

the Middle Chesapeake Sentinel Landscape initiative, an extended partnership between DoD, USDA, and DOI. Light refreshments and mingling start at 7 p.m. Public invited. Free event. Inquiries to Tiffany Farrell at [somdaudubon@yahoo.com](mailto:somdaudubon@yahoo.com) or 301-609-1345.

**November 17 - SUNDAY - 8 a.m. - 12 noon**

**FIELD TRIP**

Mattawoman Wildlands, Marbury, Charles County  
**“EARLY WATERFOWL AND LATE MIGRANTS ON THE GEORGE WILMOT TRAIL”**

Leader: Lynne Wheeler

This is a joint trip with the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Southern MD Audubon Society. We usually expect large concentrations of waterfowl on the Mattawoman Creek, along with songbirds, woodpeckers (some red-headed), and raptors. Meet at Lackey High School parking lot, 3000 Chicamuxen Road, Indian Head, MD 20640 at 7:45 a.m. 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. Make reservation with Lynne at [somdaudubon@yahoo.com](mailto:somdaudubon@yahoo.com) or 301-751-8097 (prefer text).

**November 29 - FRIDAY - 8 p.m. - 9 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 find Myrtle Point Park, take Rt. 4 in St. Mary's County to Patuxent Boulevard, and follow to the end. RSVP to Bob at [Bobboxwell@hotmail.com](mailto:Bobboxwell@hotmail.com) or 410-610-5124.

**December 4 - WEDNESDAY - 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM**

**Flag Ponds Nature Center**

1525 Flag Ponds Pkwy, Lusby, MD 20657

**“2020 BREEDING BIRD ATLAS PROJECT”**

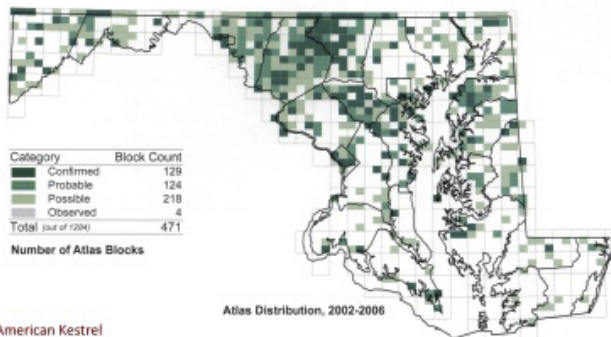
BBA3 COORDINATOR

The Maryland Ornithological Society's 3rd MD/DC Breeding Bird Atlas (BBA3) launches January 2020. Come learn how you can help us achieve the best breeding bird data for our third atlas. In our changing



environment, breeding data is critical. Awareness of population and nesting changes early can help us take action before it is too late. Come meet your county coordinator, and hear from our BBA3 coordinator the how and the why of such an important project. Light refreshments and mingling start at 7 p.m. Public invited. Free event. Inquiries to Tiffany Farrell at [somdaudubon@yahoo.com](mailto:somdaudubon@yahoo.com) or 301-609-1345.

**2002 - 2006 Am Kestrel Atlas Distribution**



American Kestrel

Atlas Distribution, 2002-2006

**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.

**Monthly Meetings** are held from September through June, usually on the first Wednesday of the month. These meetings are publicized in advance, open to the general public, and feature a guest speaker or film 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 officers is usually held on the first Sunday of June. The program includes 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 notification may be arranged directly from the leader or via the website.

Our **Raptor Conservation** 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.

**2019-2020 OFFICERS**

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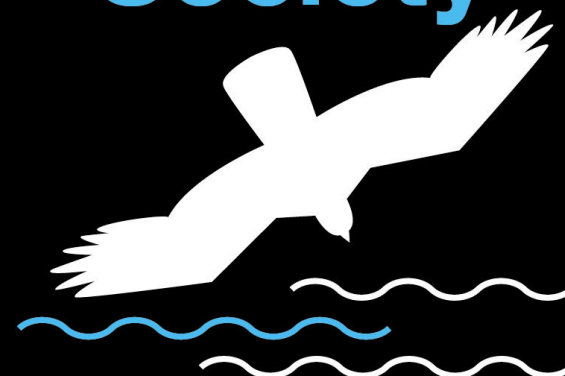
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You can become a member of SMAS automatically by joining the National Audubon Society (SMAS receives a fraction of NAS dues) or by joining as a Chapter-only member (SMAS retains all dues received). A National membership provides you six bi-monthly 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 181, 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.  
 Individual/Family:  1 yr \$20  2 yr \$35  3 yr \$45  Lifetime \$500
- National Audubon Society (NAS) Membership**  
 Make check payable to National Audubon Society.  
 Note Chapter Code #C9ZL000Z on check.  
 Introductory Offer: – 1 year \$20

**FREE EVENTS**

**Southern Maryland Audubon Society**



**2019**

**SEPT-DEC FIELD TRIPS AND PROGRAMS**

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## Southern Maryland Audubon Society

# Field Trips, Programs, Meetings & Events

All Southern Maryland Audubon Society program events  
are open to members and the general public.

September 4 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

Kings Landing Park, Calvert County

3255 Kings Landing Rd, Huntingtown, MD 20639

“SORAS ON THE PATUXENT RIVER:

BANDING, TELEMETRY AND DNA STUDIES”

GREG KEARNS, Naturalist, MNCPPC, Patuxent River Park  
Greg’s interest in the secret life of Sora Rails began in 1987  
at Jug Bay and led to ground-breaking research that found  
answers to migration questions through improved trapping  
techniques (banding more than 4,000 rails), digital sound  
lures, and radio telemetry. Now, 20 years later, Greg restarted  
the Sora telemetry migration  
research with new “Motus”  
technology after receiving  
grants from the Cove Pt. Natural  
Heritage Trust and other private  
and government entities. Also,  
research was initiated using new  
less invasive DNA methods from blood samples to create a  
method to sex the birds accurately. Greg will share his slides  
and discoveries so far in two seasons of field work and where  
it might go in the future. Light refreshments and mingling  
start at 7 p.m. Public invited. Free event. Inquiries to Tiffany  
Farrell at [somdaudubon@yahoo.com](mailto:somdaudubon@yahoo.com) or 301-609-1345.



September 7 – SATURDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

### FIELD TRIP – NEW!!

Port Tobacco River Park and Cedar Point WMA

7685 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677

“BUTTERFLIES, DRAGONFLIES

AND BIRDS BIO BLITZ”

Leader(s): Randy Pheobus, Tiffany Farrell, and Lynne Wheeler  
Butterflies and dragonflies are prevalent in late summer, and  
the fields at both locations will yield multiple species. Randy,  
founder of Native Grassland Conservancy, will help us hunt for  
all flying fauna. He will also talk about the importance of  
preserving native habitat and biodiversity by restoring native  
plant communities. Bring your binoculars, butterfly net,  
smart apps, field guides, and/or camera! Let’s see how many  
species we can document. Itinerary: 8 - 9:45 Port Tobacco  
River Park, 10 - 12:00 Cedar Point Wildlife Management  
Area (9761 Blossom Point Road, Welcome, MD 20693).  
To register, email Tiffany at [somdaudubon@yahoo.com](mailto:somdaudubon@yahoo.com) or  
(301) 609-1345 (prefer text).

September 14 - SATURDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

### FIELD TRIP

Point Lookout State Park, St. Mary’s County

11175 Point Lookout Road, Scotland, MD 20687

“MIGRATION ON THE POINT”

Leader: Tyler Bell

Join us at Southern Maryland’s premier birding hotspot  
as fall migrants funnel south to cross the Chesapeake Bay  
and the Potomac River. Loblolly pines, mixed hardwoods,  
beaches, marshes and broad water views regularly deliver  
a wide variety of species and occasional rarities. From  
Lexington Park drive south on Rte. 235 for 13 miles. Go left  
on Rte. 5 for 5 miles to the end. Meet leader at park entrance  
parking lot. Fee area. RSVP to Tyler at [jtylerbell@yahoo.com](mailto:jtylerbell@yahoo.com)  
or 301-862-4623.

September 15 – SUNDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

### FIELD TRIP

Calvert Cliffs State Park, Calvert County

10540 H.G. Trueman Road, Lusby, MD 20657

“FALL MIGRATION”

Leaders: Judy Ferris and Jan Degeneffe

Wooded habitat and wetland attracts a variety of songbirds.  
Expect to see resident birds as well as immature and adult  
Neotropical migrants. Great spot for warblers. Wide trail  
through forest adjacent to creek and wetland. Take Rt. 2/4  
south of Prince Frederick for about 14 miles. Follow signs  
to the park. Meet leaders in parking lot. Facilities and fee,  
3 mile round trip. RSVP to Judy at [jferris11@gmail.com](mailto:jferris11@gmail.com) or  
410-326-1965.

September 21 - SATURDAY – 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

### FALL FUNDRAISER

“BON VOYAGE OSPREY”

Purchase your tickets on our website  
now! Join us for a sunset cruise  
aboard the Half Shell for food,  
drinks and merriment while we wish  
our fish hawks a safe migration.



September 21 – SATURDAY – 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### FIELD TRIP

Drum Point, Calvert County

“CHESAPEAKE BAY BIRDS ON LAND AND WATER”

Leader: Judy Ferris

Drum Point sits astride the confluence of the Patuxent River  
and the Chesapeake Bay. The habitat is varied, with dense  
pine groves, beachfront and a fresh water pond. The views  
of open water east across the Bay and south across the river  
mouth offer opportunities to identify a variety of water birds.  
Brown-headed Nuthatches have been found in the pines,  
and other land birds are naturally funneled down the point  
on their migration south. Location is private. RSVP required  
by Thursday, 9/19. Directions to the meeting point will be  
shared when you RSVP to Judy at [jferris11@gmail.com](mailto:jferris11@gmail.com) or  
410-474-0368.

September 22 – SUNDAY - 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### FIELD TRIP

Sotterley Plantation, St. Mary’s County

44300 Sotterley Plantation, Hollywood, MD 20636

“BIRDING THE FIELDS AND TRAILS OF SOTTERLEY”

Leader: David Moulton

Join us for a fall 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 Rt. 235, go north  
on Sotterley Road; turn right through gates to the Sotterley  
Plantation visitors’ center parking lot. RSVP to David at  
[moulton.davidh@gmail.com](mailto:moulton.davidh@gmail.com) or 240-278-4473.

October 2 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

Asbury Solomons Island

Community Center Auditorium, Calvert County

11100 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688

“SEA LEVEL RISE: PROJECTIONS FOR MD”

JENNIFER DOPKOWSKI,

Management and Policy

Analyst, U.S. Dept of

Commerce, NOAA, OAR.

Climate Program Office.

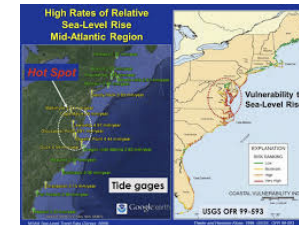
and WILL HAGER,

Environmental Planner II,

Calvert County Planning &

Zoning

The National Climate Assessment released in November  
tells us that sea levels along the Mid-Atlantic coast are  
rising three to four times higher than the global average, and  
flooding due to high tides and storm surges is occurring more  
frequently. What does this mean for southern MD? Come  
join us for a very informative presentation from NOAA  
and how our local Calvert County government planning  
and zoning office is planning for areas of concern. Light  
refreshments and mingling start at 7 p.m. Public invited. Free  
event. Inquiries to Tiffany Farrell at [somdaudubon@yahoo.com](mailto:somdaudubon@yahoo.com)  
or 301-609-1345.



October 6 – SUNDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

### FIELD TRIP

Cove Point Beach and Marsh, Calvert County

Exact location and directions given upon reservation

“SHARP-TAILED SPARROWS AND MIGRANTS”

Leader: Bob Boxwell

Cove Point beach and marsh is a unique habitat on the  
Western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. A living shoreline  
project is helping to restore the fresh water marsh from salt  
water incursion. We will target sparrows, marsh inhabitants  
and migrants. This is a restricted area and we are limited to  
ten guests. RSVP by September 29th to Bob at [bobboxwell@hotmail.com](mailto:bobboxwell@hotmail.com)  
or 410-610-5124.

October 19 – SATURDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

### FIELD TRIP – YOUTH WELCOME!

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!! Are you tired of wondering,  
“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 location at the Elms Environmental Education Center  
offers a great habitat for birds. Bob and Margarita will point  
out helpful identification points, 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: 49300 St James Road,  
Dameron, MD 20628. Take Rte. 235 south, then left onto  
St. James Church road (opposite Mattapanay Road). You will  
see the sign for the Elms Environmental Education Center.  
Take the road to the end and go through the gates. Meet at  
the education center. RSVP to Bob at [Bobboxwell@hotmail.com](mailto:Bobboxwell@hotmail.com)  
or 410-610-5124.

October 20– SUNDAY – 8 a.m. – 12 noon

### FIELD TRIP

Newtowne Neck State Park, St. Mary’s County

Church address: 21370 Newtowne Neck Road,

Leonardtown, MD 20650

“BIRDING NEWTOWNE’S FIELDS, FORESTS AND BAYS”

Leader: David Moulton

A peninsula defined by Breton Bay, the Potomac River and  
St. Clements Bay, this 776-acre property of woodlands,  
wetlands and agricultural fields offers a wide variety of  
birding habitats. Newtowne was the first settlement in the  
Maryland province after St. Mary’s City. Owned for nearly  
3 centuries by the Jesuits, the land was reclaimed as a state  
park in 2009 to protect it from development. Take Rte. 5 West  
from Leonardtown. Turn left (south) on Rte. 243 (Newtowne  
Neck Road) for 4.5 miles to parking lot on left just beyond  
the graveyard and before St. Francis Xavier’s Church. RSVP  
to David Moulton at [moulton.davidh@gmail.com](mailto:moulton.davidh@gmail.com) or 240-  
278-4473.

November 6 – WEDNESDAY – 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### MONTHLY MEETING PROGRAM

Southern MD RC&D, Suite C, St. Mary’s County

26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650

“LAND PRESERVATION AND OUR MILITARY”

MELANIE MCGINNES, Environmental Scientist,

NAVAIR ATR Sustainability Office

Many programs exist that enhance our military readiness  
while at the same time help to  
preserve natural lands. Our speaker,  
also a MD Master Naturalist,  
will discuss the Readiness  
and Environmental Protection  
Integration (REPI) Program and

