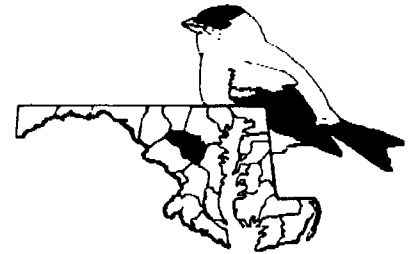




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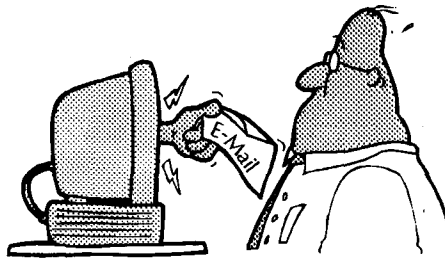
HOWARD COUNTY BIRD CLUB GOES ONLINE WITH "THE ELECTRONIC GOLDFINCH"

(301) 596-2167 BY DARIUS ECKER

Starting in December of 1995 "The Electronic Goldfinch" Howard County Bird Club's electronic newsletter and message board went online. National Birding Hotlines, Birdchat and rec.birds will be added daily. Rare birds found in Howard County will be posted in a Local Conference group. Newsletter articles, the calendar of programs and field trips, and field trip results will be posted. We are hoping a healthy discussion group will develop, perhaps involving members that are unable to attend the monthly meetings. Children interested in birds are welcome. Membership is limited to members of the Howard County Bird Club and members of the Maryland Ornithological Society. Potential members can log on and leave us a message to get a membership application.

The idea came to me early this year while I was staring at the pile of spare computer parts stashed away in my closet. I suddenly realized there was nearly a whole computer there. All I needed to do was put the parts together. Just what I needed. another computer. Well, my job does require I keep up on the latest in networking, but this was one computer over the limit. I had to find a use for this one.

One night while I was cruising the Internet, after downloading all the National Birding Hotlines for the east coast, I found a computer in Canada with lots of bulletin board software.



See two other articles related to this topic on page 4 of this issue of the newsletter.

There were demo versions of most of them available, so I began to download them. When I was finished I had taken twelve of them. I got kind of carried away. So, the next day I went out and purchased the few inexpensive parts I needed and within an hour, the host computer for the Electronic Goldfinch came to life.

I then set out to decide which bulletin board software to use. This took longer than I expected. Some of the demo versions just didn't work at all. Some were so complicated it

would have taken days to get the software running. After a week of evenings I had narrowed it down to the software of choice.

After the Howard County Bird Club's Board of Directors approved my idea, and Bob Solem agreed to help me with posting information, I turned the computer on full time. At the last minute, I found better software and changed the whole system around. The new software provided extra features like the ability to read mail off-line, and Internet email. This meant I could automate the whole chore of posting National Birding Hotlines and leave myself some precious time to go birding.

You can call at all hours of the night, we don't hear the phone ring. The computer is in our extra bedroom, and is monitored at all times by our cat, Barney. I may teach him how to turn the power off and on to reboot in case of a problem. He used to do that to our desktop printer as he walked over top of it.

There are detailed instructions and shareware software available for those of you that need a hand getting online. For experienced computer users, use: **8 data bits, 1 stop bit, Parity=NONE hardware flow control, and baud rates of 1200, 2400, 9600, 14,400, 19,200, 28,800. Select ANSI terminal emulation if possible. Most popular file transfer protocols are supported.**

The telephone number is (301) 596-2167, a Columbia local call. Please give us a call to say hello!

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AUTUMN BIRD RECORDS: AUGUST 1 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1995 BY JOANNE SOLEM

Autumn is the longest reporting period and often produces special birds. This year was no exception. Since the Fall Count summary appeared in the previous newsletter, it will not be covered though individual records will be highlighted.

Pied-billed Grebes were seen throughout the period. Noteworthy was a flock of 31 at Centennial Park (CENPK) 10/15 (R&NP). Two **Am. Bitterns** were reported: 1 at David Force Wildlife Management Area (DFWMA) 9/30 (MWr) and 1 at Alpha Ridge Park (ALRGP) 11/3 (JS). **Least Bitterns** are seldom detected here (the county's last record was 1988). One was well seen at Woodmark Lake 9/16 by MMc's party on Fall Count. **Great Egrets** were widespread, but one at Fore Bay Pond (FORBY) near Lake Elkhorn (LKELK) was quite consistent; last seen 10/8 (MB). The only **Snowy Egret** was seen 10/18 with a Great Egret at CENPK (MK). **Black-crowned Night-Herons** frequented all three Columbia lakes this season: late dates LKELK 9/29 (MB), Lake Kittamaquidi (LKKIT) 9/22 (MC), and Wilde Lake (WILLK) 10/9 (C&PN). One imm. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was carefully documented 8/3 at FORBY (DE).

A major movement of **Tundra Swans** was caught by RM 11/11 in Mooresfield with 4 flocks in the morning. Resident **Canada Geese** make it difficult to detect migration, but the night of 9/28-29 saw a major movement with several flocks during the evening and 5 flocks between 3 & 4 a.m. (MW). The sediment pond at Schooley Mill Park (SLMLP) held 63 **Wood Ducks** 9/16 & more than 60 on 9/23 (NM). A **Mallard/Wood Duck** hybrid was noted twice at CENPK 9/14 & 10/31 (JF). **Green-winged Teal** peaked at 35 on a Roxbury Road pond 10/30 (MW). At CENPK a flock of 97 **Blue-winged Teal** in the late a.m. 9/14 (JS) rose to 120 in the p.m. (JF). The latter observer had 4 female **Northern Shovelers** on the same day on another part of the lake. Six **Gadwalls** stopped at CENPK 10/30 (HZ) & 1 on 11/12 (BO). A **Redhead** at CENPK 11/26 (MB) was still present in

EACH SEASON HOWARD COUNTY BIRD SIGHTINGS ARE COMPILED AND SUBMITTED TO **MARYLAND BIRDLIFE** AND **FIELD NOTES**. BECAUSE BOTH PUBLICATIONS PROVIDE OVERVIEWS FOR LARGE AREAS, ONLY A FRACTION OF HOWARD COUNTY SIGHTINGS ARE PUBLISHED. THE RECORDS ARE NOT LOST, HOWEVER, FOR THEY ARE THE BASIS FOR COUNTY RECORDS. ALL RECORDS ARE WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO TURNS IN SEASONAL SIGHTINGS RECEIVES A COPY OF THE COUNTY COMPILATION. TO REQUEST A FORM ON WHICH TO LOG DATES, PLEASE CALL (301) 725-5037. THE BOARD HAS REQUESTED THAT A DIGEST OF THE SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS APPEAR IN THE NEWSLETTER. OBSERVERS ARE REFERRED TO BY THEIR INITIALS (SEE THE LIST AT THE END OF THE ARTICLE). LOCATIONS ARE WRITTEN OUT THE FIRST TIME CITED; THEREAFTER, ABBREVIATIONS ARE USED.

early December. Two immature male **Black Scoters** were discovered late on 11/27 (MC) on a pond on Isle of Mann. A flock of 70 **Buffleheads** on Triadelphia Reservoir (TRIRS) 11/5 (JF,JS) was a nice count.

Ospreys were widely noted as were **Bald Eagles**. In addition to the 2 adults and an imm. at TRIRS, eagles were reported in other areas by WE, M&GMc, POs, RS, & ES. No major flights of **Broad-winged Hawks** were noted. The 279 on 9/27 at several western Howard County (HOWCO) locations (WE, RS) was high. More than 100 were seen at SLMLP on Holmes's field trip 9/24. In addition to the Broad-wings, the trip had 20 **Sharp-shinned Hawks** and 12 **Red-shouldered Hawks**. A Sharp-shinned Hawk frequented a yard on Timberleigh Way during October and the first half of November (DN). This year's hawk watch at Rockburn Branch Park (RKBRP) 10/21 had only a few local hawks with a single **Northern Harrier** in mid-afternoon (RG). **Merlins** were seen at three locations: Ott had 1 behind her home south of Ellicott City (ELLCY) from 9/8-19; 1 was at WILLK 9/17 (HZ) & 1 at LKKIT 9/25 (MC).

A **Sora** was spotted at CENPK 8/26 (J&CW, also BO, HZ). Two **Wild Turkeys** were glimpsed 11/9 in an open area on I-70 near Marriottsville Road (DH). **American Coots** put in an extended appearance at CENPK with 30 on 10/29 (R&NP), 32 still there on 11/11 (RB) & 27 at the end of the period (JF). Three were noted at LKELK 11/12 (JB) and 11/30 (RG). **Ring-necked Pheasants** were seen twice: 1 on 9/10 at Mount Pleasant (MTPLT)(CS, R&RC,

DH) & 2 at Univ. MD Cent. Farm (UMDCF) 11/6 (WE, RS).

Despite low water levels and attractive mud flats on Triadelphia Reservoir which provided hope for shorebird addicts, there were no real rarities and relatively low numbers. **Pigtail (PIGTL)** which often has the best assortment came up with **Semipalmated Plovers**, **Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs** and several species of sandpipers. The best bird was a **Sanderling** 9/10 (CS) in the late afternoon. Magnusson found that the extensive flats at the far northern end of the reservoir (UPTRI) were attractive. She had **Black-bellied Plovers** on 9/16 & 9/20 and high counts of some species: 9 **Solitary Sandpipers** 9/9, 6 **Semipalmated Sandpipers** 9/13, with 9 **Lesser Yellowlegs** and 10 **Pectoral Sandpipers** on 9/23 (NM, JF, JS). The best shorebird of the season, an **American Avocet**, was on Fulton Pond (FULPD) 9/9-10 (POs, m.obs.) This was the second county record. The bird may have been at that location even earlier in the week but was not reported.

Bonaparte's Gulls were seen twice: 4 at CENPK 10/22 (HZ) & 26 at TRIRS 11/16 (JF, JS). **Caspian Terns** were few with a high of 18 on TRIRS 8/26 (MC). **Forster's Terns** were noted twice, also at TRIRS: 4 on 9/10 (POs, JS) & 1 on 10/9 (RB).

Mourning Doves had a productive year judging from the 800-900 perched on the Gorman Road powerlines 8/9 (JS). **Common Nighthawk** numbers were low with a high of 70 birds 9/9 in southern HOWCO. (WEb). A last

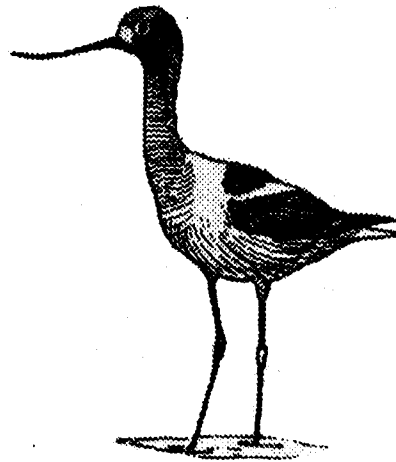
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Autumn Bird Records ...

Ruby-throated Hummingbird showed up 10/11 east of Bethany Lane (MWr). The only **Red-headed Woodpecker** was an adult at ELLCY 10/3 (BO). Wilkinson had both a **Least Flycatcher** (9/26) and a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** (9/3) in the LKELK area. He also had a **Horned Lark** overhead at ALRGP 11/26. **Red-breasted Nuthatches** staged a nice invasion with the earliest 9/24 (WEB); others reporting this species included JF, MK, M&GMC, DOD, POs, C&PN, R&NP, ES, CS, MW, & HZ. **Winter Wrens** are reliable at WILLK. The first one was noted 9/27 (HZ). The Oakland Mills Garden Plots (OKMGP) would not appear to be prime habitat for the **Marsh Wren** JW found 9/28, but the tangles should gladden the heart of any wren. Kinglet numbers were unexceptional with JF logging the high of 27 at CENPK 10/27.

Thrush numbers were low. **Veerys** left 9/16 (CS; MW) which was the day **Swainson's Thrushes** began to arrive (C&PN; BO; CS); the last one seen was at LKELK 9/29 (JW). **Gray Catbirds** normally linger well into fall. The latest was reported from LKELK 11/22 (JW). An extremely early **American Pipit** took advantage of the flats at Big Branch (BIGBR) 9/11 (MC, HZ). **Cedar Waxwings** were widespread all fall with a maximum of 131 at SLMLP (NM). The latest **White-eyed Vireo** was at MTPLT 10/16 (JS). The last **Warbling Vireo** had left almost a month before--on 9/19 WILLK (C&PN). Three **Golden-winged Warblers** were more than usual: 8/27 LKELK (JW), 9/6 Middle Patuxent River at Eden Brook (MPRED)(JS), and 9/10 at Daniels, Patapsco Valley State Park (DANPV)(CS, D&MH). One **Yellow-throated Warbler** was observed at WILLK 9/16 (HZ). HOWCO usually has concentrations of **Palm Warblers**; this fall more than 30 were seen 10/7 at SLMLP (NM). One **Mourning Warbler** was located 9/16 at FORBY (JW) and a female **Connecticut Warbler** on the same date at RKBPR (BO). **Orange-crowned Warblers** are typically late migrants. This fall two were spotted: 10/15 at MTPLT (BO, Randy C) & 11/25 LKELK (CH).

A female **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** lingered from 11/10-25 in a streamside tangle near LKELK eating fruits & berries



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(JW). The first **American Tree Sparrow** of the season was spotted at CENPK 11/19 (BO). **Chipping Sparrows** were seen in flocks: 20 on 10/10 on Roxbury Road (MW) & 14 in No. Laurel 10/28 (POs). The last ones were seen well into November: 11/11 WILLK (C&PN), 11/12 CENPK (BO) & Hallmark Road (WEB). One **Vesper Sparrow** was located at Gateway (GATWY) 10/10 (DHo, JS, HZ). Two **Grasshopper Sparrows** were noted at the same location 10/12 (JW, JS). **Lincoln's Sparrows** are always noteworthy, from 4 at SLMLP 10/7 (NM) to 1 at Plum Tree Path 11/10 (BO). Others were at MTPLT 10/15 (BO), ALRGP 10/9 (JW), & CENPK 10/18 (JF). An imm. **White-crowned Sparrow** arrived at CENPK 10/3 (JF). Wilkinson had a **Sharp-tailed Sparrow** at GATWY 10/9. If accepted by the Records Comm, it would be the second well-documented HOWCO record. He also had a female **Dickcissel** 10/12 at the OKMGP.

The only **Rusty Blackbird** reports were 30 on 11/9 WILLK (HZ) & 9 at Gwynn Acres Path 11/10 (BO). Northern finches caused a flurry of excitement with **Purple Finches** showing up first with 2 at OKMGP 10/22 (JW). They were last reported 11/22 (BO) & 11/23 (JW). **Pine Siskins** flew in 11/3 when 24 arrived at Ott's feeder. The last report was from

Allview 11/18 (ES). And last but not least, a flock of 24 male and female **Evening Grosbeaks** appeared on Mt. Albert Road 11/5 (M&GMC). The latest, a lone male, was seen not even a week later on 11/11 in No. Laurel (POs).

NOTE: An addition to the summer 1995 records is worth a special mention. Diane Nagengast and her husband observed a **Great Blue Heron** nest with an incubating bird near Cattail Creek (HOWCO) while canoeing on the north end of Triadelphia Reservoir 6/11.

Observers: **Maud Banks (MB)**, **John Blaisdell (JB)**, **Rod Burley (RB)**, **Martha Chestem (MC)**, **Randy & Richard Crook (R&RC)**, **Wes Earp (WE)**, **Ward Ebert (WEb)**, **Darius Ecker (DE)**, **Jane Farrell (JF)**, **Ralph Geuder (RG)**, **Dave & Maureen Harvey (D&MH)**, **David Holmes (DHo)**, **Claire Horvath (CH)**, **Mike Kerwin (MK)**, **Nancy Magnusson (NM)**, **Mike & Grazina McClure (M&GMC)**, **Rosamond Munro (RM)**, **Diane Nagengast (DN)**, **Carol & Paul Newman (C&PN)**, **Doug Odermatt (DOD)**, **Peter Osenton (POs)**, **Bonnie Ott (BO)**, **Ray & Norma Petersen (R&NP)**, **Joanne & Robert Solem (J&RS)**, **Chuck Stirrat (CS)**, **Eva Sunell (ES)**, **Mark Wallace (MW)**, **Michele Wright (MWr)**, **Jim & Carol Wilkinson (J&CW)**, **Helen Zeichner (HZ)**, many observers (m.obs.).

FALL SEED SALE A SUCCESS
 BY EILEEN CLEGG

A hearty thank you to those people who volunteered for the fall seed sale. The success of the sale is a direct result of the generous donation of your time. I am, as always, grateful for your support. Volunteers were: **Karan and Bill Blum**, **Marty Chestem**, **John Clegg**, **Mike Courbron**, **Ward Ebert**, **Bill Guion** (on duty for Shiras who was "bird tripping"), **Don Kyle**, **Tim Keller**, **Dave Kubitsky**, **Sue Probst**, **Zelda Simon**, **Bob and Jo Solem**, **Chuck Stirrat**, **Mark Wallace**, **Helen Zeichner**. **Ann Marie Raterman** staffed the bookstore.

MANY THANKS
 TO THE FOLLOWING CLUB
 MEMBERS

Thank you to **Betty Martin** for bringing refreshments to the October meeting.

Thanks to **Eva Sunell** for being hostess and bringing wonderfully seasonal refreshments to the November meeting.

Thanks to **Ralph Geuder** for the years he took responsibility for the club's projector and sound system and thanks to **Kurt Schwarz** for generously offering to assume the responsibility for this equipment from Ralph.

OUR CLUB'S NEW HOME PAGE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB NEEDS YOUR BIRD PHOTOGRAPHS BY DARIUS ECKER

Stop by at the Howard County Bird Club's Home Page on the Internet's World Wide Web. I created these pages after a two hour session of reading an HTML manual, so let's consider these the first edition of many pages. Available online is a Howard County Bird List, information about the book, "Birding Howard County Maryland," information about Bulletin Board access and links to other Web Birding locations. To access:
<http://www.abs.net/~darius/birding.html>

I would like to start a "Bird Photo of the Month" feature for our home page. Do we have enough bird photographers in the club to come up



Internet Email is available free for Howard County Bird Club members on the Electronic Goldfinch. This means if you dial into the BBS, you can send and receive Internet mail and you'll have your own email address.

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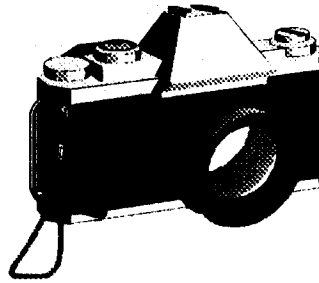
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In other words, to the left of the @ is your Bulletin Board signon name. You'll be asked for your firstname and lastname the first time you sign on to the BBS. To the right of the @ is the internet domain, "hcbc" is the sub domain for Howard County Bird Club and "abs.net" is our Internet service provider.

How Do I send Internet Mail?

Personal Internet mail is activated



with twelve photos per year? The only requirement is that there must be a bird somewhere in the photo. The preferred size is 4 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches in the form of a color print. The print can be larger, but only a 4 1/2 inch wide area will be scanned. Regular color prints like you put in a photo album are fine. I'll create a new Web

page to display the photos. Please include the photographer's name (if you like, I'll mark it as anonymous), type of equipment and film used and approximate date and location of photo.

I'll just need the photo for a short time. I'll scan it, and return it to you. I'll also notify you of the month that your photo will be added to the WWW pages. New photos will be added around the first of each month. You can submit your photo at a club meeting, or mail them to **Darius Ecker, 9270 Crazyquilt Court, Columbia, MD 21045 ATTN: BIRDPHOTO.**

INTERNET EMAIL

BY DARIUS ECKER



through Conference number 8. Join Conference 8, enter in the Internet address, then send the message. The mail will go out over the Internet. Internet mail is sent and received twice daily. First around 1:00 am, then again around 9:15 am. The HCBC computer takes the BBS off-line, dials up and connects to the Internet, sends and receives the mail, then brings the BBS back on-line. As you log on to the BBS, you will see the number of minutes remaining before the next mail run displayed near the bottom left side of the computer screen. If you are connected to the BBS during the time a mail run is scheduled you will be logged off so the computer can send and receive it's mail.

How Much Mail Can I send?

Because this uses an older mail transfer technology, UUCP, it's affordable for us to do this, but it's not free. The main reason for the

connection was to automate the download of the National Birding Hotlines. These will be available in their own conferences, so log on and read them as much as you like. You can each send a small amount of personal mail. I consider a small amount of personal mail to be less than 20 messages per week. There are no restrictions for email used for Howard County Bird Club business. Also, send as many email messages to your local, state and national representatives as you like. Please put some restrictions on the size of the messages you send. If you send one large message the size of five, please count it as five Do not attach large files to Internet email messages.

If we all cooperate we can keep this service here for all of us to use. If the outgoing mail volume gets to be too much, I'll have to restrict access to outgoing Internet email. The primary reason for the mail connection was to automate posting of the National Birding Hotlines.

CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS AND FIELD TRIPS

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 pm. Meeting/program begins at 8:00 pm. Club bookstore opens at 7:30 pm.

January 11, Thursday

Snowed out

"Breeding Bird Atlas Findings: Surprises and Confirmations," by Kathy Klimkiewicz. Kathy is with the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, and she will share her knowledge of this interesting research.

February 8, Thursday

"Exotic Island Birds: Near and Far," by Hank Kaestner. Hank works for McCormick Spice Company and visits many exotic locations. He will share his explorations of many exotic island locations, from Hart-Miller Island locally to far away islands, such as Hawaii.

Field Trips meet as described for each trip. Carpooling is encouraged; riders share the cost of gas and tolls. Dress for the field trip 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 three participants* FOR INFORMATION, CALL **BONNIE OTT**, at (410) 461-3361.

January 1, Monday

START YOUR NEW YEAR LIST - Meet at Centennial Park at 8:30 am at the west end parking lot. **Leader: Bonnie Ott.** Join Bonnie for a walk to search for anything and everything. This is the one time you will be happy to check European Starling off your checklist.

January 27, Saturday

WINTER SEED SALE - Details and order forms will come to you in a separate mailing.

February 3, Saturday

(postponed to Feb 10)

MIDWINTER COUNT - Count in the field or at your feeder. If you have not done a count before, you can request assignment with an experienced companion. Field counters are invited to attend the evening meal and tally rally at the Waugh's. To volunteer for the count and to get further details, call Jo Solem at (301) 725-5037.

February 17, Saturday

(Snowed out)

GULLS AT ALPHA RIDGE LANDFILL - Meet at 9:30 am at the Route 108 and 29 park and ride to carpool to the landfill. **Leader will be present.** Join us for a trip to the landfill to search for Lesser Black-backed Gull (likely) and, possibly, white-winged gulls and others. It could be very muddy so be prepared and dress very warmly. Call Bonnie if more information is needed.

February 29, Thursday

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF 1995 ANNUAL LISTS - Please mail to Jane Farrell, 6324 Sandchain Road, Columbia, MD 21045.

Board of Directors meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise noted, at the home of the board member listed. If directions are required, please call the hosting board member.

January 25, Thursday

Bob and Jo Solem, 10617 Graeoch Road, Laurel, MD 20723, phone (301) 725-5037.

February 22, Thursday

Maud Banks, 6666 Downdale Place, Columbia, MD 21045, phone (410) 381-3240.

MARCH - APRIL 1996 NEWSLETTER MATERIAL is due **JANUARY 26, 1996**. Anyone is welcome to contribute articles or ideas which you think will be of interest to other birders. Call or mail to **Paula and Darius Ecker, 9270 Crazyquilt Court, Columbia, MD 21045, Phone (410) 312-9165** or upload to the **Electronic Goldfinch** at (301) 596-2167.

CARPENTER NEEDED TO BUILD BIRD SPECIMEN CARRYING CASES

If you would like to show off your carpentry skills, the Howard County Bird Club needs you. We have many bird specimens that need carrying cases in which to be housed when not on display.

Call **Dave Harvey, (410) 795-3117** for more information or to volunteer for this project.

SUGGESTED NAMES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER DUE BY FEBRUARY 21, 1996

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry. If you have been waiting to give us your suggestion of the perfect name for our newsletter, wait no longer!!! Time is quickly running out, so get your suggestion to us without further delay. The competition is tough, but yours may be selected as the perfect name by the Board of Directors.

Send your suggestions to **Paula and Darius Ecker, 9270 Crazyquilt Court, Columbia, MD 21045, Phone (410) 312-9165, by February 21, 1996.**

The new name for the newsletter will be effective with the September - October 1996 issue.

CONSERVATION REPORT BY BOB SOLEM

Now that that holiday season is over, we can again remind Congress that we are not happy with their efforts on conservation legislation. **PLEASE** take the time to your Representative and your Senators. Tell them that you want the following. (The mailing addresses are at the end of the article.)

- **Endangered Species Act.** Let the Interior Department list new species as threatened or endangered, and permit designation of new areas of critical habitat that will establish protection of ecosystems.
- **Clean Water Act.** Keep the strong anti-pollution restrictions that are part of the current act. Retain EPA's veto power over wetland permits issued by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- **Safe drinking water.** Preserve the drinking water standards currently in force for the states, as the Senate is recommending.
- **National forests.** Keep the power in the hands of the Secretary of Agriculture to designate new criti-

cal habitat areas for wildlife in national forests.

Send your letters addressed to: Honorable _____ The city and ZIP code for the House of Representatives is Washington, DC 20515. Below are the names, Congressional Districts, office address, and Washington telephone number of Representatives from this area:

Third District

Benjamin L. Cardin
104 Cannon House Office Building
(Phone number: 202-225-4016)

Fifth District

Steny H. Hoyer
1705 Longworth House Office Bldg
(Phone number: 202-225-4131)

Sixth District

Roscoe G. Bartlett
322 Cannon House Office Building
(Phone number: 202-225-2721)

First District

Wayne T. Gilcress
332 Cannon House Office Building
(Phone number: 202-225-5311)

Second District

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
315 Cannon House Office Building
(Phone number: 202-225-3061)

Fourth District

Albert Russell Wynn
418 Cannon House Office Building
(Phone number: 202-225-8699)

Seventh District

Kweisi Mfume
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
(Phone number: 202-225-4741)

Eighth District

Constance A. Morella
106 Cannon House Office Building
(Phone number: 202-225-5341)

Send your letters to our Senators as well:

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
709 Hart Office Building
Washington DC, 20510
(Phone number: 202-224-4654)

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes
309 Hart Office Building
Washington DC, 20510
(Phone number 202-224-4524)

We can't forget our legislators in the state of Maryland either. **We need to go to Annapolis in 1996 to tell them what we want in the way of legislation. Save the evening of Monday, February 19, 1996 for a bus trip to Annapolis to talk to our legislators.** There will be more on this later.

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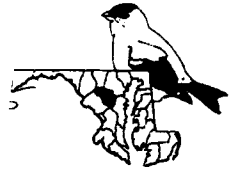
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ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER FEBRUARY 24, 1996

The annual potluck dinner will be at the Florence Bain Senior Center on Saturday, February 24, 1996. Club members and their guests are invited to share the fun, food, and program. Bring a salad, main dish, vegetable, or a dessert. The club furnishes beverages, social hour snacks, rolls, and eating utensils. You **MUST** reserve in advance so we can arrange for the proper number of beverages, etc. Sign up at the January or February meetings or call **Helen Zeichner at (410) 730-3695**. She will need to know the number in your party and what food you are bringing. Can't cook? No problem, adjustments can be made. If you wish to be part of the slide program, bring a dozen nature slides. (If you want to bring more, they will be shown if time allows.) Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Mark dishes and any accompanying serving implements with your name so we can get them back to the right person. Let the organizers know if you can come early to help set up.

PLEASE RESERVE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th!

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, WHERE ROADS ARE NOT PLOWED, ROADS ARE ICY, AND IT IS DANGEROUS TO DRIVE the potluck dinner will be **CANCELED** and not rescheduled. If in doubt on the day of the dinner, call **Helen at (410) 730-3695** or look for a message on the Club Bulletin Board "The Electronic Goldfinch" at (301) 596-2167.

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