Walk this Way; Just give me a Pishhh

Let’s have a little flash back fun. If you graduated high school or college in the 1970s or 80s you might remember the song that inspired the title of this column. I danced on many a dance floor to that song. We had some wild and crazy times, which have now morphed into a different kind of fun that also elicits sweet emotion. So “walk this way” with me as we delve into the who, what, where, and why of participating in bird walks and bird counts.

Who? All ages. SMAS works diligently to offer events suitable for youth, families, and those physically challenged who need easy walking terrains. Some may have noticed we also throw in field trips that have a later start time. Not everyone is an early bird. Most of our events are free and open to the public. For our seasoned birders (salt & pepper?) if you have never participated in May Count you are missing out! It may seem crazy to count birds all day long, but believe me, you learn the most by doing counts. You will get many life birds and countless memories. Many start out by being the record keeper, your more experienced birding partner greatly appreciates this and will also spend the day teaching you. Oh, and your extra eyes and ears are strongly needed. So don’t be intimidated. Just sign up and TAKE A BIG CHANCE!

What? May Count (May 12), Christmas Bird Counts (Dec/Jan), Great Backyard Bird Count (Feb), and any of our scheduled monthly field trips. See our calendar of events at the end of this newsletter and the list of our upcoming May Count county coordinator’s. We even have one field trip coordinator who is combining his field trip with May Count. Check out Dean Newman’s trip at Patuxent River Naval Air Station. This is a rare opportunity to simultaneously count birds on base, enjoy a field trip, and learn about May Count. Thanks Dean!

Where? All over southern Maryland. Wherever you are interested in birding, we will walk with you. Feel free to contact our Field Trip Committee Chair David Moulton, or any SMAS board member for assistance. Contact your county May Count coordinator! Take a walk on the wild side!

Why? One obvious answer is because Birds Count! The data we collect is vital. Someone needs to watch and document species that are indicators of the health
of our ecosystem. As populations of birds change, those fluctuations may indicate shifts in pollution levels, climate change, habitat loss, migration timing, and more. And FLASHBACK---remember 2018 is the Year of the Bird! Most importantly, it really is fun.

So “walk this way” with SMAS, “take a big chance” and contact your May Count coordinator NOW. Even if you cannot participate on May 12, sign up for any of our upcoming field trips. Are you ready to play?

Lynne Wheeler
President

A Novice Birder in Costa Rica
by Tiffany Farrell

Costa Rica’s vibrant wildlife overwhelms and intimidates a beginning birder. However, the chance to visit in February with friends was irresistible. Because none of them are birders, I planned three general wildlife tours with them and only two guided birding excursions (solo). Expecting difficulty in spotting birds amid dense foliage, I set modest targets—Scarlet Macaws, some trogons, manakins, motmots, and toucans—a few exotic, brightly colored tropical birds, in other words. Little did I expect to spy more than 140 bird species. Yet I don’t measure my enjoyment on the trails by quantity. More exciting was the behavior I witnessed and the spine-tingling realization that wherever I went, no matter the activity, wildlife surrounded me.

We departed a few days before the others, heading to the highlands of Monteverde. As our rental SUV stuttered for hours over dirt road washboards and we veered wildly to avoid stones and huge potholes, I began to doubt our plan. With no cell phone service and few other cars, what would happen if we punctured a tire? Near-constant rainbows spanning the mountaintops rewarded the angst-ridden journey. The Monteverde Inn, on Valle Escondido private reserve, is a birder’s paradise. Extensive trails on the grounds opened at 7:00, in advance of the parks, so I explored in solitude before breakfast. The lodge also offered night tours. Thus, I found species there that I didn’t anywhere else—most notably Orange-bellied Trogon and Blue-crowned Motmot. How the guide managed to find sleeping birds in the dark is a mystery. When he revealed them, perched alongside the path on low limbs with their heads buried beneath their wings, I felt a child-like awe.

Soon I realized I wouldn’t be satisfied if I didn’t try to find the elusive Resplendent Quetzal. At the entry to the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, we hired a guide for a wildlife tour. He was disappointed for us because, amid the rain and high winds, birds were very subdued that morning. He needn’t have been. We watched at length a Green-fronted Lancebill sallying for insects at a waterfall, and we witnessed a lek of Violet Sabrewings performing. Miraculously, we did find a Resplendent Quetzal perching after a meal. Either a juvenile or a female, it lacked those magnificent covert tail feathers, but I was elated nonetheless.

We would have wandered there all day, but our car finally succumbed to a flat tire. After finding a filling station, we sought the primordial mist and abundant plant life of the Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve. Crossing suspension bridges above the rainforest treetops, I expected a dinosaur to emerge at any moment. A crashing tree on the trail behind us and washed out sections of cliffside path made that possibility seem less far-fetched. Nevertheless, I saw Common Chlorospingus, Collared and Slate-throated Redstarts, and a lovely Ochraceous Pewee sallying and singing.

We then moved to a base near the San Juan airport, where we met our incoming group. While I had trudged in hotel gardens with only a few species to show, my boyfriend bragged he had been “birding in his underwear” out our room window. Indeed, a flowering tree attracted more Baltimore Orioles than I had ever seen in Maryland, plus lots of Blue-gray Tanagers, Hoffman’s Woodpeckers, Rufous-tailed Hummingbirds, and Plain-capped Starthroats. A drive up to Irazú Volcano National Park presented not only a rare, sparkingly clear day—with stunning views into the crater lakes and across the entire valley—but also the endemic Volcano Hummingbird.

A full week in Manuel Antonio proved you can view abundant wildlife from your balcony, yes, in your underwear if you choose. Our seaside villa was surrounded by habitat contiguous with the park—such that troupes of all three monkey species regularly visited; trains of White-faced Capuchins and Squirrel Monkeys chugged along our deck railings and drank from the pool. Howler Monkeys began their echoing calls around 4:00 or 4:30 most mornings. We also spotted three mature sloths in our trees, one of which held her sleeping baby. Amid all the mammalian activity, the bird life here was tremendous. Sunrise on the balcony revealed not only the ubiquitous calls of “motmot,” but also two bonding pairs of Fiery-billed Aracaris.

Early that week I set off on a solo birding trip to Carara National Park with a pair of local experts. As soon as we entered, waves of dancing blossoms roiled the pavement. Closer inspection revealed each pale pink bloom being hefted by a leaf-cutter ant bound for its underground fungus factory. I found several of my target Scarlet Macaws, of course, but watching one forage for fruit was delightful. I counted among many ant birds and woodcreepers more colorful species like the Dark-throated and Slaty-tailed Trogons, a Red-capped Manakin, and Blue-throated Goldentail (hummingbird).

Hiking in Manuel Antonio National Park with friends, the guide showed us not only common mammals, but also lots of frogs, iguanas, bats, and, most fascinating for me, a Common Potoo. Exploring with local experts was valuable because they shared a nearby spot for viewing nesting macaws. I ambled to this roadside pullout several

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times to witness the Scarlet Macaw pair preening and yes, mating, before flying into their nest. At that same birdy lot I also saw Roadside Hawks, Yellow-naped and Pale-billed Woodpeckers, euphonias, and Red-lored Parrots.

Inadvertently I saved the best for last—a morning of guided birding in Esquipulas. This rural haven held a stunning pair of preening Yellow-throated Toucans. I also viewed Baird's and Gartered Trogons, and Orange-collared Manakin. A busy Lineated Woodpecker amused us while we shot video. Hummingbirds buzzed here in numbers comparable to the cloud forest, including the Charming, Violet-headed, and Scaly-breasted. Raptors soared densely overhead, with King Vultures and Crested Caracara especially captivating. Magical sightings of Turquoise Continga, Golden-hooded Tanager, Red-legged Honeycreeper, and both the Scarlet-thighed and Blue Dacnis were breathtaking.

Despite my inexperience in the tropics, Costa Rica exceeded my wildest dreams. There it is surprisingly easy to enjoy birds’ behavior and, because remarkable species are everywhere, sharing the love of birds with friends is rewarding, too. You can bird in your swimsuit—or even your underwear.

Lusby Observations

Spring has certainly taken its time making its arrival. If it weren't the non-temporal clues nature provides I still wouldn't be convinced. But I am seeing a lot more color in the local birds, and a lot of displaying from residents and those getting ready for their migration north. Vocal clues are more apparent as well. American Robins, Eastern Bluebirds, Carolina Chickadees, White-throated Sparrows, and an influx of Eastern Phoebes have been the most noticeable at home.

Several years ago in the fall I took some pictures of Gray Catbirds working over a Winged Sumac (Rhus copallinum) shrub. This sumac spreads by runners and while the berries on several of the other shrubs had been eaten this winter, the one over the bird bath had not.

The best window viewing in March was watching this shrub be ravished by birds. The berries on this bush are reddish in color and the cluster is somewhat like a grape. The first in line was a winter resident, the Hermit Thrush. Next in the queue was a spring arrival, an Eastern Phoebe. After a lone Red-bellied Woodpecker stopped by, the cleanup crew, a pair of Northern Flickers, finished the job. The birds generally grab hold of the branch just above the fruit and start working it over.

By the first week in April most of these shrubs have been devoid of fruit. The maples have been in bloom for a couple of weeks and today the pear has a puff of white flowers. Nature knows that spring has arrived. I am hoping they find the thermostat soon and cancel the next snow forecast.

Bob Boxwell
BOOK NOTES: TWELVE STEPS

There have been many fine efforts to introduce new birders to the varied skills of our pastime, but there have been few contributions that the newcomer as well as the experienced birder can profit from in some fashion. This new book in the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt “Peterson Field Guide” series might very well fit into this unique category however.

*Bird Identification in 12 Steps* by Steve N.G. Howell and Brian Sullivan presents a dozen ways in which every birder can learn something about becoming better skilled. The dozen categories are taxonomy, location, habitat, season, lighting, distance, behavior, sound, structure, plumage, variation, and note-taking.

This book is friendly, non-intimidating, and even humorous. New birders can acquire some basics from this handy little book, and experienced birders can pick up some vital pointers, especially useful when helping the uninitiated. The last point cannot be trivialized. There are many skilled birders who simply fail at being able to explain the essentials, and the Howell and Sullivan little gem looks at learning these elements through fresh eyes.

Even the photos in the book present some real opportunities for learning experiences, revealing some wise advice and lurking traps.

Basically, there is something in this short book for every birder, and the 152 pages present many opportunities for all birders to pick out and explore what that “something” may be.

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Scientists Find A Previously Unknown Mega-Colony Of Penguins On Antarctic Islands
by Doug Criss, CNN
Updated 1:39 PM ET, Fri March 2, 2018

If you ever find yourself hanging out on Antarctica’s Danger Islands, we hope you like penguins. There’s a lot of them there.

A previously unknown “mega-colony” of Adelie Penguins have been found on the islands, which sit on Antarctica’s northern tip.

More than 1.5 million of the birds were found in 2015 during a survey of the area, according to a report in the journal *Scientific Reports*.

Researchers estimate the Danger Islands hold the largest colonies of Adelie Penguins in Antarctica and the third- and fourth-largest colonies in the world. Even more interesting, scientists think the penguins have flourished on the Danger Islands for decades, while other colonies of the birds have declined on other parts of the continent, especially on its western half.

So how were all those birds missed for all these years? Well, the Danger Islands are fairly remote, even by Antarctica standards. It’s locked up in sea ice most of the year, and even in summer it’s difficult to reach.

[Editor’s Note: to see the original article, and photos, click on this link](#)

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You can access all the past E-bulletins on the National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA) website:

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Sketch by Carrie Staples
Congressional Budget Delivers Benefits for Birds

Washington, DC, March 22, 2018 -- The $1.3 trillion spending agreement reached by Congress this week contains good news for birds and bird conservation. Legislators increased funding for State of the Birds activities to $3 million, giving a boost to the conservation of endangered forest birds in Hawaii, including the creation of safe nesting areas. Congress also indicated that funding levels for work to support migratory bird conservation will remain at or be set above 2017 levels.

“This agreement boosts funding for critically endangered birds in Hawaii and supports programs essential to migratory bird conservation,” said Steve Holmer, Vice President for Policy at American Bird Conservancy. “Our thanks to Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Mazie Hirono (D-HI), and to Representatives Colleen Hanabusa (D-HI) and Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), for their support and leadership to restore State of the Birds funding.”

Other positive steps for birds include preservation of conservation programs supported by the Farm Bill, America’s largest single source of conservation on private lands; full funding for the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund; and $425 million for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Greater Sage-Grouse will continue to receive $60 million in conservation funding. However, the species is still exempted from listing under the Endangered Species Act in the new budget agreement — at a time when this iconic species is at greater risk than ever.

“The agreement leaves the Greater Sage-Grouse in peril by eliminating the safety net of the Endangered Species Act,” Holmer said. “Given the renewed threat to priority sagebrush habitat from oil leasing, this rider should be eliminated.”

Forest habitat conservation will see some positive gains under the spending bill. It includes a “fire funding fix” for the U.S. Forest Service, which will prevent over-budget fire-suppression efforts from being funded at the expense of other agencies’ conservation projects.

It also includes an extension of the Secure Rural Schools program that supports sustainable forest management in Northern Spotted Owl habitat, as well as rural development and restoration. However, the bill also features provisions weakening the protection of endangered species in federal forests by allowing development projects to proceed without review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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2018 Field Trips and Programs

April 15 – SUNDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon
FIELD TRIP – Youth Welcome
Port Tobacco River Park, Charles County
7685 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677
“Birding 101”
Leader(s): Lynne Wheeler, Lee Vines and Tiffany Farrell
Come on out to the new Charles county nature park and learn the basics about birding. We will discuss the four keys to identification of birds: size and shape, color pattern, behavior, and habitat. After the basics we will delve into looking for field marks and listening to the sound of birds. The timing of this should also give us the possibility of seeing spring migrants. Bring your binoculars, but we also have some to lend. RSVP to Lynne at somdaudubon@yahoo.com or 301-751-8097 (prefer text).

EARTH DAY SPECIAL EVENTS APRIL 22

April 22- SUNDAY – 8 a.m. – 11:00 A.M.
FIELD TRIP – Youth Welcome
Port Tobacco River Park, Charles County
“Eagles, Migrants on the Trails”
7685 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677
Leader: Lynne Wheeler
Come and join us as we enjoy looking for migrating birds and check our eagle nest. No rsvp – just show up!

April 22 – SUNDAY – 8 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FIELD TRIP
Sotterley Plantation, St. Mary’s County
44300 Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, MD 20636
“Eagles, Earth Day and Sotterley”
Leader(s): David Moulton
Celebrate Earth Day with a birdwalk at this scenic and historic Patuxent River property as the annual surge of migrating birds begins throughout St. Mary’s County. Nesting Bald Eagles, migrating warblers, meadowlarks, woodpeckers and waterfowl can all be found via Sotterley’s extensive new trail system. From Rt. 235, go north on Sotterley Road, turn right through the gates to the gravel parking lot on the Sotterley historic property. RSVP at 240-278-4473 or moulton.davidh@gmail.com

April 28 – SATURDAY – 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon
FIELD TRIP
Elms Environmental Education Center, St. Mary’s Co
49300 St. James Road, Dameron, MD 20628
“Birding 101”
Leader(s): Judy Ferris 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 Elms Environmental Education Center offers great habitat for birds. Judy and Margarita will share helpful identification pointers such as: bird bill and facial markings, plumage details, field marks, flight patterns, sound, behavior, and habitat and seasonal expectation. Learn about birding apps too. Directions: Take Rt 235 south, left onto St. James Church Road (opposite Mattapany Road). You will see the sign for the Elms Environmental Education Center. Meet in the hunter’s dirt parking lot on the right before the gate. Call or email Judy: jferris11@gmail.com or 410-326-1965.
May 2 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM
Charles Soil Conservation District, Charles County
4200 Gardiner Road, Waldorf, MD 20601
“THE HUMANE GARDENER”
NANCY LAWSON, Author and Gardener
Welcome in your gardening season with the author of The Humane Gardener, Nancy Lawson, as she describes why and how you should open up your arms to wildlife in your backyard. Learn how to apply ecology in planting for wildlife by choosing native plant species, provide habitat, and create gardens free of poisons and other hazards. We will also have a native plant sale, S MD Audubon Society fundraiser. Light refreshments and mingling starts at 7 p.m. Public invited. Inquiries to Lynne Wheeler, somdaudubon@yahoo.com or 301-751-8097 (prefer text).

May 12 – SATURDAY - 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon
FIELD TRIP
Pax River Naval Air Station, St. Mary’s County
“Spring Migration on the Bay”
Leader: Dean Newman
A rare opportunity to bird the PAX River Naval Air Station, a restricted-access area of bird-friendly habitats that boasts one of the longest lists of bird species in Southern Maryland. No fee, but advance registration required no later than Friday, May 10. Meet at the Park and Ride lot across the street from the Lexington Park Post Office on Tulagi Place. Call or email Dean to register: dean.newman@dau.mil or 301-672-5464.

May 12 – SATURDAY – ALL DAY
COUNTY MAY COUNTS
Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s Counties
Help is always needed and appreciated from all. This is a great way to learn and improve your bird ID skills! Please contact the following county coordinators:

CALVERT: Sherman Suter (401-586-1073, sjupiter29@verizon.net)
CHARLES: Lynne Wheeler (301-751-8097, somdaudubon@yahoo.com)
PRINCE GEORGE’S: Fred Fallon (401-286-8152, fwfallon@gmail.com)
ST. MARY’S: Tyler Bell (301-862-4623, jtylerbell@yahoo.com)

May 19 - SATURDAY - 8 am - 12 pm
FIELD TRIP
Smallwood State Park, Charles County, MD
“Waterthrush, Red-heads, and Migrants”
2750 Sweden Point Road, Marbury, MD 20658
Leader: Lynne Wheeler
Smallwood State Park is a great location for Louisiana Waterthrush and Red-headed Woodpeckers. Good mixed habitat for migrants. Meet at 8 am at the Pavilion parking area just before the historic General Smallwood Retreat House. $3 entrance fee. This is a joint trip with the Audubon Naturalist Society. RSVP to Lynne at 301-751-8097 (prefer text) or somdaudubon@yahoo.com

June 3 – SUNDAY – 1:00 p.m – 4:00 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING
Private waterfront farm, Bluff Point, Bushwood, St. Mary’s County
Address and directions provided via email inquiry to somdaudubon@yahoo.com or call Lynne at 301-751-8097 (text preferred).

Potluck Lunch………………………………….…  1:00 – 2:15
Welcome……………………………………….…    2:15 – 2:30
Award presentation and Elections……………..    2:30 – 3:00
Bird Walk…………………………………………….…    3:00 – 4:00

Come and enjoy a beautiful new venue. This privately owned 50 acre waterfront property is situated on the junction of the Wicomico and Potomac rivers. It offers a view of Cobb Island across the river, along with a varied habitat of a pond, meadows, and forests. Sightings of American Kestrel, Eastern Meadowlarks, Osprey, and many favorites are likely. Our bird walk will be a treat with new flora and fauna to explore.

June 22 – FRIDAY - 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
FIELD TRIP
Patuxent River Park – Jug Bay, Prince George’s County
16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
“Osprey Banding Trip”
Leader(s): Lynne Wheeler and Greg Kearns
If you have never been lucky enough to experience this beautiful park and see Osprey chicks up close and personal do not hesitate now! Greg Kearns, park naturalist, is one of the best in his field and provides a very entertaining, fact-filled fun outing. Feel free to come early to have a picnic lunch. Ages: 12 to adult, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum of 14 people. Cost: $26/person, payable the day of, in cash. Pre-register with Lynne at 301-751-8097 or somdaudubon@yahoo.com (email or text preferred).

June 22 – FRIDAY – 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
FIELD TRIP
Flag Pond, Calvert County
1525 Flag Pond Parkway, Lusby, MD 20657
“Nighttime Horseshoe Crab Adventure at Flag Pond”
Leader: Andy Brown
The horseshoe crab is one of nature’s miracles, and their eggs fuel the amazing migration of shorebirds! Want to see horseshoe crabs spawning on the beach by moonlight? Join us for this unique chance at water’s edge. Bring flashlights, wear comfortable walking shoes that can get wet. Meet at the gate to Flag Pond. RSVP to Andy at 443-624-3687 or Brownaj@co.cal.md.us
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- Please enroll me as a member of the Southern Maryland Audubon Society. All of my membership dollars will help support local conservation initiatives and enable us to provide southern Maryland teacher education scholarships to attend Hog Island, Audubon Camp in Maine.
  - Individual/Family: __1 year $20 __2 year $35 __3 year $45
  - Lifetime Membership: __$500
  - Donation: __________

- Please enroll me as a first time member of the National Audubon Society. You will automatically become a member of the Southern Maryland Audubon Society. You will receive six issues of National’s award winning Audubon Magazine. A fraction of my dues will be received to our chapter. Your renewal information will come directly from the National Audubon Society.
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Please make your check payable to Southern Maryland Audubon Society or National Audubon Society.

Mail to: Southern Maryland Audubon Society, P.O. Box 181, Bryans Road, MD 20616.

GREAT NEWS!! You can now go online and join SMAS via PayPal. Go to our website at somdaudubon.org for this new option.

Southern Maryland Audubon Society
Adopt-a-Raptor

Foster Parents Needed!

Southern Maryland Audubon Society sponsors the banding of nesting 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. Limited numbers of Osprey, Barn Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl and American Kestrels become available each year for adoption. Your donation will be specifically utilized for raptor research and raptor conservation projects such as:

- Barn Owl Nest Boxes   Osprey Nesting Platforms
- Kestrel Nest Boxes     Mist Nets or Banding Supplies

Please indicate which raptor you wish to adopt. You may adopt more than one:
  - Osprey, $10 each                     Total Amount:_____
  - Barn Owl, $25 each                   Total Amount:_____
  - Northern Saw-whet Owl, $30 each     Total Amount:_____
  - American Kestrel, $35 each          Total Amount:_____
  - General Donation to Raptor Fund     Donation Amount:_____

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.
- A photo of a fledgling and any other available information on the whereabouts or fate of the bird.

Name: ____________________________
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If this is a gift, please include the recipient’s name for the certificate: __________________________

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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.

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