

The Osprey

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY

President's Perch

Dear friends of Southern Maryland Audubon Society,

As I write this end-of-year missive, our deciduous trees are aflame with their peak colors. Migration has brought skulking Hermit Thrushes, sprightly Dark-eyed Juncos, and my favorites—White-throated Sparrows, who at daybreak practice halting versions of “Oh, sweet Canada” slightly off key. In a season when few others are singing, these charmers, along with the Carolina Wrens, enliven shrubby tangles around my yard. The Northern Flickers and Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, too, accompany my early morning dog walks. Although winter affords these and many other consolations, when the first blast of cold air blows in, I admit I pine for those warm summer mornings stalking bird activity during the breeding season. If, like me, you miss the joys of the Breeding Bird Atlas, then please consider joining the upcoming Christmas Bird Count. A list of dates (December 19 and January 2) and coordinators is inside this issue. Even if you are a new birder, you can be paired safely with a more experienced counter. I hope you will come out and join us!

Our big news is that, after a twenty-one-month hiatus, we will jumpstart our field trips in January 2022. These will include an owl prowl, a winter waterfowl outing, and an inaugural bird walk for Southern Maryland Youth Birders. I cannot wait to hit the trails again with fellow bird enthusiasts. Check out our program listing inside for details. There you will also find our upcoming lectures, including one on birds' cold weather adaptations (December 1) by Dr. Sahas Barve, and birding in Alaska with SMAS field trip coordinator David Moulton (January 5).

As we prepare for the holiday season, a SMAS membership (www.somdaudubon.org/support-us/join-somd/) or a raptor adoption (www.somdaudubon.org/support-us/adopt-a-raptor/) make great gifts. For those planning end-of-year charitable giving, a donation (www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/2003858) to SMAS supports educator scholarships to Audubon camp at Hog Island, Maine, as well as raptor conservation, speaker fees, and many other educational programs. (Please donate by December 31 for a deduction on your 2021 tax return.)

For all of you who have supported SMAS this year—whether you shared a social media post or attended a Zoom lecture or generously gave of your treasure—know that we are deeply grateful. Wishing all of you peace, health, and good birding in the New Year!

All best wishes,
Tiffany Farrell
President, SMAS



Carolina Chickadee
Photo by Dean Newman

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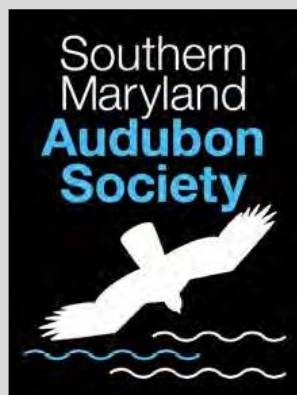
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SMAS PAST PRESIDENT 1991 – 1994

JACK LEIGHTY



The Southern Maryland Audubon Society is deeply saddened to inform our members that our past president Jack Leighty passed away on October 22, 2021. Jack was a champion environmental activist. His legacy will forever be remembered. Our deepest sympathies to Susan.

WANTED: ALIVE



Vermilion Flycatcher
Photo by Ed Henry

According to the MD/DC Bird Records Committee, there are 5 accepted records of Vermilion Flycatcher in Maryland. Make that six with a bird found in Allegany County on September 25 and continued through November 1. This is a bird that might be overlooked as it doesn't look much like a flycatcher. Their pattern of vagrancy is fall and winter. There are no records in southern Maryland. Yet. If you find one, please report it to eBird.org or email the editor!

Welcome, New Members!

Gabriele Adams, Fort Washington
Karrin Alman, Huntingtown
Zelma Brooks, Chesapeake Beach
Joseph Bush, Clinton
Tony Chapman, Clinton
Debra S Dent, Chaptico
Kent Hibben, Accokeek
Maria Hilmer, Saint Leonard
Warren Krug, Dunkirk
Naomi Lewis, Temple Hills
Ethel Parker, Waldorf
Sydney Sowell, Dunkirk

122nd Christmas Bird Count

Please Sign Up Now!! Birds Count!!

Dec 19 – Port Tobacco, MD

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Dec 19 – Point Lookout, MD

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Jan 2 – Fort Belvoir, VA and MD

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Jan 2 – Patuxent River, MD

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Federal Bill Will Protect the Tiny Ocean Fish that Seabirds Need to Survive

The Forage Fish Conservation Act will maintain a healthy forage fish population for the benefit of birds and local economies.

(October 29, 2021, National Audubon Society) – Yesterday, Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI) reintroduced the Forage Fish Conservation Act, which will help protect forage fish—the small but important schooling fish that serve as a critical food source to vulnerable seabirds.

“This fall, seabirds like the Black Tern are taking flight from the Great Lakes marshes where they built their summer homes, to travel thousands of miles over the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico towards their winter homes. But they can only make this strenuous migration journey if there are abundant ocean fish for them to eat along the way,” said Michelle Parker, vice president and executive director of Audubon Great Lakes.



Black Terns in nonbreeding plumage flying off the coast of Florida toward their wintering grounds. Photo by Dan Irizarry/Flickr

“This bill will protect seabirds’ primary food source, to help safeguard them from the dramatic population declines we’ve seen in recent decades. We are grateful to Congresswoman Dingell for her conservation leadership, which recognizes the benefits that forage fish provide to wildlife and the local economies that depend on them to thrive.”

Seabirds are in crisis. Threats like overfishing and climate change have caused seabird populations around the world to decline by 70 percent since 1950. Forage fish, including dozens of species of herring, anchovy, squid, and some small crustaceans, serve as the primary food source for many seabird species. Forage fish are not yet included in federal fisheries management, leaving them vulnerable to overfishing throughout the country.

Introduced alongside Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL), the Forage Fish Conservation Act of 2021 will amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the primary law that governs ocean fish management in U.S. federal waters, to recognize the important role that forage fish play in the ecosystem for seabirds, larger fish and other marine life.

The bill will provide a common definition for forage fish across the country for the first time. It will also establish protections for forage fish species that are not yet fished, and account for the needs of seabirds and other predators when setting catch limits for forage fish species that are currently being fished.

When properly managed forage fish support various industries and jobs in across America. As a primary food source for larger game fish and other predators, the protection of forage fish supports recreational fishing and related industries that add \$68 billion to the economy, the seafood industry that provides \$144 billion to the economy, and wildlife watchers who together spend over \$122 billion on recreation every year.

“Forage fish are the beating heart of the ocean,” said Anna Weinstein, director of marine conservation for the National Audubon Society. “This legislation will ensure there are plenty of these little fish in the sea, for seabirds, whales, and larger fish. Its passage is essential for protecting our coastal ecosystem and economy.”

Rep. Dingell previously introduced this bill in the House of Representatives during the last congressional session. The House bill serves as a companion to the Senate version introduced by Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and Roy Blunt (R-MO) in April 2021.

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Kirtland's Warbler in Maryland!

By Tyler Bell

Back in the 90s, when Jane Kostenko and I joined SMAS, we were lucky enough to be included in the bird rarity "phone tree". If you're unfamiliar with the concept, someone found a rare or unusual bird then went home and called people on the phone tree. It was multi branched and eventually, someone would call you. Could be the same day, could be more than a week. There was no internet, no cell phones, no digital cameras.

Flash forward to 2021 and now there are too many ways to convey information about rare birds. Listserves are fading into obscurity but are still one of the easiest ways to blast information to a large number of people with one email. There are many different groups on Facebook including MD Birding and MD Notable Bird Sightings. GroupMe, a texting service, also has a multitude of groups. Don't get me started on SnapChat or Instagram, media that I don't subscribe to, nor do I wish to! But, GroupMe works pretty well except when it doesn't.

On Monday, October 4 just before 6 pm, Ramsay Koury posted a checklist on eBird with a flagged Kirtland's Warbler (KIWA), a bird never conclusively documented in Maryland, in a tiny park in the shadow of I-95 in Baltimore. His notes read, "Large warbler, vigorously pumping its tail. Unusually large, dark bill for a warbler. Brownish, gray on back, heavily streaked. Dark eye, surrounded by broken eyering. Yellow underneath with heavy, black streaking. Unmarked wings, dark tail. Vocalized with loud chip, unlike any warbler likely to be seen at this location. Very poor cell pictures obtained." At 8:22 pm, Matt Hafner posted to the MD RBA group about a possible KIWA noting several birders would be there at first light. At 7:22 am, Tim Carney posted to the group that the KIWA was present. For some inexplicable reason, I saw neither of these.

Jane and I were returning from our morning walk at around 9:30 am. Her phone pinged as we walked in the door. eBird state needs alert for KIWA in Baltimore! I checked GroupMe and it went bananas. We made the decision to chase it. Grabbed optics, nibbles, mapped the location and were out the door by 10 am. I texted to the group that our ETA was noon and updates would be appreciated. Scott Clark, young birder extraordinaire, from Scotland, MD, texted back that there were about 20 people there at the moment and the KIWA was coming out about every 15-20 minutes providing good looks if you were patient.

We pulled into the parking lot and could see people clustered around the southwest part of the park so we took off at a brisk pace. As we eased up to the back of the crowd, I recognized Sean McCandless and asked him where it was and if it was being seen presently. He described a damp log underneath a shrub and the bird was walking on the log. Boom, we got on it immediately. It's always a huge relief when you drive a good distance and are able to see your target bird right away. After that, you can take your time and just savor the moment. We had seen singing male KIWAs on territory while on a USFWS tour from Mio, Michigan but never in a million years expected to see one in Maryland.

Remember, this is a bird that is rare anywhere. Once on the brink of extinction, the massive effort to rehabilitate habitat in Michigan, along with trapping and removal of Brown-headed Cowbirds in the same area, has been a resounding success story.

Soon afterward, the bird flew off into a dense stand of phragmites and people started drifting away. We spent some time chatting with some friends then decided to leave. Good thing, too, because the KIWA didn't come back out for almost two hours!

The bird lingered through October 10 though several birders reported it, without photos, in the early morning of October 11. Very cooperative bird! Hope it was able to make it safely to its wintering grounds in the Bahamas. Safe journey mega rare bird.



Special thanks to Matt Felperin for his photo of the bird. When we were there, he was positioned in a very favorable location.

December 2021 – January 2022 Events

FIELD TRIP COVID POLICY: SMAS is restarting its program of outdoor birding field trips this January 2022 using the following public health guidelines to ensure the safety of all participants: Required of all trips: 1. All participants need to be fully vaccinated, except those with medical exemptions; 2. Masks are optional; 3. Do not attend if you are experiencing any symptoms of a cold, flu or COVID; 4. Maintain social distancing.

December 1 – Wednesday – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

“Birds and Cold Weather Adaptation”

DR. SAHAS BARVE, Evolutionary Ecologist, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

Most bird species enjoy warmer climates, but many have adapted to frigid conditions. How and why has this occurred? Dr. Barve will answer these and other questions about cold weather adaptation, with an emphasis on Himalayan birds. Amongst other degrees, Dr. Barve has a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Cornell University and is currently a Peter Buck Fellow at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.



Crimson Sunbird
Suniti Bhushan

January 5 – Wednesday – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

“Alaska – Birds, Mammals and Vast Vistas”

DAVID MOULTON, SMAS Field Trip Coordinator and volunteer leader

David Moulton traveled to Alaska last June for an 18-day birding trip. He will be presenting his photographs of the trip, including rare birds such as Bristle-thighed Curlew, Bluethroat and Arctic Warbler, as well as large mammals and vast vistas from Seward to Nome to Denali. David is a lifelong birder and currently serves on the Board of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.



Bristle-thighed Curlew
David Moulton

January 14 – FRIDAY – 7:00 p.m.

FIELD TRIP – GREAT FAMILY OWTING!!

Elms Environmental Center, St. Mary's County

49300 St. James Church Road, Lexington Park, MD 20653

“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. Directions: Take Rt 235 south, left onto St. James Church Road (opposite Mattapany Rd). You will see the sign for The Elms Environmental Education Center. We will meet in the hunter's dirt parking lot on the right 100 yards before the gate (Do not drive past the gate!) RSVP to Bob Boxwell at robertboxwell1@outlook.com or 410-610-5124. COVID: Per St. Mary's County Public School masks are not required outdoors at this site.



January 16 – SUNDAY – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

FIELD TRIP

Piscataway Park & Hard Bargain Farm, Prince George's County

2301 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607

“WINTER WATERFOWL AND RESIDENT BIRDS”

Leader(s): Lynne Wheeler and Bill Townsend

The varied habitat of water, woods, farm fields and edges provide for a great variety of birds. See fergusonfoundation.org for directions. Bill Townsend, HBF Educator Associate will meet you at the entrance. No fee. Limit to 12 participants. RSVP to Lynne Wheeler at somdaudubon@yahoo.com or 301-751-8097(prefer text).



January 29 – SATURDAY – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**FIELD TRIP – SOUTHERN MD AUDUBON YOUTH BIRDERS CLUB –
YOUTH WELCOME TO JOIN!**

Newtowne Neck State Park, St. Mary's County

21110 Newtowne Neck Road, Leonardtown, MD 20650

"WINTER BIRDS AT THE NECK"

Leader(s): Ben Springer

Join us for our first field trip scheduled specifically for the S MD Audubon Youth Birders Club. This birding field trip is targeting all youth interested in joining the bird club, or simply to get together with other kids that love birds and want to learn about and enjoy them more. Come on out! Newtowne is a peninsula defined by Breton Bay, the Potomac River and St. Clements Bay. This 776-acre property of woodlands, wetlands and agricultural fields offers a wide variety of birding habitats. It was the first settlement in the Maryland province after St. Mary's City. Owned for nearly 3 centuries by the Jesuits, the land was reclaimed as a state park in 2009 to protect it from development. From Rte. 5, north of Leonardtown, turn on Rte. 243 (Newtowne Neck Road) for 4.5 miles to parking lot on left just beyond the graveyard and before St. Francis Xavier's Church. NOTE: Two adults will supervise the group on this outing. In addition, all participants under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. RSVP to Lynne Wheeler at somdaudubon@yahoo.com or text 301-751-8097.



Pumpkin Bird Feeder Makes a Happy Harvest For Birds

Provide a seasonal feast for the birds in your area with this DIY activity.



Halloween, harvest festivals, and general autumnal celebrations lead to an abundance of everyone's fall favorite: pumpkins. While you partake in pumpkin spice lattes and jack-o-lantern carvings, why not share some gourd indulgences with the birds? This bird feeder is the perfect use of an extra or post-trick-or-treat pumpkin.

Materials:

- Small to medium sized pumpkin, up to 10 pounds
- Small sticks
- Twine or rope
- Birdseed

Steps:

1. Cut the pumpkin in half.
2. Scoop out the seeds, leaving a hollow inside with 1/2-inch thick shell wall.
3. Insert two sticks across the open pumpkin to create perches for the birds.
4. Knot two lengths of rope together at the center and tack the knot to the bottom of the pumpkin feeder. Hang the other ends of the rope in your chosen feeder location.
5. Fill with birdseed.

<https://www.audubon.org/news/pumpkin-bird-feeder-makes-happy-harvest-birds>

We Are All Backyard Birders

As far as we can tell, all birders are backyard birders: We don't know of any birders who are not backyard birders. Even the most hard-core listers, eBirders, and photographers also enjoy their feeding stations and bird baths while actively trying to make their yards more attractive for migrating, wintering, and nesting birds. The real factor of what kind of birder you are may be more a matter of geography than anything else: Like birds, some birders have small territories, while some of us have expansive home ranges. Some of us even migrate south for the winter to enjoy a whole new set of backyard birds!

Backyard birding is an excellent place to start and expand on the many ways we enjoy birding, yet some birders back into the backyard realm after an initial attraction to searching for birds at a local refuge or nature center. What's great about birding is that there are so many different ways to appreciate and enjoy birds that anyone new to birding, seasoned birders, and advanced birders can always add another facet to their birding enjoyment.

For example, anyone can combine birding with other recreation such as walking through your neighborhood, or along a hiking trail; while bicycling, or even canoeing and kayaking; taking a birding drive, and during all kinds of travel. Photography and art are another way we combine interests as we photograph birds, illustrate them using a variety of mediums, and use art and photos to decorate our homes and offices.

There are many ways to make birding a social event: You can share your birding interests with your family and friends, join organized field trips, and attend birding festivals, or just sit back together and see what birds show up at your feeding station and water feature. Plus you can extend backyard elements of birding to your workplace, school, or even your church in the form of bird-friendly landscaping, adding a bird bath or an attractive fountain, or adding a simple hummingbird feeder as a point of interest.

Birders enjoy the company of other birders, and we join local birding clubs, state birding societies, the American Birding Association, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's eBird fellowship. An interest in birds is often a stepping stone to conservation topics that lead many people to join such important groups as the National Audubon Society and a variety of others.

Yes, backyard birders are aware of the birds around them as they travel cross-town or cross-state, even if they don't actively venture into the field on a birding foray. Many keep lists of the birds they see using binoculars in their yard and neighborhood, they report the birds they see to eBird and Project FeederWatch, and they take photographs of the birds in their yard.

All of us are interested in books about birds, starting with a field guide and expanding into other areas of interest. Before long, you realize you have a little library of bird books. And what better gift

for any birder than a top-selling birding title. We also consume a variety of information on birding websites, including The Birding Wire.

In each weekly issue of The Birding Wire we provide a wealth of information to inform and inspire everyone to enjoy and expand their birding interests and activities. By starting issues with a Backyard Birding article, we follow up with a host of birding topics, activities, and products, usually providing additional resources and links that you can refer to beyond our articles and introductions.

Many birders are big shoppers, visiting birding product stores for feeders, foods, and more. We shop sporting goods stores for binoculars and other optics, plus outdoor clothing stores including shoe stores, along with websites that provide products beyond local options. Birders add a lot to economies, locally and as we travel – billions of dollars annually!

Yes, backyard birding is an important part of birding, but it's not a closed door. We are all backyard birders and it's just a matter of personal preference as to how we extend our birding activities beyond our yard. Ultimately, birding becomes a lifestyle for many of us. What's your next step? How are you interested in extending your birding endeavors in new ways? Sometimes it's just a matter of devoting more time to our favorite elements of birding, and it's all about how birding enhances our lives over time, season after season. Happy Birding!

Share your backyard birding experiences and photos at editorstbw2@gmail.com

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If you find a Great Horned Owl watching you from an open window, is that backyard birding too?

Photo by Paul Konrad

Finally! Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante restored by Biden

October 8, 2021

President Biden has restored protections to Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante and Northeast Canyons and Seamounts national monuments nearly four years after Trump unlawfully contracted them.

“Thank you, President Biden and Vice President Harris for upholding your commitment to restore Honmuru (the Bears Ears monument), which is the birthplace of many Hopi and other Native peoples,” said Clark W. Tenakhongva, vice chairman of the Hopi Tribe and co-chair of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition, in a statement. “Through this action, the history of our people, our culture, and religion will be preserved for future generations.”

“The President's actions will fulfill a promise to restore protections illegally ripped away from national monuments while at the same time ensuring these same lands address the need to tackle the climate and extinction crisis,” said Jamie Williams, president of The Wilderness Society, in a statement.

Tribal leaders, scientists and local businesses led the charge to restore protections to these lands and waters. And you, our members and supporters, were right there every step of the way, helping us fight alongside them. You submitted tens of thousands of comments to elected officials; made donations to help fund our legal battles; and pressured the Biden administration to stick to its promise. THANK YOU!

President Biden’s proclamation will help alleviate a number of threats that face these monuments.

In Bears Ears, mining and drilling plus vandalism imperil thousands of archaeological sites and the ancestral and current homeland of numerous Tribes and Pueblos in the region. In Grand Staircase-Escalante, scientifically valuable fossil beds are at risk from vehicle traffic and looting. In Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument, commercial fishing has put pressure on sensitive marine species.

But beyond that, restoring protections to the monuments is a significant step toward the goal of protecting 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by the year 2030—a first-of-its-kind national conservation target that has been adopted by President Biden. Experts say conserving an interconnected network of lands and waters will give us the best chance at curbing the worst effects of climate change; adapting to the shifts already happening; preserving wild nature amid an ongoing extinction crisis; and ensuring communities have access to clean air, water and outdoor spaces.

We hope the president will keep up this momentum by protecting other significant landscapes in the weeks, months and years ahead—especially those important to Tribes and underserved communities, such as Avi Kwa Ame in Nevada and Castner Range in Texas.

<https://www.wilderness.org/articles/blog/finally-bears-ears-grand-staircase-escalante-restored-biden>

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Bears Ears National Monument, UT
Photo by Mason Cummings, The Wilderness Society



Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah
Photo by Mason Cummings, The Wilderness Society

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ Please enroll me as a member of the **Southern Maryland Audubon Society**. All of my membership dollars will help support local conservation initiatives and enable us to provide southern Maryland teacher education scholarships to attend Hog Island, Audubon Camp in Maine.

☐ Individual/Family: __1 year \$20 __2 year \$35 __3 year \$45

☐ Lifetime Membership: __\$500

☐ Donation: _____

☐ Please enroll me as a first time member of the **National Audubon Society**. You will automatically become a member of the Southern Maryland Audubon Society. You will receive six issues of National's award winning Audubon Magazine. A fraction of your dues will be received by our chapter. Your renewal information will come directly from the National Audubon Society.

☐ Introductory Offer: __1 year \$20

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Address: _____

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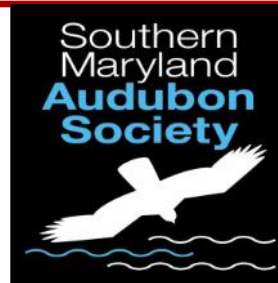
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Southern Maryland Audubon Society

Adopt-a-Raptor

Foster Parents Needed!

Southern Maryland Audubon Society sponsors the banding of nesting birds of prey, or raptors, with serially numbered aluminum bands in cooperation with the Bird Banding Laboratory of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Limited numbers of Osprey, Barn Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, and American Kestrels become available each year for adoption. Your donation will be specifically utilized for raptor research and raptor conservation projects such as:

Barn Owl Nest Boxes *Osprey Nesting Platforms*

Kestrel Nest Boxes *Mist Nets or Banding Supplies*

Please indicate which raptor you wish to adopt. You may adopt more than one:

- ☐ Osprey, \$10 each Total Amount: _____
- ☐ Barn Owl, \$25 each Total Amount: _____
- ☐ Northern Saw-whet Owl, \$30 each Total Amount: _____
- ☐ American Kestrel, \$35 each Total Amount: _____
- ☐ General Donation to Raptor Fund Donation Amount: _____

The foster parent receives:

- A certificate of adoption with the number of the U.S. Department of the Interior band and the location and date of the banding.
- Information on the ecology and migration patterns of the species.
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Name: _____

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If this is a gift, please include the recipient's name for the certificate: _____

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