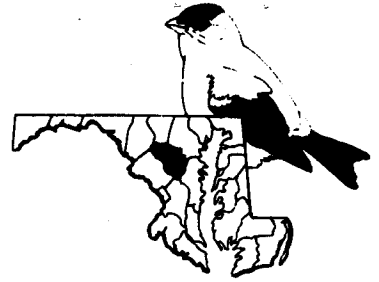




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CENTENNIAL PARK BUTTERFLY CHECKLIST

Richard Smith

Through September 1990, the following butterfly species have been observed in Centennial Park:

Black Swallowtail
Tiger Swallowtail
Spicebush Swallowtail
European Cabbage Butterfly
Clouded Sulphur
Orange Sulphur
Red-banded Hairstreak
Olive Hairstreak
Gray Hairstreak
Eastern Tailed Blue
Spring Azure
Variegated Fritillary
Great Spangled Fritillary

Pearly Crescent
Painted Lady
Red Admiral
Buckeye
Red-spotted Purple
Viceroy
Appalachian Eyed Brown
Common Wood Nymph
Monarch
Silver-spotted Skipper
Horace's Dusky Wing
Wild Indigo Dusky Wing

Checkered Skipper
Swarthy Skipper
Clouded Skipper
Least Skipper
Peck's Skipper
Cross Line Skipper
Little Glassy Wing
Sachem
Zabulon Skipper

Several expected common species are missing so there is plenty of potential for other observers to make additions. If you have additions or wish to tabulate the butterflies in another of the county parks, give me a call evenings at 997-7439 or mail material to 5213 Eliot's Oak Road, Columbia, MD 21044.

SEED SALE HITS NEW HIGH

Eileen Clegg

Again we had a new high for the autumn seed sale when a willing and efficient crew loaded almost 52,000 pounds of seed. The loaders are the heart of the operation. For working all morning and for organizational help on a wet day, special thanks to John Clegg. The other members of the loading crew who deserve the club's thanks are Jim Blanchard, John Greer, Steve Drakos, Bill Guion, D.W. Trovinger, Don Kyle, Mike Kerwin, Julie Cox, Kimberly Gross, Steve Clarkson, Phil Howe, Ralph Heimlich, Tom Strikwerda, Bob Bogdan, Mark Wallace, Steve & Mike Koziak, Don & Martha Waugh, Dave Kubitsky, Tim Keller and Bob Solem. Inside more volunteers were working at the desk, in the bookstore, or at the table selling the Klimkiewicz collection: Nancy Huting, Shiras Guion, Joanna Boales, Linda McDaniel, Susan Setterberg, Margo Garner, Pat Jackson, Phyllis Jovich, Joe Suess, Linda Hammil, Zeldia Simon, Jo Solem, Michele Wright and Nancy Magnusson. Marty Chestem provided a display of DNR materials and conservation-related printed matter.

Kathy Klimkiewicz' collection of bird-related objects netted \$166.50 for the Atlas Project. Thanks to all who supported this sale!

A group of individuals generously donated baked goods which were most appreciated by all of the volunteers: Linda Hammil, Joanna Boales, Romaine Smith, Mary Hall and Barbara Davis.

If I missed someone, know that it was not intentional—we appreciated all of the help!

MARYLAND STATE PARKS INSTITUTE "PARK WATCH"

The Maryland Forest, Park and Wildlife Service has recently implemented a program called *Park Watch* enlisting park visitors and neighbors to reduce crime and preserve the parks. If you observe suspicious activities, vandalism or safety hazards, you are asked to report these matters to the appropriate authorities: 911 if state police or ambulance help is needed or to the park ranger for other matters. The ranger's number can be found on yellow handouts available at each park. You should not attempt to take action against individuals breaking park rules or committing crimes. Note the location, description of the people and/or vehicle license number(s) and report the information to the proper authorities.

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HOWARD COUNTY FAIR, CHESAPEAKE

BAY DAY VOLUNTEERS

Did you find the Bird Club display in the vegetable barn at the County Fair in August? Mike McClure once again chaired the effort, obtained numerous volunteers to staff the display, and with Grazina set up and took down the table. Our display has come to be anticipated by many attendees who stop by each year to bring us up to date on happenings with "their" birds. In addition to Mike & Grazina, those working included Jane & Jack Farrell, Mike Leumas, Don & Jan Randle, Monika Botsai, Ralph & Jane Geuder, Nancy Magnusson, Connie & Mike Bockstie, Suzanne Probst, Peggy Willson, Leroy & Alexandra Williamson, Mark Wallace, Eileen Clegg, Chuck Stirrat, Dave & Maureen Harvey, Bob & Jo Solem, and Marty Chestem. Thanks to each of you!

August 18 was designated as Chesapeake Bay Day and a number of exhibits and demonstrations were available for the public at Centennial Park. Eva Sunell, Michele Wright, Marty Chestem and Suzanne Probst spent portions of the morning with a club display. Again, many thanks.!

BLUEBIRD SURVEY FORMS WANTED

Joe Suess 854-0250 and Mark Wallace 725-6370 have mailed bluebird survey forms to all individuals who cooperated on the cavity nesting project. If you have not previously reported totals and wish to receive a form, a phone call to either Joe or Mark is all that is needed. Please return forms promptly so 1990 totals can be compiled.

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MARYLAND BIRDLIFE MAILED

The March 1990 issue of *Maryland Birdlife* was recently mailed most expeditiously by the following crew working at Shiras Guion's home: Tom Strikwerda, Marty Chestem, Jim Orgain, Elise Seay, Marjorie Mountjoy, Margo Garner, Bonnie Ott, Shiras Guion, Maud Banks, and Nancy Magnusson. Many hands did make light work, for they finished in a record 1½ hours! If you are interested in providing help at these quarterly get-togethers, Maud Banks (who chairs this effort) will be delighted to hear from you. Call her at 381-3240.

SLIDE PROJECTOR PURCHASED WITH KATOH GIFT

A new slide projector was purchased by the Bird Club to replace the no longer functioning one which provided good service for more than a decade. The new machine was purchased with money given by Norihisa and Junko Katoh in September 1987. They spent several years in the Columbia area before returning to Japan. While here they participated in many club activities. Since Junko was a fine photographer, using their gift for a replacement projector seemed to be a fitting remembrance of their time among us.

RAIN FOREST CHALLENGE

George DuBois, a Montgomery Chapter member, announced that he would donate \$1000 to help save rapidly disappearing rain forests if other MOS members statewide could come up with \$1500 by December 31, 1990. Make checks to MOS - Rain Forests and forward to Ms. Emily Joyce, Treasurer, 816 Oak Trail, Crownsville, MD 21032.

CONSERVATION REPORT

Bob Solem

Howard County has made a commitment to recycling in a number of programs. Council Resolution No. 158 (jointly sponsored by the County Council and the County Executive) put it on the record again, with some specific actions that will help the next steps of making the recycling program comprehensive after starting as a pilot program. According to the resolution, the county government should take a leadership role in recycling as an example to other public sector institutions and to the private sector; and the county government should provide information on recycling and recycled products to consumers and the business community.

The county government proposes sharing information with consumers, community organizations, businesses, etc. regarding the availability of recycled products and the county's experience with these products. There is also a proposal to recycle yard waste through the county's curbside leaf collection program and establish a program to use composted residential yard waste for public facilities such as parks and schoolgrounds.


The Bird Club voted to support the Resolution at its October 11 meeting and to continue to publicize waste reduction, reuse and recycling in the newsletter. I testified in support of this resolution before the County Council on October 15.


CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS, FIELD TRIPS, SPECIAL EVENTS


Programs are held at Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Dr., Columbia. Meeting is cancelled if schools are closed for any reason. Hospitality session at 7:30 p.m. Meeting/program begins at 8:00 p.m. Club bookstore opens at 7:30 p.m.


Field trips leave from Grempler Realty parking lot (across from the Flier building on Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia) unless otherwise noted. Carpooling is encouraged with riders sharing the cost of gas and tolls. Dress for field work with stout, reasonably waterproof footwear and layers of clothes. Trips do not always follow paths. No pets. Leaders may cancel due to inclement weather or fewer than 3 participants. Questions? Call leader or Field Trip Chair Bonnie Ott 461-3361.

NOV 4, 11 & 18 Sunday **CENTENNIAL PARK FALL WEEKLY WALKS.** Leaders: Marty Chestem, Jane Farrell, Nancy Magnusson, Bonnie Ott. 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Call Bonnie Ott 461-3361 for info. Meet in parking lot off Centennial Lane in park. Prime time for migrating waterfowl; numbers and species change from week to week. Late migrant hawks also possible depending on weather.

NOV 8 Thursday  **"THE BIRD BANDING STORY"** - Kathy Klimkiewicz, Bird Banding Laboratory of Patuxent Wildlife Research Center. The Banding Laboratory has operated successfully for decades thanks to the dedicated volunteer banders all across the country. What techniques are used? What is being learned? Does banding have a future? Kathy has extensive experience in the field and on the staff of the Lab.

NOV 10 Saturday  **PATAPSCO STATE PARK WINTER WALK.** Leader: ^{Jo Solem} ~~Bonnie Ott~~. 1/2 day trip. Meet at Grempler at 7:45 a.m.. Dress warmly for a walk along the Patapsco River in the Avalon area of the park. ~~rained out~~

DEC 1 Saturday  **BOMBAY HOOK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, DELAWARE.** Cosponsored with Howard County Dept of Recreation & Parks. Leader: Chuck Dupree. All day. Meet at George Howard Building at 7:30 a.m. for travel by bus. Advanced registration required. For registration information call 313-2762. \$16 charge; make check payable to Director of Finance, mail to address provided when registering. For trip information call Bonnie Ott 461-3361. Bring lunch & beverage. Dress warmly.

DEC 8 ¹³ Thursday  **"OLD GROWTH FORESTS OF MARYLAND"** - D. Daniel Boone. Dan will describe the characteristics of Eastern old growth forests and their ecological significance. A managed forest differs from a natural one in many ways. Learn how to ensure protection of these fragmented ecosystems.

DEC 22 Saturday **TRIADELPHIA CHRISTMAS COUNT.** \$5 fee. Count for part or all of the day. Areas are assigned in western Howard and eastern Montgomery counties. For more information call Bonnie Ott. To volunteer, contact Norm Saunders 989-9035. Results are published in *American Birds*, which requires the fee.

BOARD MEETING: Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m. Longfellow Elementary School.

We are off to a great start this year with our field trips! For the enjoyment, comfort and safety of everyone, please remember to follow these trip pointers:

- Arrive at the meeting place with an ample supply of gasoline if you are driving.
- Car pool as much as possible and share fuel expenses with the driver.
- Enroute to field trip destination, keep track of the car behind you to hold the caravan together.
- In the field, do not precede the leader (to avoid flushing birds).
- Avoid sudden or loud noises as well as unnecessary talking and gesturing. (Remember, many leaders locate and identify birds by listening as well as looking.)
- Avoid early departure through areas yet to be explored by the group.

Do not hesitate to call the trip leader or me if you have any questions.

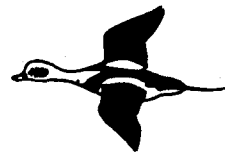
—Bonnie Ott

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1991 NEWSLETTER MATERIAL is due Dec. 1. Call or mail to Jo Solem, 10617 Graeoch Road, Laurel, MD 20723; telephone 725-5037.

THE BIRDING YEAR IN HOWARD COUNTY

DECEMBER

Jo Solem



- Continue to check lakes and reservoirs for waterfowl. As water freezes and season progresses, most will move on, but there are always a few who linger.
- Because there are so many Mallards at local lakes, there should be plenty of opportunities to observe their courtship activity during the late fall and winter.
- Sometimes a caged bird turns up at a feeder, but more exciting is the occasional lingering warbler, thrasher, oriole or the geographic stray such as a Yellow-headed Blackbird, Varied Thrush, or Dickcissel. Be sure to call the Rare Bird Alert.
- From mid-November through early December there is a chance that a flock of Oldsquaws may be spotted. Triadelphia Reservoir is usually the best possibility.
- During cold months, watch powerlines, poles, and leafless trees along major highways for hunting hawks. In open country, keep an eye out for Rough-legged Hawks quartering over fields searching for prey.
- Check reservoirs and lakes from the onset of cold weather until they are frozen over for unusual gulls, loons, grebes, and other waterfowl.
- Mergansers may be visible on the open water of reservoirs, sometimes in surprisingly large numbers. Brighton Dam is a good location.
- Northern Saw-whet and Long-eared Owls may have taken up residence in pine plantations by this time.
- In deciduous woods, look & listen for small mixed flocks of chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, kinglets, and woodpeckers. Occasionally some unusual species will be traveling with them as they feed.
- Participate in the Triadelphia Christmas Count (and others if you have the time).

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