



## Patuxent Bird Club – Prince George's Audubon Society Calendar of Field Trips and Meeting Programs



### August through December 2018

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Thursday  
August 2  
6 pm  
Bird Walk

**H Lake Artemesia Natural Area.** Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 6 pm at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)) for more information.

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Saturday  
August 4  
7:30 am  
Bird Walk

**H Fran Uhler Natural Area.** Monthly walk. Meet at 7:30 am at the east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton ([kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com)).

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Saturday  
August 11  
9 am  
Field Trip

**H Delaware Bayshore.** The trip will visit Bombay Hook and other refuges along the shores of the Delaware Bay, with a focus on migrating shorebirds, waders, and passerines. Bring spotting scope, sunscreen, bug repellent, water & other drinks, lunch and snacks. Long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and closed-toes shoes recommended. Meet at 9:00 am at the Visitor Center at Bombay Hook (directions available from leaders). Leaders will be Marcia Watson and Gene Scarpulla. Please rsvp to Marcia ([marshwren50@comcast.net](mailto:marshwren50@comcast.net)) no later than August 8 so that they have a headcount and know who to expect.

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Thursday  
August 16  
6 pm  
Bird Walk

**H Lake Artemesia Natural Area.** Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 6 pm at parking lot, at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)) for more information.

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Saturday  
August 18  
7:30 am  
Bird Walk

**H Governor Bridge Natural Area.** Monthly walk. Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the south side of Governor Bridge Rd., 1 mile east of Route 301. No reservations needed. For more information contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

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Saturday  
September 1  
7:30 am  
Bird Walk

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Thursday  
September 6  
3 pm  
Bird Walk

**H Lake Artemesia Natural Area.** Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 3 pm at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)) for more information.  
**Note start time is 3 pm September-March.**



Tuesday  
September 11  
7:30 pm  
Doors open at 7 pm



### The Legacy of Bud Taylor, presented by Dr. Matthew Perry

Monthly Meeting  
& Speaker Program

Our region lost an esteemed wildlife artist when John W. Taylor died last October at age 86. Known to all as “Bud,” he was a beloved and treasured member of MOS and the Anne Arundel Bird Club. An accomplished wildlife artist, his career started with commissions from the National Geographic Society and the National Wildlife Foundation, leading to his self-employment as a wildlife artist. He authored two books published by Johns Hopkins Press: *Birds of the Chesapeake* and *Chesapeake Spring*, and designed Maryland's first deer and trout stamps and was selected as the artist for Maryland's first Waterfowl Stamp in 1974. He won the Duck Stamp contest in 1979 and was selected in 1984 as the winner of the Florida Duck Stamp contest. His life and work were documented on Maryland Public Television's *Maryland Outdoors*. His later years were spent painting in his studio, working primarily with oils. Dr. Perry, emeritus scientist at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and long-time friend of Bud, will share Taylor's influence on protecting the Chesapeake Bay landscapes, even beyond his well-known paintings. "Many were educated by Bud and carried his message to Annapolis and other political venues to help improve the quality of the Bay," said Perry. "He was a man with a conscience who was quick to discuss the importance of quality habitat." Come learn more about this multi-faceted man and his impact on conservation.

**About the presenter:** Dr. Matthew C. Perry is an Emeritus Scientist (Retired Wildlife Research Biologist), with the United States Geological Survey - Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, in Laurel, MD. He is the author of numerous scientific publications. While employed at Patuxent, he conducted research dealing with waterfowl food habits and management of wetland areas, among other projects. Dr. Perry remains active as a lecturer, writer, and naturalist for bird tours.

**Free and open to the public.** Doors open at 7 pm for 7:30 pm meeting start time. College Park Airport Operations Building, 2nd Floor, 1909 Corporal Frank Scott Dr., College Park, MD 20740.

Saturday  
September 15  
7:30 am  
Bird Walk



**Governor Bridge Natural Area.** Monthly walk. Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the south side of Governor Bridge Rd., 1 mile east of Route 301. No reservations needed. For more information contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).

Sunday  
September 16  
Fall Bird Count



**Annual county-wide census** of resident and migrating birds. This census is part of a state-wide effort to count fall birds. Pick your own start and stop times. Contact the county compiler David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net)) to receive an assigned area and for more information.

Tuesday  
September 18  
4:15 pm  
Boat Trip



**Sunset pontoon boat trip** on the Patuxent River at Jug Bay to observe Sora and other rails, Least Bittern, maybe some migrating songbirds, and other specialties of this freshwater wild rice marsh. The boat will depart the dock promptly at 4:30 PM. **Meet at 4:15 pm** at the boat launch area of Jackson's Landing at Patuxent River Park, Croom, MD. Trip will be led by Naturalist Greg Kearns of Patuxent River Park. Boat fee: \$5 for residents of Prince George's or Montgomery Counties; all others \$7. Come early for bathroom stop, and have \$5 (or \$7) cash ready. Limited to 20 participants; for reservations (required) contact Marcia Watson ([marshwren50@comcast.net](mailto:marshwren50@comcast.net)). Open to members of the Patuxent Bird Club and Prince George's County Audubon Society only, except as space may be available.

Thursday  
September 20  
3 pm  
Bird Walk



**Lake Artemesia Natural Area.** Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 3 pm at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net)) for more information.  
**Note start time is 3 pm September-March.**

**Saturday**  
**September 22**  
**Main events**  
**9 am to 1 pm**  
**Bird Walks start**  
**7:30 am**  
**PGAS Birding**  
**Festival**



**Lake Artemesia.** Sponsored by Prince George's Audubon Society, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, MOM's Organic Market. 5th annual migration-themed birding festival with live raptors and 11:00 am raptor talk; 7:30 am bird walk for all skill levels; 10:00 am family bilingual scavenger hunt introducing iNaturalist app; children's games, crafts, coloring mural, bilingual Spanish/English activity pages, make recycled binoculars; spotting scope set up; Monarch butterfly migration life cycle display, Wood Thrush display. For more information, contact Lisa Bierer-Garrett at [froglipp@gmail.com](mailto:froglipp@gmail.com).

**Sunday**  
**September 30**  
**8 am**  
**Bird Walk**

**South Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge.** One of a series of walks to explore the seasonal variations in bird use of the habitats at South Tract. Be prepared to walk up to 2 miles. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. Target species include migrating warblers, flycatchers, vireos, sparrows. Meet at 8:00 am in the parking lot of the National Wildlife Visitor Center off Powder Mill Rd.; bear left on entering the parking area and go all the way to the last section of the lot past the covered solar recharging station for electric vehicles. For directions, see <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html>. For further information, contact the leader, Ken Cohen, at [kvulture@aol.com](mailto:kvulture@aol.com).

**Thursday**  
**October 4**  
**3 pm**  
**Bird Walk**

**Lake Artemesia Natural Area.** Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 3 pm at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellatlantic.net)) for more information.

**Saturday**  
**October 6**  
**7:30 am**  
**Bird Walk**

**Fran Uhler Natural Area.** Monthly walk. Meet at 7:30 am at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton ([kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com)) for more information.

**Tuesday**  
**October 9**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Doors open at 7 pm**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**& Speaker Program**



**Saving the Places You Love, presented by Ned Tillman**

Naturalist, outdoor guide and environmental author Ned Tillman will give a spirited presentation about how to protect and preserve the places that we and our feathered friends like to visit. Ned has used fiction and nonfiction, workshops, presentations, blogs, and interpretive walks to inspire people of all ages to fall in love with the outdoors and to become better stewards of these fragile lands. His hope is that each of us will become more effective champions of the wild spaces in our midst. His book, *Saving the Places We Love: Paths to Environmental Stewardship*, describes the major campaigns that have been waged to preserve the forests and parks all across the country. It was the 2014 Book of the Year as selected by Howard County's Poetry and Literary Society, Community College, and Library System. He will have copies of his books and will be happy to sign them for you at the meeting. If you wish to read them ahead of time, they are all available on Amazon.

**About the presenter:** Ned Tillman, a life-long Maryland resident, lives in Howard County on Lake Elkhorn. He has served as the Chair of the Howard County Conservancy and the Howard County Environmental Sustainability Board, the Izaak Walton League of America and the Maryland Academy of Science. His books are used widely throughout Maryland in the Master Naturalist program, as well as in schools and colleges. He has spent the last 12 months visiting threatened habitats for key species. Ned's first book, *The Chesapeake Watershed: A Sense of Place and a Call to Action*, is about the region where we live. It won the 2010 Excellence in Journalism Award chosen by the Renewable Natural Resource Foundation and was named the 2010 Best Book on Environmental and Natural Resources by The American Society for Public Administration. His latest book, *The Big Melt*, is a novel that inspires the reader to take more actions to help reduce the impacts of a changing climate.

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- Sunday  
October 14  
7:30 am  
Field Trip**
- H Patuxent River in Southern PG County.** This trip will visit a few less-birded areas along the Patuxent focusing on sparrows and other late migrant songbirds. The route will depend on what areas have good habitat this year. Bring a lunch/snacks since we will not finish up until early afternoon. Meet at 7:30 am at the small parking area near the historic flying field (Columbia Air Center) memorial near the end of Croom Airport Road. Please RSVP to the leader, David Mozurkewich, ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)).
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- Thursday  
October 18  
3 pm  
Bird Walk**
- H Lake Artemesia Natural Area.** Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 3 pm at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)) for more information.
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- Saturday  
October 20  
7:30 am  
Bird Walk**
- H Governor Bridge Natural Area.** Monthly walk. Meet at the Natural Area parking lot on the south side of Governor Bridge Rd., 1 mile east of Route 301. No reservations needed. For more information contact Bill Sefton at [kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com).
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- Thursday  
November 1  
3 pm  
Bird Walk**
- H Lake Artemesia Natural Area.** Semi-monthly walk. Wheelchair-accessible. Meet at 3 pm at parking lot at intersection of Berwyn Rd. and Ballew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. No reservations needed. Contact David Mozurkewich ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)) for more information.
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- Saturday  
November 3  
7:30 am  
Bird Walk**
- H Fran Uhler Natural Area.** Monthly walk. Meet at 7:30 am at east end of Lemon's Bridge Road, off Route 197 just north of Bowie State University. No reservations needed. Contact Bill Sefton ([kiwisuits@msn.com](mailto:kiwisuits@msn.com)) for more information.
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- Saturday  
November 10  
9 am  
Field Trip**
- H Point Lookout State Park.** We will explore the varied habitats of Point Lookout in St. Mary's County with a focus on songbirds, migrating hawks, and waterfowl. Brown-headed Nuthatches are a specialty of the park. Bring lunch and snacks since we will not finish up until early afternoon. Meet at 9 am at the Park Office, on the right as you enter the park on Point Lookout Rd. Please RSVP to the leader, Marcia Watson ([marshwren50@comcast.net](mailto:marshwren50@comcast.net)), who can provide driving directions if you need them.
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 Tuesday

November 13

7:30 pm

Doors open at 7 pm

**Monthly Meeting  
& Speaker Program**

**Birds of Trinidad and Tobago, presented by Martyn Kenefick**

Home to 482 species of birds -- not forgetting 68 different bats, 45 snakes, 50 spiders, 30 frogs and toads, 120 dragonflies, 765 butterflies and close to 3,500 moths -- the islands of Trinidad and Tobago are an introduction to the natural history of South America. Birders can get a taste of tropical birding in Trinidad's high mountain rain forests, sandy beaches with nesting turtles, and mangroves with Scarlet Ibis evening roosts, as well as on Tobago's seabird nesting islands and huge protected preserves. The Asa Wright Nature Centre is a perfect jumping-off spot for field trips, and is itself set in 200 acres of forest and is home to more than 170 bird species. Renowned for on-site access to specialties including Bearded Bellbird, Tufted Coquette and Oilbirds, the Centre offers a birding veranda where it is possible to observe more than 40 species before breakfast! The Centre is a not for profit trust, and eco-tourism funds the Centre's conservation and education programs. For nearly 40 years of the Centre's 50+ years existence, Caligo Ventures has been the booking agent for North America. Fully committed to the conservation and education mission of the Centre, Caligo is pleased to sponsor Martyn's visit to celebrate and highlight this bucket-list birding destination.

**About the presenter:** Having been an avid birder since early teens, Martyn Kenefick moved to Trinidad in 1999 and spent the next 15 years working as a bird tour leader for a number of companies, guiding in Trinidad & Tobago and many other countries. In 2007, he became the main author of the *Birds of Trinidad & Tobago Field Guide*, the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of which will be published by Yale University Press early in 2019. Martyn joined the Board of Management of the non-profit Asa Wright Nature Centre in 2015 and is now Chair of the Conservation & Education Committee.

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 Thursday

November 15

3 pm

Bird Walk



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 Saturday

November 17

7:30 am

Bird Walk



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 Saturday

November 24

8 am

Field Trip



**Blackwater NWR.** Meet at the Bowie Park and Ride at 8:00 am to carpool to Blackwater for wintering waterfowl, eagles and other raptors, lingering shorebirds and songbirds. Please RSVP to the leader, Ken Cohen, at [kvulture@aol.com](mailto:kvulture@aol.com), in advance.

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 Saturday

December 1








7:30 am

Bird Walk



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- Sunday  
December 2  
8 am  
Field Trip**
-  **Piscataway National Park.** Field trip to this National Park Service facility on the Potomac River in the southwest corner of Prince George's County, for wintering waterfowl, gulls, and songbirds. Meet at the fishing area at the north end of Wharf Road at 8:00 am. From the DC Beltway (I-495), go south on Route 210/Indian Head Highway, then right (west) on Farmington Rd. West. Continue on Farmington Rd. to a sharp curve to the left, where you should turn right (north) onto Wharf Road (large wooden sign at intersection reads "Farmington Landing"). Follow Wharf Rd. to its end at the fishing area/boat launch. Contact the leader, David Mozurkewich, ([mozurk@bellAtlantic.net](mailto:mozurk@bellAtlantic.net)), for more information and car-pooling options.
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- Thursday  
December 6  
3 pm  
Bird Walk**
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- Tuesday  
December 11  
7:30 pm  
Doors open at 7 pm**
-  **Annual Holiday Social and Movie Night.** Join the Patuxent Bird Club and Prince George's Audubon Society for popcorn and other refreshments to enjoy during our annual movie night. One or more films on birds and/or conservation will be presented; movie titles TBA at a later date. Check back later for movie title(s). Free and open to the public.
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- Sunday  
December 16  
Bird Count**
-  **Jug Bay Christmas Bird Count.** Volunteers are needed to census birds in a 15-mile diameter circle centered near Jug Bay, spanning from Upper Marlboro in the west to the Chesapeake Bay in the east. The circle covers parts of Anne Arundel, Prince George's, and Calvert counties. Choose your own start and stop times, then come to a tally rally at the end of the day to share your data and socialize. Contact compiler Marcia Watson ([marshwren50@comcast.net](mailto:marshwren50@comcast.net)) to be put in touch with a sector leader to receive an area assignment.
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- Thursday  
December 20  
3 pm  
Bird Walk**
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9 am  
Bird Walk**
-  **South Tract of Patuxent Research Refuge.** One of a series of walks to explore the seasonal variations in bird use of the habitats at South Tract. Be prepared to walk up to 2 miles. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a water bottle. Target species include migrating warblers, flycatchers, vireos, sparrows. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot of the National Wildlife Visitor Center off Powder Mill Rd.; bear left on entering the parking area and go all the way to the last section of the lot past the covered solar recharging station for electric vehicles. For directions, see <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent/visit/directions.html>. For further information, contact the leader, Ken Cohen, at [kvulture@aol.com](mailto:kvulture@aol.com).
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