December 1 – FRIDAY – 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

FIELD TRIP – YOUTHS WELCOME!
Myrtle Point Park, St. Mary’s County
“WINTER OWL PROWL ON MYRTLE POINT”
Leader: Bob Boxwell
This trip is co-sponsored with the Friends of Myrtle Point Park and is an annual event which attempts to “call out” the resident owls of the park. Owls are nocturnal, and therefore, not easy to spot. We will meet in front of the park gates and attempt to attract owls by having them respond to recorded calls. Please dress for the weather, but avoid “noisy” clothing (please no snowsuits!). This event is weather dependent. Rain or high winds will result in cancellation, so please RSVP with good phone/email address to Bob Boxwell at bobboxwell@hotmail.com.

December 6 – WEDNESDAY – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM
Acookeck Foundation at Piscataway Park Education Center,
Prince George’s County
3400 Bryan Point Rd, Accokeek, MD 20607

“OWLS IN MITH AND CULTURE – A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE”
DAVID H. JOHNSON, Director; Global Owl Project (GLOW)
Every society on earth has myths and legends about owls. What people believe about owls makes a difference in how they protect and conserve owls. The GLOW project interviewed about 6,000 people in 30 countries, using a 4-page interview form translated into 18 languages. The answers gave remarkable and wildly varied insights about the current ecological knowledge and cultural perspectives about owls. In this presentation our speaker will describe the methods, cultural insights, and powerful results of the project’s findings. Attendees will nd that this is a ‘deep dive’ into the beliefs about owls. The Global Owl Project (GLOW) is a non-pro t consortium of some 450 researchers, museum curators, MS & PhD students, and passionate volunteers working in 65 countries on the science and conservation of owls. Light refreshments and mingling start at 7:00 p.m. Please see our website or newsletter for adoption details and assist our cause.

Our Raptor Conservation committee is a primary effort of SMAS. The Raptor Conservation committee, aided by members, conducts research and enacts conservation activities in Southern Maryland. It is supported by our Adopt-a-Raptor program and currently includes four species: Osprey, Barn Owl, American Kestrel, and Northern Saw-whet Owl. Please see our website or newsletter for adoption details and assist our cause.

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-pro t organization incorporated in Maryland, with activities nanced by a membership dues-sharing arrangement with NAS and by SMAS fund raising activities. It operates under the provisions of an approved constitution with board of directors and co of elected by its members.

Monthly Meetings are held from September through June, usually on the rst Wednesday of the month. These meetings are open to the public, and feature a guest speaker or lm dealing with topics of nature and conservation. Arrive at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and socializing if the program is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

An Annual Meeting for election of of cer is usually held on the rst Sunday of June. The program included a potluck lunch, election, and a late afternoon bird walk. The location varies each year amongst the four counties. Members are encouraged to bring guests.

Field Trips are arranged for various weekends throughout the year and are led by experienced members. Special youth trips are also featured. If you are a new birder we strongly recommend you to join our trips as it is the best way to learn and lots of fun. You will discover the wonderful birding spots in Southern Maryland while learning more about our avian friends. A telephone and/ or email address is listed with each leader. Most trips require guests to RSVP. Cancellation noti cation may be arranged directly from the leader or via the website.

You can become a member of SMAS automatically by joining the National Audubon Society (SMAS receives a fraction of NAS dues) or by joining as a Chapter-only member (SMAS retains all dues received). A National membership provides you six bi-monthly issues of the award winning Audubon magazine. Your membership helps support regional and statewide conservation issues and research studies, along with environmental education and outreach. Membership dues are as follows. Please check your preference and mail to: Southern Maryland Audubon Society, P.O. Box 203, Bryans Road, MD 20616. Or you can visit our website and Join, Renew, or Donate via PayPal.

Local Chapter-Only (SMAS) Membership
Make check payable to: Southern Maryland Audubon Society
Check payable to: National Audubon Society (NAS) Membership
Make check payable to National Audubon Society.

Adoptions are accepted year-round. Please see our website for adoption forms.
Ecologist, Director, Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center

Point Lookout State Park, St. Mary’s County

“GRASSPIPERS”

21866 Cedar Point, Patuxent River, MD 20670

Patuxent River Naval Air Station, St. Mary’s County

September 10 – SUNDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

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September 17 – SUNDAY – 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER EVENT - AUDUBON ADVENTURE TOUR


Rosaryville State Park, Mount Airy Mansion and Romano Winery, Prince George’s County

Please join us for our fundraising adventure combining many of our favorite things: Our day will begin with a private tour of historic Mount Airy Mansion, followed by visit to Chesapeake Native plants nursery, where we will learn about native plants for our area. We then take a leisurely bird and nature walk around the park. Afterward we head to Rosaryville Winery for a wine tasting and Mediterranean cuisine lunch. Tickets: $40 per person/$75 per couple. See our website for more details at www.somsaudubon@yahoo.com or email sund@audubon.org.

September 23 – SATURDAY – 8 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

FIELD TRIP

Sotterley Plantation, St. Mary’s County

43000 Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, MD 20636

“MULTIHABITAT TRAILS - FIELDS, FORESTS AND WETLANDS”

Leaders: David Moulton and Michael Patterson

Join us for a full excursion to this scenic and historic Patuxent River property. Bald eagles, marsh birds, and raptors may be seen. Participants who are interested can purchase a small-group volunteer experience in the fall to help with hollows collection. This tour is open to members and the general public.

September 23 – SATURDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

FIELD TRIP – NEW PARK!

Port Tobacco River Park, Charles County

7685 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677

“BIRDING THE FIELDS AND TRAILS OF SOTTERLEY”

Leader: Lynne Wheeler

Please join us on this new park prior to its formal opening. Our peek at these trails has us very excited about native plants of our ecoregion. We then take a leisurely bird and nature walk around the park. Afterward we head to Rosaryville Winery for a wine tasting and Mediterranean cuisine lunch. Tickets: $40 per person/$75 per couple. See our website for more details at www.somsaudubon@yahoo.com or email sund@audubon.org.

October 1 – SUNDAY – 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

FIELD TRIP

Calvert Cliffs Beach and Marsh, Calvert County

Exact location and directions given upon reservation

“SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS AND MIGRANTS”

Leader: Bob Boxwell

Come and see Sharp-tailed Sparrows in a habitat that is unique on the Western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. A living shoreline project is helping to restore the forest marsh/wetland/salt marsh wetland. We will target sparrows, marsh birds, and other migrants. RSVP required by email to Bob at boxwellb@hotmail.com.

October 4 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

Mount Airy Mansion, Charles County

3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD 20640

“HAPPY OWL-O-WEEN”

Leader: Mike Callahan

Raptor Conservation Committee Chair, Audubon of Prince George’s County

November 1 – WEDNESDAY – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM – YOUTHS WELCOME

Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park, Charles County

1442 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD 20640

“HAPPY OWL-O-WEEN”

Mike Callahan, Raptor Conservation Committee Chair, Audubon of Prince George’s County

Audubon of Prince George’s County

“The Devastating Effect of a Bird Killer”

Pete Marra

Executive Director, Conservation Biology Foundation

La Plata Campus, Charles County

College of Southern Maryland

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“THE DEVASTATING EFFECT OF FREE-RANGING CATS”

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