

# “News from the ‘Hood”

Newsletter of the Patuxent Bird Club  
of the Maryland Ornithological Society



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**September – October 2015**

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## Programs

Our meetings will be held at the College Park Airport Museum, as last year. Doors open at 7 pm; meetings start at 7:30 pm.

**Sep 8**

### **“Madagascar – Island of Evolutionary Diversity” Presented by Prof. Doug Gill**

The island of Madagascar, off the east coast of Africa, is so far from the mainland that its plants and animals have taken their own evolutionary paths, resulting in species and whole families found nowhere else. Dr Gill will illustrate this wonderful diversity, especially of birds, that has resulted. For example, there are more species of primates here than in the rest of the world combined.

Doug Gill is known to Maryland birders for his landmark restoration of grassland habitat at Chino Farms, and as a dynamic speaker on a variety of topics. Since his recent retirement from the U. of Maryland he has travelled widely to exotic locales in pursuit of new birding venues.

**Oct 13**

### **“The Birds and the Bees: Why Native Bees are More Interesting and Important Than Birds”**

This lecture explores the parallel universe of the 425 native bees in Maryland that exists in the same times and places that birds do but remains unexplored by most naturalists. Hi-definition photos, rarity, kleptoparasites, and close dependency on our native plant communities will all be interwoven into stories of natural history and discovery of native bees.

Sam Droege grew up in Hyattsville, received an undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland and a Master’s at the State University of New York – Syracuse. Most of his career has been spent at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. Currently he is developing an inventory and monitoring program for native bees, online identification guides for North American bees at [www.discoverlife.org](http://www.discoverlife.org), and with Jessica Zelt reviving the North American Bird Phenology Program.

## Field trips, Entire 2015-2016 Season

Sun Aug 30 – Trip to Brown Station Rd Turf Farm and Bombay Hook and other shore locales for migrant shorebirds. Meet at Bowie P& R at 7 am. Leader: Fred Fallon [fwfallon@ymail.com](mailto:fwfallon@ymail.com).

Thur Sep 3 – Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon. Walking both the Luther Goldman Trail and along Indian Creek. Meet at 3 pm. (Note earlier time.) Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <[mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)> for more information.

Sat Sep 5 – Walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 7:30 am at the end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just n. of Bowie State College, in Bowie. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

Thur Sep 17 – Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon. Walk along the Luther Goldman Trail. Meet at 3 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <[mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)> for more information.

Sat Sep 19 – Walk at the Gov Bridge Park jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 7:30 am at the parking lot off Gov Br Rd, ~ 1 mile from Rt 301. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

Sun Sep 20 – Fall Count. Count all day at a park/ WMA or just a few hours around your yard and n'hood. Contact compiler David Mozurkewich, [mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net), to coordinate coverage.

Wed Sep 23 – Pontoon boat trip at Jug Bay, Greg Kearns at the helm. Meet at 7:30 am at Jug Bay (PG side) dockside. For PBC/PGAS members only; reservations required. Contact Barbara Ricciardi, 202-230-8492.

Thur Oct 1 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 3 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <[mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)> for more information.

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Thu Oct 15 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 3 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <[mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)> for more information.

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Sun Oct 25 – Walk at Milltown Landing for Fall sparrows, etc. Meet at end of Croom Airport Rd, off Croom Rd, in Jug Bay Park at 8 am, and carpool from there. Leader: David Mozurkewich <[mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)>.

Thur Nov 5 – Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon . Meet at 3 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <[mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)> for more information.

Sat Nov 7 - Walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 7:30 AM at the end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just n. of Bowie State College, in Bowie. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

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Fri Nov 27 ("Black Fri") – Field trip to Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, joint with Anne Arundel Bird Club. Meet at 0900 hr at "Bay 50" lot off Rt 50, last exit before Bay Bridge. Leader : Barbara Ricciardi <barbara.ricciardi27@gmail.com>

Thu Dec 3 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon . Meet at 3 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <mozurk@bellAtlantic.net for more information.

Sat Dec 5 - Walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 7:30 AM at the end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just n. of Bowie State College, in Bowie. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

Sun Dec 6 – Trip to Piscataway Park. Meet at the end of Wharf Rd, off Farmington Rd (which off Indian Head Hwy) at 8 AM. Leader: David Mozurkewich <mozurk@bellAtlantic.net.

Thu Dec 17 - Walk at Lake Artemesia jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 3 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <mozurk@bellAtlantic.net for more information.

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Fri Jan 1 – Bowie Christmas Bird Count. Contact compiler David Mozurkewich <mozurk@bellAtlantic.net for more information and an area to cover. Tally afterwards at Eliot's on Rt 19, between 450 and Old Chapel Rd in Bowie.

Sat Jan 2 - Walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area jointly with PG Audubon . Meet at 7:30 AM at the end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just n. of Bowie State College, in Bowie. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

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Sat Jan 16 - Walk at the Gov Bridge Park, jointly with PG Audubon . Meet at 7:30 at the parking lot off Gov Br Rd, ~ 1 mile from Rt 301. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

Thu Jan 21 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 3 pm. (Note change in time.) Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <mozurk@bellAtlantic.net for more information.

Thu Feb 4 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 3 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <mozurk@bellAtlantic.net for more information.

Sat Feb 6 - Walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area, jointly with PG Audubon . Meet at 7:30 am at the end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just n. of Bowie State College, in Bowie. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

Fri Feb 12 - Mon Feb 15 –19<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Fun and easy event for birders of all ages to count birds and create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Count as little as 15 min., or as long as you wish on one or more days and report findings online at [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org). For beginning birders to experts. Can participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world.

Sun Feb 14 (President's Day weekend) – Trip to Ocean City, Indian R inlet, Burton's I. Park, and adjacent areas. Meet at 7 am at the Bowie P&R off Rt 197. Dinner and overnight stay the night before a possible option. Leader: Fred Fallon [fwallon@ymail.com](mailto:fwallon@ymail.com) .

Thu Feb 18 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon . Meet at 3 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich <[mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)> for more information.

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Sat Mar 12 – Field trip for displaying Woodcock at location to be decided soon before trip; meeting at ~ 5:30 pm, place to be determined according to conditions. Reservations required. Contact leader: David Mozurkewich [mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net).

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Sat Apr 2 - Walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 7:30 am at the end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just n. of Bowie State College, in Bowie. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

Thu Apr 7 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon . Meet at 6 pm – note change in time. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)) for more information.

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Sun May 1 – Trip to National Arboretum. Meet at Bowie P&R at 7 am. Leader: Jeannine Dorothy [OZ-Girl2@verizon.net](mailto:OZ-Girl2@verizon.net).

Thu May 5 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 6 pm at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)) for more information.

Sat May 7 - Walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 7:30 am at the end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just n. of Bowie State College, in Bowie. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

Sun May 8 – Trip to McKeldin area of the Patapsco SP for migrants and breeding Cerulean Warblers. Meet at Bowie P&R at 6:30 am (1 hr drive to park.) Leader: TBA.

Sat May 14 – May Count. Count all day at a park/ WMA or just a few hours around your yard and n'hood. Contact compiler FredFallon ([fwfallon@ymail.com](mailto:fwfallon@ymail.com)) for information, and coordination of areas covered.

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Thu Jun 2 - Walk at Lake Artemesia, jointly with PG Audubon . Meet at 6 pm. Meet at parking lot, at end of Berwyn Rd in Berwyn Hts. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)) for more information.

Sat Jun 4 - Walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area, jointly with PG Audubon. Meet at 7:30 am at the end of Lemon's Br Rd, off Rt 197 just n. of Bowie State College, in Bowie. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com) for more info.

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE – Dues are due!**

Membership dues for the coming program year are now due and payable. Be careful not to lose your membership! – return the application on the next page. If not yet a member, be sure to join to receive announcements of events, the MOS “Yellowthroat”, and members-only preference for some field trips (jointly with PGAS members.)



**MOS/Patuxent Bird Club  
Membership Application/Renewal  
2015/2016**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Full 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). Dues are tax-deductible; see note below.

**Choose Membership category:**

**Chapter and State combined membership:**

or

**Chapter membership only:**

(must be a full-paying member of another MOS chapter - indicate primary MOS chapter: \_\_\_\_\_)

- Household \$33
- Individual \$26
- Junior (Age < 18) \$6

- Household \$8
- Individual \$6
- Junior \$1

In addition, I have enclosed a tax-deductible contribution

to Patuxent Bird Club in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to **Patuxent Bird Club** with this application 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.”