



Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society

In Memoriam

Elayne Metter (1951-2006)

Long-time member Elayne Metter died August 9, 2011, at the age of 60. Along with her husband, Jeff, Elayne regularly attended meetings, joined field trips, and participated in many seasonal counts. In the 1990s, she served on the chapter board as the Publicity Chair as well as one of the Howard chapter's State Directors. On the state level, besides attending annual conferences, Elayne had been a member of the MOS Sanctuary Committee. She faithfully submitted seasonal bird reports for her area of Worthington. A July 2000 photograph of a Red-breasted Nuthatch was a valuable and unusual summer record from her yard. She and Jeff presented programs to the local chapter describing their worldwide travels. Members may remember the most recent one detailing birding opportunities near the Los Angeles airports, helping travelers make the most of layovers in an area they knew well.

Birders will remember Elayne's love of kingfishers, as well as the whimsical Halloween cards she created.

—Joanne Solem