bea Newkirk will continue to chair the Rare Bird Alert network.

THANKS VOLUNTEERS FOR HELP AT RECREATION EXPO AND THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

Once again numerous volunteers at two exhibits during the summer months helped to publicize the bird club's activities. Recreation Expo in June at the Columbia Mall was chaired by Eileen Clegg who created a people-stopping exhibit. The following individuals kindly donated time to answer questions, talk to interested shoppers and set up the exhibit: Maud Banks, Jon E. & Jon K. Boone, Russell Chandler, Jr., Marty Chestem, John Clegg, Chuck Dupree, Jane Farrell, Linda & Stephen Harsy, Spud Loomis, Andrea Ludwig, Marjorie Mountjoy, Don & Jan Randle, Norman Saunders, Elise Seay, Bob & Jo Solem, Karen & Roy Trudel and Martha Waugh.

For the second year the Howard Bird Club had an exhibit at the Howard County Fair during the third week in August. Chairman Mike McClure found individuals to staff the display evenings during the week as well as much of Saturday and Sunday: Maud & Harry Banks, Rod & Monika Botsai, Carole & George Cleland, Jane & Jack Farrell, Mike & Grazina McClure, Marjorie Mountjoy, Don & Jan Randle, Elise Seay and Bob & Jo Solem. Rod, Monika, Marjorie, Elise, Maud & Harry who were on duty the final Saturday deserve a special accolade for working the hottest day in decades.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR WORK IN COUNTY PARKS WITH STUDENTS. People with a background in outdoor education, ecology or science who are interested in working with Howard County Recreation and Parks in a program involving county schools and parks should contact Bill Eckert, 465-6882.

SEED SALE COMING: WATCH FOR A SPECIAL SEPTEMBER MAILING IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OR HAVE PURCHASED SEED AT PREVIOUS SALES, OTHERWISE CALL EILEEN 730-4362. First sale of the season will be Saturday, October 29, 1983. PREPAID ORDERS ONLY. Profits help to keep membership dues low (the modest \$1.00 per adult increase this year was made by the state and is the first in several years).



C A L E N D A R

PROGRAMS - 7:45 p.m. Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia, MD. Note: Meeting is canceled if schools officially close because of inclement weather or other emergencies.

- ✓ Sept. 15 - "Wildlife at Aberdeen Proving Ground" - Joe Ondak, Environmentalist, Aberdeen Thur. Proving Ground. The highly diverse habitat on this extensive federal installation supports numerous birds & animals. Slides should include shots of some of the 42 nesting Bald Eagles as well as some of eaglet banding.
- ✓ Oct. 13 - "Monitoring Natural Habitats from Space" - Dr. Nicholas Short. NASA slides Thur. from space satellites. (This program was postponed from May.)

FIELD TRIPS - Field trips leave from Grempler Realty parking lot (across from the Flier Building on Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia) unless otherwise indicated. Joe Lutz, 964-3628, is the Field Trip Chairman. Leader may cancel under severe weather conditions. If you have questions, call. Carpooling continues with riders sharing gas & toll costs. Dress for field work with stout, reasonably waterproof footgear and layers of clothes. Trips do not always follow marked paths. No pets.

- ✓ Sept. 10 - SHOREBIRD TRIP TO BOMBAY HOOK & LITTLE CREEK, DELAWARE. Leader: Joe Lutz, Sat. 964-3628. Meet at Grempler at 7:30 a.m. All day. Bring lunch, drink and insect repellent. Shorebird migration should provide good variety of species.
- Sept. 17 - FALL MIGRATION IN PATAPSCO STATE PARK, HOWARD COUNTY. Leader: Chuck Dupree, Sat. 796-1086. Learn difficult fall migrants from an experienced leader. Meet at Grempler at 7:30 a.m. ½ day.
- Sept. 25 - FALL WILDFLOWERS. Leader: V. Krishnamoorthy. Local ½ day trip. Call Joe Sun. Lutz, 964-3628 if further information needed. Meet at Grempler at 1:30 p.m.
- ✓ Oct. 8 - BEGINNING BIRDERS WALK. Leader: Jo Solem, 725-5037. Local ½ day trip. Meet Sat. at 8:30 a.m. Bring field guide and binoculars if you have them.
- ✓ Oct. 16 - CYPRESSMEADE HABITAT WALK. Co-sponsored with Howard Co. Rec. & Parks. Series Sun. of seasonal walks to this park. Leaders: Chuck Dupree, 796-1086 & Bill Eckert. ½ day. Meet at Grempler at 12:30 p.m. or at the park at 1:00 p.m.
- ✓ Oct. 22 - BIRDING WORKSHOP. Howard County Library Meeting Room. All day. Activities, Sat. displays, presentations. Special mailing later. Drop in when convenient.
- ✓ Oct. 29 - SEED SALE PICK-UP. Special mailing coming. Ch. Eileen Clegg, 730-4362. Sat.

BOARD MEETING - A Board meeting will be held Thursday, September 8, at Maud Banks' home, Sept. 8 6666 Downdale Pl., Columbia, MD. Phone 596-4131 for directions. All elected Thur. officers and committee chairmen should attend. 7:30 p.m.

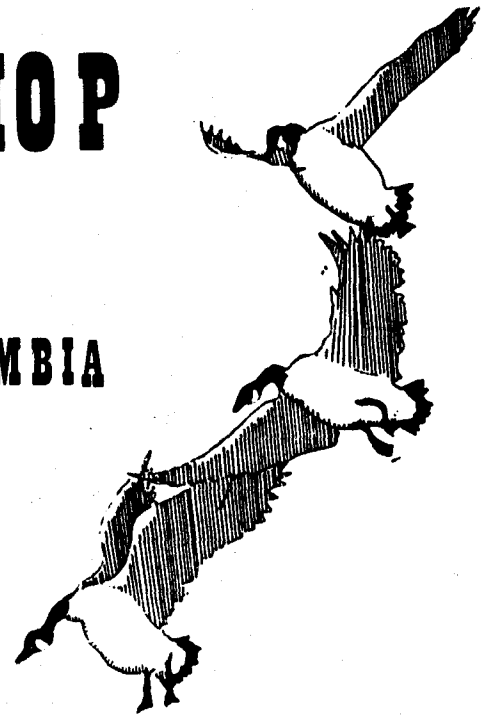
HOWARD COUNTY CHAPTER MOS MAKES CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CONSERVATION CAUSES

At the May meeting the Board of Directors authorized contributions to the following groups and individuals: Committee to Preserve Assateague Island, Maryland Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, MOS Sanctuary (Irish Grove floodgates), International Nature Conservancy (Costa Rica Project), Cape May Bird Observatory, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Moore County Wildlife & Conservation Club (Red-cockaded Woodpecker Project), Eva Sunell and Jane Zuke for local bird rehabilitation. Donations totaled \$1800.00. If you would like to suggest projects worthy of donation (providing a distribution is made in 1984), please contact Jane Farrell, 596-6350, David Pardo, 531-6452 or Don Randle, 531-6296.

BIRDING WORKSHOP

HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY, COLUMBIA

OCTOBER 22, 1983
(SATURDAY)



(The Conference Room will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.)

- 9:00 - EXHIBITS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE DAY -- COME LOOK AND LEARN FROM MEMBERS OF THE HOWARD COUNTY BIRD CLUB
- 10:15 - LANDSCAPING FOR THE BIRDS -- TOUR THE LIBRARY GROUNDS WITH ALICE GRANT
- 11:00 - BUYING, USING, CARING FOR BINOCULARS AND COPING WITH SCOPES -- MIKE MC CLURE
- 12:30 - IDENTIFICATION TECHNIQUES AND AIDS TO IMPROVE YOUR BIRDING -- DAVID HOLMES
- 1:30 - BLUEBIRDS IN HOWARD COUNTY -- MARY JANETATOS
- 2:15 - BIRDING AND NATURE WALK TO LAKE KITTAMAQUONDI -- JO & BOB SOLEM
- 3:45 - WINTER BIRDS OF HOWARD COUNTY - A SLIDE PRESENTATION BY CHUCK DUPREE



EXHIBITS: MOUNTED BIRD SPECIMENS -- MARJORIE MOUNTJOY
(Get close looks at Howard County birds that won't fly away!)

BOOKS - BOOKS - BOOKS -- JAN RANDLE
(A wide selection of birding and other nature books)

WINTER BIRD FEEDING -- EILEEN CLEGG
(The food and the feeders that will help you help the birds through the winter)



(Coffee and cookies will be served)

WHICH SEED FOR WHICH BIRDS?

Listed below are some of the birds attracted to each of the seed types offered at the Howard Chapter MOS seed sale.

BLACK OIL SUNFLOWER - high oil and calorie content; more popular with most feeder species than striped sunflower seeds. Attractive to Northern Cardinal, Carolina Chickadee, House and Purple Finch, American Goldfinch, Evening Grosbeak, Blue Jay, Red-breasted and White-breasted Nuthatch, Tufted Titmouse and woodpeckers.

WHITE PROSO MILLET - a small seed containing starch, fat and protein. Eaten by Northern Junco, various species of sparrows, Brown-headed Cowbird and other black-birds, Mourning Dove and Rufous-sided Towhee.

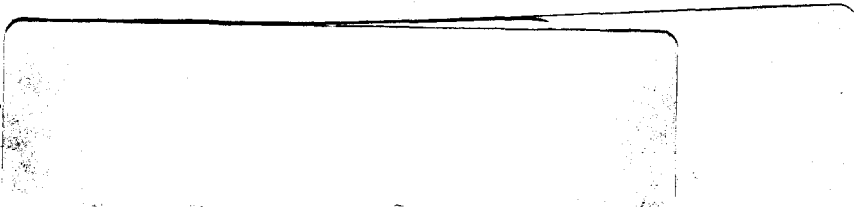
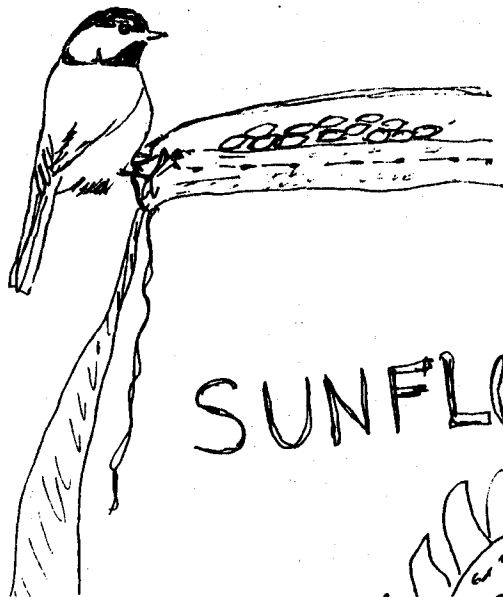
NIGER THISTLE SEED - a tiny seed; a luxury item but it is sometimes the way to attract Pine Siskins and Common Redpolls as well as the more common finches.

HULLED SUNFLOWER CHIPS - same high food value as whole sunflower but without the mess and waste. Attracts all whole sunflower eaters; smaller finches prefer seeds without hulls.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR THE 1983-1984 YEAR? MAIL THE MEMBERSHIP BLANK AND QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE TREASURER TODAY. MISLAID YOUR BLANK??? NEED INFORMATION??? CONTACT DON RANDLE, 531-6296, EVENINGS.

Don't Forget! Next program Oct. 13, Thursday, Longfellow Elementary, Columbia, 7:45 p.m.

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Laurel, MD 20707



SPECIAL EDITION

SATURDAY WORKSHOP AT CENTRAL LIBRARY
October 22, 1983

AUTUMN SEED SALE, OCTOBER 29, 1983