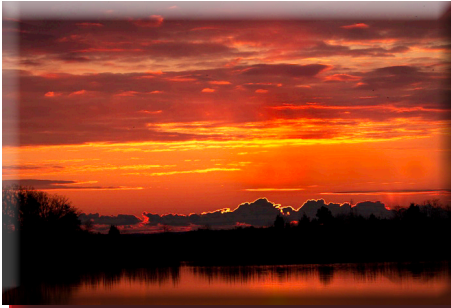


The Osprey

Newsletter of the Southern Maryland Audubon Society



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PRESIDENT'S PERCH FEBRUARY 2012

With the first day of 2012 less than a month behind us and the beginning of Spring Migration a few months ahead, it is still appropriate to say Happy New Year!

Many people make well intentioned resolutions only to be cast aside before long. A friend recently taught me a better title for these proposed seasonal changes to our behavior. It is a title that may also make them easier to keep. Using the term "New Year's Reflections", consider reflecting on the past year and how your commitment to our environment has changed. Then consider reflecting on what commitment or recommitment to the Earth and our natural resources you would like to make for 2012.

Perhaps you have done something recently to recommit such as joining or renewing your membership to SMAS. Perhaps you participated in one of the many Audubon Christmas Bird Counts across the region and country. Perhaps you adopted a raptor from our Adopt-A-Raptor program or supplied refreshments at one of our monthly meetings. Maybe it is by serving on one of our committees or you bought something from our book store. Or maybe it was something like donating to another environmental cause. If you have, thank you for helping support SMAS, our programs and other environmental causes. If you haven't thought about a New Year's Reflection it is not too late. Go ahead, make one and see how good it feels. There are so many ways you can make a difference and with very little time spent. For suggestions on how you can help support SMAS, please contact me. We are certainly in need of representation from Calvert County on our Board of Directors (BOD), but no matter what county you reside, in we have things we could use your input on. It is never too late to help and the BOD is a great group of dedicated people to work with!

On another note you may have noticed low bird numbers at your feeders or on counts recently. I spoke recently with a waterfowl hunter who said that Upstate New York and Northern Pennsylvania are having one of the best hunting seasons they can recall while hunters in the Chesapeake Bay region and south are seeing one of the worst seasons they can recall. Is it due to the warmer weather so far this winter? Perhaps, for it does make sense that if the water has not yet frozen enough up north yet to force birds south. Maybe something you will do will help contribute to a better understanding of our mission and respect for the land and our natural resources. It is through joint partnerships that so much can be accomplished. Consider partnering with us to rededicate and reflect on our natural environment. We look to making a difference together with you!

Naturally,
Mike Callahan

RARITY ROUNDUP!

In this issue are a couple of articles about regional rarities. The Barrow's Goldeneye in St. Mary's was reported as recently as New Year's Day though the Black-headed Grosbeak was a no-show after Christmas Day.

A Black-headed Gull has been seen most frequently at the Best Buy at the Hunt Valley mall in Cockeysville, just north of Baltimore off of I-83. This bird often allow point blank photos if you use your car as a blind. Russ Ruffing found this bird. Here is a link to his Flickr photos:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/yawncelot/6483033061/>

Maryland's second Allen's Hummingbird was found in Washington County in November. Since the first record was found near Prince Frederick and the Washington County residents were limiting access, word was not spread but our local photo guru, George Jett, captured the image (below) of this vagrant bird.

And further afield, a Common Chaffinch in northern NJ and a Hooded Crane in TN are of dubious origin but interesting nonetheless. Birds have wings and they use them!

Allen's Hummingbird
Photo by George Jett



BARROW'S GOLDENEYE ON THE PT. LOOKOUT CBC

by Tyler Bell

Due to a family obligation near Frederick, MD in the early afternoon, I was only able to put in a few hours on my normal sector in the northeast part of the Pt. Lookout CBC count circle. This area includes both the Elms public beach and the Elms Environmental Education Center. I had to pass off the beach area to another counter and focused solely on the education center area.

The day started out auspiciously with four Eastern Screech-owls serenading me from four different directions as I stood along the entrance road in near darkness just before sunrise. I had set up my scope on the water overlooking the Chesapeake when a flock of gulls flew in and landed on the pond near the center. There were over 70 Bonaparte's Gulls mixed in with about a dozen each of Herring and

Ring-billed Gulls. Despite the pond near the center and the large pond near the public beach picnic area, which abuts the education center property, I was unable to find any dabbling ducks. Flocks of Canada Geese were flying overhead inland to feed on ag fields and as I scanned through them looking for Snow Geese, Cackling Geese or perhaps even a White-fronted Goose, I asked the birding gods to please throw me a bone.

Well, I had reached the northern edge of the education center property and decided to take one last scan through a flock of bay ducks near a pound net. As I panned my scope across the group, I noticed that one bird didn't look like the other Common Goldeneyes. This one had a crescent of white in front of the eye and not the white circle. Male Barrow's Goldeneye!!! It was instant recognition similar to when I found another male Barrow's Goldeneye a few years ago when Jane Kostenko and I were doing a survey point on the Patuxent River Waterfowl Survey conducted by the Jug Bay Sanctuary.

After realizing what it was, my first reflex was to document it. I hadn't brought along our digiscoping rig but I did have the DSLR with a 75-300mm lens which I shoved up to the eyepiece on the scope and snapped several pix. I looked at them to make sure I had caught the head shape, the white crescent and the dark scapulars. Happy that I'd gotten records committee quality photos, I then texted a bunch of people to let them know what I'd found. I called Jane at home and asked her to post to MD-SMAS and MDOsprey. If I'd had a smart phone, I could have posted realtime. The wonders of technology!

Then it was time for me to leave. As I was walking back toward the road, my phone rang. Mikey Lutmerding, who was covering the public beach area, was asking for directions. He was in the picnic area so I told him to walk up the beach and he'd see the four people who were coming down the road toward me. Anne Bishop, Jim Boxwell, Patty Craig and Matt Tillett had punted on the CBC briefly and were headed to the beach for the goldeneye. When I got home, I posted my best photo online then we got in the car and headed to Frederick.

As I write this article, it's now December 28 and the bird has been seen daily. No reports today though there was a gale warning. Assuming that the bird that was seen at Pax NAS several years in a row was a returning bird, this might be the fifth record for Maryland. So, indeed, the birding gods threw me a very nice bone!

Barrow's Goldeneye
Photo by: Tyler Bell



BLACK-HEADED GROSBEAK VISITS EASTERN SHORE

by Jane Kostenko

Tyler Bell and I learned of a male Black-headed Grosbeak in Denton, MD, through a post to MDOsprey from Bill Hubick on December 21: "Another excellent rarity has arrived in Maryland, and we're going to try to open this [sighting] up right away. Local homeowner Bill Miller spotted the bird at a feeder in Denton during the recent CBC, and it has since been photographed.[snip]" Tyler and I nervously awaited posts each day (all positive) until Friday, 12/23, when we were able to make the trip over.

MapQuest had indicated a 2.5 hour drive, but traffic on the eve of Christmas Eve was light. Because the most reliable sightings of the day seemed to be right around sunrise, we opted to leave the house really early; we made good time, arriving in the still-sleeping town shortly after 6 a.m.

We found the intersection mentioned in the post and parked, trying to catch a few winks of sleep (and hoping no friendly police would ask why we were sleeping in our car). Tyler watched someone in the host house come out when it was still pitch dark and top off the feeders. What a nice gesture--no birds were disturbed this way.

By 6:45 a.m., we decided we would be foolish to stay in the car and risk missing the bird, so we approached the house. No feeders! Oops! Wrong side of the house! We walked further down and set our tripod and spotting scope up, aiming across the street (as directed in the email, so as not to spook the bird).

Though it was still quite dim, it was possible to pick out Northern Cardinals feeding on the ground. Soon they were joined by a Carolina Chickadee. Two West Virginia birders joined us (having left their house at 4:15 a.m.) and we watched White-throated Sparrows, Dark-eyed Juncos, Tufted Titmouse, and Mourning Doves feed. Two more birders arrived, but the grosbeak wasn't putting in an early morning showing for us.

Suddenly, one of the other birders noticed two feeders across yet another street. Had the bird actually arrived early, but at the "wrong" feeders? Keep an eye on those feeders, too. Recent posts had also mentioned that the grosbeak had been seen in neighboring treetops. Look up and around! Denton drivers eased past our group (a solo birder had joined us around 7:30) and asked what we were looking for, but they might have wondered why we seemed to be pointing our optics in many different directions.

I happened to be looking through our scope at the original feeders when I called out, "There it is! Front feeder, on the left!" and everyone got on the bird at 7:38 a.m. Luckily, the grosbeak seemed hungry and fed for about five minutes. Unluckily, from a photography standpoint, the light was still quite dim and the distance was quite a stretch, even for a 400 mm lens. Pardon the attached pictures!

Without warning, the grosbeak flushed left, flying into a sheltering shrub. We had all had excellent looks, with virtually everyone capturing the bird in pictures, so we weren't too disappointed that it didn't come back out as we all headed off in separate directions.

Other birders arrived shortly after our departure and they had the bird again during the day. More birders came over the next several days to see the grosbeak, until December 27, when birders showed up but the bird didn't. At the time of printing this newsletter, the grosbeak had not returned. A week might seem like a lot in the life of a bird, but for busy birders unable to get away during the holiday season, six days wasn't nearly long enough.

Phil Davis, Secretary for the Maryland/DC Records Committee, summarized historic Black-headed Grosbeak reports:

- The first MD sighting accepted by the Records Committee was in Pikesville in 1961 (early January through mid-April).
- Then, in 1963 (early February through early April), an immature female bird was found at a feeder in Bethesda in a backyard that straddled the MD/DC boundary. The bird was seen in both MD and DC.
- The following winter (early December, 1963, through mid-April, 1964), what was most likely the same bird (now described as an adult female), appeared at the same MD feeder, but was not seen over the DC line that winter.
- In mid-January of 1969, a first-year male was observed at Accokeek in Prince George's County for five days.
- From October 26 to November 1, 1978, an immature male Black-headed Grosbeak was reported at Bel Air High School in Harford County. The sighting was published in Maryland Birdlife (MB) and the bird was reported to have been photographed; however, no details or photos were ever located.
- On September 20, 1980, one female-plumaged bird was reported at Seneca. Again, the sighting was published in MB, but no details were ever provided.
- Lastly, on October 17, 1982, one was reported from Howard County; however, the Records Committee found that the possibility of a female Rose-breasted Grosbeak could not be eliminated. This report was not published in MB.



Black-headed Grosbeak
Photos by: Jane Kostenko

NEW PUBLICATION PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS TO HALT MASSIVE BIRD KILLS FROM BUILDING COLLISIONS AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY

The cover of the new publication, Bird-Friendly Building Design



(Washington, D.C., November 15, 2011) As part of a national-level program to reduce the massive and growing number of bird deaths resulting from building collisions in the United States, American Bird Conservancy (ABC) today announced the availability of a new, national publication, American Bird Conservancy's Bird-Friendly Building Designs.

"As new buildings are constructed each day across the country, architects, building owners, developers, and city planners need the direction this publication provides on how to make buildings safer for birds. Scientific studies have estimated that up to one billion birds die from building collisions in the United States each year, but as new data continue to be gathered and analyzed, it is quite possible that even that staggering figure will be found to be low," said Dr. Christine Sheppard, ABC's Building Collisions Campaign Manager and author of the new guidelines.

The 58-page publication contains over 110 photographs and 10 illustrations and focuses on both the causes of collisions and the solutions, with a comprehensive appendix on the biological science behind the issue. The designs build on earlier efforts targeting local communities such as New York City, Chicago, and Toronto.

The publication examines the mirror effect of windows, glass transparency, the "passage effect" caused by dark glass, and the effects of external and internal building lighting, all of which lead to bird collisions.

The publication addresses building design, bird movements, and habitat and landscaping, which can help or exacerbate the collision problem.

The publication defines an ABC Bird-friendly Building Standard and also highlights legislative approaches to reducing collisions. In addition, it covers new construction ideas to improve building façades using different types of glass, nettings, screens, grilles, shutters, and exterior shades. Retrofitting of old buildings is also addressed, as are landscaping and lighting considerations that can be implemented in both new and old construction.

"Birds rarely learn from a collision experience since it is most likely fatal. Most of us have had the jarring experience of accidentally walking into a closed patio door or storefront entrance. Imagine if we did that at 20-40 miles per hour 200 feet up," Sheppard said.

ABC recently partnered with Golden Gate Audubon to help the city of San Francisco's board of governors pass bird safe building standards, which were approved in October 2011 by Mayor Edwin Lee. At the national level, Illinois Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL) has introduced legislation (HR 1643) that calls for each public building constructed, acquired, or altered by the General Services Administration (GSA) to incorporate, to the maximum extent possible, bird-safe building materials and design features. The legislation would require GSA to take similar actions on existing buildings, where practicable.

"Protecting and helping birds is not only the right thing to do, it is also good for the economy and the future of our environment. Birds are invaluable as controllers of crop insect pests and as pollinators of plants and seed distributors. They also generate billions of dollars in economic revenues through the pastimes of bird feeding and birdwatching," said Sheppard.

A recent federal government study reports that one in every six Americans – 48 million people – participates in birdwatching, spending an estimated \$36 billion annually in pursuit of their pastime.

American Bird Conservancy's Bird-Friendly Building Designs can be viewed here:

<http://www.abcbirds.org/newsandreports/BirdFriendlyBuildingDesign.pdf>

CALLING ALL EDUCATORS!

by Paula Batzer

SMAS is now accepting applications from teachers, naturalists and environmental educators for scholarships to attend a summer educational program on Hog Island in Maine. Each scholarship, valued at nearly \$1,000, will cover tuition, room and board. Recipients are responsible for their own travel expenses. A scholarship will be awarded for the "Field Ornithology Workshop" to be held June 17 - 22, 2012. Another scholarship will be awarded for the "Sharing Nature: Educators Week" to be held July 19 - 24, 2012.

SMAS has a long history of raising funds in order to award scholarships to local educators allowing them to attend programs at magical Hog Island on the Muscongus Bay in Maine. Past winners have returned from their experience truly appreciative of the chance to learn from such knowledgeable staff in a rich, unique environment. For more information about these experiences, visit <http://projectpuffin.org/OrnithCamps.html>

Applicants must be educators currently teaching in Southern Maryland. To apply, please send a one page letter outlining your reasons for wanting the scholarship and how the workshop experience will be used in your teaching to support our mission. Your signed letter must contain your mailing address, email address and phone number. Along with this letter, please include a signed letter of recommendation from your immediate supervisor describing your interests, abilities, and how the experience will benefit your organization and audience. Scholarship recipients will be required to submit a written report of their experiences within a month of their return. The deadline for applications is February 16, 2012.

Please send applications to: Paula Batzer
5300 Turkey Tayac Place, Nanjemoy MD 20662

Questions? Email carolinawren60@comcast.net

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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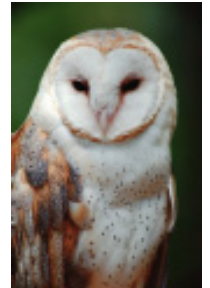
Southern Maryland Audubon Society sponsors the banding of nestling birds of prey, or raptors, with serially numbered aluminum bands in cooperation with the Bird Banding Laboratory of the U. S. Department of the Interior, as part of our bird research and conservation activities in Southern Maryland. Limited numbers of Osprey and Barn Owl nestlings become available each year for adoption. The gift of \$10 for an Osprey adoption, or of \$25 for a Barn Owl adoption, contributes to a special fund for the support of raptor research and raptor conservation projects. The foster parent receives:

- A certificate of adoption with the number of the U. S. Department of the Interior band, and the location and date of the banding.
- Information on the ecology and migration patterns of the species, photo of a fledgling, and any other information on whereabouts or fate of the bird that may be available.

Interested?

Here's how to become a foster parent of an Osprey or a Barn Owl. Send \$10.00 for each Osprey, \$25 for each Barn Owl, or \$35 for each American Kestrel to:

Melissa Boyle
10144 Point Lookout Road
Scotland, MD 20687



ADOPT A RAPTOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

I wish to adopt (check one):

_____ (# of) Osprey, \$10.00 each

_____ (# of) Barn Owl, \$25.00 each

_____ (# of) American Kestrel, \$35.00 each

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to:
Southern Maryland Audubon Society

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22– Sunday - 8 AM - noon

Piscataway Park & Hard Bargain Farm, Prince George's County
"WINTER WATERFOWL AND RESIDENT BIRDS"

Leader: Chris Ordiway (301-203-8014, olebuck@strixvaria.org)
Email communication preferred. This is a prime area for wintering waterfowl. The varied habitat of woods, farm fields and edges provides a great variety of land birds. Take Rt. 210, Indian Head Highway to Livingston Rd. (South of Farmington Rd and North of Rt. 228). Take Livingston Rd. east and meet at Burger King in the Bloom shopping center, 15785 Livingston Rd., Accokeek, MD 20607. No facilities or fee. Limit of 20. This is a joint trip with Audubon Naturalist Society. RSVP required.

January 28– Saturday – all day

Ocean City, MD to Indian River Inlet, DE
"WINTER COASTAL BIRDS"

Leader: Fred Shaffer (410-721-1744, glaucousgull@verizon.net).
This mid-winter trip will visit the lower eastern shore and various inlets and bays along the coast in search of waterfowl, gulls, and other winter birds. Stops may include the Cambridge waterfront, Naylor Mill Road (viewing of gulls from the Salisbury landfill), Ocean City inlet, and Indian River inlet. Call leader for carpooling/meeting information. Contact Fred Shaffer at 410-721-1744 for additional information.

FEBRUARY 1 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 P.M.

La Plata Volunteer Fire Department, Charles County
911 Washington Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646
"A Snapshot of Cuba Today"

GWEN BREWER AND GEORGE JETT, Southern Maryland Audubon Members

In Mid-April 2011, Gwen Brewer and George Jett traveled to Cuba as part of the Caribbean Conservation Trust's long running bird survey. They searched for both resident (particularly endemic) and migrant birds as they traveled over 2,600 km and visited many of the ecosystems of this isolated island country. The group tallied 166 species and 10,208 individual birds during the 10-day trip. The program will also include elements of Cuban culture, history, and other natural history components such as insects, reptiles, amphibians and plants. Don't miss this latest adventure of these intrepid travelers!

February 4 – Saturday – 9AM - 11AM Youth Trip

Point Lookout State Park, St. Mary's County
"SCOUTING FOR BIRDS"

Leader: Melissa Boyle (443-340-3035, melissaboyle3@gmail.com).
Ages 8-12. Join scouts looking to complete badge requirements and learn winter birds. There is a fee to enter the park. Dress warmly, and bring binoculars. Pre-registration required. E-mail registration preferred. Meeting location to be determined. Contact leader for details.

February 5 – Sunday – 8 AM - noon

Jefferson Patterson Park, Calvert County
"WINTER WATERFOWL TRIP"

Leader: Tyler Bell (301-862-4623, jtylerbell@yahoo.com). Open fields and wooded areas can provide good land birding and the river frontage for close views of winter waterfowl. Call or email the leader for directions to the meeting location. RSVP required.

February 25 – Saturday – 9AM - noon

"BIRDING THE PATUXENT RIVER BY BOAT"

Leader: Greg Kearns (301-627-6074). This bird watching trip by boat is an exciting 3-hour tour of the lower Patuxent River to see migrant waterfowl of all species, including ducks, geese, swans, herons, gulls, and many others. Upwards of 20,000 individuals have been seen on these trips. Also, raptors like the Red-tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcons, and Bald Eagles are common. So, join this scenic and educational boat tour of Maryland's longest instate river. Call 301-627-6074 to register and for information ask for Greg Kearns. This program departs from Hallowing Point Boat Ramp in Calvert County on the Patuxent River at the Route 231 bridge. Fee: \$5 (Prince George's and Montgomery County Residents), \$6 for all others. Dress very warmly, for the hardy birders, bring binoculars and bird book if you have them. Ages 12 and up.

March 9 – Monday – 8 PM

Owl Prowl, Charles County Youths especially welcome

Leader: Mike Callahan (240-765-5192, raptorsrule@juno.com).

On this night hike we will listen and look for owls in Charles County. Due to the sensitivity of possible nesting owls, the meeting location will be given when you call leader Mike Callahan at 240-765-5192 to sign up.

MARCH 7 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m.

Leonardtown Library, St. Mary's County
23250 Hollywood Road (Rt. 245), Leonardtown, MD 20640
"Saw-whet Owls in Maryland"

MELISSA BOYLE & DAVE BRINKER, Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Although seldom seen or heard, the Northern Saw-whet Owl is relatively common throughout Maryland, if you know when and where to look. The smallest of all owls in Maryland, this species is found from the Eastern Shore to the mountains. Learn about ongoing research, what we have learned so far, and what we still don't know about this little elusive owl. This program is sure to whet your appetite for "S-whets!"

March 17 – Saturday - 8 AM - noon

Patuxent River Naval Air Station, St. Mary's County
"LATE WINTER LAND BIRDS, WATERFOWL"

Leader: Dean Newman (240-895-7321, dean.newman@verizon.net). Meet at the Park & Ride lot across the street from the Lexington Park Post Office on Tulagi Place. This trip has produced Lapland Longspur, Snow Bunting, Short-eared Owl, and waterfowl in the past. Facilities, no fee. You must sign up for this trip in advance. Call the leader for reservations and security details before February 28. RSVP required.

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The deadline for the Osprey is the fifth of each month. Please send all short articles, reports, unique sightings, conservation updates, calendar items, etc. to the above address.



The 15th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count



Visit www.birdcount.org

During February 17 – 20, 2012 take part in a family-friendly, educational activity that is lots of fun, costs nothing, and helps your local birds!

Each year, tens of thousands of people throughout the U.S. and Canada take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). Participants count in their backyards, out their office windows, at local parks and nature centers, and absolutely anywhere else! You can spend as little as 15 minutes counting birds, or even make a whole weekend of it.

People of all ages and all levels of bird-watching experience are welcome. The GBBC is a great way to learn more about the birds in your community and connect with nature, and is perfect for fledgling birders.

You can count by yourself, with your family, community group, school, or friends! It's an ideal way for more experienced birders to introduce children, grandchildren, and others to the wonderful world of birds.

"It was a lot of fun for me and my kids - I look forward to next year! It's a great, easy way to get them engaged with the natural world around us."

— 2010 GBBC participant

You can explore which species have been seen in their community, state, or province using maps and charts on the GBBC website. Make the birds in your neighborhood count! Join in this year's Great Backyard Bird Count.

Learn about how easy it is to participate.
Enter your data.
Explore results online.
Enter the photo contest.
Win great birding prizes!



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