



Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society

In Memoriam

Zelda G. Simon (1929 - 2006)

Long-time member Zelda Simon died December 24, 2006 at the age of 77. Zelda and her husband, Hal, were Howard County Bird Club members for almost 25 years. Birders who participated in the early Mid-winter Counts will remember the Simons as hosts for the tally, years two through six. Several of those count days were cold and snowy. Upon arrival at their home, a sign directed counters into the attached garage where coat racks had been placed. After shedding coats and boots, one left the chill and entered the welcome warmth and light of the kitchen where good food and fellowship preceded the tally. In recent years, despite declining health, Zelda continued to travel and enjoy her wide circle of friends. Even after Hal's death in 2002, she consistently attended the club's annual potluck. She was present, as usual, in 2006. Zelda was an individual of many interests and talents. Her zest for life and her commitment to bringing people together will continue to inspire those who knew her.

—Joanne Solem