



Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society

In Memoriam

Susan Rowe Buswell (1935—2023)

Sue was a 35-year member of the Howard County Bird Club. This long membership was an example of her extended commitment to numerous civic, educational, and environmental organizations. Her professional life had been highly varied, including both appointed and elected county and state offices. The feeders at her home not far from Belmont hosted numerous bird species. Her most notable sighting was not at a feeder, however. At a time when Wild Turkeys were uncommon in the county, especially so in the eastern portion, she kept track of a hen that had taken up temporary residence among the row of townhouses where she then lived. The bird alternately wandered among the buildings or retreated to the thin line of streamside deciduous woods that separated buildings on a parallel street. After moving to Vantage Point in 2015, she kept an eye on the heron colony and enjoyed the late summer flock of Chimney Swifts that roosted in a pipe in the multi-story building.

--Joanne Solem