



# Howard County Bird Club

**A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society**

## *In Memoriam*

### **Paul Zucker (1944 - 2020)**

In addition to the major contributions Paul made to the Maryland Ornithological Society at the state level (detailed by Tom Strikwerda in *The Maryland Yellowthroat*, Fall 2020), Paul was also a valued and active member of the Howard County Bird Club since ~1976.

His contributions were legion and lasting. A lifelong birder, his extensive experience in much of North America was an asset in several of his leadership roles. In addition to decades of participation in each of the county's seasonal counts (serving as an area coordinator in some), he also led an occasional field trip and workshop session. He served as a State Director representing the chapter from 1985 – 1993.

Paul's 25-year tenure as Howard County May Count Coordinator (1981 – 2004) was an astonishing demonstration of his commitment to accurate data and love of field birding. Rarities required careful documentation and all data were carefully analyzed. The protocols he established continued to be used by subsequent coordinators.

He was an enthusiastic breeding bird atlas block coordinator for all three statewide projects. Paul's two atlas block bordered Triadelphia Reservoir with excellent habitat for some of the county's choice species. He took great pride in his block coverage during each of the first two statewide atlases. When he heard a third atlas was planned beginning in 2020, he immediately inquired whether he could coordinate the same blocks again. His last visit was made just days before his death—a fitting final example of his lifelong love for birds and birding.

*--Joanne Solem*