

# News from the 'Hood

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Newsletter of the Patuxent Bird Club  
of the Maryland Ornithological Society

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## **February - March 2013**

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### Programs

February 12, 2013 – “Birding in Bhutan” w/ Gail McKiernan. Details below.

March 12, 2013 – “Forensic Ornithology” w/Carla Dove aka “The Feather Lady”. Details below.

April 9, 2013 – “Life History of Redstarts” w/Clark Rushing

May 14, 2013 – “Horseshoe Crab Biology & Tagging” w/Sheila Eyer

Jun 11, 2013 – Annual Business Meeting: elections, status reports; “Members’ Night” showing of your latest photos.

### Field Trips

(All trips are held jointly with PGAS)

For trips to Lake Artemesia, meet at parking lot at the end of Berwyn Rd. For more info contact Dave Mozurkewich [mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net).

For trips to the Fran Uhler Natural Area, meet at end of Lemon Br Rd just n. of the Bowie State College; for trips to the Gov Br Park, meet at the parking lot just inside the gate, off Gov Br Rd. one mile from Rt 301. For more info, contact Bill Sefton, [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

Feb 2, Sat 7:30 am. Monthly bird walk at Fran Uhler Natural Area.

Feb 7, Thur 3 pm. Semi-monthly bird walk at Lake Artemesia. Meet at parking lot.

Feb 9, Sun. All day trip to Eastern Shore coastal spots. Meet at Bowie P&R at 7:30. Leader: Fred Shaffer, [glaucous-gull@verizon.net](mailto:glaucous-gull@verizon.net), 410-721-1744.

Feb 16, Sat. 7:30 am. Monthly Bird Walk at Gov Br Park.

Feb 21, Thur 3 pm. Semi-monthly bird walk at Lake Artemesia. Meet at parking lot.

Mar 2, Sat 7:30 am. Monthly bird walk at Fran Uhler Natural Area.

Mar 7, Thur 3 pm. Semi-monthly bird walk at Lake Artemesia. Meet at parking lot.

Mar 9, Sat. Sites along Patuxent R in PG Co. for sparrows and early migrants. Meet at Bowie P&R, 7:30. Contact Dave Mozurkewich, 301-459-3375, [mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net).

Mar 17, Sun. 7:30 am. Birding local ponds and Merkle WMA. Meet at Bowie P&R. Call Fred Fallon, <[fwfallon@gmail.com](mailto:fwfallon@gmail.com)>, 410-240-8152.

Mar 21, Thur 3 pm. Semi-monthly bird walk at Lake Artemesia. Meet at parking lot.

Mar 23, Sat. 7:30 am. Monthly Bird Walk at Gov Br Park.

## February Program:

Birding In the Land of the Thunder- Dragon –Bhutan.

Tue Feb 12, 7:30 pm  
College Park Airport

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan is one of the world's premier birding destinations, both for its variety of superb species and its enlightened environmental policies that have protected the extensive forests and their wildlife. Only open to tourism since 1979, Bhutan welcomes birders and other lovers of natural beauty. Gail Mackiernan, her husband, and three friends traveled to Bhutan in 2005, and Gail will share their birding experiences in her presentation. Gail Mackiernan is by training a marine biologist. Her area of expertise is the Chesapeake Bay, and she worked throughout her professional life on this estuary. While with the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program she co-authored the reports on the health of the Bay and necessary management actions. Later, as research director for the University of Maryland Sea Grant College, she oversaw studies in a wide range of disciplines from fisheries to biotechnology, all directed towards the Bay and its ecology. She retired from the University in 1997.

Gail started bird-watching seriously in high school, then took a break during grad school, only to revive her interest about 25 years ago. Since then, along with her husband Barry Cooper, she has traveled to all 7 continents in search of birds. Most recently returned from the Philippines, they are off later this month to Ethiopia.

## March Program

Forensic Ornithology: Identifying birds from Feather Clues"

Tue Mar 12, 7:30 pm  
College Park Airport

If you think identifying birds from photographs is difficult, try using downy feather barbs. This presentation will demonstrate how Dr. Carla Dove uses microscopic feather clues to aid in the identification of birds. An important application of this research is to the field of aviation safety in determining the identifications of birds that are ingested into aircraft engines (bird-strikes) such as the one that caused US Airways flight 1549 to crash into the Hudson River on 15 January 2009. Dr. Dove often collaborates with scientists in the fields of Anthropology, Ecology, and Evolutionary Biology, and has served as a consultant to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy, U.S. Customs, the USDA Wildlife Services, the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, and many aircraft engine manufacturers.

Carla J. Dove is a Research Scientist in the Division of Birds at the National Museum of Natural History where she is head of the Feather Identification Lab.

"Dust of Snow"

*The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree  
Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I'd rued.*

-Robert Frost

## Members' Photo Page



Common Redpoll

Berwyn Hts, Jan 13, 2013. Photo by Jack Saba



Northern Goshawk

Bowie, Jul 13, 2012. Photo by Paul Jung

## Patuxent Bird Club Chapter of MOS List of Officers and Board

President – David Mozurkewich	Directors, 1st year	Directors, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
Vice-president – Fred Fallon	Marcia Watson	Mike Sampson
Secretary – Lynette Fullerton	Joanna Lutmerding	Bill Sefton
Treasurer/membership – Jane Fallon	Fred Shaffer	Elwood Martin
	Field Trips – Fred Shaffer	
	Newsletter – Fred Fallon	
	State director – Fred Fallon	

(Chapter “Directors” are board members. “State directors” are the chapters’ delegates to the MOS.)

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## MOS/Patuxent Bird Club Membership Application

2012/2013

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip code:**

**Phone:**

**E-Mail:**

Dues include Chapter and MOS State membership, and subscriptions to *Maryland Yellowthroat*, *Maryland Birdlife*, and the Patuxent Bird Club Newsletter. (The newsletter will be sent by email unless US mail requested).

Chapter and State combined: Household \$33, Individual \$26, Junior (Age < 18) \$6

Chapter membership only (must be a member of another MOS chapter): Household \$8, Individual \$6, Junior \$1

Make check payable to **Patuxent Bird Club**. Please send application and check to:

Jane Fallon, Treasurer PBC  
6711 Venus Dr  
Huntingtown, MD 20639

“The benefits received from Maryland Ornithological Society membership dues are not considered to be substantial, as determined by criteria in IRS Publication 526. Therefore, members can claim a tax deductible charitable contribution for the full amount of their membership dues.”