

MEETING AND FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Watch our Club newsletter *Chip Notes* and the Club web page for changes to our events schedule. Events may be cancelled for inclement weather. When in doubt, check with the leader listed with the trip, or with Field Trip Coordinator Pete Webb, home phone 486-1217, cell phone 443 904-6314, e-mail: pete_webb@juno.com

Phone numbers area code 410 unless otherwise indicated

SUMMER/FALL 2010

AUG 18 (Wed) 6-8 pm **Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** First of a series of four evening birds walks at Fort McHenry. Leader: Jim Peters, (410) 429-0966.

➤ *Directions to Ft. McHenry.* From I-95, take Hanover Street exit 55, McComas St (last exit before tunnel eastbound, first after tunnel westbound) east, north (left) on Key Hwy which turns west, first left Lawrence St, left (east) on Fort Ave, continue east to gate into Fort McHenry. From the JFX, I-83, south to St Paul St exit, south on St Paul becomes Light St, then left (east) onto Fort Avenue, continue to end as above. **Park outside the Fort** (on the left just before the gate) on the lot **along Wallace Street.** Automatically canceled in rain, fog, etc.

AUG 21 (Sat) 7:00/9:15 am **Bombay Hook.** Meet at Nursery Rd Park-n-Ride 7:00 am OR Bombay Hook visitor center lot 9:15 am. Bring lunch. For herons, wide variety of migrating shorebirds including avocets. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking involved. Telescopes useful. Leader: Pete Webb, 486-1217, or pete_webb@juno.com
Directions to Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Rd Park-n-Ride. Take

I-695 Beltway exit 8, (*not* exit 8A which goes to the tunnel). From outer loop (southbound), ramp leads to parking lot across Hammonds Ferry Rd. From inner loop (northbound), follow ramp right onto Fairview, turn right on Nursery Rd, right on Hammonds Ferry Rd, then left at next light into Park-n-Ride lot.

➤ *Directions to Bombay Hook NWR, Delaware Visitor Center:*
From Bay Bridge follow Rt 301 north about 34 miles. Turn right at Rt 300. Travel 19 miles to Kenton, DE. Turn right at Rt 42, go 8 miles to Leipsic. Left onto Rt 9, go 1.5 miles to inconspicuous Bombay Hook marker on right. Turn right, go to Visitor Center lot at end. Drive time from Bay Bridge about 1.5 hours.

AUG 25 (Wed) 6-8 pm Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.

Park outside the gate. See directions AUG 18 entry above. Automatically cancelled in inclement weather (rain fog etc.)
Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

AUG 29 (Sun) 8:30 am Cylburn Self-guided Walk. First in a series of casual fall walks. Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. **Beginning Birders Welcome.** Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader.

Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or
ilenel@juno.com

➤ *Directions.* From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Parkway exit west (right). Go about ½ mile up hill to traffic light, turn left on Greenspring Avenue; proceed another ¼ mile past first road intersection and turn left at stone gate entrance into Cylburn Arboretum. Follow drive to circle in front of The Vollmer Center, continue around the circle to entrance to main parking lot

AUG 31 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** First in a series of casual fall walks to follow the progress of migration this season. **Beginning Birders Welcome.** The park has a variety of habitats including fields, stream-side woods, and hillside forest. Expect a variety of migrant and resident birds. Leader: Matilda Weiss, 337-2732.

➤ *Directions to Cromwell Valley Park.* From Baltimore Beltway I-695 take exit 29A Cromwell Bridge Road. At end of entrance ramp, turn left (north) on Cromwell Bridge Road, continue 1.4 miles beyond the light, turn left at the “Willow Grove Farm Entrance.” Follow entrance road, cross a small bridge, and park in lot on left.

SEP 1 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry.** First in a series of monthly morning surveys of bird activity at the Fort and wetland. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in inclement weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

➤ *Directions to Ft. McHenry.* From I-95, take Hanover Street exit 55, McComas St (last exit before tunnel eastbound, first after tunnel westbound) east, north (left) on Key Hwy which turns west, first left Lawrence St, left (east) on Fort Ave, continue east to gate into Fort McHenry. From the JFX, I-83, south to St Paul St exit, south on St Paul becomes Light St, then left (east) onto Fort Avenue, continue to end as above. Park in the lot by the visitor center in the Fort and meet at the visitor center.

SEP 1 (Wed) 6-8 pm **Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.** Park outside the gate. See directions Aug 18. Automatically cancelled in inclement weather (rain fog etc.) Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

SEP 5 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in

Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. **Beginning Birders Welcome.** See Aug 29 for directions. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

SEP 7 (Tue) 8:30 am Cromwell Park. See Aug 31 for details. Leader: Debbie Terry 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net

SEP 7 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom. First in a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows on the first Tuesday of each month except January. Tonight: "Identifying Confusing Fall Warblers" with Pete Webb, program chairman, Winter Counts coordinator/compiler and former president, Baltimore Bird Club. Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

➤ *Directions to Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom:* From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Parkway exit west (right) and immediately get into left lane. Take first left onto Cylburn Ave. (before going up the hill). Go about 1/2 mile and watch the left side of the avenue for an entrance gate, which should be open. Go up the driveway, bear left at intersections, to small parking lot on right. The building beside the lot has a side entrance door. Go in, walk through a short hallway on your left, and through a door at the end into the lecture room.

SEP 8 (Wed) 6-8 pm Evening Walk at Fort McHenry.

Park outside the gate. See directions Aug 18.

Automatically cancelled in inclement weather (rain fog etc.)

Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

SEP 11 (Sat) 7:30 am Milford Mill Park. Fall migrant warblers, thrushes and other songbirds at this small tract of forest and streamside path. One-mile level paved path loop.

Puddles could cover parts of the path if it's rained recently.
Leader: Pete Webb, 486-1217 or cell 443 904-6314 or email
pete_webb@juno.com

➤ *Directions to Milford Mill Park.* From Beltway 695, exit 18 Liberty Rd, proceed west to first light at Washington Ave. Turn right, proceed to light on Milford Mill Road, right, pass under the Beltway overpass bridge, turn left and park on the side street. After parking, cross Milford Mill Road to the park entrance.

SEP 12 (Sun) 7:00 am Fall Migrants at Rockburn Branch Park. Bird the varied habitats of this Howard County park for Fall warblers and other migrants. Half day trip; moderate walking over well-maintained trails. Meet at 7:00 AM at the tennis courts; enter the park at the south entrance off Montgomery Road at Rockburn Elementary School.

Leader: Joel Martin, 744-9211 or jcdlmartin@aol.com.

➤ *Directions to Rockburn Park:* From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, go west on I-70, south (left lane exit) on Rt. 29, east (left lane exit) on Route 100. Stay in the right lane on Rt 100 and in 0.7 mile take the first exit (1A). At the top of the exit ramp, bear right onto Long Gate Parkway, right on MD 103 Montgomery Road. Stay on Montgomery Road, turning left at two traffic lights to stay on it. The park's South Area entrance will be on the left 0.6 mile after the second traffic light left turn, just before/west of Rockburn Elementary School. Follow the entrance drive skirting the school and in about 0.2 mile look for a lot and tennis courts on the left.

SEP 12 (Sun) 8:30 am Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. **Beginning Birders Welcome.** See Aug 29 for directions. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

SEP 12 (Sun) 6:45-7:45 pm **Chimney Swifts at dusk.** Join the BBC Swift-Watch Team for "Swift Night Out" as Chimney Swifts pour into one of their favorite chimneys. About 3,000 Swifts have been entering in recent years, so come enjoy the show. Swifts are counted and results, nationwide, are listed at www.chimneyswifts.org. The Swifts occasionally switch nightly roosting sites between the Hampden and Conservatory (Druid Hill Park) chimneys, so please check the BBC website (<http://baltimorebirdclub.org/>) on the Friday before the walk to confirm location. Come a half hour early if the weather is cloudy or gray: cancelled if raining.

Leader: Joan Cwi, 467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net.

- *Directions to Druid Hill Park Conservatory.* The Conservatory is located at Auchentoroly Terrace and Gwynns Falls Parkway. From I-83 exit at 28th St. Follow signs to "Druid Park Lake Drive" (go along edge of the park). Turn right at 5th traffic light, Gwynns Falls Parkway. See the Conservatory on your right (an historic Victorian, glass greenhouse).
- *Directions to Hampden chimneys:* Take I-83 to exit 9, Cold Spring Lane. Go east a quarter mile to light at Falls Road. Turn right (south) onto Falls Road and go 1.2 miles total. At 36th Street, where road goes downhill, follow left lane and Falls Road sign. From this point, all distances are very short - less than a block. At the stop sign, turn left, go one short block, then take hairpin turn at first possible right onto Falls Cliff Road to dead end. Follow arrow pointing left and go around the curve to the end. Turn right onto Elm Avenue, first left onto Mill Road, then first left onto Mill Center parking lot.

SEP 14 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Aug 31 for details. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

SEP 18 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Sep 1 for directions. Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

SEP 18 (Sat) **Baltimore Fall Count.** We will tally all birds seen within the City and County during this calendar day. Birders of all levels of experience are welcome and urged to participate. To avoid duplication of counting, contact coordinator Debbie Terry, phone 252-8771 or email dterry12@verizon.net, for area assignment.

SEP 19 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. For directions see Aug 29. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

SEP 21 (Tue) 8:30 am **Broad-winged Hawks over Cromwell Valley Park.** Diverse habitat includes stream, woods and fields. We'll see a variety of resident and migrant birds. Peak time for migrating Broad-winged Hawks if weather is right. See Aug 31 for directions. Leader: Peter Lev, 823-2962 or plev@comcast.net

SEP 26 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Aug 29. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

SEP 28 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Aug 31 for details. Leader: Ruth Culbertson, 825-1379 or ruthec@verizon.net

OCT 3 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Aug 29. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

OCT 5 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.**

See Aug 31 for details.

Leader: Paul Noell, 243-2652 or myconut@verizon.net

OCT 5 (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom.** Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Our speaker tonight is Gail Mackiernan, presenting "An East Pacific Odyssey - or, If It's Tuesday, It Must be Ecuador". In autumn of 2009 Gail, her husband, and two friends took a cruise from California to Chile. Their primary targets were seabirds, but stops in Mexico and Central and South America also yielded a wonderful array of land birds. Gail's presentation follows their odyssey from the California deserts to the mist-filled beech forests of Chile and everything in between! Doors open at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm. For directions, see Sep. 7.

OCT 6 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesdays at Fort**

McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort.

Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Sep 1 for directions.

Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

OCT 10 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Aug 29. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

OCT 12 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Aug 31 for details. Leader: Joan Cwi, 467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net.

OCT 16 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Sep 1 for directions. Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

OCT 16 (Sat) 9:00 am **Irvine Nature Center.** With forest, field and marsh this 116 acre site has an extensive trail system and is full of promises. Expect between 45 and 55 species with plenty of "little brown job" birds. Possible Red-headed Woodpecker. Leader: Keith Eric Costley, (443) 985-6489 or oriolekec1@comcast.net

➤ *Directions to Irvine Nature Center.* From I-695 Beltway take exit 19, I-795 3.7 miles to exit 4, bear right on ramp onto Owings Mills Blvd. Go 2 miles, turn right at Crondall Lane. Turn right at Garrison Forest Road. Irvine Nature Center entrance will be on the left.

OCT 17 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Aug 29. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

OCT 19 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Aug 31 for directions. Leader: John Landers, 426-3374 or dado1bw@aol.com

OCT 23 (Sat) 7:00 am **Hawk Mountain.** All-day trip to see migrating hawks and magnificent scene in Pennsylvania. Leaving Timonium park-n-ride **7:00 am sharp** to arrive at

the famous site about 10:00. The scenic North Overlook is about a mile and a half vigorous uphill hike from the visitor center, but the South Overlook is only a level half-mile walk. Bring a picnic lunch and expect lines of people waiting to use the outhouse at the overlook, or hike back to the visitor center for the restrooms there. Hawks can be spotted as tiny dots a couple of miles away as they approach, and some pass overhead for nice close-up views. \$5 trail fee charged by the Hawk Mountain Association which maintains the place. (See website www.hawkmountain.org for more details.) TRIP IS OFF IF RAIN OR FOG. Rain date: Sat. Oct. 30. Leader: Pete Webb, 486-1217 home, 443 904-6314 cell, or pete_webb@juno.com

➤ Directions to Timonium Park-n-ride: north on I-83 from Beltway, take SECOND Timonium Road exit (north end of overpass bridge), follow ramp down and turn LEFT onto Greenspring Drive, go past warehouses and first couple of entrances, past the “Kiss-n-Ride” entrance, take the next entrance on right into the park-n-ride lot.

OCT 26 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park**. See Aug 31 for details. Leader: Kevin Graff, email whitemarlin2001@yahoo.com or call 557-2456

OCT 31 (Sat) 7:00 am Rain date for **Hawk Mountain** trip

NOV 2 (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening at Cylburn**. Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight: “Save the Marshes” – a new salt-marsh conservation initiative by the National Audubon Society with David Curson, regional director at Patterson Park in Baltimore. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm. For directions, see Sep. 7.

NOV 3 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Sep 1 for directions. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

NOV 7 (Sun) 8:00 am Loch Raven. Waterbirds and land birds. Possible Bald Eagle, E. Bluebird, Common Loon. Telescopes useful. Two mile level walk. Leader: Peter Lev, 823-2962 or plev@comcast.net

➤ *Directions to Loch Raven.* From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take exit 27 Dulaney Valley Rd north, go several miles, cross large bridge over reservoir, and bear right immediately. Continue to first left, Stone Hill Rd. Go about 100 yards, turn around, and then park on your right. All cars need to park on the same side of the road.

NOV 20 (Sat) 7:30/9:30 am Blackwater NWR. All-day trip to see ducks, thousands of Canada and Snow Geese. Brown-headed Nuthatch possible. Rough-legged Hawk and Short-eared Owl possible in late afternoon. Bring lunch. Meet at Nursery Rd Park-n-Ride (see Aug 21 for directions) at 7:30 am OR at the Blackwater Visitor Center at 9:30 am. No reservations necessary. Leaders: Pete Webb, 486-1217 or email pete_webb@juno.com, and Kevin Graff, email whitemarlin2001@yahoo.com or call 557-2456.

➤ *Directions to Blackwater NWR.* From Bay Bridge go south on US 50 to Cambridge. Right (south) on Rt 16 (Church Creek Rd), about 7 miles, left (east) on Rt 335, about 5 miles, left on Key Wallace Dr about one mile. Right into drive for Refuge visitor center.

NOV 20 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad

weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Sep 1 for directions. Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

DEC 1 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Sep 1 for directions. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769

DEC 4 (Sat) 7:30 am Southern Maryland All-day trip to Point Lookout and other locations. Scoters, Long-tailed Duck, Great Cormorant, Bald Eagle, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Brown Pelican and Gannet all possible. Birding near cars with minimal walking. Telescopes useful. Bundle up for cold weather and winds possible. Meet at Beltway exit 8 Nursery Rd. Park and Ride. See Aug 10 for directions. Bring lunch. Leaders: Pete Webb, call 486-1217 or email pete_webb@juno.com, and Kevin Graff, whitemarlin2001@yahoo.com

DEC 5 (Sun) 8:00 am Loch Raven. Waterbirds and land birds. Possible Bald Eagle, E. Bluebird, Common Loon, Redhead and other ducks, Coots. Telescopes useful. Two mile level walk. See Nov. 7 for directions. Leader: Peter Lev, 823-2962 or plev@comcast.net.

DEC 7 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening at Cylburn. Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight: Our wintering waterfowl, their biology and conservation issues, with Doug Forsell. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm. See Sep. 7 for directions.

DEC 18 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity

at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Sep 1 for directions. Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

JANUARY, 2011

JAN 1 (Sat) 8:30 am **Loch Raven Reservoir.** Start the New Year birding. Varied habitats including woods, fields and the reservoir. Probably also birding other sites for a “Big Day” in Baltimore City & County. Leader: Kevin Graff, email whitemarlin2001@yahoo.com or call 557-2456.

➤ *Directions to Loch Raven.* From Baltimore Beltway I-695, take exit 27 Dulaney Valley Rd north, go several miles, cross large bridge over reservoir, and bear right immediately. Continue to first left, Stone Hill Rd. Go about 100 yards, turn around, and then park on your right. All cars need to park on the same side of the road.

JAN 5 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

➤ *Directions to Ft. McHenry.* From I-95, take Hanover Street exit 55, McComas St (last exit before tunnel eastbound, first after tunnel westbound) east, north (left) on Key Hwy which turns west, first left Lawrence St, left (east) on Fort Ave, continue east to gate into Fort McHenry. From the JFX, I-83, south to St Paul St exit, south on St Paul becomes Light St, then left (east) onto Fort Avenue, continue to end as above.

JAN 8 (Sat) dawn to dusk **Baltimore Harbor Christmas Bird Count 2007.** Count of all birds seen or heard in the count circle. Count totals submitted to National Audubon Society for nationwide publication. Birders of all experience

levels urged to participate. For area assignment call compiler: Pete Webb, 486-1217 or pete_webb@juno.com. **\$5 donation per observer requested to help defray cost of compilation and publication of data results by National Audubon Society.**

JAN 9 (Sun) 5:00 pm **Covered Dish Dinner and Lecture at the Vollmer Center at Cylburn.** A visit to the spiffy new visitor center at Cylburn and a look at the new facilities. Tonight's featured talk: "Trogons and Mot-Mots: A February Trip to the West Coast of Mexico around San Blas. Mangroves, Mountains and Beaches" with Kurt Schwartz from the Howard Bird Club. Please contact Joan Cwi in advance, 410-467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net, to let her know you are coming, and what you plan to bring.

➤ *Directions to the Vollmer Center:* From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Pkwy exit west (right). Go about 1/2 mile up hill to traffic light, turn left on Greenspring Avenue; proceed another 1/4 mile past first road intersection and turn left at stone gate entrance into Cylburn Arboretum. Follow the drive to circle in front of the Vollmer Center building. Drop off passengers, food or other items there, then continue around the circle and follow signs leading to the main parking lot.

JAN 15 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions. Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

JAN 29 (Sat) **Baltimore Mid-Winter Bird Count.** To participate in post-migration bird count in your choice of location in Baltimore City or County, call Pete Webb, 486-

1217 or pete_webb@juno.com

FEB 1 (Tue) 7:00 pm Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom. Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight: Colonial Waterbird Survey update by program director David Brinker. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm.

➤ *Directions to Cylburn Greenhouse Classroom:* From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Parkway exit west (right) and immediately get into left lane. Take first left onto Cylburn Ave. (before going up the hill). Go about ½ mile and watch the left side of the avenue for an entrance gate, which should be open. Go up the driveway, bear left at intersections, to small parking lot on right. The building beside the lot has a side entrance door. Go in, walk through a short hallway on your left, and through a door at the end into the lecture room.

FEB 2 (Wed) 8:00 am First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

FEB 12 (Sat) 7:00 am / 9:30 am Henlopen to Ocean City. Meet at 7:00 am at the Nursery Rd Park-n-Ride OR at the Lewes-Cape May Ferry passenger lot at 9:30 am. For loons, gannets, sea ducks; Great Cormorant and Purple Sandpiper possible. Razorbill possible. **Bundle up, this trip is usually brutally cold and windy.** Both Red-breasted and Brown-headed nuthatch possible at Cape Henlopen. Possible optional extension of trip into Sunday or Monday (overnight at motel in Ocean City area). Leader: Pete Webb 486-1217 or

cell 443 904-6314 or email pete_webb@juno.com

➤ *Directions to Nursery Rd/Hammonds Ferry Rd Park-n-Ride.*

Take I-695 Beltway exit 8, (*not* exit 8A which goes to the tunnel). From outer loop (southbound), ramp leads to parking lot across Hammonds Ferry Rd. From inner loop (northbound), follow ramp right onto Fairview, turn right on Nursery Rd, right on Hammonds Ferry Rd, then left at next light into Park-n-Ride lot.

FEB 19 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions. Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

MAR 1 (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom.** Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight: Helping Bluebirds with Katherine Patterson, bluebird trail monitor at Oregon Ridge Nature Center and volunteer naturalist and trustee at Irvine Nature Center. Katherine's presentation will include a history of the "Bluebird Movement" and the establishment of the North American Bluebird Society, the natural history of bluebirds, habitat, nesting, nest box design, predators and competitors, trouble shooting, gardening for wildlife and the importance of monitoring nest boxes. Participants will receive several resource handouts and construction plans for an Eastern Bluebird nest box. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm. For directions see Feb. 1.

MAR 2 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the wetland. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in

the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions.
Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

MAR 5 (Sat) 8:00 am **Middle Creek WMA.** Bring lunch for an all-day trip to visit this major gathering place north of Lancaster, PA., for Snow Geese and other waterfowl. There is also an excellent display of mounted birds in the visitor center. Note: Trip may go elsewhere if Middle Creek is frozen over. Leader: Pete Webb, 486-1217 or cell 443 904-6314 or email pete_webb@juno.com. Contact leader to learn if trip is delayed a week due to ice on lake or weather conditions.

➤ *Directions to Timonium Park-n-ride:* north on I-83 from Beltway, take SECOND Timonium Road exit (north end of overpass bridge), follow ramp down and turn LEFT onto Greenspring Drive, go past warehouses and first couple of entrances, past the “Kiss-n-Ride” entrance, take the next entrance into the park-n-ride lot.

MAR 6 (Sun) 8:30 am **Loch Raven.** Waterfowl and land birds. Possible Bald Eagles and Bluebirds. Telescopes useful. Two mile level walk. See Jan 1 for directions. **Beginning Birders Welcome.** Leader: Debbie Terry, 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net

MAR 12 (Sat) ice/snow date for Middle Creek trip.

MAR 13 (Sun) 9:00 am **Marshy Point Nature Center.** Half-day trip for winter waterfowl, raptors, passerines. Half-mile trail leads to point overlooking Dundee Creek. Boots advisable, telescopes useful. Leader: Debbie Terry, 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net, and Mary Byers, 626-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com

➤ *Directions to Marshy Point Nature Center.* Exit Beltway I-695 at Rt 702 South. Take 2nd exit, Chase/Eastern Blvd. Go 6 miles. Turn right at Marshy Point sign. Go ¼ mile and

turn left into Nature Center parking lot.

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MAR 26 (Sat) 8:00 am **Patterson Park**, at the White House (27 South Patterson Park Ave.). Early spring migrants found in this urban park may include: Caspian Tern, Merlin, Pine Warbler, Fox Sparrow and Woodcock!

Leader: Dave Curson, 675-4963 or dcurson@audubon.org

➤ *Directions to Patterson Park.* From downtown Baltimore, drive east up Pratt St, go left onto South Patterson Park Ave and park on this street in the first or second block. The White House is just inside the west edge of the park at intersection of S. Patterson Park Ave and Lombard St.

APR 3 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** First in a series of casual spring walks. Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. **Beginning Birders Welcome.** Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader.

Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

➤ *Directions.* From I-695 Baltimore Beltway, go south on I-83 Jones Falls Expressway. Take Northern Parkway exit west (right). Go about 1/2 mile up hill to traffic light, turn left on Greenspring Avenue; proceed another 1/4 mile past first road intersection and turn left at stone gate entrance into Cylburn Arboretum. Follow drive to circle in front of The Vollmer Center, continue around the circle to entrance to main parking lot.

APR 5 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** First in a series of weekly walks to follow the progress of Spring Migration. Habitats include fields, woods, and a stream. This park has an impressive bird list, including orioles, migrant warblers, sparrows, hawks and eagles. Spring walks will begin at the lot on the left just past the bridge.

Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

➤ *Directions to Cromwell Valley Park.* From Baltimore Beltway I-695 take exit 29A Cromwell Bridge Road. At end of entrance ramp, turn left (north) on Cromwell Bridge Road, continue 1.4 miles beyond the light, turn left at the “Willow Grove Farm Entrance.” Follow entrance road, then turn left after bridge and park in lot.

APR 5 (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn’s Greenhouse Classroom.** Continuing a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight: “Birds of Belize and Guatemala – Mark Johnson. Doors open at Cylburn at 7:00 pm for socializing and snacks, show starts about 7:15 pm. See Feb 1 for directions.

APR 6 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions
Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

APR 9 (Sat) 7:00 am/9:30 am **SMITH ISLAND.** All-day trip to see the herons, egrets and other birds on the island, plus waterfowl and gannets up close during the boat rides to and from the island. Bring lunch, snacks, beverages and extra cash; the General Store on the island may be open, offering sandwiches, drinks and snacks, **cash only.** Rental bicycles and golf cart are available on the island. Car pool from Nursery Park & Ride 7 am (directions see Feb. 12) or meet at

the Point Lookout boat dock at 9 am. The boat leaves at 9:30 sharp, arrives at the island about 11 am, and can pick us up about 2:30 pm (negotiable) for the hour-and-a-half ride back to Point Lookout. As a precaution, motion sickness medicine is advised (take it an hour before the boat ride).

THIS TRIP REQUIRES RESERVATIONS BY WED. APR. 6 AND \$25 TO \$35 CASH FOR EACH PERSON (depending on attendance). **NO CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS.** Limit 30-40. If we don't fill the trip by midnight Wednesday, the trip will be CANCELLED. Contact Pete Webb, 486-1217 or 443 904-6314 or pete_webb@juno.com, for reservations, and again Thursday or Friday to learn if the trip is go or no-go. The CASH is required to get on the boat, paid when boarding. Rain date: Sat. Apr. 16.

APR 10 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Apr 3. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

APR 12 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Apr 5 for details and directions. Leader: Ron Davis, 821-1297 or 2athigh1@verizon.net

APR 16 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions. Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

APR 17 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Apr 3. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski,

358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

APR 19 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Apr 5 for details. Leader: Debbie Terry 252-8771 or dterry12@verizon.net

APR 23 (Sat) 7:30 am **Huntley Meadows.** Bring picnic lunch for 3/4-day trip to northern Virginia woods and freshwater marsh with boardwalk trail for resident wildlife and early spring migrants. American Bittern, Rusty Blackbird, King Rail all possible. Two or three hour (and miles) level walk on paved paths and boardwalks. Optional extension, after picnic lunch, for Prothonotary Warblers singing on territory in Maryland. Meet at Nursery Rd Park-n-Ride (see Feb 12 for directions). Leader: Pete Webb, call 486-1217 or cell 443 904-6314 or email pete_webb@juno.com

APR 24 ((Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Apr 3. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

APR 24 (Sun) 7:30-8:30 pm **Chimney Swifts at Dusk.** Join the BBC Swift-Watch Team for "Swift Night Out" as Chimney Swifts pour into one of their favorite chimneys. The Swifts occasionally switch nightly roosting sites between the Hampden and the Conservatory (Druid Hill Park) chimneys, so please check the BBC website (<http://baltimorebirdclub.org/>) on the Friday before the walk to confirm location. Come a half hour early if the weather is cloudy or gray: cancelled if raining. Leader: Joan Cwi, 467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net.

➤ *Directions to Druid Hill Park Conservatory.* The Conservatory is located at Auchentoroly Terrace and Gwynns Falls

Parkway. From I-83 exit at 28th St. Follow signs to “Druid Park Lake Drive” (go along edge of the park). Turn right at 5th traffic light, Gwynns Falls Parkway. See the Conservatory on your right (an historic Victorian, glass greenhouse).

➤ *Directions to Hampden chimneys:* Take I-83 to exit 9, Cold Spring Lane. Go east a quarter mile to light at Falls Road. Turn right (south) onto Falls Road and go 1.2 miles total. At 36th Street, where road goes downhill, follow left lane and Falls Road sign. From this point, all distances are very short - less than a block. At the stop sign, turn left, go one short block, then take hairpin turn at first possible right onto Falls Cliff Road to dead end. Follow arrow pointing left and go around the curve to the end. Turn right onto Elm Avenue, first left onto Mill Road, then first left onto Mill Center parking lot.

APR 26 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See April 5 for details. Leader: Ruth Culbertson, 825-1379.

APR 30 (Sat) 7:30 am **Soldiers Delight.** Warblers, Flycatchers and Tanagers are featured as spring migration heats up in this globally rare ecosystem. Meet at historical marker. Leader: Keith Eric Costley, call 443-985-6849 or email oriolekec1@comcast.net

➤ *Directions to Soldiers Delight.* From I-695 Beltway take exit 18 Liberty Rd west 4 miles, bear right onto Deer Park Rd just before traffic light and water tower, go approximately 2 miles to the historical marker on your left.

MAY 1 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. **Beginning birders welcome.** No designated leader. For directions see Apr 3. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or

ilene@juno.com

MAY 3 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Apr 5 for details. Leader: John Landers, 426-3374 or dado1bw@aol.com

MAY 3 (Tue) 7:00 pm **Tuesday Evening Lecture at Cylburn's Greenhouse Classroom.** Finale in a series of monthly feature presentations and slide shows. Tonight: Identifying spring warblers by sight and song (visual and audio presentation) with Pete Webb. See Feb 1 for directions.

MAY 4 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

MAY 7 (Sat) 7:30 am **Milford Mill Park.** One-mile level walk on paved path for migrant warblers thrushes, tanagers, grosbeaks and other songbirds Leader: Pete Webb, 486-1217 or cell 443 904-6314 or email pete_webb@juno.com

➤ *Directions to Milford Mill Park.* From Beltway 695, exit 18 Liberty Rd, proceed west to first light at Washington Ave. Turn right, proceed to end at light on Milford Mill Rd, turn right, and right again just after the overhead bridge into small parking lot. If the lot is full, park along the side street across Milford Mill Road from the park entrance.

MAY 8 (Sun) 8:00 am **Leakin Park.** Please join us for a bird walk to Gwynns Falls/Leakin Park; an approximately 1200 acre wilderness park in west Baltimore City. The park

contains mature and secondary forest as well as riparian habitats and some limited field habitat. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Windsor Mill Road and Eagle Drive, (1900 Eagle Drive). Leaders: Elise & Paul Kreiss, 367-8194, ekreiss@toadmail.com or pkreiss@toadmail.com

➤ *Directions for Leakin Park:* From Beltway, take Exit 16, I-70 **east** to where it ends at the Park & Ride, follow the outer U-turn, then take an immediate right out of the Park and Ride area and onto Security Boulevard; take a right at the first light onto Forest Park, then right at the light onto Windsor Mill Road. The Eagle Drive entrance (flanked by two eagles on pillars) will be on your right. Park in the lot visible from the road.

MAY 8 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Apr 3. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

MAY 10 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Apr 5 for details. Leader: Ron Davis, 821-1297 or 2athigh1@verizon.net

MAY 14 (Sat) **May Count.** (International Migratory Bird Day). All-day count of birds in Baltimore City and County. For area assignments call compiler Joel Martin, 744-9211 or email jcdlmartin@aol.com

MAY 15 (Sun) 7:30 am **Owings Mills Mall Wetland.** Willow Flycatchers, Green Heron, Blue Grosbeak, Yellow-breasted Chat and Orchard Oriole are just a few of the birds that breed in and around the Mall's wetland area. Leader: Keith Eric Costley, (443) 985-6489 or email oriolekec1@comcast.net

➤ *Directions to Owings Mills Mall Wetland.* From Beltway I-695 exit 19 take NW Expressway I-795 to exit 4, Owings Mills Boulevard. Stay in left lanes onto Owings Mills Blvd for Owings Mills Town Center. At first traffic light turn left onto Red Run Blvd. Pass an isolated gas station on your right, then turn left onto Mill Run Circle (an entrance into the shopping mall). Turn right to stay on Mill Run Circle, then next right, and immediate left into corner of movie theater parking lot (there's a pond downhill on the right).

MAY 15 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk.** Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Apr 3. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

MAY 17 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park.** See Apr 5 for details. Leader: Joan Cwi, 467-5352 or jafjsc@verizon.net.

MAY 20 – 22 (Fri – Sun) **M.O.S. Conference at WISP in Western Maryland.** Three-day convention with outstanding trips, lectures, Silent Auction, and other activities. Watch future newsletters, websites and Conference Flyer for details.

MAY 21 (Sat) 8:00 am - 12:00 noon **Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry.** Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions Leader: Jim Peters, 429-0966.

MAY 22 (Sun) 7:00 am **Halethorpe Ponds.** This lightly used area of Patapsco Valley SP includes includes woods, freshwater ponds, second growth and a powerline right-of-way. Wading birds, terns, flycatchers, vireos, swallows, warblers, and orioles are among the expected birds. Moderate

walking; trails may be very poor and muddy. No facilities. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Nursery Road park & ride lot. See Feb. 12 for directions. Trip leader: Joel Martin, 744-9211 or jcdlmartin@aol.com.

MAY 22 (Sun) 8:30 am **Cylburn Self-guided Walk**. Meet at the main parking lot on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. No designated leader. For directions see Apr 3. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com

MAY 24 (Tue) 8:30 am **Cromwell Valley Park**. See Apr 5 for details. Leader: Paul Noell, 243-2652 or myconut@verizon.net

MAY 28 (Sat) 7:00/9:15 am **Bombay Hook**. Meet at Nursery Road Park-n-Ride 7:00 am (for directions, see Feb 13) OR Bombay Hook at 9:15 am. For a wide variety of migrating shorebirds. Possible breeding plumage Turnstones, Sanderlings, and Red Knots. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking. Bring lunch. Telescopes very useful. Leader: Pete Webb, call 486-1217 or cell 443 904-6314 or email pete_webb@juno.com

➤ Directions to Bombay Hook NWR, Delaware Visitor Center. From Bay Bridge follow Rt 301 north about 34 miles. Turn right at Rt 300. Travel 19 miles to Kenton, DE. Turn right at Rt 42, go 8 miles to Leipsic. Left onto Rt 9, go 1.5 miles to inconspicuous Bombay Hook marker on right. Turn right, go to Visitor Center lot at end. Drive time from Bay Bridge about 1.5 hours.

JUNE 1 (Wed) 8:00 am **First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry**. Continuing survey of bird activity at the Fort. Telescope can be useful. Cancelled in bad weather. Meet in the park, outside the Visitor Center. See Jan 5 for directions

Leader: Mary Chetelat, 665-0769.

JUNE 11 (Sat) 7:30 am **Carroll County Field Birds.** Bird the fields of Carroll and/or Frederick Counties for singing and nesting Vesper, Grasshopper, Field, and possible Savannah Sparrows, Bobolink, Horned Lark, Meadowlark, Willow Flycatcher, Red-headed Woodpecker, possible Dickcissel. Bird half-day or bring lunch and bird the whole day. Rain date: June 26. Leader: Pete Webb, 486-1217 home, cell 443 904-6314, or email pete_webb@juno.com

➤ *Directions to meeting place:* From the Beltway west of the city, take exit 16 I-70 exit **east**, " local ", (not exit 17 Security Blvd), to park-n-ride lot at end of I-70 inside Baltimore Beltway.

JUNE 18 (Sat) 7:30 a.m. **Patapsco Valley State Park, Woodstock Area.** Walk along the Patapsco River and into the broadleaf forest to find a nice variety of breeding birds. Last year's walk was highlighted by Worm-eating and Cerulean Warblers. Leader: Keith Eric Costley, 443 985-6489 or email oriolekec1@comcast.net

➤ *Directions to Woodstock area.* From I-695 Beltway take exit 18 west, Liberty Road toward Randallstown 2.1 mi. Turn left at Old Court Road (traffic light and sign for hospital). Drive 5.1 mi to Saint Alphonsus Cemetery on the right.

JUNE 26 (Sat.) rain date for **Carroll County Field Birds.**

AUG 13 (Sat) 7:00/9:15 am **Bombay Hook.** Meet at Nursery Road Park-n-Ride 7:00 am (see Feb 12 for directions) OR Bombay Hook (see May 28) at 9:15 am. For herons, wide variety of migrating sandpipers including avocets. Be prepared for heat and biting insects. Minimal walking. Bring lunch. Telescopes useful. Leader: Pete Webb, 486-1217, or cell 443 904-6314 or email pete_webb@juno.com