



Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society

In Memoriam

James (Jim) Lubitz (1944-2023)



Jim and his wife, Rosa, joined the Howard County Bird Club in 2002. While Jim was a Chapter Director 2010-2012, he was responsible for several innovations.. He initiated the first bird club “garage sale” at the November 2012 club meeting held during one hour prior to the regular meeting. Attendees could sell or trade birding equipment including binoculars, scopes, tripods, hiking sticks, outerwear, and other birding gear that was clean and in good condition. He also organized a field trip on June 25, 2011, to the Evergreen Museum and Library in Baltimore, which houses original bird prints by Jay Gould, Edward Lear, and John James Audubon’s (Double Elephant Folio). Avid birders may remember the winter of 2011 when, early in the year, two Red-breasted Nuthatches were consistent in the pines behind Jim and Rosa’s Swansfield home. They attended club meetings frequently, were regulars at the annual potluck, and enjoyed several MOS conventions.

--Joanne Solem