Humans and birds have the same survival needs: food, shelter, air, water, and sleep. To meet these needs, birds sometimes need a helping hand. Spreading awareness and informing others about environmental issues can help all of us. We might call environmental activism a healthy habit that achieves healthy habitats.

Conservation is one of Audubon’s primary focuses. If birds do not have healthy habitats, all of us will feel the negative effects. They are a vital part of our ecosystem, and when they thrive, we all do. SMAS tries to “walk the walk” about birds and their needs every month through organized field trips, lecture programs, outreach, and voicing our opinion or support regarding legislative bills and issues at the local, state, and federal level. Voicing your opinion is how you too can “walk the walk” and help us preserve our essential habitats.

March 3 was the 4th Annual “I Bird I Vote” Bird Conservation Summit at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, in Laurel, MD. Your Southern Maryland Audubon Society was represented by Bob Lukinic (Conservation Chair), Tiffany Farrell (Program Chair/Director) and me. It was a jam packed room of over 130 individuals that walk the walk and care about birds. I kept on thinking the title could be changed to “I Bird, I Care, I Vote.” You have to care to take the time to learn about current legislative issues, and then take the time to campaign for a desired outcome. We all need to flock together and support numerous important issues regarding our environment. Caring must be a habit in your arsenal to protect healthy habitats for birds.

Bob Lukinic, our Conservation Committee chair, is one of Maryland’s most avid and effective champions for bird conservation. His constant efforts have helped us save immeasurable critical habitat, particularly in Charles County, a county with lots of trees. Unfortunately large areas with trees are sitting ducks for developers. Urban sprawl is a huge threat to all of southern Maryland, but particularly where the trees are. Bob actively engages with other environmental organizations to protect our rural backyard and save these important green areas. He spends countless hours writing letters of support, communicating to government officials at all levels, as well as attending local hearings to ensure everyone can see the forest through the trees and not be blind about the facts.

If you would like to help and become informed about these environmental issues of concern, send an email to somdaudubon@yahoo.com. You can join our SMAS Conservation Google forum where we will post information for you to become an informed member about environmental issues and enable you to participate. This can be your new healthy habit!
And, if you are a bird lover, you must be a tree hugger! Join us April 3 for our monthly meeting program “Old Growth Forests in Maryland” at Mount Aventine in Chapman State Park. The more you learn about the role of forest ecology and its importance in our ecosystem, you will not only hug a tree, but kiss it! Environmental activism resulted in saving the forest at Chapman State Park. Come and enjoy the fruits of our labor. We might even take a walk.

Lynne Wheeler

Urgent actions needed following the “I Bird, I Vote” summit

Audubon Maryland-DC wishes to thank all those who attended and spoke at our sold-out 4th annual “I Bird, I Vote” Bird Conservation Summit, hosted March 2 at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel, MD. Our speakers (see photo below) addressed a variety of topics, with a common theme of keeping our forests, water, buildings, and biodiversity safe for birds and humans.

We are working to upload their presentations on our website, and we will share those links with you soon. We will also share more action items that you can take to make Maryland and D.C. safer for birds.

We continue to monitor bills in the Maryland legislature to make sure the interests of birds are represented.

THIS WEEK: please contact your state delegate and senator to let them know you SUPPORT the following bills:

The Task Force on Forest Conservation (SB0729/HB0735) sets up the body to undertake a technical review of existing forest cover in the state and an analysis of the health and quality of state forests. Much of the state-managed land is currently managed for biologically impoverished pine plantations. This bill is running into opposition with a strong lobby from the timber industry.

The No Net Loss of Forest bill (SB0203/HB0120) would change the state standard for achieving a no net loss of forest policy by altering the definition of “no net loss of forest” to mean that 40% of all land in Maryland is covered by forestland. This would ensure mitigation was achieved through restoration of forests rather than expensive and biologically inadequate street trees. This bill is running into opposition in the House. Please contact your local delegate to support this important bill.

The Chlorpyrifos ban (SB0270/HB0275) would ban the sale of this bird- and insect-killing chemical in Maryland. In 2017, the Trump administration’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) took the unprecedented action of overturning its own proposed ban on chlorpyrifos. The state of Maryland has the opportunity to at least protect its own citizens and wildlife. The bill has had industry opposition. The House will vote on the bill this week. Please contact your local delegate to support this important bill.

THIS WEEK: please contact the committee chairs in the Maryland House and Senate to let them know you SUPPORT the following bills:

The Healthy Climate Initiative (HB1235/SB0702) would create a Maryland Healthy Climate Initiative housed in the Maryland Department of the Environment. The bill would make polluters and greenhouse gas emitters pay a steadily rising fee for emitting carbon pollution. It would incentive clean energy by imposing new state charges on greenhouse gas-emitting energy suppliers. Hearings are coming up in the Senate Finance Committee on March 5 and in the House Economic Matters Committee on March 8. You can help by contacting Economic Matters Chair Dereck Davis at dereck.davis@house.state.md.us or calling 301-858-3519 and by contacting Finance Committee Chair Delores G. Kelley at delores.kelley@senate.state.md.us or calling 410-841-3606.

The Pipeline and Water Protection Act (SB0387/HB0669) would require a person seeking to construct a natural gas pipeline to meet water quality certification standards and pay a nonrefundable fee for the state to review the application. The bill forces MDE to do a 401 water quality review on such proposals. The House hearing is on tap for March 7 at 1 p.m. in the Economic Matters Committee. You can help now by contacting Economic Matters Chair Dereck Davis at dereck.davis@house.state.md.us or calling 301-858-3519. If your Senator is on the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee which heard the bill in February, please tell them to pass this out of committee and onto the Senate floor.

The Solar Energy Blueprint bill (HB0532/SB0744) would establish a commission on the development of a Blueprint for Solar Energy in Maryland to guide units of state and local government in evaluating proposed solar energy projects. This is important, given ongoing efforts to cut down forests for solar projects. The upcoming House hearing is on tap for March 6 at 1 p.m. Please email or call Environment and Transportation Chair Delegate Kumar Barve at kumar.barve@house.state.md.us or calling 301-858-3519. If your Senator is on the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee which heard the bill in February, please tell them to pass this out of committee and onto the Senate floor.

The Clean Energy Jobs Act (SB0516/HB1158) would establish criteria for qualified offshore wind projects, altering and extending the minimum required percentage of energy that must be derived from renewable sources in the State’s renewable energy portfolio standard. This is an important step in helping Maryland kick the greenhouse gas habit and growing the renewable jobs sector. Hearings are coming up in the Senate Finance Committee on March 5 and in the House Economic Matters Committee on March 8. You can support the bill by contacting Economic Matters Chair Dereck Davis at dereck.davis@house.state.md.us or calling 301-858-3519 and by contacting Finance Committee Chair Delores G. Kelley at delores.kelley@senate.state.md.us or calling 410-841-3606.

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Patuxent CBC

We had a fabulous day, 12/30, for the Pax River Count! We had 28 participants which was the second highest number we have ever had. We tallied 104 species! This is also the second highest. The first was 106 in 1998. We had not broken 100 since 2005. Unfortunately, we tallied the second lowest number of individual birds.

Some of top sightings were:

Rufous Hummingbird in St. Leonard. [Editor’s Note: this bird was banded by Bruce Peterjohn at the USGS Bird Banding Lab in Laurel. It was still present at the end of February!]

3 Merlins, and Merlin hadn’t been on the count since 2005. Kitty Bailey and Greg Lee got the Peregrine Falcon on the Bridge. It had not been on the count since 2012.

We tallied 5 owl species this year including Northern Saw-whet Owl which was only the second time for the count and not recorded since 1998.

The party of Jason Avery, Gail Joice, Linda Greatorex and Robbi Ross saw the only Purple Finches, Cooper’s Hawk, Barred Owl, and Winter Wrens.

Bob Boxwell got the only Pied-billed Grebes and American Wigeons.

Craig and Clark Jeschke had the only American Black Ducks and Northern Pintails for the count.

Kyle Rambo added the only Wood Ducks and an American Woodcock.

Mary Hollinger and Lisa Garrett had the only Common Mergansers and a Fish Crow.

Jim Swift on the airstrip at Pax contributed Short-eared Owl and the counts’ only Horned Larks.

Tom Harten had the only American Pipits and White-crowned Sparrows.

Sherman Suter had 2 notable count week birds. A Rough-legged Hawk which hadn’t appeared on the count since 1998 and a Cackling Goose.

Amanda Werell added Brown Pelican, Gray Catbird and Fox Sparrow.

Highs, Lows and Zeros

Count high for Northern Harrier, Eastern Screech-owl, Carolina Wren and Common Loon. Lows were Common Goldeneye, Herring Gull and Yellow-rumped Warbler. Complete miss was Brown-headed Cowbird.

So, this puts us over the top with an all-time species record of 107. Thank you again for helping make this count so successful and fun!

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There Were Giants

We just lost a giant in the world of birding and bird conservation, Dr. Tom Cade. He was the driving force behind the recovery of the federally endangered Peregrine Falcon.

Much like the Osprey, the Peregrine Falcon experienced significant population declines in the mid-20th century largely due to the widespread use of DDT. The residual effects of the pesticide’s use caused eggshell thinning—and often, crushing—dramatically reducing the species’ reproductive rates. Its numbers plummeted as a result, and its extinction as a nesting species in the U.S. seemed inevitable. By the late 1960s, the Peregrine Falcon had been extirpated from the eastern U.S., and only about 40 mating pairs remained in the West.

Saving the Peregrine Falcon

Dr. Cade, an ornithologist and experienced falconer, who was intimately familiar with and passionate about the species, understood what was happening. He went to work to ban DDT, and he went to work to save the Peregrine. He would also go on to cofound the Peregrine Fund—an organization that has been responsible for the recovery of not only the Peregrine Falcon but also many other endangered raptor species, including the iconic California Condor.

In 1970, Dr. Cade and others started a successful captive breeding program at Cornell University in New York. That program served as a model for future programs like the Peregrine Fund’s Condor Reintroduction Project. Birds that hatched and were raised at Cornell in a specially built breeding barn with 3-story-high stalls were later released into the wild. Good numbers of those birds in the now relatively chemical-free environment went on to mate and produce young. And the Peregrine population recovered (owing in large part to Dr. Cade’s vision and hard work). According to Tim Gallagher in “Mission Accomplished,” “[Dr. Cade, his staff, and volunteers had] a profound passion for these birds and an inability to imagine a world without [them]. What they accomplished was one of the greatest successes in the field of endangered species management.”

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Peregrine Falcons Rebound

Now the falcons can be found—mainly along the northern U.S. coasts—nesting everywhere from abandoned Bald Eagle nests and channel markers to transmission towers, bridges, and building ledges.

It’s notable that they’re thriving in urban environments. Tall buildings (‘steel cliffs’) are reminiscent of their natural home, rock cliffs, and the Peregrine’s favorite food, the Rock Pigeon, can be found in urban areas in abundance. Peregrines can also be found throughout the U.S. during migration and along the southern U.S. coasts during the winter.

I had the good fortune to see a wintering bird a few weeks ago at Paradise Creek Nature Park in Portsmouth, VA, an Elizabeth River Project restoration site now part of the Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail Coastal Region trail system. Peregrines prefer wide-open spaces, so it was no surprise to me to find one there. This urban oasis has wide-open space in abundance.

While scouting in preparation for a bird walk I’d be leading, a Peregrine powered through the airspace only feet above my head. I was just able to make out its “sideburns” (its “mustache” to some), an important field mark. It was a breathtaking moment. But then, every Peregrine sighting is a breathtaking moment.

Remembering Dr. Cade

If you’d like to learn more about Dr. Cade, The Peregrine Fund, and the Peregrine Falcon, please read this wonderful biographical sketch and tribute to him. If you’d like to learn more about Peregrines adapting to city life, please visit Lawrence Peregrines. There, you’ll learn about Peregrines nesting in the Lawrence, MA Ayer Mill Clock Tower.

Mary Oliver has been recognized for writing “brilliantly crafted poems.” But consider this poetic tribute to Dr. Cade, written by his colleague, Dr. Munir Virani: “Rest in peace Tom, the hill is bereft for now, the snowflakes falling gently on the sage grass. A deafening silence blankets the Treasure Valley. . .except for the choir of every Peregrine Falcon whispering your name! Thank you my friend for changing this world.” Dr. Cade did change this world. Dr. Cade was a giant.

Dave Gibson
Chesapeake, VA https://birdpartner.com/

Field Trip Report: February 24 at Patuxent River Naval Air Station

High Flyers at NAS

Thank goodness our fabulous trip leader, Kyle Rambo, provides a roomy van for his attendees since the day started out with light rain, and it was cold! The weather did not dampen our enthusiasm though, as Kyle happily led us to destinations on base I had never ventured to in the past.

Eight of us were very lucky to reserve our spot for what has now become one of my favorite southern MD bird trips! I was really tickled that we had with us one of our top Maryland birders on board, Kathy Calvert, riding shotgun. Our luck continued with the addition of our new SMAS members, Steve Arthur, and his lovely wife Betty. Now we had a wonderful photographer on board, too. All photos are attributed to him.

Immediately I grew to respect the birding abilities of our trip leader. Kyle is able to identify birds very quickly. All of the indicators we try to learn, flight pattern, shape, field marks, etc., are utilized by him effortlessly. The outing began with locations along the water which revealed the expected species of Canada Geese, Tundra Swans, Bufflehead, Mallards, and Ruddy Ducks as well as one Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Common Goldeneye, Horned Grebe, and Greater Scaup.

The highlight for me was once we got access to the airfield. Hundreds of acres of paved surface are broken up by large swaths of grass fields. This provided a tundra-like habitat for birds I do not usually get to see. Kyle barreled us to the prime locations and shortly (pun) we got to see him flush out a Short-eared Owl! Luckily by this time the rain had stopped, and we were able to get great views of two more owls and tons of owl pellets. I mentioned the need for pellets for student dissection lessons and before I knew it Kyle was running all around collecting me “owl puke”. We all enjoyed watching him hop around and we got to see another one of his many talents. I have a feeling he was great entertainment not only for us, but the person who was working up in the air tower!

The airfield also landed us (sorry, another pun) two Northern Harriers, two American Kestrels, one Red-tailed Hawk, a flock of Wilson’s Snipe, six Horned Larks, twenty-two Eastern Meadowlarks, and fourteen Savannah Sparrows.

Another area near the Bay surprised us with a great view of a Merlin! When adding all of the usual species our total for the day was 40. With all of these great birds I honestly am stuck with trying to select best bird of the day – it would take a tow truck to pull one out of me. (Private joke to Rambo Man!)

Lynne Wheeler
By now most of us are aware that the long-standing Varied Thrush near Leonardtown, Maryland, has met its demise at the hand of window glass on March 1. It is unfortunate to lose such a handsome bird, which afforded delight to many birders and the local community. It also serves as a reminder of the threat that glass poses to our birdlife. Lynn Parks of Lights Out Baltimore provides a link to https://www.birdsavers.com, which has information on the very effective Acopian bird saver, and is very suitable for many problem home windows. Other non-Acopian solutions are available at Lights Out Baltimore (http://www.lightsoutbaltimore.org) and Safe Skies Maryland (https://safeskiesmaryland.org). If you have noticed a problem window at your home, please consider applying one of these solutions.

Lynn also mentioned a recent study on bird strikes, which concluded that 56% of all bird strikes occurred at “low-rise” building of 4-11 stories, and 44% at residences. We have a bill before the State Legislature that would begin to address the problem by mandating bird-safe standards for new or substantially remodeled state buildings, most, if not all, of which would be in the low-rise category. The bill has been reported favorably out of committee in the Senate, but is still in subcommittee in the House of Delegates.

MOS and Safe Skies Maryland ask that you contact your Maryland state legislators and ask them to support HB0136/SB0314, the Sustainable Buildings Act of 2019, noting that it would save energy, birds, and tax payer dollars.

You can look up your legislators by going to this website:


Click on Who represents me? in the upper right corner. You will be a pop-up asking for your address and zip code. Fill that in and click Find. Up will pop the State Executives, your US Representative and Senators, and your state legislators. For your state legislators, there is a button at the bottom to Create Message. Or click on any of the names, and you will get phone numbers, etc.

Please consider acting and contacting your legislators asking them to support HB0136/SB0314, the Sustainable Buildings Act of 2019. The House of Delegates is especially important.

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Action Alert

2019 Field Trips and Programs

March 17– SUNDAY – 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon  
FIELD TRIP  
Port Tobacco River Park, Charles County  
7685 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677  
“Get Your Green On! Eagle Nest and Signs of Spring”  
Leader: Lynne Wheeler

Join us for an update about our Port Tobacco River Park eagle nest and learn about the Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership citizen-science monitoring program. Volunteers document the nesting success and productivity of Maryland’s Bald Eagle population to help us to identify what conservation actions may be needed in the future. Maintaining an active monitoring program is vital to knowing when and where changes to breeding eagles are taking place.

April 3 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM  
Mount Aventine at Chapman State Park, Charles County  
3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head, MD 20640  
“OLD GROWTH FORESTS IN MARYLAND”  
GWEN BREWER, Science Program Manager, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Heritage Service

Maryland may not have the majestic old growth redwood forests of the western U.S., but the state does have some amazing forest patches with trees over 400 years old. Come learn about these special places, including the animals that they support and efforts to protect them like the Old Growth Forest Network. Light refreshments and mingling start at 7 p.m. Public invited. Free event. Inquiries to Lynne Wheeler at somdaudubon@yahoo.com or 301-751-8097 (prefer text).

April 21 – SUNDAY – 8 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
EARTH DAY FIELD TRIP  
Port Tobacco River Park, Charles County  
7685 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677

Come and join us as we enjoy looking for migrating birds, check on our eagle nest, and spring ephemerals. RSVP to Lynne at somdaudubon@yahoo.com or 301-751-8097 (prefer text).

April 21 - SUNDAY – 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
EARTH DAY FIELD TRIP  
Chapel Point State Park, Charles County  
8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677

All hands on deck! Help with invasive plant removal. The S
MD Audubon Society and the Port Tobacco River Conservancy are helping to protect our native plant species by removal of invasive plants. Come help and celebrate Earth Day. Gloves provided. RSVP to Lynne at somdaudubon@yahoo.com or 301-751-8097 (prefer text).

April 21 – SUNDAY – 8 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
EARTH DAY FIELD TRIP
Sotterley Plantation, St. Mary’s County
44300 Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, MD 20636
“What's Soaring at Sotterley”
Leader(s): David Moulton
Kick off Earth Day week 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 moulton.davidh@gmail.com or 240-278-4473.

April 27 – 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 more you walk the walk, the better you become! The Elms Environmental Education Center offers great habitat for birds. Your leaders 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. The address is 49300 St. James Road, Dameron, MD 20628. Take Rt 235 south, left onto St. James Church Road (opposite Mattapany Road). You will see the sign for the Elms Environmental Education Center. We will meet in the hunter's dirt parking lot on the right 100 yards before the gate. Do not drive past the gate. RSVP to Judy at jferris11@gmail.com or 410-474-0368.

May 1 – WEDNESDAY – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM
Charles Soil Conservation District, Charles County
4200 Gardiner Road, Waldorf, MD 20601
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MAY 11 – SATURDAY – ALL DAY
COUNTY MAY COUNTS
Calvert, Charles, Prince George’s, and St. Mary’s Counties
Help is always needed and appreciated from all. This is a great way to learn and improve your bird identification skills! The county coordinators for you to contact are as follows:
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CHARLES: Lynne Wheeler (301-751-8097), somdaudubon@yahoo.com
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Darleen Boerlages, Owings
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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
- Barn Owl, $25 each
- Northern Saw-whet Owl, $30 each
- American Kestrel, $35 each
- General Donation to Raptor Fund

Send your check payable to Southern Maryland Audubon Society or National Audubon Society.

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- 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
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