November 8 – SUNDAY - 8:00-11:00 a.m.
FIELD TRIP
Myrtle Grove WMA, Charles County
5625 Myrtle Grove Road, La Plata, MD 20646
“BIRDING FOR ALL LEVELS” – Youths Welcome
Leader: Fred Burggraf
Easy walking. Great for beginning birders! Diverse habitat for hawks, sparrows, woodpeckers, and other fall and winter residents. From Rt. 301 in La Plata, take Rt. 225 west about 4.5 miles to the WMA on the right. From Rt. 210 take Rt. 225 east about 4 miles to the WMA. Follow the dirt road to the end, about one mile. Meet in the parking lot near the lake. RSVP by the 7th to Fred at burggraff0825@gmail.com or 301-934-8042.

November 22 – SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
FIELD TRIP
Mattawoman Wildlands, Marbury, Charles County
George Wilmot Trail, Rt. 224
“EARLY WATERFOWL AND LATE MIGRANTS ON THE GEORGE WILMOT TRAIL.”
Leader(s): Gwen Brewer
This is a joint trip with the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Southern Maryland Audubon Society. We usually expect large concentrations of waterfowl on the Mattawoman Creek, along with songbirds, woodpeckers (some red-headed), and raptors. Dr. Gwen Brewer is one of our top waterfowl identifiers with great eagle eyes! Meet time/place: 7:30 a.m. at Burger King (3165 Marshall Hall Rd, La Plata, MD 20616). On right at MD Rte. 210. 227. Bring waterproof shoes or low boots, and dress for possible wind. Be prepared for a one-mile walk to and from the head of the trail, and then a half-mile walk on uneven forest trail. RSVP by the 21st to Gwen Brewer at gwurbrewer0825@gmail.com or 301-934-8042.

December 2 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30-9:00 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING
Washington Square Community Center, Charles County
101 Kennedy Place, La Plata, MD 20646
Book Presentation – “The Miracle Pond”
MIDDLETON EVANS – Maryland Photographer
Come and enjoy an evening with one of Maryland’s most noted photographers. Middleton will give a presentation of his newly released 344 page book featuring nearly 800 photographs of nature’s finest. Years in the making, Middleton captures amazing nature all at Baltimoore’s Patterson Park. He documents numerous aspects of the Wood Duck’s life cycle, waterbirds, migrating Yellow-bellied Sapuknergs, songbirds, and raptors. Come and enjoy an evening of holiday refreshments and a journey of discovery from this amazing urban park and dramatic action shot photographer. This newly released book is a great holiday gift idea!! Come early at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and socializing. Presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.

Southern Maryland Audubon Society
P.O. Box 181 • Bryans Road, MD 20616
The Southern Maryland Audubon Society (SMAS) is a chapter of the National Audubon Society (NAS) and is the largest citizen group involved in nature study and natural resource conservation issues in the Southern Maryland counties of Calvert, Charles, St. Mary’s and southern Prince George’s. SMAS was founded in 1971 and was chartered by the National Audubon Society in 1972. SMAS is a non-profit organization incorporated in Maryland, with activities financed by a membership dues-sharing arrangement with NAS and by SMAS fund raising activities. It operates under the provisions of an approved constitution with business conducted by directors and officers elected by its members.

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Chapter-Only (SMAS) Membership
Make check payable to: Southern Maryland Audubon Society. Individual Family: $71 y $20/2 y $38 y 3 y $56 y 4 y $80 Lifetime $500

National Audubon Society Membership
Make check payable to: National Audubon Society. Note Chapter Code #C9ZL000Z on check. Introductory Offer: $1 y $20
September 2 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**FIELD TRIP**

*CONFERENCE*  
*MEETING*  
*PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

**BIRDING THE FIELDS AND TRAILS OF SOTTERLEY**

Leaders: David Moulton and Michael Patterson

Join us for a full excursion to this scenic and historic Patuxent River property. Bald Eagles, migrant songbirds and lingering meadowlarks and sparrows can be found via Sotterley’s trails and river views. Directions: From Rte. 235, go north on Sotterley Road, turn right through gates to the Sotterley Plantation visitors’ center parking lot. RSVP by the 26th to David at moulton.davidh@gmail.com or 240-278-4473.

RSVP required. This is an open field trip to enable last minute travel finds. Come early at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and mingling. Presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.

**FIELD TRIP**

Indian Head Rail Trail, Charles County

MD Rte. 224, Mason Springs Parking Lot

―RED-HEADED MIGRANTS―

Leader(s): Michael Patterson and Lynne Wheeler

There are areas on the Indian Head Rail Trail (IHR) that provide us with one of the best hot spots in the region for Red-headed Woodpeckers. This fall trip enables you to enjoy hearing the chatter of Red-headed juveniles and of course the fun of fall warbler identification. Meet /park at the parking lot off of MD Rte. 224 and the IHR (just east of MD Rte. 225). NO RSVP required. This is an open field trip to enable last minute joining. Inquiries to Lynne at comstockedel@gmail.com or 301-751-8097.

October 17 – SATURDAY – 8:00 a.m – 12 Noon

**FIELD TRIP**

Elms Environmental Education Center, St. Mary’s County

49300 St. James Road, Dameron, MD 20628

―BIRDING 101‖

Leader(s): Bob Boxwell and Margarita Rochow

Calling on all wannabe birders!! youths Welcome!! Are you tired of wondering and saying “What bird is that”? Do you want to get better at knowing what birds you are seeing? Birding 101 is the field trip for you! The more you walk the walk, the better you become!! There is no better place to learn than with a qualified guide. The location at the Elms Environmental Education Center offers a great habitat for birds. Dean and Margaret will point out helpful identification points such as: bird and bill facings, plumage details, field marks, flight patterns, sound, behavior, and habitat and seasonal expectation. Learn about birding apps too.

Call or email Bob to register: boxwell@gmail.com or 443-500-5549.

October 31 – SATURDAY – 12:00-3:00 p.m.

**FIELD TRIP**

Mallows Bay Park, Charles County

1440 Wilson Landing Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662

―BOO! THE GHOSTS OF MALLows BAY‖

Youths Welcome

Leader(s): Lynne Wheeler

What better way to kick off Halloween than to visit the “Ghost Fleet” of Mallows Bay and scare up some birds!

Walk with the Southern Maryland Audubon Society at Mallows Bay Park and learn about shipwrecks, archaeology and all that is unique. We will explore Mallows Bay and all life all situated in a unique wetland, woodland and aquatic habitat which includes an evolving ecosystem. Come and enjoy the numerous Osprey and Bald Eagles soaring above along with a discussion of the history of the fleet. The trip will include a bird walk on the parks one-mile trail where we will look for migrants, final peaks of our summer friends, fall ducks and our winter residents. RSVP to Lynne up to 10:00 a.m. Saturday at comstockedel@gmail.com or 301-751-8097.

November 4 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM**

Charlotte Hall Library, St. Mary’s County

37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

―BEHIND THE SCENES―

Maryland/DC Records Committee

Phil Davis, Secretary, MD/DC Records Committee

Phil Davis has been the Secretary of the MD/DC Records Committee for 20 years. In his presentation, he first addresses some obligatory “dull” records committee topics, including the history, current status and functions of the committee. Next, he segues into describing the committee’s “historical canvass” and shares intriguing images of and anecdotes about some of our region’s most interesting records. Finally, in a masterful crescendo, he divulges some behind the scenes “dirty little secrets” with some tales of MD/DC – little-known vintage records that will eventually comprise the committee’s future publication, *The History of the Rare Birds of Maryland and the District of Columbia*. Come early at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments. Presentation begins at 7:30 p.m.