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## Spring-Fall 2013 Newsletter

### Hummingbirds at Home

Christine Holzmueller

Hummingbirds are depending on you to help protect their future. If you have observed one hovering in place, then zipping backwards, forwards, sideways, and even upside down, you know it is truly an amazing sight. The hummingbird's accelerated metabolism allows them to move extremely fast, beating their wings up to 53 times per second. To stay alive, they must eat several times their body weight in nectar every day. Hummingbirds actually synchronize migration and nesting times when nectar-bearing plants are flowering. Unfortunately, climate change may be altering bloom-times and jeopardizing their future.

Audubon is asking everyone to sign up for Hummingbirds at Home and report the types they see and the nectar sources attracting them. You can submit data from your mobile device or your computer. You can also submit data on a single sighting, or conduct surveys for a length of time between 5 and 60 minutes. If you love bird watching, pick a patch (or area) where a hummingbird may visit and schedule a time to monitor this area. Your patch could be in your backyard, on a porch adorned with potted plants, in a garden, at a nearby park, or in a woodland area where they live.



Ruby-throated Hummingbird, photograph by Bill Stripling, National Audubon

Submit data once or as often as you like.

Audubon hopes to develop a wide network of hummingbird voyeurs throughout the continent to understand how these avian marvels are faring and what we can do to ensure their future. The Ruby-throated Hummingbird migrates from Mexico and Central America to eastern North America to breed, and the only breeding hummingbird in the region. Females lay from one to three eggs at a time, incubating them for about 2 weeks, and upon hatching, feed them for about three weeks. To learn more about hummingbirds and Audubon's Hummingbirds at Home project, visit (<http://www.hummingbirdsathome.org/>). ■■

### Birdathon 2013

Ruth Bergstrom

The 2013 Birdathon was a great success! It was a record breaking year with 125 species spotted. Every year, CAS sends a team out to count birds to raise money for Picking Creek Audubon, Patterson Park Audubon, and the MD/DC Audubon Salt Marsh Project. If you pledged a per species or fixed amount - we appreciate your generosity. CAS maintains very low operating expenses so we can give most of our donations directly to projects that help birds. Special thanks go to new board member and Birdathon coordinator Kye Jenkins and expert birder Tim Houghton. Next year please think about joining our team, or forming your own team.

The complete list of species found and photos can be accessed through our website: <http://chesapeakeaudubon.org/Birdathon2013.html>, but here is a list of 24 warbler species, yes 24, on our list.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Black and White Warbler     | Cerulean Warbler             |
| Prothonotary Warbler        | Yellow-throated Warbler      |
| Worm-eating Warbler         | Black-throated Green warbler |
| Blue-winged Warbler         | Ovenbird                     |
| Nashville Warbler           | Northern Waterthrush         |
| Northern Parula             | Louisiana Waterthrush        |
| Yellow Warbler              | Kentucky Warbler             |
| Magnolia Warbler            | Common Yellowthroat          |
| Black-throated Blue Warbler | Yellow-breasted Chat         |
| Yellow-rumped Warbler       | Canada Warbler               |
| Chestnut-sided Warbler      | American Redstart            |
| Blackpoll Warbler           |                              |
| Palm Warbler (w)            |                              |

Magnolia Warbler  
Wikipedia



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## Field Trips and Programs:

Some of the dates provide an opportunity to choose a trip or double up and participate in two. Beginner birders are welcome and encouraged to attend our walks!

**Monday, June 3, 8:00-10:00am**

**e-bird Monitoring at Pickering Creek Audubon Center**  
Whatever your birding experience may be, volunteer for our e-Bird Monitoring to help inform the Center's land management efforts. Join a Talbot County Bird Club member at Pickering's **Welcome Center** to monitor and collect data on bird species. Thus far, we have identified 172 species! **Pre-registration required by emailing Samantha Pitts at [spitts@audubon.org](mailto:spitts@audubon.org) or calling 410-822-4903 X 26.**

**Saturday, June 8, 9:00-10:30am**

**Patterson Park Audubon HABITAT GARDEN — VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

Audubon is expanding the habitat gardens in Patterson Park! These native gardens provide food and homes for the park's birds and insects. Tools, gloves, and water will be provided. Meet at the wetland garden (uphill, northwest of the Boat Lake). **No need to register.**

**Service hours awarded.**

Boat Lake photo compliments of *Friends of Patterson Park*



**Friday, June 14, 8:00-9:30am**

**Patterson Park Bird Walk** Leader: Tim Houghton  
Spend a Friday morning with us at Patterson Park to find the many birds that call Patterson Park home. All ages are welcome. No need to RSVP, but **if you would like to borrow binoculars please call 410.558.2473 or email [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).** Meet at the fountain – located closest to E. Lombard St. and S. Patterson Park Ave on the west side of the park.

**Saturday, June 15 - two events**

**8:00-10:00am e-bird Monitoring at Pickering Creek Audubon Center** (see June 3rd write up for details)

**5:30pm, Tour, Toast, and Taste: A benefit for Pickering Creek Audubon Center**

Pickering Creek Audubon Center will host its sixth Tour, Toast & Taste at the historic Knightly estate in Easton. Arriving at the home, you will learn about the history of the home and some of its special features and stories from docents and our host Alice Ryan. Guests will exit the house to enjoy the stunning waterfront formal gardens. Delectable wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres will be available under the tent; guests can purchase a wide variety of intriguing dinners and unique events from community leaders who support Pickering Creek Audubon Center's efforts.

**Tickets are \$125 per person and can be purchased online, by mail or by phone.** For more information call 410.822.4903 or visit <http://www.pickeringcreek.org/ttt/>

**Saturday, June 29, 8:00-9:30am**

**Patterson Park Bird Walk**

More than 180 bird species visit Patterson Park each year. Come

spend a Saturday morning with us as we look for birds that call Patterson Park home. All ages are welcome. No need to register. Meet at the fountain in the northwest corner of the park. **Call or email if you need to borrow binoculars: 410-558-2473 or email [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).**

**Friday, July 12, 8:00-9:30am**

**Patterson Park Bird Walk** Leader: Ruth Bergstrom  
Join us for our Friday morning walk to search for the many resident birds in this urban oasis. This 180-acre park also has some beautiful gardens and trees. All ages are welcome. No need to register. Meet at the fountain in the northwest corner of the park. **Call or email if you need to borrow binoculars: 410-558-2473 or email [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).**

**Saturday, July 20, 9am**

**Birding & Canoeing at Pickering Creek Audubon Center**

Leaders: Ruth Bergstrom & Samantha Pitts  
We'll search the wetlands and woods for resident birds, and then paddle on Pickering Creek to view more birds and wildlife. All equipment will be provided for a donation of \$10 or bring your own. Register with Ruth at [ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthb22@yahoo.com).

**Saturday, July 27, 8:00-9:30am**

**Patterson Park Bird Walk**

Come spend a Saturday morning looking for resident birds of Patterson Park. More than 180 bird species visit Patterson Park each year. All ages are welcome. No need to register. Meet at the fountain in the northwest corner of the park. **Call or email if you need to borrow binoculars: 410-558-2473 or email [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).**

**Sunday, August 11, 8:00am**

**Swan Harbor (Harford County)** Leader Tim Houghton  
Just south of Havre de Grace on the Chesapeake Bay are the beautiful grounds of Swan Harbor Park. It is full of colorful butterflies and shore and land birds for your enjoyment. You don't want to miss this trip! **Contact Tim for meeting location and directions at 410-510-7504 or [though-ton@loyola.edu](mailto:though-ton@loyola.edu).**

**Friday, August 16, 8:00-9:30am**

**Patterson Park Bird Walk** Leader:

Ruth Bergstrom

Spend a Friday morning with us at Patterson Park to find the many birds that call Patterson Park home. No need to RSVP. If you want to **borrow binoculars call 410.558.2473 or email [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).** Meet at the fountain – located closest to E. Lombard St. and S. Patterson Park Ave.



**Saturday, August 31**

**8:00-9:30am, Patterson Park Bird Walk**

Come spend a Saturday morning with us as we look for birds that call Patterson Park home. More than 180 bird species visit Patterson Park each year. All ages are welcome. No need to register. Meet at the fountain in the northwest corner of the park. **Call or email if you need to borrow binoculars: 410-558-2473 or email [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).**

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### Sunday, September 8, 8am

**Cromwell Valley Park Walk** Leader: Kye Jenkins  
Talk a walk with Kye Jenkins in search of fluttering, colorful butterflies and early migrating songbirds. Cromwell Valley is a 426-acre stream valley park in Baltimore County. There are cultivated gardens, pasture land, woods, hedgerows, orchards, and wood piedmont hills—diverse habitat for bird species and mammals. The park is several miles off the Cromwell Bridge exit (exit 29) of I-695. Beginners are welcome! **Contact Kye at [kye-bird46@yahoo.com](mailto:kye-bird46@yahoo.com).**

### Friday, September 13, 8:00-9:30am

**Patterson Park Bird Walk** Leader: Ruth Bergstrom  
Come for a walk through Patterson Park to find the many resident and migrant birds in this urban oasis. All ages are welcome. No need to RSVP, but **if you would like to borrow binoculars please call 410.558.2473 or email [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).** Meet at the fountain – located closest to E. Lombard St. and S. Patterson Park Ave on the west side of the park.

### Saturday, September 14, 8:00am

**Soldiers Delight** Leader: Tim Houghton  
September is an excellent time to see Fall migrants in this globally rare ecosystem. Soldiers Delight is a 1,900-acre state park in Baltimore County (in Owings Mills). We hope to find many south-bound species, including wood warblers, hawks, flycatchers, and thrushes. **Contact Tim at 410-510-7504 or [thoughton@loyola.edu](mailto:thoughton@loyola.edu).**

### Saturday, September 21, 8:00am

**Cylburn Arboretum** Leader: Tim Houghton  
Please join us for a fall migration visit to one of Baltimore's premier birding hotspots. Enjoy the beautiful gardens of the arboretum; be amazed at the variety of bird life around you and be guided by one of our knowledgeable leaders. This should be a great walk! **Contact Tim at 410-510-7504 or [thoughton@loyola.edu](mailto:thoughton@loyola.edu).**

### Saturday, September 28 - two events

**8:00-9:30am, Patterson Park Bird Walk**  
More than 180 bird species visit Patterson Park each year. Come spend a Saturday morning with us as we look for birds that call Patterson Park home. All ages are welcome. No need to register. Meet at the fountain in the northwest corner of the park. **Call or email if you need to borrow binoculars: 410-558-2473 or email [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).**

### 8am, North Point State Park (Edgemere)

Leader: Ruth Bergstrom  
Take a walk along the wetlands, Chesapeake Bay shoreline, and woods with Ruth Bergstrom and look for resident birds as well as migrants. This walk is particularly for fledgling birders, but all are welcome! Entrance fee of \$4 for Maryland residents. **Please register by emailing Ruth at [ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthb22@yahoo.com) or calling 443-752-1967.**

## Field Trip Journal (2013)

### May, Patterson Park Friday Bird Walk

It was a perfect May morning for a bird walk, and as usual, Patterson Park had many surprises for us. Spring migration had finally started! One of our first birds was a Chestnut-sided Warbler, which was singing, but very hard to view. An Eastern Phoebe sang nearby, and we then added Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, and stumbled upon about 30 White-throated Sparrows which were refueling on their way north. Best bird of the day was an American Bittern at the pond. By the end of the walk - we had tallied 48 species!



American Bittern, photo by Terry Lang

### May 6, Susquehanna Warbler Walk

Today the number of birders roaming the park outnumbered the parulas. There were ten birders on this Chesapeake Audubon field trip and we had a wonderful time at Susquehanna, even though the migration wasn't what it normally would be at this time of year. We had many highlights. Fantastic, close looks at Cerulean Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, and Prothonotary, as well as Louisiana Waterthrush. We also had nice views of Baltimore Oriole, Common Merganser, and Great-Crested Flycatcher--and even a Wild Turkey. See the complete list of warblers on our blog at <http://chesapeakeaudubon.blogspot.com/2013/05/susquehanna-warbler-walk.html>.



### May 22, Cerulean Warbler & Wood Thrush Monitoring

Headed by Tim Houghton, CAS is monitoring this MD/DC Audubon Important Bird Area (IBA) for Cerulean Warblers and Wood Thrush, both species of concern along the Atlantic Flyway. According to National Audubon, the Wood Thrush population has been declining about two percent a year since the mid-1960's mostly due to habitat loss on both its breeding and wintering grounds. We would like to acknowledge Christine Holzmueller and Norm and Karen Meadow for the donation of 2 GPS units to assist with this project. We also spotted:

- Yellow-throated Warbler
- Worm-eating Warbler
- American Redstart
- Louisiana Waterthrush
- Ovenbird
- Northern Parula
- Swainson's Thrush
- Wild Turkey
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo
- Scarlet Tanager



Photo of Kevin McCahill and Tim Houghton

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## American Oystercatcher



Artist: Regina Tumasella, MICA



Nine-year old Eve saw the American Oystercatcher and immediately dubbed him "Mr. Long Legs."



Long legs are an advantage for a shorebird that often walks and runs across shellfish beds, sand flats, or mudflats or wades in search of oysters, clams, mussels, limpets, sea urchins, starfish, crabs, worms, or other marine invertebrate snacks.

Bold, highly contrasting, dark and white plumage and a long, brightly colored red, blade-like bill make the American Oystercatcher both an easily recognizable and favorite shorebird for Eve and her friends Zaza and Elia. This summer, if you are canoeing with your family or friends through nearby salt marshes or playing in the sand at the nearby beaches, be on the lookout for a shy, wary Mr. Long Legs.



## Word Nest

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A	V	Z	S	E	L	G	P	D
C	Y	L	F	E	R	N	A	W
H	S	W	I	M	L	O	A	V
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K	C	I	H	C	K	M	Y	S

Find the words below in the Word Nest puzzle.

- BEACH
- BILL
- CHICK
- COASTAL
- CLAM
- FLY
- MUSSEL
- LONGLEGS RED
- SHOREBIRD
- RUN
- SWIM
- WALK
- WADE

Online: <http://birds.audubon.org/species/ameoys>

## Noteworthy Information

***Save the Date! Annual Chili Dinner is October 26, 2013***

**Volunteer!** Do you enjoy helping out at special events, like to write letters, or have an idea for a field trip or workshop? Chesapeake Audubon is always looking for volunteers or new committee members. Please e-mail [information@chesapeakeaudubon.org](mailto:information@chesapeakeaudubon.org) if you'd like to become more involved with our chapter. Visit our Web site for a peek: <http://www.chesapeakeaudubon.org/Volunteer.html>.

## Meet our new members

C. E. Abramson	Molly Burgoyne	Betty Deickman	Thomas Goucher
Donald Adams	Mary Elizabeth Burke	Barbara L. Demartin	Andrew Jay Graham
Chip E. Akridge	John Calhoun	Nathalie Derakshani	Pearl Greenbaum
W. Allison	Paula Canaan	Helle K. Desimone	Dorothy Green-Roche
Thomas T. Alspach	Dana Casparriello	Stuart Diamant-Cohen	Kristen Gribble
Terry Aman	Candy Ciamillo	Virginia M. Dimeno	Sandy Grzesik
P. B. Andrews	Catherine Clapp	Billie S. Dodge	Jimena Guallar-Blasco
Darlene Ash	Augustus C. Clark	Susan Donkar	Charles Gummer
Denise Aviles	Frank Coakley	Ann Donnell Smith	Charles Hall
Jodie Baer	Regina Cohen	James E. Doran	Sandra Hall
Linda Baker	Janet Connolly	Crystal Duff	Elizabeth G. Halley
Margaret Baker	Edward Costlow	Mary Dugan	Elizabeth Hamberry
Leah Ballard	Carl Cotherman	Marcia Dysart	Richard Hanauer
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Anne S. Barone	Gloria Cox	Mary Eastman	Joe Harbin
Dorothy W. Barr	John L. Craig	Chrystal Eckert	John B. Harmon
Elizabeth Battin	Leneida Crawford	Nancy Edgeworth	Janet Harrison
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Kathleen Bentley	Bonnie Cunningham	Paul Farace	Ellen Hennessey
Gregory Benz	Kate Cunzeman	Brian Feeheley	Donna Hickman
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Philip Bikle	Thomas V. Damme	Adele Feild	Catherine Hoag
John K. Boitnott	Walter E. Dandy Jr	Cheryl Firth	Norma Hohman
Maryse Bourdages	Diane Darchicourt	Don Fletcher	Elsbeth Holland
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Esther & Ruth Brodsky	Barbara Davis	Ruth Frey	Alton Hubbard
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Patricia F. Brookhart	Joan Davis	Jamey Gallagher	Diana C. Hughes
Lee Brown	Susan & Timothy Davis	Melissa Gerr	Cynthia M. Hypki
R. Brunyate	Carl Dederer	John A. Gilpin	The Irons
		Barbara Goodwill	Maureen Jacobs

## New members continued

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Smita Joshi  
Darryl & Mary Jurkiewicz  
Andrew Kaslow  
Pauline Katauskas Usnret  
Helen Keegan  
Ellen D. Keener  
Floyd Kelly  
Sarah Kenny  
Tatyana Y. Khazonova  
Deborah Kidd  
Dawn King  
Timothy King  
Dora Kinter  
Florence Klatt  
Julie Knauer  
Helen Knotts  
Glen Kotapish  
Joan Kraft  
Pamela R. Kramer  
Jeremiah & Doro Kratz  
Ann Krausz  
George S. Kusick  
Virginia Lance  
Karen Larson  
Elizabeth P. Lawlor  
Jonna Lazarus  
Deborah Leclair  
Sue Lennstrom  
Ellen P. Libis  
Virginia A. Lipscomb  
Margie V. Littrell  
Rachel Loewner  
Norma Lord  
C Robert Loskot  
Colleen Magee  
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Laurie Nixon  
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Meagan Waters  
John A. Watson  
Jackie Watts  
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