

# Chip Notes

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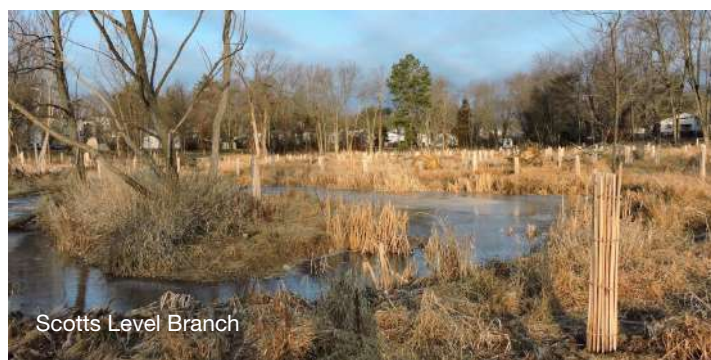
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## Stream-Side Birding

By Mary Shock; Photos by Keith Costley

One morning in June 2018, my sister, Regina, and I are stepping around saplings sheathed in protective tubes, amidst high grasses, and through people's backyards. All the Baltimore bird residents are present and accounted for—Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Chickadee, and Downy Woodpecker; a Carolina Wren sings out in the distance. We have reached the stream, a lower Gunpowder tributary, for our periodic bird survey of one of Baltimore County's stream restoration sites.



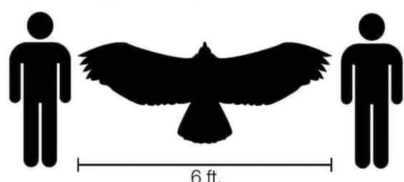
run through residential neighborhoods and require monitors to skirt backyards. Keith Costley was the first to monitor such a site at Scotts Level Branch and McDonough Road. He performed stellar work documenting and photographing birds and other animals, plants, and insects. Other BBC members and non-members then volunteered. Regina and I surveyed the Proctor Road site. We began in 2018 with monthly walks and continued regularly for a year; then we let it slide. I felt uncomfortable walking in the backyards.

Two years into the project, BBC wanted to know if volunteers were still conducting surveys and if continued monitoring is worthwhile. Keith is still monitoring his sites and stated he will increase his walks as part of his participation in the Maryland Breeding Bird Atlas. Debbie Terry monitored a site at the Dulaney Valley Branch. She found the stream hard to reach and, like me,

In 2018, Baltimore County asked the BBC to monitor restoration sites to determine if the change in habitat, with trees, shrubs, and grasses native to the area, produced more or different birds. The streams

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a brief guide on  
**PHYSICAL DISTANCING**  
keep one turkey vulture of space between you and others



## WELCOME!

A warm Baltimore Bird Club welcome goes out to the following members who have joined us since the Spring Chip Notes was published. Thanks for joining! We look forward to seeing you out there on our birding trips and at our meetings.

Libby Errickson ..... Baltimore  
Linda Anderson & Lisa Phillips .. Baltimore  
Mia Walsh ..... Baltimore  
Mary Brennan ..... Catonsville

Monica Wiedel-Lubinski ..... Glen Arm  
Don Chance ..... Pikesville  
Rebecca Kays ..... Pikesville

## President's Corner

by Mark Linardi



Spring 2020 will forever be defined as a period plagued by the Corona Virus pandemic. In what seemed like an instant, our lives, our everyday existence has been turned upside down. While all of humanity struggles with this new way of life, health care professionals and frontline personnel are responding in heroic fashion. Other essential workers and countless individual citizens are helping to share those responsibilities. God Bless Them All!

What becomes clear during uncertain times like these is just how fragile life is and how importance it is to live in the moment. It's Spring, a time of re-birth; it's our 21st Century Renaissance. During these unprecedented times what better way to help calm and even bolster our spirits then to turn our focus to the natural world.

I'm sheltering in place and focusing my attention on the world outside my window.

An American Robin is busy stripping away thin strips from a broken stalk of last year's Swamp Milkweed. With its bone yellow beak it methodically and gently pulls strand after strand of the brown-gray husk until it has reaped a satisfactory amount.

Off it flies into the distance towards its secluded nesting spot.

The sky is clear blue, achingly beautiful, with just a slight accent of wispy, translucent clouds floating lazily along. An unsteady stream of rose-pink crabapple blossoms dance and swirl delicately in the clear, cool air. Back on the ground, there are sporadic clumps of plush, green, heart-shaped leaves sporting fresh, dainty, purple and white violets above. Amsonia, Baptisia, Culver's Root, Golden Alexanders and a plethora of other perennials are displaying their various stages of growth and each day their unique structures become more apparent.

All are these natural movements and progressions are comforting, inspirational sights. Every day there will be new growth and surprises beckoning from every corner of my yard and the horizon that

lies beyond. Soon, there will be additional blooms and a parade of eager pollinators will ascend into this environment. Along with them will come a host of other interesting, allied forces, creeping, crawling, and flying side by side (no safe distancing necessary). There will be apathetic aphids, blissfully, bouncing butterflies, singing cicadas, dancing damsel flies, languid ladybugs and eventually the fashionable, phosphorus fireflies. They will feast and frolic among the newly formed paradise.

Meanwhile, over-lapping and intertwined with this undertaking is the magic of migration. The arrival of our fine, featured friends will increase every day, every hour. Already tiny, weeping Blue-Gray Gnatcatchers are buzzing the treetops and not-so rosy House Finch's are dipping their beaks daily in my birdbaths. May count is around the corner. Yes, it may be officially cancelled but it will still go on. It will feel different, have a different name, and even some unfamiliar rules and regulations. However, we will still have the pleasure and luxury of watching and counting birds. Every year this season is one of anticipation and joy for every birder. This year for me, and for each of us, it should be with renewed insight and a deeper breadth of appreciation.

So yes, nature and life will go on and we will all get through this together. We will gain the fortitude to live better, stronger, happier lives than before but in the meantime please allow nature to allay our fears and comfort our souls.

I'd like to close with some prophetic, philosophical words of wisdom to carry along.

In this instance I hope you will allow a bit of levity.

If life seems jolly rotten  
There's something you've forgotten  
And that's to laugh and smile and dance and sing  
When you're feeling in the dumps  
Don't be silly chumps  
Just purse your lips and whistle, that's the thing  
And

Always look on the bright side of life

Eric Idle, Monty Python

Be Safe, Be Well and Be Kind.

# Conservation CORNER

## A Stream of One's Own?

By Carol Schreter

For three years starting in 2014, Keith Costley documented birds he spotted at a Baltimore County stream restoration site in Randallstown. His stellar work was described in an article titled "Scotts Level Branch Restoration Revisited" (by Joan Cwi and Keith Costley, Winter 2017 issue). Then BBC was invited to find birders to do similar on-going surveys at a total of nine Baltimore County stream restoration sites. Natural resource staff at the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability would like to know what wildlife visits these suburban streams where the County has created floodplains, wetland and forest edges filled with native plants.

Recently BBC member Mary Shock contacted all BBC bird monitors who are interacting with County Natural Resource officers. As described in "Stream-Side Birding" in this issue of Chip Notes, Mary

recommends that BBC strengthen the project by: 1) identifying a coordinator; and 2) finding additional birders willing to adopt any of these sites. A birder who lives close to a location might be a good fit. If this in your assigned Breeding Bird Atlas territory, this would be a great fit! Each site is very small, a few suburban acres of newly created habitat filled with native plants.

The **BBC Conservation Committee seeks volunteers to adopt a stream site** for repeated visits over the years, and someone willing to coordinate this effort. If interested, please contact BBC Conservation Chair Carol Schreter (C.Schreter@comcast.net or 410-664-5151). Baltimore County would welcome 1 or 2 birders on each site. They want to know who is visiting, so this is not an open access invitation. Each stream edge is surrounded by private homes. Listed below are available sites, noting if someone is already covering them. Sites available for monitoring include:

**On the west side of Baltimore County**, Keith Costley is visiting four sites, listed below.

One additional person on each site would be suitable.

**Randallstown** — two sites.

1. Scotts Level Branch at Marriottsville. Tiverton Road between Southall and Branchleigh Rds.
2. Upper Scotts Level Park – McDonogh Road.

**Reisterstown** — Gwynns Falls at Chartley II – Sacred Heart Lane and Chartley Drive.

**Catonsville** — Dead Run at Westview Park – Gilston Park Road at Westview Park.

**On the East and Central areas of Baltimore County**, four of five sites unassigned.

**Timonium** — Kelly Branch – Dulaney Valley Road and entrance to Pine Ridge Golf Course. Mark Linardi visiting.

**Perry Hall** — two sites.

1. Lower Gunpowder at Proctor Lane – Proctor Lane between Oak White and Klausmier Rds.
2. Lower Gunpowder at Proctor Lane – Joppa Road and Seven Courts Road.

**Glen Arm** — Dulaney Valley Branch at Windemere – Dulaney Valley Road and Windemere Parkway. May be difficult to access. Birding here might be done at a few fixed points rather than walking next to the stream.

**Parkville** — Whitmarsh Run at Upton – Upton and Orbitan Roads.





## Birdbits.....



**CORVID-19**



Buffet is open. Curbside only!  
(Lindsay Jacks' balcony)

## 75th Anniversary Celebration

*(Check page 10 to learn about our 75th anniversary walk at Lake Roland.)*

A record crowd of 106 BBC members and MOS Board members joined us for our mutual 7th anniversary celebration. We also had table displays for BBC, Maryland Ornithological Society, MD Bird Conservation Partnership, Light Out Baltimore, Natural History Society, Phoenix Wildlife Center and a table for BBC/MOS historical items. During the social hour, Bruce Beehler signed his latest book-- Birds of MD, DE & DC—which was for sale along with new bird & nature-related books also on sale.

From the raffle, book and shirt sales, BBC did well. Here are the specifics:

Raffle	\$474
Book Sale	\$149
T-shirt sale	\$140
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$763</b>

Thanks to everyone who opened up their pockets and made this successful!

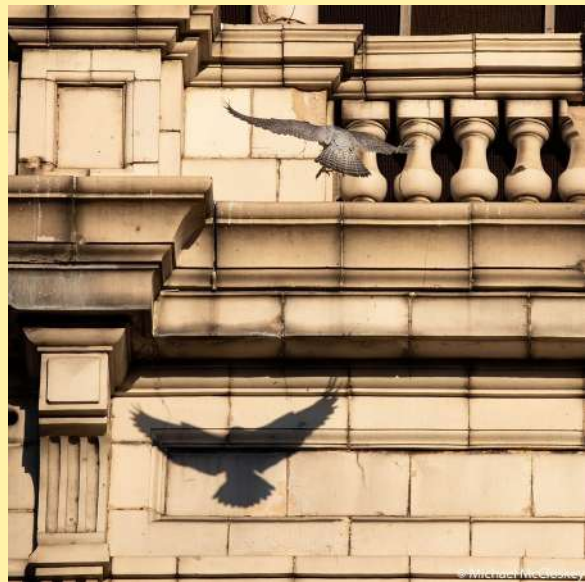
## Roland Park Water Tower Peregrine Falcon Update

Photos by Michael McCloskey

This spring the peregrines have been observed mating (see photo below), and now (April 25th) it is mainly the male that is seen. We are assuming the female is on the nest. If there are hatchlings in the tower it will be weeks before we can confirm this, but the adults will be even busier. Here is a link to a page that shows the stages of development after hatching: <https://www.birdsoutsidemywindow.org/peregrine-faqs/peregrine-chicks-week-to-week-development/>.



**Mating Peregrine Falcons—**  
Just look at the expression on the female's face!



**Me and my shadow...**

## Towson Ravens. Dumpster Diving

Photo by Walter Shook



*Stream-Side Birding - Continued from page 1*

felt uncomfortable walking so close to the doors and windows of private homes. Mark Linardi visited his site twenty times from March 2018 through September 2019. His species list stands at sixty.

I spoke to Dennis Genito, Natural Resource Specialist, Watershed Restoration Section, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability. He and his colleagues are enthusiastically behind the partnership and want to continue. Dennis said that after two years of collecting BBC lists, he is just now accumulating a good base of information. The County will use the data in presentations at professional conferences. Also, the residents near the sites are interested to know what is living by the streams. With bird lists, the County can provide that information.

Dennis recognized that after two years of growth the vegetation in the summer is thick, particularly the native grasses, and monitors may be unable to walk the site. However, even if a volunteer only walks during migration in the spring and fall, that data is valuable to the County. Baltimore County is also interested in before-and-after construction monitoring. Dennis and his colleagues seek to compare bird species present before construction with birds after construction. Dennis stated that each restoration site incorporates a stream-side buffer, floodplain, wetland creation, and a multi-story forest with ground cover, understory, and canopy. Baltimore County aims to discover if any specific components of the sites have provided a food source or habitat niche for different bird species. If Dennis had before-and-after data, he could determine if the bird requirements were present previously or if the County “created” them with the project.

To strengthen this project, BBC needs a volunteer to coordinate the project, more monitors, guidelines setting out what is expected, and a Baltimore County point person. Dennis Genito has agreed to be the Baltimore County point person. Also, Keith raised an important point: surveying the sites would be great for birders participating in the Maryland Breeding Bird Atlas. Monitoring would allow birders entrance to sites that might not otherwise be accessible.

Want to help? If so, contact Carol Schreter or the BBC Conservation Committee. If you volunteer, one hot summer day, like Regina and I, you too can wade down the stream – while a nesting pair of Red-shouldered Hawks might be observing you from high in a Sycamore tree.

*See Conservation Corner for more information on this topic.*

## Birding Patagonia, Argentina, Part II

Text and Photos by Kathy Lambrow

Part I (Chip Notes, Spring 2020) reviewed the parts of our trip that covered the coastal areas of Peninsula Valdes, Puerto Madryn, Punta Tombo and Ushuaia, Tierra Del Fuego. In this final section I will discuss our visits to the interiors of Patagonia and the most amazing glaciers of Perito Moreno in Los Glaciares National Park near El Calafate and Le Martial glacier and Tierra del Fuego National Park outside of Ushuaia.



Ushuaia from Glacier

We left our hotel in the cosmopolitan town of El Calafate (with great coffee and chocolate shops) early morning for our tour to Los Glaciares National Park, a popular destination not only for bird watching but mountain and glacier hiking. The scenery was absolutely breathtaking with mountains, forests and the Perito Moreno glacier, a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the most approachable glaciers in the world. A metal walkway of ramps and steps takes you down the mountain next to the lake and glacier providing great birding habitat and views of the glacier. Highlight birds were the beautiful yellow and gray Patagonian Sierra finches. We encountered Andean Condors on the way, Austral Thrush, Thorn-tailed Rayadito, Tufted Tit-Tyrant, Fire-Eyed Diucon, Austral Blackbird and many Southern Lapwings. Once outside of the town, there is no development, just open spaces and ranches. In the rolling countryside on our approach to the park, there were a few ponds with many types of waterfowl including Chilean Flamingo and Black-Necked Swan and plenty of sheep with their lambs.

The next day we walked the Laguna Nimez, a wetland park outside of town bordering on Lago Argentino



tallying 43 species on our visit. So many waterfowl, most remarkably Coscoroba Swan, Upland Goose,



Correndera Pipit

the beautiful Chiloe Wigeon, Andean Duck, South American Snipe, Wren-Like Rushbird, two types of Canasteros, Gray-Hooded Sierra Finch, cute little Austral

Negritos and a charming Correndera Pipit. The highlight of this trip was the rare Magellanic Plover on the mud flats of the lake. A quick diversion from the birds and a setup for the next fieldtrip. I had a total knee replacement in mid-August with promises from my surgeon that I would be in better shape for my trip if I had the surgery before than if I waited. The surgery went great and my knee felt 95%; however, I developed a stress fracture in my opposite ankle and found long walking, especially on uneven surfaces, difficult. We arrived into Ushuaia, were taken straight from the airport to drop off our luggage at the hotel and were to proceed directly to a hike on the Le Martial glacier for a few specialties that could be found only there. Upon arrival at the hotel, our local guide, Marcello, pulled me aside and said “we are scheduled to hike up into the glacier. Very steep (he said) like this”, gesturing a very steep slope with this hand. “The hike should take about 2 hours – for you – six!” Well, it was perfectly clear that his note of my “boot” that I wore on

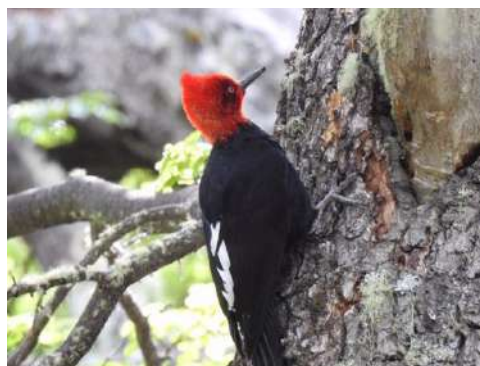


Black-faced Ibis

the plane, and my walking made it very obvious that I should not attempt this one. Sorry to miss, but happy that our guide was forthright enough to tell me, I stayed back at the hotel. I had a great relaxing time that afternoon at the hotel which sat right off the Beagle Channel and spotted Chilean Skua, Dolphin and Kelp Gull, Kelp Goose, Black-Chinned Siskin and White-Crested Elaenia.

The rest of our group trekked up to the glacier. By the time they arrived, the weather had changed, it was very windy and had begun to snow. It was a steep climb onto the snow-covered glacier and sometimes impossible to see much beyond your face given the snow squalls. They were told to walk in the footsteps of the person in front – stepping outside of the tracks could put you up to your thigh in snow—something difficult to do for the shorter members of our group! In the excitement to see the specialties found only at this altitude, several members pushed onward quickly to spot and/or flush the Ground-Tyrant they were in search of. Rumor has it that those left behind were a bit distressed! The trek ended safely with all in one piece and still speaking to each other! Sightings included the Yellow-bridled Finch, Dark-faced Ground-Tyrant, White Throated Caracara, Buff-winged Cinclodes and the Ochre-naped Ground-Tyrant – well worth the trip.

The next day was spent at the Tiera del Fuego National Park outside of Ushuaia, a scenic location with many



Magellanic Woodpecker

trails and nice facilities. Highlights of this day included Ashy-headed Goose, White-breasted and Bar-breasted Upland Goose, Black-chested Buzzard Eagle, the glorious

Magellanic Woodpecker (both male and female), Thorn-tailed Rayodito, Cinnamon-bellied Ground Tyrant and an Austral Pygmy-Owl. Our farewell dinner was a fabulous meal of king crab, a local specialty. We departed on our way back to Buenos Aires the next morning.

Finally, I would never have expected the Covid-19 pandemic we now face in the world at the time we completed our trip in early November 2019. It was a bit of an emotional experience writing this final article of our trip, as I fondly remembered a time when things were “normal,” the world was a safe and fun place to travel, and we could freely spend time with good friends and total strangers alike with a similar love of birds, nature and the Earth we all occupy. I so look forward to getting out birding again and I wish you all well.

## Return to Southwest Florida

by Jim Highsaw and Linda Prentice

During January 22–27, 2020 we traveled to southwest Florida to visit three birding areas in or near Fort Myers—the Ding Darling NWR, Lakes County Park and the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. Lakes County Park was new for us, and we hadn't been to Ding Darling and Corkscrew for twenty years. The weather was generally good (almost no rain) and the birding was terrific.



Yellow-crowned Night Heron Eating Crab at Ding Darling  
Photo by Jim Highsaw

After our nonstop flight from Baltimore landed in Fort Myers in late morning, we hopped into a rental car and headed for Sanibel Island and lunch. Then we spent the afternoon on the Wildlife Drive in the Ding Darling NWR. There were plenty of Blue-winged Teal, Pied-billed Grebes, Anhingas, White Pelicans, four varieties of herons, three varieties of egrets, White Ibis and Roseate Spoonbills. The next day we made three more circuits on the Wildlife Drive, took some photos, and found a White-eyed Vireo on the Shell Mound Trail. During our circuits it seemed to us that the number of cars on the Drive has visibly increased since 1999, and the number of bicycles has greatly increased.

On Day 3 we walked on some of the Trails on the Bailey Tract portion of the refuge and found Palm and Yellow-rumped Warblers, a Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, a Flicker, some White Ibis, and some common birds. After lunch we visited Lakes County Park in Fort Myers and walked

on the Boardwalk. This was some of the best birding of the trip—Limpkin, Short-tailed Hawk, a close Tricolored Heron, Common Gallinules, Anhingas, and Great Blue and Little Blue Herons. The Pranty/ABA Guide (2005) describes the Short-tailed Hawk as “Rare to Locally Uncommon” in Florida.

On Days 4 and 5 we spent the morning on the Boardwalk at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. The highlight was a Hammond's Flycatcher (a western bird) quietly perched close to the Boardwalk. A Sanctuary staff person was helping birders to locate it. An ABA Rare Bird Alert stated that it is only the 3rd record for Florida. Other highlights for Corkscrew included Painted Buntings at the feeders, Black-crowned Night Herons, Purple Gallinules and five Warbler species (Palm, Pine, Black-and-White, Common Yellowthroat and Yellow-rumped).

We hope to return in 2021 and start exploring areas southeast of Naples.

## Sax-Zim Bog-Minnesota

By Deb and Lou Taylor, late Feb 2020

Photos by Lou Taylor

Only birders would understand why we went to Northern Minnesota in the freezing February weather. Seven



layers of clothing later we were on the “hunt” for a Great Gray Owl. YES it was minus 20 degrees the first morning, then minus

28 the next. Several days later it reached 46 degrees warm in the afternoon!

We researched the birds that we hoped to see and joined the “Telegram” app that Friends of Sax-Zim Bog have built. A local map put out by the Friends of the Bog can be helpful but don't rely on it totally, it's not exact. We found eBird's direction to be better.

We started our first day by driving 20 minutes to visit “Mary Lou's Feeders,” which didn't disappoint: beautiful Evening Grosbeaks, Wild Turkeys, and the biggest Hairy Woodpeckers you have ever seen! Mary Lou has graciously



set up an amazing series of bird feeders, suet feeders, bird baths, bird decor and most appreciated of all a heated Spot-a -Pot! We were more than willing to make a donation, just to use the Spot-a-Pot. Now, we had to be careful with her neighbor who was not happy that birders were near her home. She came out and started yelling that she would call the sheriff with our license plate numbers! Mind you that we hadn't seen a police car since we got there. Town populations are less than 100. Shortly after the yelling, lo and behold, a big surprise flew by for just a few seconds- a Northern Goshawk! Lou was able to get a great shot of it.

Next we drove to Winterberry Bog. This is a very busy place. Many people have been greeted by the resident Barred Owl who is perched very close to the road. He didn't seem bothered at the least as some people have gotten pictures of the owl diving down to retrieve a vole. An Ermine has also been spotted, a white minx kind of mammal, which isn't observed too often. We did not see it. As we continue on a short path into the woods we were hoping to see our lifers of a Three-Toed Woodpecker and a Black Backed Woodpecker—YES, several of each were spotted by us.

Another great place to visit is the Welcome Center, open from 10-3 each day December thru March. There are paid Naturalists and volunteers who welcome you with hot drinks and snacks along with maps, lots of local and hotspot information. There is also an information board posted outside of the center. It was very interesting to see the deer carcass (donated from processing plants) scattered around the center grounds for the birds and mammals to pick at. We saw many Goldfinches, which wasn't expected this time of year, Gray Jays and lots of woodpeckers. Driving another long stretch of road we saw a Snowy Owl way out on tree lines that we could see in a scope.

Days 3 and 4 were so pretty with the glistening snow. We were greeted with another lifer, a Boreal Owl at 8am on a small feeding station on Admiral Road, in the middle of nowhere. The owl seemed oblivious to us being there. The feeding station consisted of two medium sized upright wooden poles and one long shelf with seeds and peanut butter smeared on the poles. Again we saw a lot of the usual birds and plenty of birders. The afternoon brought more driving with our windows cracked open. When we heard the chattering of White-winged Crossbills, we jumped out of the car to take pictures, which was neat and also ridiculous because we had to walk on melting snow and kept sinking and falling and laughing. We also saw two Roughed Grouse crossing further up the road.

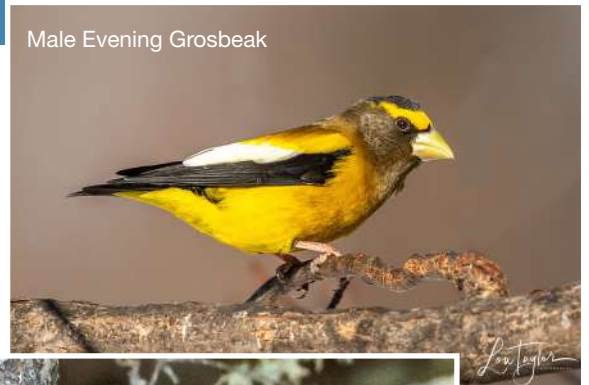
Our lodging was at Alesche's in the nearby town of Meadowlands. It is a wonderful property with a variety of accommodations at a reasonable price. The owner, Cindy, is very helpful. There is a communal kitchen and people hang in the living room and chat if they so desire. It was fun to talk about our days' events with the other birders and photographers and deciding what we would do the next day. It is wise to bring basic groceries with you because there are only two small restaurants in town. Two gas stations are 20 minutes apart with a small convenience store attached. Duluth and a few other smaller towns are within a 30-40 minute drive.

We unfortunately did not see the Great Gray, Bohemian Waxwings, Boreal Chickadee or Redpoll. As always, it was a nice adventure but we were ready to get home and sleep in our own bed!

Northern Goshawk



Male Evening Grosbeak



Boreal Owl



## 75th Anniversary Walk

by Peter Lev

**MARCH 11, 1945:** World War II is winding down, though Germany and Japan are both still fighting. On this date the Baltimore Bird Club held its very first field trip, at Lake Roland. Seven birders led by BBC President Irving Hampe walked northeast along the Jones Falls to the Lake Roland Dam. Then Mr. Hampe and one friend took a much longer walk to the serpentine barrens near Falls Road and back to the lake. 18 species of birds were seen on this inaugural trip. Mr. Hampe's trip report, which appeared in the first issue of Maryland Birdlife, is posted on the Baltimore Bird Club homepage, <https://baltimorebirdclub.org>

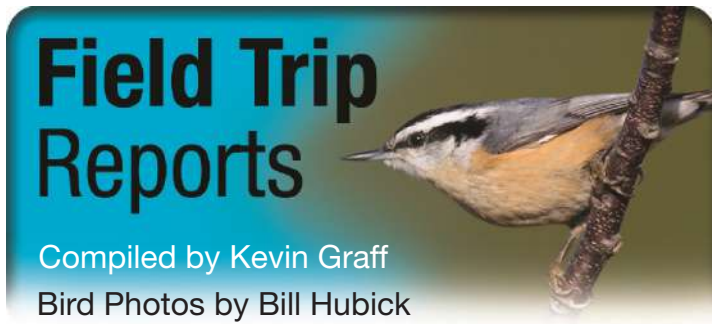
**MARCH 11, 2020:** A more-or-less normal day though another crisis, the coronavirus epidemic, is lurking. On this date the Baltimore Bird Club held its 75th Anniversary Walk. 24 birders met at the Light Rail parking lot near Lake Roland and walked northeast along the Jones Falls.

Then we retraced our steps to the Light Rail parking lot and walked the boardwalk and the peninsula. Among the participants were distinguished world birder Peter Kaestner; Robert Mardiney, recently retired Director of Education at Irvine Nature Center; Robin Todd, President of Maryland Ornithological Society; and Mark Linardi, President of BBC. Kevin Graff and Peter Lev co-led, with a big assist from Park Ranger John Lehman.

It was a birdy day, with 48 total species observed. On the boardwalk we found Fox Sparrow, Brown Creeper, both kinglets and an active Red-Shouldered Hawk nest. Ranger Lehman took us behind the dog park (an area normally closed to the public) where we saw Wood Ducks and Common Mergansers. On the peninsula we had Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Cooper's Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Tree Swallow, Eastern Bluebird, and Winter Wren. A very enjoyable day, with good company, good weather, and good birds. Thanks to Kevin Graff for organizing the 75th anniversary walk.



Attendees at 75th anniversary walk



*Due to the fact that bird trips were cancelled because of the CORVID-19 pandemic and the need for safe distancing, BBC field trips were cancelled from March 29th through May 31st. There were only a few field trips to report for this time period so they will be included in the next Chip Notes.*

#### **LOCH RAVEN CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT, DECEMBER 15, 2019**

*(A full summary of birds seen is available on the BBC website.)*

Fortunately the pandemic had not started in December, so we had a very successful Christmas Bird Count. We had 64 observers participate in 37 parties covering six sectors including 16 feeder watches. In total, 86 species were recorded.

Christmas Bird Count Summary			
Observers	Field		Feeder
	64 (37 Parties)		16
Duration	6:40am-4:38pm		
	Hours	Minutes	Miles
By Foot	79	56	71.14
By Car	4	10	171.0
Owlings			
Duration	6:20am-6:40am		
	Minutes		Miles
By Foot	5		0.2
By Car	15		3.0
Totals			
Species		Individuals	
86		63,675	

Results by Sector		
Sector/Number	Number of Species	Total Individuals
Western Run #1	54	19,190
Monkton #2	62	8,483
Harford #3	44	9,538
Caves Valley #4	60	5,940
Loch Raven #5	68	9,197
Towson #6	55	11,327



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**Deadlines for submitting articles  
for upcoming issues:**

**July 24, 2020**



## Baltimore Bird Club APPLICATION

*Membership year is September 1–August 31. New members only  
joining after March 1 may pay half-year rate. A full year's dues received  
after April 30 will be applied to the next membership year.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Benefits include membership in the BBC and Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS), free field trips, quarterly BBC and MOS newsletters sent electronically, lectures and other events.

### Check dues category and circle amount sent.

Category	1-YR	½ YR	Chapter Only+
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<input type="checkbox"/> Household	\$45.00	\$22.50	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	\$100.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior*	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$5.00

\* Through 17: record age here \_\_\_\_

+Chapter Only membership is available to MOS members who are already members of another MOS chapter or who are MOS life members.

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