Upcoming Virtual Meetings

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 pm
Sign in to Zoom at 7:00 pm for informal social time before speaker at 7:30 pm
Saving Southern Maryland’s Grassland Birds
Presented by David Moulton

David Moulton will discuss “Saving Southern Maryland’s Grassland Birds,” a local demonstration project that focuses on slowing and reversing the decline of two local breeding species -- Eastern Meadowlarks and Grasshopper Sparrows. These grassland-obligate species can only nest in the center of large hayfields, primarily in May and June, when they build their nests directly in the path of spring hay harvest machinery such as mowers, tedders, balers and trucks. Moulton’s project is now in its third year of demonstrating alternative techniques to typical hay management that cause less bird mortality during the overlapping breeding and mowing season.

About the presenter: David Moulton has been birding since he was a boy in Massachusetts, where he accompanied his birding dad to such hotspots as Plum Island, Cape Ann, and the Great Meadows of Concord. He moved to Washington, DC to attend law school and to pursue a professional career working on energy, environment and climate policy in the US House of Representatives. Now in retirement, David devotes much of his time to saving habitat for birds. In 2020, he initiated a nonprofit demonstration project in St. Mary’s County: Saving Southern Maryland’s Grassland Birds. This project educates landowners and farmers about bird-friendly hay mowing techniques that can lessen the mortality of grassland birds during the breeding season. David is also the field trip coordinator for the Southern Maryland Audubon Society, a current board member of the Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust, and a former member of the Administrative Board of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. After six decades-worth of hours in the field, he can finally report a Life List that topped 700 species last May with the sighting of a very elusive Montezuma Quail.

This program, sponsored by Patuxent Bird Club and PGAS, will be presented via Zoom and is free and open to the public. **There is no need to pre-register for this meeting.** Simply sign in to Zoom using this link:

Meeting ID: 837 5996 3457; Passcode: 290442; One tap mobile +13017158592,,83759963457# US (Washington DC); or +16469313860,,83759963457# US (New York). See yellow box on next page for phone numbers if dialing in.
Upcoming Virtual Meetings, continued

Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 pm
Sign in to Zoom at 7:00 pm for informal social time before speaker at 7:30 pm
Gulls of North America
Presented by Fred Shaffer

This talk will highlight the many common and rare species of gulls to be seen in North America. Fred Shaffer will also discuss some of the varied features and natural history that make gulls such a distinctive group of birds. Fred will also tell stories about how he became interested in gulls while observing them on a daily basis at Schoolhouse Pond in Upper Marlboro, across the street from where he worked for MNCPPC in the Prince George’s County Administration Building. His book “Gulls of North America” was published by Schiffer Publishing in March 2022.

About the presenter: Fred Shaffer is a life-long Maryland birder with a passion for gulls. Now retired, he worked for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for over thirty years and developed his love for gulls at Schoolhouse Pond in Upper Marlboro. He has studied gulls in Maryland and across North America with a goal of photographing all ages and plumages of North American gulls. He has published articles on gulls in Maryland Birdlife, compiled the Checklist of Birds for Schoolhouse Pond, and served on the Maryland/District of Columbia Records Committee. Fred is also past president of the Patuxent Bird Club.

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Patuxent Bird Club members are cordially invited to attend Anne Arundel Bird Club meetings!

AABC has gone HYBRID! The AABC meetings will begin on Zoom and in-person at 6:30 pm to allow time for members to catch up with each other. The meeting will start at 7:00pm: a short business meeting followed by the evening’s speaker. All presentations will be recorded, with presenter approval, and posted to AABC’s YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/.

See next page for the schedule of meetings.
News from the ‘Hood

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Patuxent Bird Club/Prince George’s Audubon Society and Anne Arundel Bird Club
Meeting Dates for Remainder of the Club Year

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Upcoming Bird Walks and Field Trips

*Click on blue underlined titles to go to a description of each place.*

*Everyone is welcome on all trips and walks. No experience necessary.*

- **Fran Uhler Natural Area** – first Saturday of each month: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1. Leader: Bill Sefton. Meet at the parking area off Lemons Bridge Road north of Bowie State University at 7:30 am.

- **Governor Bridge Natural Area** – third Saturday of each month: January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15. Leader: Bill Sefton. Meet at the parking area off Governor Bridge Road, south and east of the Route 301/Route 3/Route 50 interchange at 7:30 am.

- **Lake Artemesia Natural Area** – first and third Thursdays of each month: January 5, January 19, February 2, February 16, March 2, March 16, April 6, April 20. The walks are led by Terry Watson and Marc Manheimer. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Ballew Avenue and Berwyn Road in Berwyn Heights. **The start time is 3 pm from September through March.**

*Note* that on bird walks and field trips, the leader has the discretion to ask participants to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, and also to ask for social distancing. We anticipate scheduling additional field trips and bird walks; watch your email for announcements.

Meetings, Speakers, and Field Trips Hosted by Other MOS Chapters

Many MOS chapters are continuing their monthly meetings in an online format, and would welcome your attendance for their guest speaker presentations. In-person attendance is also welcome where applicable. Most MOS chapters also open their field trips to members of other chapters, but some field trips may have capacity limits or require pre-registration. Check on requirements before showing up. To see upcoming meetings, speakers, and field trips around the state, go to the online MOS calendar at [https://mdbirds.org/calendar/](https://mdbirds.org/calendar/)
Message from the President

It’s hard to believe that another year is upon us! At the moment, I’m working on compiling the results of the Jug Bay Christmas Bird Count, held on December 18th, and Gene and I are getting ready for a trifecta of bird counts over the New Year’s weekend: Rock Run in Harford & Cecil Counties (my old stompin’ grounds), Annapolis-Gibson Island, and of course the Bowie CBC on Monday, January 2nd. We live inside the Bowie count circle so participating in that simply requires rolling out of bed and covering territory close to home, like the wetland behind our house. The completion of those three bird counts signifies to me the start of the New Year.

As we enter 2023, I hope that we all remember that 2023 and 2024 will be the last two years of the Third Breeding Bird Atlas for Maryland & DC (BBA3). These next two years will be our last opportunity to document birds breeding throughout our county and our state. Why not check out some of the little-visited places in Prince George’s County and try to find some breeding birds as breeding season sets in? You can find a list of the county’s atlas blocks and their current completion status at https://ebird.org/atlasmddc/county/US-MD-033/regions?atlasPeriod=EBIRD_ATL_MD_DC_2020&m=.

As you will see at the link above, Prince George’s County contains 53 Atlas blocks, but only two of these have received “complete” coverage. “Complete” coverage is defined as meeting the following criteria: 20 hours of atlasing effort; at least one hour of nocturnal effort; at least 70 species in rural areas or 40 species in either urban and agricultural areas; or blocks that are mostly water. Each block must have no more than 25% Possible codes and at least 25% Confirmed codes. Finally, there should be checklists in all habitats and all seasons.

Note that last criterion: “all seasons.” You can get started with atlasing right now, since a couple of species are already in (or almost in) safe dates, notably Rock Pigeon and Great Horned Owl, and Barred Owl will go into safe dates on January 15th.

New to atlasing? You can drop a line to our county atlas coordinator, David Mozurkewich ( ), who can give you tips for getting started, or you can watch a brief training video on YouTube at https://youtu.be/6om6GHBaqAY. The BBA3 atlas website, hosted by eBird, has a wealth of information for atlasers at https://ebird.org/atlasmddc/about.

Apart from atlasing, I hope that your New Year brings you many opportunities for birding in both new and familiar places.

Welcome New Members!

Laine Henry, Mark Rubin & Ellis Rubin
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News in Brief from the Maryland Ornithological Society

MOS Annual Convention

MOS will hold its 75th annual convention at the Wisp Resort in Garrett County, Maryland on May 19th through May 21st, 2023. Our theme for the convention is “The Next 75” and will be a launching point for a short retrospective of MOS history and a look forward to the future direction of MOS. Keep checking back at the Convention website https://www.mosconvention.org for more information as it becomes available.

MOS will follow the CDC, state, and local COVID guidelines in effect during the annual convention. All field trip leaders and attendees are expected to be fully vaccinated against COVID.

Convention Volunteers Still Needed

There are several opportunities to help make the MOS Convention successful. Below are a few of the volunteer opportunities; if you can help, please contact Meg Harris, the Convention Chair (convention@mdbirds.org):

CONVENTION FIELD TRIP LEADERS. Are you knowledgeable about western Maryland birding sites and trails? Your expertise is needed! You aren’t expected to find and identify every bird — that’s a group activity — but you should be able to guide the group to a birding site and around the site.

REGISTRATION DESK STAFF DURING CONVENTION: Starting Friday morning, staff at the registration table will hand out registration packets and orient attendees. Volunteers would be asked to arrive Thursday afternoon to help stuff registration envelopes, and to help Friday morning with the sign-in process.

Other MOS Volunteer Openings

Please contact MOS President Bonnie Borsa (bonnie.borsa@mdbirds.org) for more details and to volunteer.

INSURANCE LIAISON. MOS has insurance coverage for MOS field trips, the convention, etc. MOS is seeking a knowledgeable volunteer to be the liaison with the insurance agency when we have questions or to seek additional coverage.

YMOS VOLUNTEER. George Radcliffe (Dorchester County) and Wayne Bell (Talbot County) shoulder the work of running YMOS, the Youth division of MOS, and they would greatly appreciate some help. George and Wayne are from the Eastern Shore, so somebody from central, southern, or western Maryland would be particularly helpful to help sponsor YMOS activities in these other areas of the state. The youth are excellent and energetic birders, so this is a good opportunity to get involved with some outstanding future MOS leaders.

GRANT WRITER. Do you have experience writing grants? Obtaining grant money to help fund expensive projects — such as the finished publications for the Breeding Bird Atlas, or for MOS Sanctuary capital expenses — would be a great help to our society.

MOS Chapters Newsletter Exchange

The MOS Board of Directors wants to make it easy for all MOS members to read the newsletters of other MOS chapters. At right are links to the most recent newsletters of other chapters. Some chapters send e-newsletters to their members and these are not posted online, so we can’t provide links to those.

- Baltimore Bird Club Chip Notes
- Harford County Bird Club Wrenderings
- Howard County Bird Club The Goldfinch
- Montgomery Bird Club The Chat
Groundbreaking Wild Turkey Research Set to Begin in Maryland
Citizens Encouraged to Help by Reporting Winter Flock Sightings

DNR News Release, December 21, 2022

This winter, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is kicking off the first comprehensive study of Wild Turkeys ever conducted in the state. The three-year research project aims to answer many questions about factors potentially impacting turkey populations.

“Wild Turkeys are an important game bird in Maryland,” Wildlife and Heritage Service Director Paul Peditto said. “The results of this study will help inform management decisions and ensure turkey populations remain healthy going into the future.”

Beginning in January 2023, Wild Turkeys will be captured and outfitted with leg-bands and/or GPS radio-transmitters. DNR staff will monitor the birds throughout the year and collect data on survival, reproduction, movements, and habitat use. The effects of weather, habitat, predators, disease, and hunter harvest will all be investigated by the research team.

The department is asking for the public’s assistance by reporting via online form any turkey flocks they see during the winter. You can report turkey flocks using this form: https://forms.gle/qWsnzuR3Doq9cWdD7

Although turkey populations have increased in Maryland in the past 50 years due to an intensive restoration program to reintroduce the birds to their historic range, surveys suggest that their numbers have declined from their peak in some areas.

The annual DNR Summer Wild Turkey Observation Survey has documented a general decline in wild turkey reproduction the past several decades, particularly in areas that were previous turkey strongholds. Spring turkey harvests have dropped in some areas as well. Similar trends in other states throughout the U.S. have prompted numerous studies to investigate potential causes.

This research will be conducted as part of a multi-state collaborative effort with partners, including the Pennsylvania Game Commission, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, Penn State University, University of Pennsylvania, and the National Wild Turkey Federation. Data will be collected at sites throughout the mid-Atlantic region to allow comparisons among areas with different landscape characteristics, providing an avenue to learn even more about the birds.

Audubon Naturalist Society Announces New Name: Nature Forward

Statement from ANS, October 21, 2022

During their October 20, 2022 Annual Meeting, members enthusiastically approved Nature Forward as the new name of the former Audubon Naturalist Society.

Our 125-year-old organization remains committed to our mission to inspire people across our region to appreciate, understand and protect their natural environment. Our vision, to create a larger and more diverse community of people who treasure the natural world and work to preserve it, remains the same.

The new name results from a process that started more than a decade ago when we adopted our mission and vision. The name change is the most recent step in living up to our ideals of Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility and reflects our belief in Nature for All in the DC region.

There were several reasons to consider a name change. While acknowledging that the art of John James Audubon was a catalyst for bird conservation in our nation, he was a documented white supremacist and an enslaver. Based on what we heard from many members of our community, retaining his name without regard to the pain that he inflicted on Black people and other people of color would be a disservice.

We also learned that the name ANS wasn’t accessible for numerous audiences who felt the word “naturalist” was not widely understood by nature lovers and that the word “society” seemed exclusive.

Additionally, we were regularly confused with the National Audubon Society, despite being an independent organization that predates the national organization.

Over the last nine months through a thoughtful, inclusive, and dynamic process, we engaged more than 1,000 diverse stakeholders in our search for a new name including surveys, focus groups, stakeholder interviews, and branding workshops. We considered and researched more than 100 names.

We heard that no matter where we come from or live in the Capital Region, our community is united by our love of nature. Enjoying, learning about, and protecting nature is at the heart of everything we do, even though the ways we engage with nature may be different.

Ultimately, we heard that Nature Forward feels approachable and memorable. It’s future-focused and appeals to a younger generation as well as members who’ve been with us for decades. Nature Forward reflects the impact we can have as stewards of the environment in our region when we move forward together.

“I love Nature Forward,” said Board President Diane Wood. “It signals that we are a welcoming and inclusive organization. Nature is what unites us. And nature needs all of us to protect clean water and air, preserve our precious open spaces and combat climate change.”

The Nature Forward logo features the outline of a heart-shaped redbud leaf, a native tree in the Capital Region. The heart-shape signals love for community and nature. Its characteristic pointed tip represents an arrow pointing toward a greener future for the next generation. The stylized bright colors of the leaf represent nature in all four seasons and a commitment to diversity, inclusion and belonging.

Notable Bird Sightings in Prince George’s County
November - December, 2022
Based on eBird Rare Bird Alerts

The Black-throated Gray Warbler originally found by Marisa Rositol on October 28th at National Colonial Farm and reported in our last newsletter is still present as of this writing (December 27th). Somehow, it survived the extreme cold of the Christmas weekend and is still happily chowing down on insects in the row of Red Cedars along the River Trail to the southwest of the Visitor Center. The bird has now been seen by hundreds of people. Photo at left by Dean Mahlstedt, 12/27/22, Macaulay Library ML517410021.

Also at National Colonial Farm, eight Black Scoters were seen in the Potomac River on November 3rd, and 23 were near the Piscataway Park Boardwalk (Marisa Rositol). Photo at right by Marisa Rositol, 12/3/22, Piscataway Park Boardwalk, Macaulay Library ML500348801.

The Black Scoters were followed by five White-winged Scoters at the Boardwalk on December 9th (Marisa Rositol). The White-wingeds are extremely rare in our county, usually preferring saltier waters.

Long-tailed Ducks have been hanging around on the Potomac. Five were seen off National Colonial Farm on December 1; two were opposite National Colonial Farm on December 13th; and nine were on the Potomac above Fort Washington on December 18th (all sightings, Marisa Rositol).

A Common Loon was seen at National Colonial Farm and at the Boardwalk on November 3rd (Marisa Rositol, Derek Hudgins). Another was at Fort Washington on December 2nd (Marisa Rositol); three loons were in Maryland waters off the GW Parkway on December 13th (Marisa Rositol); and one was at National Colonial Farm on December 4th (Cavan Allen) and on December 14th (Marisa Rositol). A Common Loon was also seen at Jackson Landing in the Jug Bay Natural Area on December 29th (Cavan Allen, Alex Pellegrini). Photo at left by Marisa Rositol, 11/3/22, National Colonial Farm, Macaulay Library ML500342391.

A Sora was found off the Piscataway Park Boardwalk on November 9th by Kurt Gaskill, and on November 14th by Marisa Rositol.

A small group of 7 or so Least Sandpipers have been seen at Harmony Hall (a historic house near National Harbor) starting on December 10th (Allen Burke, Cavan Allen, Michel Cavigelli) and continuing through the 28th (Cavan Allen, Michel Cavigelli).

On November 22nd, a Sandhill Crane dropped in for a quick one-day appearance in the Konterra Fields (restricted access) near Laurel (Jacob Hall). Another was seen during the waterbird survey at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary in Anne Arundel County on December 29th; this bird could easily show up on the Prince George’s side of the river, so birders, be alert!

A Baltimore Oriole was seen at National Colonial Farm on December 10th (Allen Burke, Cavan Allen, Michel Cavigelli, Ditte McInnis, Mandrake Summers); it was also seen earlier, on December 4th by Cavan Allen and as early as November 29th by Marisa Rositol.

Hartmut Doebel had an American Tree Sparrow on November 16th at tiny Dietz Park in Hyattsville. Others were at Oxon Hill Farm on December 5th (Marisa Rositol); at Mount Calvert on the Patuxent River on December 18th (Jeff Shenot); and at Merkle NRMA on December 18th (Ditte McInnes, Michel Cavigelli). The latter two birds were found during the Jug Bay Christmas Bird Count.

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**Notable Birds, continued**

Ellison Orcutt, a Virginia naturalist visiting the Bee Lab in the restricted area at Patuxent Research Refuge, found a **Clay-colored Sparrow** and a **Lincoln’s Sparrow** there on December 6th.

Matthew Pinegar photographed a Lincoln’s Sparrow at Governor Bridge Natural Area on November 5th. Matt Cohen found a **Lincoln’s Sparrow** at Lake Artemesia on November 15th. One was at Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens in DC on December 9th (J. Christopher Haney). Photo at right by Matthew Pinegar, 11/5/22, Governor Bridge Natural Area, Macaulay Library ML500826751.

Michel Cavigelli saw a **Vesper Sparrow** at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC, restricted access) on November 19th.

A couple of rare and/or out-of-normal-date warblers have sometimes been seen with or near the Black-throated Gray Warbler at National Colonial Farm: a **Nashville Warbler** on November 26th (Elaine Hendricks, Oliver Patrick, Joanne Howl) and also on December 10th (Ditte McInnes, Michel Cavigelli, Kenneth Cohen), on December 19th (Dave Powell), and on December 21st (Matt Kello); a **Magnolia Warbler** on November 29th (Marisa Rositol) and on December 4th (Riley Metcalfe); a **Common Yellowthroat** on December 16th (Marisa Rositol); and a **Northern Parula** (December 16th & 29th, Marisa Rositol; December 27th, Dean Mahlstedt). Hint to birders: Red Cedars are warbler magnets: the birds can survive during the winter on the cedar berries as well as on the numerous insects in the twigs and dense foliage. Photo above left by Dave Powell, 12/19/22, National Colonial Farm, Macaulay Library ML514740951.

A **Nashville Warbler** was also seen at Oxon Hill Farm on November 8 (Marisa Rositol) and at the restricted research area of Patuxent Research Refuge on December 8th (Mikey Lutmerding).

**Orange-crowned Warblers** were at Lake Artemesia on November 15th (Matt Cohen) and on December 9th (Derek Richardson); at the Fort Washington Marina on November 16th (Marisa Rositol); at Bladensburg Waterfront Park on November 20th (Charisma Burrows, Kevin Bennett, Jeremiah Schatt); and at Oxon Hill Farm on November 25th and on December 5th (Marisa Rositol); and along the Anacostia River Trail on December 19th (Jack Saba) and December 20th (Maya O’Connor). Photo at right by Jack Saba, 12/19/22, Anacostia River Trail, Macaulay Library ML514620451.

A very late **Wilson’s Warbler** was in Hyattsville on December 18th (Rachel Golden Kroner).

Jack Saba found an extremely late **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** at Lake Artemesia on November 24th.

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**Reminder:**
Patuxent Bird Club membership renewals are past due. This will be your last newsletter if you don’t renew your membership by January 10th.
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Your Submissions Invited

Do you have an idea for an article you would like to see published in a future issue of News from the ‘Hood? Send a note with your suggestion or, better yet, a draft article to the editor, Marcia Watson at ______________. Concerned that you’re not a good writer? No worries – Marcia will happily help with your article. Deadline for submission of completed articles is the 20th of even-numbered months (August, October, December, February, and April). If your article is just a rough idea, please allow more time to develop the text and to seek illustrations, if appropriate.
REQUEST TO ALL CURRENT AND NEW MEMBERS: If at all possible, please join or renew your membership online at the MOS website (https://mdbirds.org/), even if you haven't done so in the past. This will streamline our database maintenance and bookkeeping procedures, and make things easier for our volunteer workforce. At the website, you will be able to choose the Patuxent Bird Club as your local chapter for membership registration and dues payment - and also make charitable donations to the Patuxent Bird Club or to MOS. If, however, you prefer to remit your membership dues by check, please print and complete this form and mail it with your check to the address below. Thank you for your assistance!

Name(s): ________________________________

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Full dues include Chapter and MOS State membership, and subscriptions to *Maryland Yellowthroat*, *Maryland Birdlife*, and the Patuxent Bird Club Newsletter. (The Patuxent Bird Club newsletter will be sent by email unless US mail requested). Dues are tax-deductible; see note below.

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THANK YOU AND HAPPY BIRDING!