

# Southern Maryland Audubon Society

## 2016 Winter Events

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January 6 - WEDNESDAY - 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Monthly Meeting Program

Charlotte Hall Library, St. Mary's County

37600 New Market Road (Rt. 6 at Rt. 5), Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

**"EDUCATORS PRESENT - OUR HOG ISLAND, MAINE EXPERIENCE"**

Lori Cole, Maya Huchla, and Gayle Bylan

Every year SMAS gives scholarships to teachers and environmental educators from our community to attend National Audubon's Camp in Hog Island, Maine. The camp offers many programs to select from; the two our teachers usually sign up for are *Sharing Nature: An Educator's Week* or *Field Ornithology*. Come and hear our 2015 scholarship winners share about their experience last summer. This is a great time for any teachers who are considering applying for our 2016 scholarship and get an in depth knowledge about this wonderful opportunity and SMAS contribution.



January 10 - SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m. - Noon

### Field Trip

Patuxent River Naval Air Station, St. Mary's County

**"WINTER BIRDS AND TUNDRA SPECIALISTS AT PAX RIVER AIRFIELD"**

Leader: Kyle Rambo

We are fortunate to have access to airfields that provide tundra like habitat. This trip will feature typical winter airfield birds such as Snow Buntings, Lapland Longspurs, Short-eared Owls, Horned Larks, Savannah Sparrows, and possibly Wilson's Snipe and Peregrine Falcon. Pre-registration is required and open to U.S. citizens only. Trip is limited to 10 people. Must bring photo I.D. Meet at Gate #1 Visitor Parking Lot. RSVP to Kyle at 301-757-0005 or [kyle.rambo@navy.mil](mailto:kyle.rambo@navy.mil).



January 24 - SUNDAY - 8:00 a.m. - Noon

### Field Trip

Piscataway Park & Hard Bargain farm, Price George's County

**"WINTER WATERFOWL AND RESIDENT BIRDS"**

Leader(s): Mike Callahan and Michael Patterson

This is a joint trip with with the Audubon Naturalist Society. The varied habitat of water, woods, farm fields and edges provide for a great variety of birds. Take Rt. 210 (Indian Head) to Livingston Road (south of Farmington Rd. and north of Rt 228). Take Livingston Road east and meet at the Burger King in the Food Lion Shopping Center (15785 Livingston Rd., Accokeek, MD 20607). No facilities. No fee. Limit to 20 participants. RSVP to Mike Callahan at [raptorsrulemc@gmail.com](mailto:raptorsrulemc@gmail.com) or 240-765-5192.



January 30 - SATURDAY - 8:00 a.m. - Noon

### Field Trip

Jefferson Patterson Park, Calvert County

**"WINTER WATERFOWL TRIP"**

Leader: Tyler Bell

Open fields and wooded areas provide good land birding and the river frontage close views of waterfowl. Call or email Tyler for directions to the meeting location. RSVP to Tyler at 301-862-4623 or [jtylerbell@yahoo.com](mailto:jtylerbell@yahoo.com)



February 3 - WEDNESDAY - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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**"THE OSA PENINSULA - THE MOST BIOLOGICALLY INTENSE PLACE ON EARTH"**

Lynne Wheeler, *Southern Maryland Audubon Society, Secretary and Membership Chair*

Come and enjoy a presentation by Lynne of her October 2015 trip to the Osa Peninsula. This southwestern corner of Costa Rica is known as "where the rainforest meets the sea." The Osa's geological history makes it home to a nearly unparalleled amount of biodiversity, estimated to house 2.5% of the biodiversity of the entire world. See photos of many bird species such as Scarlet Macaws, Trogons, Hummingbirds, Motmots, Woodcreepers, and Cotingas, along with tropical plants, multiple monkey species, reptiles and the Green-and-Black poison Dart frog. She might share a few photos of the fish she and her husband John caught too!

January 22 - FRIDAY - 7:00 p.m.

### Field Trip

Elms Environmental Center, St. Mary's County

49300 St. James Road, Dameron, MD 20628

**"OWL PROWL AT THE ELMS"**

Leader(s): Bob Boxwell and Margarita Rochow

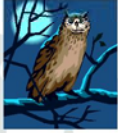
Come "call out" the owls! Owls are nocturnal, and therefore not easy to spot. A great Friday night family outing at The Elms. Dress appropriately for the weather, and avoid noisy clothing. This event is weather dependent. Rain or high winds will result in cancellation. We will meet in the hunter's parking lot on the right before the gate. RSVP to Bob Boxwell at 410-610-5124 or [Bobboxwell@hotmail.com](mailto:Bobboxwell@hotmail.com).



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**February 19 - FRIDAY - 7:00 p.m.**

### Field Trip

Private Farm, Charles County  
**"BARN OWL PROWL"**

Leader: Mike Callahan

Join us on this night hike to look and listen for the rare year round resident owl of Southern Maryland, the Barn Owl. The farm is owned by the newly founded Wicomico Valley Foundation of Southern Maryland. This is a great family outing! Bring a reusable mug for hot chocolate. The exact meeting location will be given at registration. Suggested donation of \$5.00 per person. RSVP to Mike at 240-765-5192 or [raptorsrulemc@gmail.com](mailto:raptorsrulemc@gmail.com).



**March 12 - SATURDAY - 8:00 a.m. - Noon**

### Field Trip

Patuxent River Naval Air Station, St. Mary's County  
**"LATE WINTER LAND BIRDS AND WATERFOWL"**

Leader: Dean Newman

This trip has produced Lapland Longspurs, Snow Buntings and Short-eared Owls. Facilities are available. No fee. Meet at the Park and Ride lot across the street from the Lexington Park Post Office on Tulagi Place. RSVP to Dean at 301-672-5464 or [dean.newman@dau.mil](mailto:dean.newman@dau.mil).



**March 2 - WEDNESDAY - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

### Monthly Meeting Program

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37600 New Market Road (Rt. 6 at Rt. 5), Charlotte Hall, MD  
**"AUDUBON MD/DC: IBA CHAMPIONS - HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN PROTECTING IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS"**

Dave Curson, PhD, *Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon MD/DC*

Audubon MD/DC launched the new IBA Champions in 2015. Come and hear how you can get involved in protecting birds at Important Bird Areas through monitoring, stewardship and advocacy. Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m.



**April 6 - WEDNESDAY - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

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**"BENEFICIAL BATS IN YOUR BELFRY - EXPLORING THE WORLD OF BATS"**

Kerry Wixted, *Biologist II, Maryland DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service*

Bats are extremely beneficial yet poorly understood creatures. Learn about the benefits of bats, amazing bats around the world as well as those that call Maryland home, and ways to help our declining bat populations. Come hang out with us early, come at 7:00 p.m. for refreshments.