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## An Unusual Event at Patapsco State Park

By Richard Schurmann

On our daily walks over the hot summer, my wife and I had taken to walking in Patapsco State Park. We chose this area of the park because it was close by, and because it was much cooler and much more pleasant than walking in our hot neighborhood. We frequently walked the Gristmill Trail on the north side of the Patapsco River, west of the Thomas Viaduct in the Glen Artney area.

Our walk on the last Sunday in June was quite disturbing. It was the second day after the severe windstorm (a derecho) that caused such widespread damage, downed trees, and power outages in the mid-Atlantic region.

When we embarked on our walk that Sunday morning, we were still relatively unaware of the ferocity and extent of the damage from the storm. Consequently, we were shocked by what we encountered. Many very large trees were down, and the forest floor was flattened and littered with detached foliage.

The forest had a completely different "feel" about it. At first, I couldn't tell what had changed. As we continued walking, we gradually became aware of what was different. Before the storm, we walked along the trail on the north bank of the river completely unaware of how close the trail was on the south bank of the river. Now we were very aware, by both sight and sound, of any activity on the opposite bank. The density of understory foliage had been so drastically reduced by the windstorm that the range of our vision and hearing had greatly increased. It was also much brighter on the trail. On subsequent days, we also discovered that it was not as cool in the heat of the day as it was before the storm.

There are some very large trees in this area of the park, and I am sure that some of the downed trees we saw were well over 100 years old. This is a historic area of the park, and it withstood two of the biggest recorded weather events in history – the Flood of 1868 and the Flood of 1972 from Hurricane Agnes. It gave me pause to think that perhaps one of the downed trees that we saw had survived both of those catastrophic events, but did not survive the recent windstorm. I suppose we can consider this just part of the natural succession, but it was never-the-less painful to witness the demise of these beautiful large trees. Such thoughts led me to believe that the recent storm was indeed an extremely unusual event, perhaps even a histori-

cal event for the park. Although severely damaged, the forest in this area was not destroyed. With time and if allowed the forest will recover, but perhaps not within a human lifetime.

We subsequently explored other areas of the Park, including both banks of the river, and the damage to those other areas seemed much less severe than what we observed along the Gristmill Trail. ■■

## What I'm Reading

by Bryan MacKay

Book Review: *Cerulean Blues: A Personal Search for a Vanishing Songbird*, by Katie Fallon

*Cerulean Blues* is about the author's desire to see and learn about this fairly obscure warbler species, and to understand why it is quickly becoming rare. A charismatic but elusive Neotropical migrant, ceruleans have declined by about 3% each year since 1966, meaning that there are 80% fewer birds of this species today!

As the book opens, the author is an enthusiastic but inexperienced birder who has somehow become obsessed with seeing and learning about cerulean warblers. It chronicles her time spent afield in the Appalachians with scientists tallying the species. Her descriptions of what ornithological field work is like are perhaps the strongest and most interesting aspect of the book. The dedication and observational skills of the scientists come through loud and clear. Of course, what happens on the North American breeding grounds is only part of the story, so Ms. Fallon also visits the wintering grounds in the nation of Colombia. Her description of small town South American rural life is enchanting, but she actually sees very few ceruleans, here or in North America.

Ms. Fallon's efforts to understand why the species is declining are well-meaning but lack scientific rigor. In South America, she considers the conversion of tropical forest to sunny coffee plantations as a causative factor of forest

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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!

### Wednesday, October 3, 8:00am—4:00pm Cost \$55 Nature on the Dupont Estates of Northern Delaware

Travel to northern Delaware's "Chateau Country" for a guided naturalist tour of several private estates in the rolling hills and beauty of the Brandywine Valley. Van transportation from Pickering Creek Audubon Center (Easton, MD) and box lunch included. [Details on http://www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org).

### Friday, October 5, 5:00-7:00pm Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/child Canoeing on Pickering Creek

Bring your family along on this Fall evening and paddle in search of local denizens. Herons may squawk when they see us coming, but we'll enjoy spotting them – along with Osprey, Eagles, and much more. We provide canoes, paddles and life vests; bring your own if you'd like. Trip limited to 20 people. [Visit http://www.pickeringcreek.org/calendar/index.html](http://www.pickeringcreek.org/calendar/index.html) to register.

### Friday, October 12, 8:00am Leader: Ruth Bergstrom Patterson Park Friday Walk

You never know what birds will show up during Fall migration. Meet at the fountain near E. Lombard and S. Patterson Park Avenues to find out. No need to RSVP, but contact Patterson Park Audubon Center if you need to borrow binoculars; 410-558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

### Saturday, October 13, 9:00am-11:30am

**James Run (Harford County)** Leader: Jack Dettner  
Paddle in your kayak or canoe through the marshes of James Run near Abingdon in Harford County (Route 40). We'll be in the Bush Declaration Natural Resources Management Area. Binoculars suggested. There will be additional (optional) paddling in the other direction into the open water of the Bush River where the Anita C. Leight Estuary is located. [Register with Jack at 410-638-1433](mailto:registerwithjack@410-638-1433). Life vests required.

### Sunday, October 14, 11:00am-4:00pm Harvest Hoedown – Pickering Creek

Greet old friends and new at Pickering's 21st annual HarvestHoedown! Food and music, artisan vendors, hayrides, lots of activities for kids, a boat ride on Mr. Jim... good old-fashioned fun awaits. Cost: \$10/car



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Band members  
Harvest  
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### Sunday, October 21, 8:00am Leader: Timothy Houghton Irvine Nature Center

We'll search for sparrows, late migrants, and resident birds in the meadows and wetlands of this 116 acre environmental education center. [Contact Tim to register at though-ton@loyola.edu](mailto:ContactTim@loyola.edu) or 410-510-7504.

### Saturday, October 27, 8:00-9:30am Patterson Park Urban Birding

Bring the family to Patterson Park to learn about the many birds that stop at this urban oasis during Fall migration. Meet at the fountain near E. Lombard and S. Patterson Park Ave. Contact Patterson Park Audubon Center if you would like to borrow binoculars [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com) or 410.558.2473.



### Saturday, October 27, 6:00pm Chili Dinner

See details on page 4

### Sunday, October 28, 9:00am Leader: Ruth Bergstrom Bird and Paddle at Pickering Creek Audubon Center

We'll look for waterfowl in the wetlands and then launch the canoes on Pickering Creek to search for other wildlife. Bring your own boat or rent all equipment for \$10. [Register with Ruth at ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:registerwithruth@yahoo.com) or 443-752-1967.

### ☀ Sunday, November 4, 6:00am Leader: Hugh Simmons Hawk Mountain Sanctuary (PA)

This 2600 acre sanctuary is a premier hawk-watching site, and this is the peak time of year for Harriers, Sharp-shinned Hawks, Cooper's Hawks, Red-shouldered Hawks, and Golden Eagles. A Goshawk is always a possibility too! The park gets crowded quickly so we will leave the Hunt Valley Mall, west end (Sears) parking lot at 6AM. It is a 2.5 hour drive from there, we will try to carpool for those who are interested. Trail admission is \$8/person. [Contact Hugh at lensonnature@gmail.com](mailto:ContactHugh@lensonnature@gmail.com) or call 410-456-0017 to sign up and for trip instructions.

### ☀ Same day, Sun. Nov. 4, 2-4pm, Fall for the Birds at Pickering Creek

Stroll with Pickering staff along the Center's trails and catch sight of fall birds in the woodlands and meadows. We'll learn where the birds are coming from and where they are going, and how their habitats fit their habits. Perhaps a Delmarva fox squirrel will scamper past. All of this we'll do amid fall's glorious colors! \$5/person To register, call 410-822-4903.

### Wednesday or Thursday, November through April Project FeederWatch

Pickering Creek Audubon Center takes part in Cornell University Ornithology Lab's winter backyard bird count, Project FeederWatch. Please come for an hour on as many Wednesdays or Thursdays as you can to sit near our feeders and keep a tally of our downy and red-bellied woodpeckers, goldfinches, cardinals, titmice, nuthatches, and other species. Call Samantha before your first visit for a quick orientation to get you started. Cost: \$5/person Samantha's number is 410-822-4903 or email [spitts@audubon.org](mailto:spitts@audubon.org).



Visit us at



**More Field Trips & Programs!**

**Friday, November 9, 8:00am** Leader: Bryan MacKay  
**Patterson Park Friday Walk**  
 Join us for our Friday walk and find birds passing through in the fall. Meet at the fountain near E. Lombard and S. Patterson Park Ave. to find out. No need to RSVP but contact PPAC if you need to borrow binoculars, 410-558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

**Saturday, November 10, 2:00-5:00pm**  
**Patapsco Valley State Park**  
 Join naturalist, Bryan MacKay, for an afternoon hike in the Park in search of weeds, berries, late autumn flowers and remaining fall color (and of course winter resident birds). This 3-mile trail is mostly flat, with some uneven ground. Contact Bryan via email at [mackay@umbc.edu](mailto:mackay@umbc.edu) or 410-747-7132 after Nov 6.

**Friday, November 16, 5:00-8:00pm** Cost: \$5  
**Owl Prowl at Pickering Creek**  
 The whinny of the tiny screech owl, the *Hoo Hoo Hoo Hoo Hoo Hoo HOOOO-AH* of the Barred Owl—we'll listen for these and other sounds as we wander the paths and sharpen our senses to discover nightlife in the woods. \$5. Register - 410-822-4903.

**Saturday, November 17, 9:00am** Leader: Kye Jenkins  
**Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge**  
 Snow Geese, Tundra Swans and other waterfowl will be plentiful this time of year. Easy driving around the impoundments with some hiking. Entrance fee \$4 per car, but most refuge passes are accepted. E-mail Kye to register at [kyebird46@yahoo.com](mailto:kyebird46@yahoo.com) or call Ruth Bergstrom 443-752-1967.

**Saturday, November 24, 8:00-9:30am**  
**Patterson Park Urban Birding**  
 Bring the family to Patterson Park to observe the birds that winter in this urban oasis. Contact Patterson Park Audubon Center if you would like to borrow binoculars: [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com) or 410-558-2473.

**Saturday, December 1, 8:00am** Leader: Hugh Simmons  
**Eagles at Conowingo Dam**  
 Some years more than a hundred Bald Eagles can be viewed near the dam. Gulls and Great Blue Herons are present in large numbers too. We'll take a hike along the old railroad tracks and search for winter residents. Join us after the walk for a quick stop at the boardwalk in Havre de Grace and then a hot lunch at a local restaurant. Contact Hugh at [lensonnature@gmail.com](mailto:lensonnature@gmail.com) or call 410-456-0017 to sign up and for meeting information.

**Saturday, December 8, 8:00-10:00am**  
**Patterson Park Youth Bird Monitoring:**  
 Join Patterson Park Audubon Center staff to observe and collect data on the bird species that visit our urban park. Middle and high school students are welcome. No bird watching experience necessary! Audubon will supply binoculars and data collection materials. Please register in advance: [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com) or 410.558.2473.

**Friday, December 14, 8:00am**  
**Patterson Park CAS Friday Walk**  
 Join us for our Friday walk to observe the winter residents. Meet at the fountain near E. Lombard and S. Patterson Park Ave to find out. No need to RSVP but contact PPAC if you need to borrow binoculars. 410-558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

**Saturday, December 15, 11:00am to ?**  
**Christmas Shopping Interlude** Leader: Bryan MacKay  
 Take a break from that Christmas shopping and stroll one mile down the paved Trolley Trail, looking at birds, buds and winter weeds. Upon arrival in Ellicott City, we'll have a hot drink and/or lunch at a local funky coffeehouse. Mosey back up the trail, or stay to shop. Please register with Bryan MacKay at [mackay@umbc.edu](mailto:mackay@umbc.edu) or 410 747 7132.

**Sunday, December 16, 8:30am** Leader: Ruth Bergstrom  
**North Point State Park, Beginning Bird Walk**  
 Located in Edgemere, this 1,310 acre park is on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Fledgling birders are especially welcome as we walk the jetty looking for waterfowl, and then scan the marshes and trails for other winter visitors. \$3/vehicle. Contact Ruth at [ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthb22@yahoo.com) or 443-752-1967 to register and for meeting instructions.

**Saturday, December 22, 8:00-9:30am**  
**Patterson Park Urban Birding**  
 Bring the family to Patterson Park to observe the birds that winter in this urban oasis. Contact Patterson Park Audubon Center if you would like to borrow binoculars: [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com) or 410-558-2473.

**Saturday, January 5, 2013, 1:00pm** Leader: Ruth Bergstrom  
**Blackwater NWR**  
 Begin the new year with a trip to Blackwater on the Eastern Shore where we hope to find White Pelicans amongst the thousands of Canada and Snow Geese. Also expected are Brown-headed Nuthatches, Bald Eagles, and Tundra Swans. We'll end our day enjoying dinner at Old Salty's Restaurant on Hooper's Island. Contact Ruth at [ruthb22@yahoo.com](mailto:ruthb22@yahoo.com) or 443-752-1967 to register and for carpool information. Admission fees apply.

**Friday, January 11, 8:00am**  
**Patterson Park Friday Walk**  
 Join our monthly Friday walk to search for winter residents. Meet at the fountain near E. Lombard and S. Patterson Park Ave to find out. No need to RSVP but contact PPAC if you need to borrow binoculars. 410-558-2473 or [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com).

**Saturday, January 26, 8:00-9:30am**  
**Patterson Park Urban Birding**  
 Bring the family to Patterson Park to observe the birds that winter in this urban oasis. Contact Patterson Park Audubon Center if you would like to borrow binoculars: [ppaudubon@gmail.com](mailto:ppaudubon@gmail.com) or 410-558-2473.

**Past But Not Forgotten**

Read about some of the trips you attended or missed!

Are you new to birding? Join one of our beginning birder walks! We review some basic skills and then practice them in the field. Our walk to Oregon Ridge yielded a few nice migrants heading south, including the Baltimore Oriole, Veery, Eastern Wood Pewee, and Black-throated Blue Warbler. Our next beginner bird walk is at North Point State Park on December 16th; see the calendar. *(more on pg 6)*



# Chesapeake Audubon Society

Annual Chili Dinner  
6:00 p.m., Saturday October 27, 2012

*Featuring*

**Dave Brinker, B.S.**  
**Central Regional Ecologist, Natural Heritage Program, Maryland DNR**

***"Maryland's secretive marshlands: Will they survive sea level rise?"***

Dave Brinker graduated from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay with a B.S. in Ecosystems Analysis in 1977. He worked in the consulting industry on several site selection studies for power plants before joining the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in 1989. Dave works in the Wildlife & Heritage Service for the Maryland DNR and has expertise in a number of areas, including wildlife ecology, raptors, and monitoring breeding populations of colonial nesting waterbirds (in Maryland since 1985). He also organized and directed the first Maryland survey of marsh breeding birds (Primarily rails) in 1990-1992, with a resurvey in 2005-2006. He is a member of numerous professional societies including the American Ornithologist's Union, Waterbird Society, Wilson Ornithological Society and the Raptor Research Foundation.

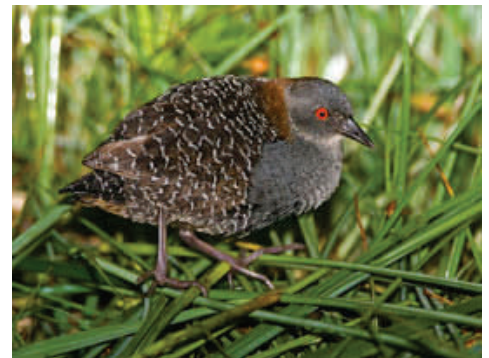
**Where:** St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 4713 Edmondson Ave,  
Baltimore, MD

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person for dinner and the program, \$13.00 for a glass of wine or a beer with dinner.

**Reservations:** Call (410) 203-1819; specify if you prefer vegetarian chili. Please send checks payable to The Chesapeake Audubon Society PO Box 3173, Baltimore, MD 21228 or call (410) 203-1819 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and number of people you will be bringing.

**Directions:** Take Baltimore beltway to exit 15A (Rte. 40, Baltimore National Pike east, towards Baltimore.) Take Rte. 40 about 2 miles, just past the convergence of Route 40 and Edmondson Ave. The Church is on the right.

*Please note: we ask that you reserve your meal ticket in advance. As always, walk-ins are welcome, but we can't guarantee there will be enough food for them.*



## What CAS is Doing

Read about some of our education outreach!

Every year the Harford Glen Environmental Education Center in Bel Air hosts a summer program for gifted students at their Center for Conservation Research. This year Katharine Patterson and CAS President Ruth Bergstrom spoke to students on cavity nesting birds. Ruth monitored the bluebird boxes at Harford Glen this season and collected data on predation and heat-related difficulties. The students were able to use this data to establish an action plan to help increase nesting success in 2013. The students also studied invasive plants, stream health, the Baltimore Checkerspot, and herps.







## Volunteer Spotlight on Robin Schless

By Sue Hayes

Robin Schless has been an active member of Chesapeake Audubon Society for over 25 years. While mostly a backyard birder with about 15 feeders and gardens full of native perennials and seed and berry-producing plants, Robin loves the naturalist-led kayak and canoe trips sponsored by CAS. While Robin admits she is terrible at recognizing birdsongs and birds that don't visit feeders, she loves the bird walks because the leaders and other participants help her learn about unfamiliar species.

In addition to loving the outdoors, Robin is a great cook and an integral part of the annual spaghetti dinner. Each April she opens her home to a team of volunteers who work (and laugh) together to mix and roll about 250 meatballs using a recipe perfected over 25+ years of Audubon spaghetti dinners.

For 25 of the past 30 years of the chili dinner, she has also baked the corn muffins from scratch. You'll have an opportunity to sample one of the 16 dozen she'll prepare for the next chili dinner on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Robin is the Recording Secretary and Membership Chair for CAS, taking board meeting minutes and sending letters to each new

member welcoming them to CAS. She also assists with the fall bird seed sale.

Whether in the field, in the kitchen, or behind a desk, Robin's contributions are invaluable and we take this time to spotlight her hard work and continued support.

If you, like Robin, enjoy sharing time with others who have similar outdoor interests and want to help preserve or maintain natural habitats, assist at special events, or have an idea for a field trip, please get involved by emailing [information@chesapeakeaudubon.org](mailto:information@chesapeakeaudubon.org).



Robin Schless (aft) and new membership coordinator, Sue Hayes (fore), paddling at Bosely Conservancy, Edgewood, Maryland

### Book Review: *Cerulean Blues* continued

clearance, but minimal consideration is given to the complex role of population growth and political unrest. In central Appalachia, the author clearly abhors mountaintop removal for coal mining, but mentions little about the more subtle effects of forest fragmentation. Clear cut logging is hardly mentioned, and wind turbines (quickly replacing the TV satellite dish as the West Virginia state flower) are never considered at all. But perhaps I'm imposing my values on a book that isn't mine. After all, the subtitle, "*A Personal Search...*" does correctly portray what this book is about. *Cerulean Blues* is still a pleasant read for anyone interested in birds and birding.

On a personal note, I got *Cerulean Blues* from the public library a few days before a scheduled trip to the McKeldin area of Patapsco Valley State Park, one of only a handful of places in central Maryland where cerulean warblers nest. It piqued my interest in this bird, which I heard singing from busy Marriottsville Road while traffic whizzed noisily by. Road shoulder birding is never a good idea under such conditions, so I never saw the bird. That's part of the attraction of ceruleans: they sing persistently, but stay hidden in the treetops of mature forests. Just one more unchecked box on my life list! ■■

### CAS Adopts an IBA for Ceruleans

The McKeldin area, located along Marriottsville Road and where the Main Branch and South Branch of the Patapsco meet, and is designated by the Maryland/DC Audubon as an IBA (Important Bird Area).

Bryan MacKay led us along wooded trails in June and we quickly

had a long close look at a Yellow-throated Vireo. We also saw Wood Thrush, Eastern Bluebird, Black and White Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, Ovenbird, Scarlet Tanager, Baltimore Oriole, Wood Duck, and Chipping Sparrow. We heard Northern Parula and Cerulean Warbler. Some plants noted were Long-leaved Bluets, Virginia Rye, Witch Hazel, Hawkweed, Mugwort, and Lyre-leaved Sage.

The Cerulean Warbler is on the Audubon watch-list because of habitat destruction and forest fragmentation. In the warbler's wintering grounds, coffee plantations are replacing deciduous forests, adding to the reduction in habitat. A good reason to start or continue drinking shade-grown coffee!

Expert birder, Tim Houghton, will start leading bird walks for Chesapeake Audubon to monitor the McKeldin area for Ceruleans during breeding season. We will also hold bird counts during other times of the year.



Please email [information@chesapeakeaudubon.org](mailto:information@chesapeakeaudubon.org) if you would like to join us. Both beginner and experienced birders are welcome in his citizen science project. ■■

**Welcome New Members!** Welcome to the Chesapeake Audubon Society (CAS)! We are your local Chapter of the National Audubon Society. We are dedicated to carrying out the Audubon mission to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats, for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. As a member of Chesapeake Audubon, you are invited to participate in our numerous field trips and member events. EVERYONE, regardless of knowledge, skill level, or age is welcome and encouraged to come have some fun on one of these field trips. We hope you'll join us at some of our events and meet like-minded people who all share an interest in, respect for, and awe of nature. Welcome!

Richard Allchin	Leigh Cochrane	Patricia R. Harper	Marilyn Miller
Kaye Allison	Olive Cohen	Arthur L. Haskins	Elaine Millstone
Robert S. Anderson	Muriel Cole	Byrl Hendler	Paul Moeller
Connie Bain	Joann Coleman	Jean Hendricks	Ida Moore
<u>Irene Barber</u>	Cathy Cook	Julie Hindmarsh	Aaron Morris
Helga A. Barnes	Reta M. Corn	Nancy Hock	Prakash Motagi
Francis Barrows	David Crandall	Kim Hoffman	Thomas Mowlds
David E. Barthlow	Joseph Creamer	Norma L. Horn	Bill & Mimi Mules
Mrs. Deborah Basel	Kristin Dawson	Linda L. Howe	Diane Mullaly
Ms. Tapendu Basu	Judith A. Deakins	Paul Hurwitz	John Murphy
Sherri Bell	Ray Deaton	Mary Jane Mcmillan	Kathleen Murphy
G. Biosca	Richard G. Demuth	Mary Jarrell	Genevieve Murray
Jane Bittner	Toni Durham	Manuel E. Jimenez	William Neary Jr
Bonnie Blair	Deepa Dutta	Jean Johnson	Alice Nily
Diana Blair	Mary Eifert	Kathryn G. Kellish	M. Obzut
Henry Blair	Charles Ennis	Vella Kendall	Philip Parish
Mrs. Julie Blitz	Geoffrey W. Fielding	Charles Kenney	Willam Parker
Audrey Block	Eilen Fike	Seth Kibel	Philip Passman
Mr. Robert Blount	Charles Fish	Stephen Klepper	Katharine Patterson
Brenda Bodian	Clayton Fisher	George F. Kline Jr	Emma L. Paz
Ralph Bollinger	Carolyn Fitzgerald	Catherine Kohlhoff	Theresa Peard
Paul C. Bossle	Thekla M. Fitzpatrick	Colleen Lamont	Mildred L. Pelkey
Jason Brokaw	Thomas L. Flannery Sr	Juliette Lecomte	Linda Eve Percy
Linda Brown	Doris Forster	Anna D. Leimbach	Janelle Phipps
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bryson	Sherry Gavrilenskowsky	Jean Levinthal	Patricia Price
Lois Burch	Darlene George	Tim Linck	Ronnie T. Raigrodski
Rosemary Cairns	Baroness Godenne	Mrs. Andy Linthicum	Mary Rasin
Keith Campbell	Candis Grace-Lee	Andrew London	Mr. & Mrs. John Riehl
Arnold Capute	William Greenhalgh	Shirley Maase	William Robinson
Juanita Carlberg	William Greenough	B. MacFarlane	Travis Ruch
John Casner	Barry Griebler	Mr. Thomas H. Maddux	Paula Ruckelshaus
Edmond Cervi	Jacqueli Griffin	Honey Manley	Elizabeth Ruddle
Debra Champion	Joseph A. Hajinicolas	Deborah Marvel	Victoria Ruk
Jeavonna Chapman	Coos Hamburger & Sharon Goldsmith	Ted McCauley	Daniel Rukamp
John Clark	Michele Hampton	Geralyn McGovern	H. Russellwood
Luisa Claudio	Kerry Hancock	Judith Mettee	Sharon Schutz



## Give at the office!

It's hard to believe, but fall is here, and with it a new workplace giving campaign season.

Chesapeake Audubon Society is a charter member of EarthShare Mid-Atlantic. EarthShare is a nationwide federation of the most respected environmental and conservation charities in the United States. EarthShare Mid-Atlantic is the regional chapter of EarthShare, a federation of 29 local, grassroots, environmental organizations in the Maryland, Delaware, DC, and Northern Virginia area.

EarthShare Mid-Atlantic provides employees who are environmental advocates with the most convenient and flexible way to contribute to an environmental charity of their choice (including, of course, Chesapeake Audubon Society), via the payroll deduction system.

If you are a Federal, State, or Local government employee or retiree, you can contribute to Chesapeake Audubon Society via the EarthShare payroll deduction plan at your workplace. Government charity campaigns in which Chesapeake Audubon Society participates include;

<u>Campaign</u>	<u>CAS #</u>
All Regional Combined Federal Campaigns (CFC's)	#57607
State of Maryland Combined Charity Campaign (CCC)	#214
Baltimore City Combined Charity Campaign (CCC)	

In addition to federal, state, and local government charity campaigns, over 35 non-profit organizations and private companies are also participating in EarthShare's workplace-giving campaigns, increasing the opportunity for individuals to conveniently donate to Chesapeake Audubon Society through their payroll deduction system. The most-well known of these organizations are:

American Express	Accenture	United Health Group
American Airlines	Hewlett-Packard	Walmart
Ameriprise Financial	JP Morgan Chase	

If you have previously donated to Chesapeake Audubon Society through your payroll deduction program, we thank you very much, and urge you to continue your support! This easy and convenient donation method has become a significant portion of contributions received by CAS in recent years.

**If you are an eligible employee or retiree, please consider contributing to Chesapeake Audubon Society via your payroll deduction plan. It's easy to enroll, and even a very small periodic contribution, which you will hardly miss, will make a big difference when multiplied by hundreds, or even thousands, of individual contributions.**

**Your contribution will be used by Chesapeake Audubon Society to continue our work for open space, cleaner air, cleaner water, and a healthier environment in the Mid-Atlantic region. Chesapeake Audubon Society provides child/adult environmental education and field trips to the public, owns Pickering Creek Audubon Center, conserves 750 acres of undisturbed rare salt marsh, and advocates for environmental protection policies in the region.**

If you have never considered workplace giving, perhaps it is time to find out whether your employer provides employees with the opportunity to make charitable gifts through payroll contributions. If your employer does not have a workplace giving charity campaign, or does not currently include EarthShare in it's campaign, please let us know. We would be happy to introduce them to EarthShare!

(Contact us at 410-203-1819 or [information@chesapeakeaudubon.org](mailto:information@chesapeakeaudubon.org))





**PATTERSON PARK** Audubon  
CENTER

**Patterson Park GARDEN TEAM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Saturdays, 9:00-10:30am: October 6, and November 3**

Flex your green thumbs while helping us take care of native plant gardens in Patterson Park. We need volunteers to make sure they remain healthy habitats for the park's birds, bees, and butterflies. Practice gardening techniques, learn identification skills, and spend a nice morning outdoors with friends and family. We're happy to sign community service hours for helpful students.

**Remember the Hummers**

Don't put your Hummingbird feeders away yet! Nectar is critical to the survival of hummingbirds, particularly in the fall when they must double their body mass before they start migrating south. You can do several things for hummingbirds.

Put up another feeder and make sure it is out of site from your other hummingbird feeders. Hang your feeders in the shade

to keep the nectar from fermenting. Keep your feeders up for two weeks after you sight the last bird.



**Welcome New Members!  
continued....**

- Jiaping Shen
- Wm Skuhr
- Linda So
- Steven Spencer
- Robert Straub
- Patricia Stroupe
- Joe Surkiewicz
- Bernita Taylor
- Jeanne Tenbroeck
- Michael Vogelman
- Holly Wade
- Ms. Clare J. Walker
- Michael J. Walkley
- Downes Warren
- Raymond Weglein
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