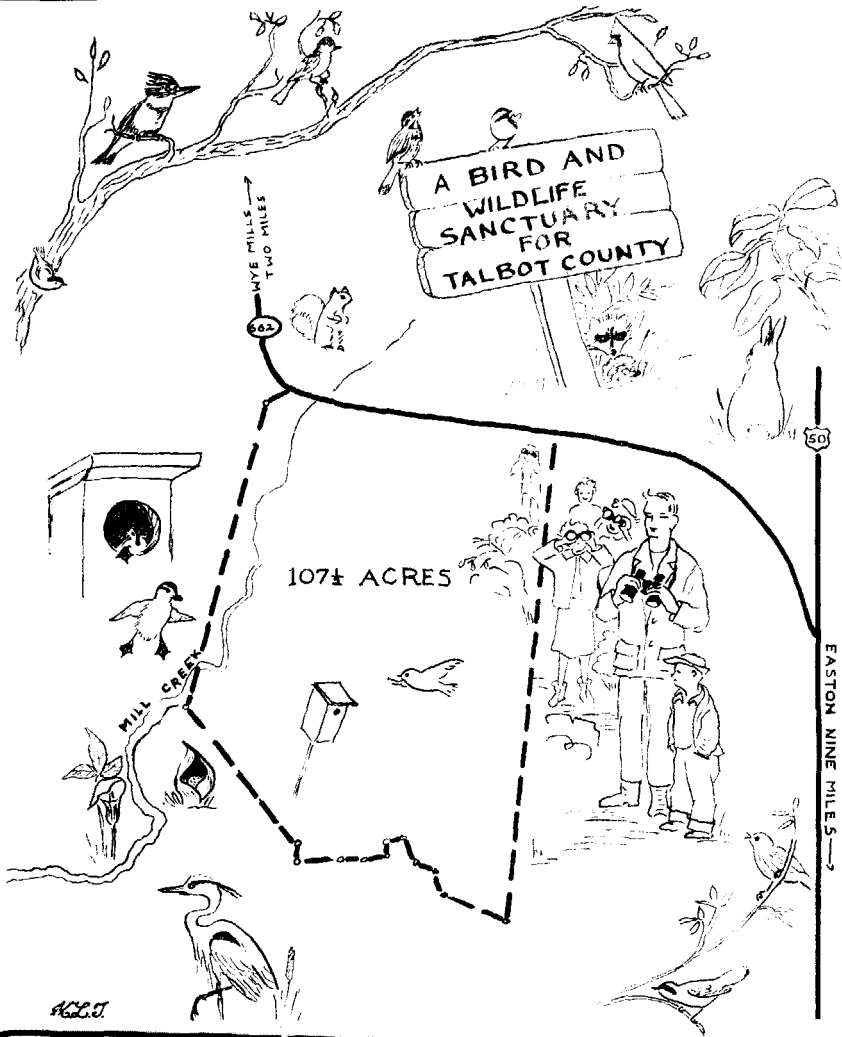


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## REPORT OF STATE-WIDE BIRD COUNT, MAY 2, 1964

Vernon M. Kleen

The seventeenth annual May Count was a disappointing one because summer residents were late in arriving and few transients were present. Although there were 203 observers (8 fewer than last year's record number) we had 656 party-hours this year as compared to last year's 564.

The weather had been cold the week before and hindered the arrival of most of the spring migrants; it also kept several of the winter species here in much greater numbers than in several previous years. On count day, the weather had much influence on the numbers of birds that could be recorded by song. The wind was from the northeast, varying from 15 m.p.h. or more in most areas up to 35 to 40 m.p.h. at Ocean City. This made birds hard to hear, if they were singing at all. The wind probably caused the downfall of Ocean City's great lists to only 104 species this year. Because of the wind, many observers discontinued their counts well before evening; few owls or goatsuckers were heard.

	<u>Winter Holdovers</u>			<u>Night Species</u>			
	1962	1963	1964	1962	1963	1964	
Canada Goose	87	1067	1768	Screech Owl	13	13	5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	5	6	6	Barred Owl	28	25	19
Brown Creeper	2	4	6	Chuck-will's-widow	126	56	6
Rusty Blackbird	0	7	18	Whip-poor-will	133	81	36
Slate-colored Junco	6	78	77				
White-throated Sparrow	568	962	1150				

This year 53,328 individuals of 218 species were seen. Only 4 counts have exceeded this number of species. There were 18 species recorded on every list and an additional 12 species were on all but one list. Forty species were found by only one party; 25 additional species appear on only two lists. The Ocean City observers had 15 species no one else recorded and St. Marys County had 6. The other 19 were spread throughout the other lists.

Only 7 lists contained 100 or more species. Kent County led with 124 species; St. Marys County was a close second with 123 species. Seven lists had more than 2,500 individuals; Kent County was first again with 9,839 and next was Caroline County with 6,556. The most abundant bird this year was again the Common Grackle (6,047); Red-wing was next (3,811).

## STATE-WIDE BIRD COUNT

Species	Gar	All	NFr	CrI	How	SMo	RRS	Whi	Bal	LRa	Lau	BRC	PRC	Ode	Ann	Gib	Cal	StM	Cec	Ken	Car	Tal	Wic	Wor	Total	
Common Loon	-	-	-	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	2	49	
Red-throated Loon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	21	
Horned Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	
Pied-billed Grebe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	
Dbl-cr. Cormorant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-	-	305	352	
Great Blue Heron	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	1	3	600	6	19	8	10	-	1	660	
Green Heron	1	-	1	-	8	1	3	-	23	-	-	-	3	1	1	7	3	4	2	9	4	1	1	-	73	
Little Blue Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	
Cattle Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	1	-	81	126	
Common Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	2	-	-	-	-	15	
Snowy Egret	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	
Louisiana Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Bl.-cr. Nt. Heron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	
American Bittern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Glossy Ibis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
Whistling Swan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	-	13	
Canada Goose	-	-	-	1	-	653	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	251	556	-	300	-	-	1768	
Snow Goose	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Mallard	-	-	1	2	-	43	8	6	4	-	-	-	16	-	7	10	-	-	9	910	-	1	-	1	1018	
Black Duck	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	4	-	90	10	4	1	11	127	
Pintail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	
Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	9	
Blue-winged Teal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	
American Widgeon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	
Shoveler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	
Wood Duck	-	-	11	1	4	4	2	9	-	-	-	-	20	-	3	-	-	-	4	8	1	7	-	-	74	
Redhead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	5	
Canvasback	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	7	
Greater Scaup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	
Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	
Bufflehead	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	39	
Oldsquaw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
White-wing. Scoter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	300	
Common Scoter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	
Ruddy Duck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	-	-	16	-	15	-	-	831	
Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Red-br. Merganser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	100
Turkey Vulture	2	4	14	11	45	17	15	5	7	16	4	2	3	1	20	3	68	55	17	244	238	19	6	65	881	
Black Vulture	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	6	2	1	19	3	7	-	-	44	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	
Cooper's Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4	
Red-tailed Hawk	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	4	1	9	4	3	1	-	28	

Species	Gar	All	NFr	Crl	How	SMO	RRS	Whi	Bal	LRa	Lau	BRC	PRC	Ode	Ann	Gib	Cal	StM	Cec	Ken	Car	Tal	Wic	Wor	Total
Red-shoulder Hawk	1	-	-	-	6	1	-	2	2	1	1	-	2	2	-	-	1	3	-	6	2	-	-	2	32
Broad-winged Hawk	-	1	2	3	1	-	3	-	8	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	2	29
Am. Rough-l. Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Bald Eagle	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	8
Marsh Hawk	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	8
Osprey	-	-	2	-	3	3	5	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	5	74	1	28	7	4	-	4	140
Pigeon Hawk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sparrow Hawk	-	-	1	5	2	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	1	2	3	-	14	1	-	-	39
Ruffed Grouse	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Bobwhite	-	3	7	3	9	11	4	4	9	1	14	2	3	8	46	11	59	22	8	50	70	3	6	8	361
Ring-neck Pheasant	-	-	2	5	2	3	1	-	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	10	-	-	-	-	34
Clapper Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Virginia Rail	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3
Sora	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
American Coot	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	10
Am. Oystercatcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Semipal. Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	16
Piping Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Killdeer	1	-	1	7	8	-	-	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	12	1	8	30	1	-	6	83
Black-bel. Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	53
Ruddy Turnstone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
American Woodcock	-	-	-	1	4	2	-	-	1	-	5	-	3	-	3	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	25
Common Snipe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	11	1	-	-	16
Upland Plover	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Spotted Sandpiper	1	-	12	-	4	1	1	5	2	1	1	-	1	-	1	2	15	8	-	2	3	3	-	-	63
Solitary Sandpiper	-	-	10	-	-	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	2	3	-	-	3	1	-	5	4	-	-	-	35
Willet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	29
Greater Yellowlegs	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	2	2	2	1	46	10	5	-	17	93
Lesser Yellowlegs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	52	4	-	-	-	-	62
Purple Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	35
Least Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	32	-	-	4	-	-	10	109
Dunlin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	134	135
Short-b. Dowitcher	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	41
Semipalm. Sandpiper	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	10	-	-	-	4	20
Western Sandpiper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Sanderling	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	36	-	-	-	32	69
Gt. Bl-Back. Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	4	12
Herring Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	12	-	-	-	-	15	50	24	45	21	204	91	25	-	260	756	
Ring-billed Gull	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	23	-	-	12	-	-	13	8	20	23	96	14	78	139	7	-	438	
Laughing Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	11	365	-	4	288	100	4	14	788	
Bonaparte's Gull	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Forster's Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Common Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Least Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	9
Black Tern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

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Mourning Dove	1	2	35	-	70	56	8	6	33	93	21	6	37	15	22	31	38	42	20	112	83	10	6	4	751
Yellow-bil. Cuckoo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	6
Black-bil. Cuckoo	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Barn Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Screech Owl	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Great Horned Owl	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Barred Owl	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	19
Chuck-will's-widow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	6
Whip-poor-will	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	3	5	2	-	2	1	-	10	1	1	-	36
Chimney Swift	6	2	23	6	27	8	73	11	51	25	8	6	49	7	25	-	200	86	100	63	149	4	8	2	939
Ruby-thr. Hum'bird	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	4	-	-	2	2	2	-	3	23
Belted Kingfisher	2	-	2	2	6	1	3	4	3	6	-	-	2	-	4	5	3	2	1	3	11	3	1	1	65
Yellow-sh. Flicker	7	7	14	20	41	3	4	6	14	22	18	3	7	7	5	31	9	9	14	27	33	3	4	5	313
Pileated Woodpecker	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	3	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	11
Red-bellied Woodpecker	-	-	-	3	28	14	5	5	13	77	5	2	16	11	23	25	13	6	11	83	30	2	4	4	380
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
Yellow-b! Sapsucker	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
Hairy Woodpecker	1	4	-	2	3	2	2	1	6	20	-	-	4	7	7	-	1	1	2	26	7	1	1	-	98
Downy Woodpecker	4	8	9	3	31	25	19	4	22	27	12	3	10	15	9	10	10	4	4	56	15	2	6	2	310
Eastern Kingbird	-	-	6	1	5	7	-	-	2	1	3	2	2	-	8	1	5	4	7	23	29	12	2	1	121
Gt. Crested Flycatcher	-	-	2	1	2	2	8	-	7	1	-	1	5	13	2	1	1	4	3	14	13	4	2	2	88
Eastern Phoebe	7	4	6	14	18	2	10	2	6	17	2	3	2	1	4	3	9	1	11	2	24	1	-	4	153
Yellow-bel. Flycatcher	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Acadian Flycatcher	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	8
Least Flycatcher	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Eastern Wood Pewee	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	15
Horned Lark	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	4	1	30	1	2	3	60
Tree Swallow	-	-	4	1	1	10	-	-	20	-	-	1	2	-	5	4	40	9	33	155	228	21	12	-	546
Bank Swallow	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	55	-	1	-	-	6	-	2	-	-	2	416	-	-	-	-	-	485
Rough-wg. Swallow	4	-	5	2	4	-	-	-	39	22	-	-	1	-	-	3	12	2	9	28	10	-	-	-	141
Barn Swallow	9	11	15	15	72	59	14	39	32	125	9	-	52	8	49	50	164	82	76	240	287	41	20	8	1477
Cliff Swallow	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Purple Martin	125	32	16	11	15	10	-	7	6	-	20	-	12	6	32	5	94	32	13	133	84	20	10	3	686
Blue Jay	10	11	31	30	107	45	58	46	122	15	50	25	62	39	37	62	32	8	57	126	58	6	6	6	1047
Common Crow	6	6	35	9	101	15	43	23	54	31	12	10	17	37	16	45	51	56	26	292	75	5	4	12	1006
Fish Crow	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	3	1	6	7	11	3	15	2	6	2	8	-	-	71
Bl.-cap. Chickadee	21	23	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	54
Carolina Chickadee	-	-	13	3	48	35	31	9	37	32	17	1	13	24	19	22	31	6	3	94	56	1	8	10	505
Tufted Titmouse	8	14	4	3	23	28	23	6	22	29	17	6	19	24	21	55	20	16	22	89	59	3	10	19	540
White-br. Nuthatch	1	6	-	2	4	10	-	-	7	4	1	-	-	3	2	-	1	-	-	6	3	-	1	-	51
Red-br. Nuthatch	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	13	2	-	-	-	24
Brown-head. Nuthatch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	2	4	-	16
Brown Creeper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6
House Wren	10	12	19	5	25	2	-	4	19	7	4	1	5	3	1	17	2	1	1	22	15	-	2	1	178
Winter Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Species	Gar	All	NFr	Cr1	How	SMo	RRS	Whi	Bal	LRa	Lau	BRC	PRC	Ode	Ann	Gib	Cal	StM	Cec	Ken	Car	Tal	Wic	Wor	Total	
Carolina Wren	-	-	-	-	5	1	9	4	3	27	2	-	1	5	16	13	13	16	3	51	16	11	2	-	198	
Long-bill. M. Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Short-bill. M. Wren	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
Mockingbird	-	1	9	8	35	24	4	18	25	55	14	3	10	9	31	34	69	84	6	215	93	2	2	4	755	
Catbird	8	4	17	13	36	5	2	3	31	4	19	5	6	10	9	25	11	45	4	22	27	4	4	4	317	
Brown Thrasher	6	9	29	4	25	12	1	2	8	4	10	6	3	6	26	43	10	35	7	86	48	3	8	1	392	
Robin	18	64	96	100	98	32	4	27	105	106	52	10	15	31	41	39	76	80	78	237	363	4	29	38	1734	
Wood Thrush	4	8	16	30	68	2	11	9	15	38	16	3	12	18	48	20	14	32	14	7	43	9	8	4	449	
Hermit Thrush	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	-	14	
Swainson's Thrush	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Veery	1	-	2	-	6	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	24	
Eastern Bluebird	4	3	1	2	6	7	-	2	4	-	-	-	3	4	1	-	6	3	5	-	24	1	-	-	76	
Blue-gr. Gnatcatcher	-	6	4	20	49	-	19	7	11	39	-	4	26	9	10	14	3	2	10	3	28	2	-	9	275	
Golden-cr. Kinglet	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	8	7	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	-	-	-	1	6	1	10	6	-	-	18	1	1	2	-	77	
Water Pipit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	43	25	-	-	76	
Cedar Waxwing	-	7	8	15	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	38	2	2	-	6	2	-	21	-	-	-	-	168	
Starling	15	30	27	100	111	277	21	35	158	131	63	25	48	26	111	140	127	372	20	464	386	11	20	350	3068	
White-eyed Vireo	-	-	-	-	23	1	12	3	8	13	8	2	6	12	7	13	15	8	3	2	38	2	2	20	198	
Yellow-thr. Vireo	1	-	-	-	9	2	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	10	2	2	1	1	3	-	5	-	2	1	45	
Solitary Vireo	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
Red-eyed Vireo	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	16	9	10	1	21	8	1	1	28	2	2	3	107	
Warbling Vireo	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	9	
Black-&wh. Warbler	6	2	1	1	12	-	6	2	8	18	4	1	6	17	3	5	7	5	5	17	12	4	4	7	153	
Prothonotary Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	20	-	4	14	56	
Swainson's Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	
Worm-eating Warbler	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	5	-	4	1	-	3	23	
Golden-wing. Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Blue-winged Warbler	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	6	1	4	2	1	1	-	3	4	1	-	29	
Nashville Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Parula Warbler	-	-	-	-	17	-	12	-	5	-	-	3	21	20	7	20	26	1	8	-	2	1	-	3	146	
Yellow Warbler	7	6	-	-	4	5	1	6	5	5	-	-	1	7	8	4	1	2	17	9	2	-	-	-	90	
Magnolia Warbler	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	5	
Bl.-thr. Blue Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	11	
Myrtle Warbler	-	-	36	3	34	15	-	5	10	1	4	6	-	9	10	16	23	18	15	47	15	6	20	14	307	
Bl.-thr. Green Warbler	13	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	24	
Cerulean Warbler	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
Blackburnian Warbler	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
Yellow-th. Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	15
Chestnut-s. Warbler	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	
Blackpoll Warbler	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Pine Warbler	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	8	2	-	1	23	
Prairie Warbler	-	3	-	20	23	2	16	-	6	24	6	1	-	8	-	31	3	4	3	3	12	3	1	3	172	
Palm Warbler	-	-	1	1	11	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	20	
Ovenbird	1	2	-	-	22	-	-	2	10	37	8	3	15	25	16	9	14	3	2	2	14	2	4	10	201	

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Species	Gar	All	NFr	CrI	How	SMO	RRS	Whi	Bal	LRa	Lau	BRC	PRC	Ode	Ann	Gib	Cal	StM	Cec	Ken	Car	Tal	Wic	Wor	Total	
No. Waterthrush	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	3	-	1	2	1	2	-	2	3	-	-	20	
La. Waterthrush	1	-	-	-	14	-	5	-	3	5	-	-	3	7	-	4	4	-	-	-	2	2	2	12	61	
Kentucky Warbler	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	4	2	-	3	3	2	4	2	1	-	-	2	4	2	-	4	38
Yellowthroat	-	-	2	20	50	4	2	8	14	75	9	2	27	13	16	10	11	12	8	11	35	6	4	8	347	
Yellow-br. Chat	1	4	4	3	5	1	1	1	3	4	-	-	-	2	4	1	5	4	2	-	6	1	-	-	52	
Hooded Warbler	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	2	3	2	2	17	1	11	15	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	66
American Redstart	-	1	-	-	6	1	11	10	4	12	-	2	20	18	18	-	6	8	-	-	2	3	1	2	15	140
House Sparrow	20	104	59	-	82	174	17	58	56	75	30	2	14	10	77	126	241	128	16	601	434	1	50	400	2768	
Bobolink	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	
Eastern Meadowlark	15	15	35	20	53	28	12	4	16	27	13	8	3	-	5	3	29	76	26	136	73	2	4	10	613	
Red-wing. Blackbird	49	26	49	100	79	163	10	73	77	115	25	12	204	17	51	183	229	475	33	989	352	38	12	450	3811	
Orchard Oriole	-	-	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	5	4	3	-	4	-	-	-	25	
Baltimore Oriole	3	21	6	2	-	2	2	-	6	1	4	-	-	1	-	3	1	5	5	4	14	1	-	1	82	
Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	7	1	2	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	18	
Boat-tailed Grackle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	
Common Grackle	6	36	244	20	215	109	523	21	326	146	67	12	67	53	78	216	332	750	145	1011	967	33	20	650	6047	
Brown-headed Cowbird	4	24	74	30	47	83	22	9	66	14	10	6	12	12	56	63	371	2	25	321	128	2	20	13	1414	
Scarlet Tanager	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	1	9	1	2	4	1	2	1	6	1	2	3	42	
Summer Tanager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	6	
Cardinal	8	24	40	-	102	68	55	16	41	77	19	3	36	42	84	90	86	96	12	390	203	11	12	23	1538	
Rose-br. Grosbeak	-	2	4	-	3	-	-	-	5	-	1	-	-	2	10	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	31
Blue Grosbeak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-	-	2	-	3	6	-	-	-	19	
Indigo Bunting	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	13	-	5	8	-	-	3	38	
Evening Grosbeak	5	13	-	-	12	9	-	8	2	6	38	-	-	2	11	-	15	-	-	20	144	1	40	-	326	
Purple Finch	-	4	50	-	5	2	2	-	11	-	1	-	-	14	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	92	
Pine Siskin	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	
American Goldfinch	8	11	110	100	181	157	63	11	138	415	17	50	21	60	9	135	65	6	109	104	161	19	25	16	1991	
Red Crossbill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
Rufous-s. Towhee	27	7	8	30	82	11	15	5	39	82	27	8	13	45	73	54	42	35	32	65	90	14	8	11	823	
Savannah Sparrow	-	-	-	1	6	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	1	2	10	19	-	12	6	6	-	-	67	
Grasshopper Sparrow	-	-	2	10	9	-	7	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	1	2	10	3	-	-	53	
Seaside Sparrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
Vesper Sparrow	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	9	1	-	17	
Slate-col. Junco	-	11	1	5	4	12	1	1	22	-	-	-	4	-	2	5	-	-	3	1	3	2	-	-	77	
Chipping Sparrow	10	25	1	11	15	15	5	15	10	22	4	8	9	8	14	80	40	15	40	73	144	2	2	5	573	
Field Sparrow	30	12	23	8	51	29	17	3	13	18	25	-	9	14	5	2	22	13	20	74	46	2	2	3	441	
White-cr. Sparrow	-	-	-	-	2	30	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	20	1	-	25	90	
White-th. Sparrow	3	10	11	8	90	29	48	9	61	32	27	12	27	48	54	152	92	95	23	134	147	18	-	20	1150	
Fox Sparrow	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
Swamp Sparrow	-	-	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	10	5	-	2	5	1	1	3	1	1	11	-	1	-	-	56	
Song Sparrow	21	22	25	30	33	27	14	14	44	54	17	4	17	4	15	35	33	13	3	98	22	1	1	4	494	
TOTAL SPECIES	65	56	74	77	103	82	74	82	99	72	63	50	95	78	107	93	102	123	89	124	111	99	62	104	218	
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	558		1318		2531	1981		2017		804		1152		1501		3198		1484		6556		471			53323	
TOTAL PARTY-HOURS	11	11	12	8	24	8½	13	10½	33	28	22	6	7½	24	30	33	52½	18	15	200	50	12	5	22	656	



Summary of Coverage

**GARRETT COUNTY.** Carey Run Sanctuary and Grantsville area. 10 observers in 4 parties. 40 miles by car. Mr. & Mrs. R. Douglass, Dan Folk, Debbi Lapeyre, Dee Lapeyre, Mr. & Mrs. William Leeson, Anderson Martin, Elnora Schrock, Billie Taylor (compiler).

**ALLEGANY COUNTY.** 5 observers in 4 parties. 52 party-miles (7 on foot, 45 by car). Charlotte Folk, Mrs. K. Lapeyre, Anderson Martin (compiler), Mrs. John Richardson, Billie Taylor.

**NORTHERN FREDERICK COUNTY.** 6 observers in 1 party. 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. 54 party-miles (4 on foot, 50 by car). Jerry Coates, Bruce Hanson, Mary Motherway, Charles Mullican, William Shirey, Dorothy Wilson.

**CARROLL COUNTY.** 6 observers in 2 parties. 35 party-miles (3 on foot, 32 by car). Tommy Cantwell, Bill Hilgartner, Bertha Poe (compiler), Billy Worthley, Dr. Elmer Worthley, Jean Worthley.

**HOWARD COUNTY.** Patuxent drainage. 7 observers in 4 parties. 4:10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. 56 party-miles (8 on foot, 48 by car). Mrs. G. C. Munro, Mrs. H. B. Rauth, Chandler S. Robbins (compiler), George Robbins, Jane Robbins, Stuart Robbins, Ted Stiles.

**SOUTHERN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.** 21 observers in 2 parties. Mrs. Herbert Church (compiler), K. Crowley, M. Hubank, H. Lessig, O. Payne, Lucille V. Smith (compiler), Lathrop Smiths and 14 members of Virginia Society of Ornithology (along Potomac River).

**ROCK RUN SANCTUARY** and portion of Susquehanna River, Harford County. 2 observers in 1 party. 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. 14 party-miles (4 on foot, 10 by car). Mrs. R. D. Cole, Mel Garland (compiler).

**HARFORD COUNTY.** 1 observer. Not included in table because of incomplete report. 42 species (10 of which were not recorded on the Rock Run count). 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles on foot. Joseph Pannill.

**WHITE MARSH, Baltimore County.** 2 observers in 1 party. 5 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. 16 party-miles (5 on foot, 11 by car). Roger B. Clapp, C. Douglas Hackman (compiler).

**BALTIMORE CITY AND COUNTY.** 11 observers in 5 parties. 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Janet E. Ganter, B. Hilgartner, Alice Kaestner, Bonnie Mogavero, Grace Neumann, Bertha Poe, Edward Rykiel, Stephen Simon, Warren Skipp, Dr. Elmer Worthley, Jean Worthley.

**LOCH RAVEN, Baltimore County.** 2 observers in 2 parties. 4:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. 90 party-miles (16 on foot, 74 by car). William Corliss, Gerald Elgert (compiler).

**LAUREL, including mostly northern Prince Georges County, but also small sections of adjacent Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.** 7 observers in 3 parties. 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. 10 party-miles (8 on foot, 2 by car). Eloise Austin, Glenn Austin (compiler), Henry Bell, Irene Campagna, Melvin Kleen, Kenny Myers, Les Myers.

**BELTSVILLE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER, Prince Georges County.** 2 observers in 1 party. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 11 party-miles (3 on foot, 8 by car). E. Stricker, Tom Valega (compiler).

**PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER, Prince Georges County.** 3 observers in 1 party. 4:20 a.m. to 12 noon. 14 party-miles (4 on foot, 10 by car). David Bridge (compiler), Margaret Bridge, Betty Riedel.

**ODENTON and Little Patuxent River area, Anne Arundel County.** 3 observers in 2 parties. 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. 21 miles on foot. Bill Anderson, Danny Bystrak, Paul Bystrak.

**ANNAPOLIS, Anne Arundel County.** 11 observers in 3 parties. 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. 53 party-miles (17 on foot, 36 by car). Mr. P. Goldsborough (compiler), Mrs. P. Goldsborough, Cdr. J. Hough, Prof. and Mrs. David Howard (compilers), Michael Law, Mrs. Martina Luff, Douglas Seely, Mrs. J. Singbach, Cdr. Edward Wilson (compiler), Mrs. Edward Wilson.

**GIBSON ISLAND, Anne Arundel County.** 24 observers in 3 parties. 4:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 21 party-miles (6 on foot, 15 by car). Mr. & Mrs. Charles Buchanan, Mrs. Robert Cochran, Linda Dwight, Mrs. Bradley Fisk, Mrs. Joseph France, Mrs. Richard Henderson, Judge and Mrs. (compiler) William L. Henderson, Mr. & Mrs. Jackson Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leeds, Mr. & Mrs. George Metcalf, Herbert Mills, Madam O'Grady, Mrs. V. Romesburg, Dr. & Mrs. W. Sladen, Mrs. E. Symington, Mrs. Gail Tappan (compiler), Victoria Zouck.

CALVERT COUNTY. 6 observers in 5 parties. 7:25 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. 433 party-miles (21 on foot, 412 by car). John Pales, Laddie Flyger, Alda Gras, K. Friel Sanders, Dr. Paul A. Stewart, Seth M. Stewart.

ST. MARYS COUNTY. 3 observers in 1 party. 3 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. 184½ party-miles (6½ on foot, 178 by car). Vernon M. Kleen (compiler), Ken Idby, Steve Robidoux.

CECIL COUNTY. 5 observers in 2 parties. 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. James Brennen, Seal Brooks, Vernon Rossman, Tom Talarowsky, Roy Turrett.

KENT COUNTY. 24 observers in 8 parties. James Anthony, Howard Bailey, George Burger, Mrs. Arlene Delerio, Mrs. Maryanne Emesine, William Friedburg, Gerry Gardner, Dr. Daniel Gibson (compiler), Mrs. Clarke Grieb, Mr. & Mrs. Guastwino, Frances Jay, Mabon Kingsley, Dick McCowan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mendinhal, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Ruhnka, Dr. & Mrs. Sevin, Mr. & Mrs. Turner Smith, Mrs. W. Snyder, Mr. Terry.

CAROLINE COUNTY. 16 observers in 10 parties. 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. 347½ party-miles (16½ on foot, 331 by car). Annabelle Bilbrough, Elsie Bilbrough, Irene Bilbrough, Margarete Butenschoen, A. Jerome Fletcher, Roberta Fletcher, Marvin Hewitt, Naomi Hewitt, Alicia Knotts, Aldridge Pepper, Robert Pepper, Essie Pepper, Carol Scudder, Bill Scudder, Jacqueline Smith, A. May Thompson.

TALBOT COUNTY. 4 observers in 2 parties. 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. 59 party-miles (4 on foot, 55 by car). Bill Bryan, Chris Clark, Richard Kleen, Don Meritt.

WICOMICO COUNTY. 1 observer. 5:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. (5 hours). Samuel H. Dyke.

WORCESTER COUNTY. 28 observers in 3 parties. 246 party-miles (7 on foot, 239 by car). Audubon Naturalist Society, Dr. Fritz Scheider and Dr. H. M. Johnson (leaders).

This year we fell short in the number of counties participating.

No one helped in Washington, Charles, Queen Annes, Dorchester or Somerset. The number of species reported from each county that did participate is shown below, with party-hours in parentheses:

Anne Arundel	132 (87)	Worcester	104 (22)	Montgomery	82 (8½)
Kent	124 (200)	Howard	103 (24)	Carroll	77 (8)
St. Marys	123 (18)	Calvert	102 (52½)	Frederick	74 (12)
Caroline	111 (50)	Talbot	99 (12)	Garrett	65 (11)
Baltimore	110 (61)	Cecil	89 (15)	Wicomico	62 (5)
Prince Georges	109 (35½)	Harford	84 (17)	Allegany	56 (11)

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### TAMENESS OF BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEES

Burton Alexander

During a recent nature walk at Penn State University two Black-capped Chickadees (Parus atricapillus) came so close I decided to "freeze" and see if they would get nearer to me. I stood with my butterfly net handle protruding behind me (under my right arm), a small tree just in back of that, and the shadow of the stick visible down to my right. Sure enough, one of the chickadees landed on the stick. I watched its shadow creep toward me on the pole. If it got that far safely, why stop? It soon was on my right shoulder, then on my head. It then said something to the other in the tree and they switched places. A snipping sound told me my hair was soft enough for baby chickadees to be raised in. At least they did not dig it out, nor did they bald me, for they left soon. The Central Pennsylvania Barbers' Association has fixed a \$1.75 price, but I have found a cheaper way.

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## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dorothy A. Mendinhall

This issue brings you the excellent reports of the Annual (Meeting) Convention at Ocean City, and it is my pleasure to report that the meeting and Convention were superlative in every way.

The most glorious weather, finest leaders for splendid trips, the highest species count (207), the greatest number of birds at the three banding stations (more than 800 birds of 77 species), the best boat trip, and surpassing everything was the marvelous evening program "Birds Throughout the Year in the Howards' Gardens."

Professor and Mrs. Howard are distinguished members of M.O.S. and are widely known for their photography and interest in ornithology. Their lecture was a highlight of the Convention and greatly appreciated.

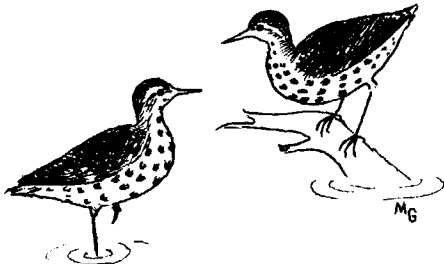
Thanks to the ability, fine cooperation and hard work of your Trustees, Committee Chairman, Executive Secretary, and many hard working Chapter members, the business meeting moved along rapidly and was climaxed with the vote of the membership that arrangements be made to purchase the Mill Creek Sanctuary in Talbot County.

This means you must all "dig down" and support the Talbot Chapter in this splendid M.O.S. project. Let's build the Sanctuary Fund up, up and up in '65.

There is good news that Mr. Unger is recovering from his illness which forced him to withdraw his name from nomination as your President this year. I know you all join me in wishing him a rapid recovery.

Mr. Mendinhall and I hope many of you will want to bring your family and friends to picnic at Damsite on Saturday, July 11. A welcome awaits all members. This is just a fun day. Directions: Take any route to Chestertown, then Route 20 to intersection of Route 21. Right on 21 toward Tolchester Beach. Watch for signs Tolchester Estates--Elm Street (on your right), then follow markers to the house.

Have a happy summer and good birding wherever you are.



"Damsite", Chestertown

## MARYLAND NEST SUMMARY FOR 1963

David and Margaret Bridge

The 1963 nesting season was highlighted by the discovery of a new species breeding in Maryland. Mel Garland reported the first House Finch breeding record for the state, bringing the total of species known to breed in Maryland to 194. This year 119 species were reported breeding in the state; this ties the previous high record reported in 1958. In addition, notes on three other species were received. Nesting activity was reported in all 23 counties for the first time since the nest program was organized. The number of contributors increased from 40 in 1962 to 64 in 1963. About 950 cards were received with information on about 4400 nests. The distribution of cards, species, and observers by counties is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. County and State Totals for 1963

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Species</u>	<u>Number of Observers</u>	<u>Number of Nests</u>	<u>Number of Cards</u>
Allegany	3	1	3	3
Anne Arundel	9	6	89	13
Baltimore	18	5	27	27
Calvert	5	3	12	5
Caroline	53	6	108	108
Carroll	1	1	1	1
Cecil	1	1	4	1
Charles	4	2	93	22
Dorchester	25	4	523	74
Frederick	23	2	58	29
Garrett	18	15	23	23
Harford	13	5	25	15
Howard	3	3	3	3
Kent	5	4	21	5
Montgomery	29	13	65	64
Prince Georges	48	19	237	217
Queen Annes	2	2	14	2
St. Marys	12	3	695	56
Somerset	11	5	354	12
Talbot	31	5	601	158
Washington	1	1	1	1
Wicomico	2	2	3	2
Worcester	36	11	1466	118
<u>State Totals</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>4426</u>	<u>958</u>

Many observers followed the history of some nests very closely. From these detailed observations the incubation and nestling periods can be determined. In order that others may use this information, incubation and nestling periods reported in 1963 are listed in Table 2. Some of the periods are approximated, since not all the nests were observed in detail from start to finish.

Table 2. Incubation and Nestling Periods

<u>Species</u>	<u>Incubation Period (in days)</u>	<u>Nestling Period (in days)</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Observer</u>
Osprey	29+	---	StM	V. Kleen
Barred Owl	---	22+	Ann	V. Kleen
E. Phoebe	16	---	Car	C. Scudder
E. Phoebe	---	10	Mon	J. Weske
Acadian Flyctr.	between 10 and 12	between 10 and 12	Car	C. Scudder
Horned Lark	---	between 9 and 10	Car	C. Scudder
Barn Swallow	14+	13+	Dor	J. Weske
Barn Swallow	10+ and 10+	12+, 12+, and 14+	Pri	T. Stiles
Blue Jay	17	---	Pri	D. Bridge
House Wren	between 15.08 and 15.16	---	Pri	E. Robbins
Mockingbird (1st brood)	13	between 11 and 13	Car	C. Scudder
Mockingbird (2nd brood)	13	between 12 and 13	Car	C. Scudder
Mockingbird (3rd brood)	15	10	Car	C. Scudder
Catbird	--	about 11	Car	C. Scudder
Robin	12	13	Tal	J. Wanuga
Robin	13	12	Pri	E. Robbins
Bl.-gr. Gnatetr.	13	14 to 15	Car	C. Scudder
Cedar Waxwing	--	about 13	Pri	D. Bridge
Starling	--	10+	Pri	V. Kleen
Starling	--	12+	Mon	D. Bridge
Red-winged Blkbd.	ave. of 14 nests: 12.4 range: 12 to 13	about 11	Pri	D. Bridge
Cardinal	12+	--	Mon	D. Bridge
Blue Grosbeak	15	7 (left (prematurely)	Car	C. Scudder
Blue Grosbeak	--	10	Pri	B. Meanley
Indigo Bunting	--	10	Car	C. Scudder
Chipping Sparrow	--	about 11	Pri	D. Bridge

Annotated List

- Brief notes of each species have been selected for inclusion in the Annotated List. Record-breaking dates have been underscored.
- PIED-BILLED GREBE--A nest with 7 eggs on May 17 at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (FU, FM).
- GREAT BLUE HERON--750 nests in three colonies located in three counties.
- GREEN HERON--96 nests reported from 6 counties; average clutch size for 72 nests was 3.6 eggs.
- LITTLE BLUE HERON--The average number of young in 23 nests in Worcester Co. was 3.0.
- CATTLE EGRET--116 young were banded in a Worcester Co. heronry, as compared to 194 young in 1962.
- COMMON EGRET--256 nests were reported from six colonies in six tidewater counties, Dor., Que., StM., Som., Tal., and Wor.
- SNOWY EGRET--345 young banded in June in Worcester Co. colony.
- LOUISIANA HERON--Ave. ht. of 18 nests in Worcester Co. was 16 inches; 2 nests were on the ground.
- BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON--This species has continued to increase at the Worcester Co. colony; 64 young were banded.
- (YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT HERON)--12 adults were seen in a Somerset Co. heron colony on June 16 and 8 were seen in a Dorchester Co. colony on June 28; almost certainly these birds were breeding.
- LEAST BITTERN--One nest at Patuxent W. R. C.; this is the third consecutive year this species has nested there.
- AMERICAN BITTERN--One nest with four eggs at Patuxent W. R. C. on May 22 (DB).
- GLOSSY IBIS--8 nests in Worcester Co. between 0 ft. and 1 ft.; 20 pairs in Smith Island heron colony on June 16.
- MALLARD--of 6 nests with a total of 55 eggs, 37 hatched (67%) at Patuxent W. R. C.
- BLACK DUCK--The average clutch size for 14 nests was 8.4.
- BLUE-WINGED TEAL--John Weske flushed a female from 9 eggs on July 5 in Dorchester Co.
- WOOD DUCK--A total of 37 nests or broods were reported; one at Patuxent W. R. C. had 32 eggs, 20 of which hatched.
- HOODED Merganser--Two nests at Patuxent W. R. C.; the starting date for one clutch was March 20; the young hatched in the other nest on May 8.
- RED-TAILED HAWK--Large young in the nest on July 12 (C. Scudder) and on July 16 (L. Smith).
- RED-SHOULDERED HAWK--6 nests on Patuxent W. R. C. produced 12 young (F. C. Schmid).
- BALD EAGLE--Jackson Abbott studied 78 nests in Maryland for the National Audubon Society; 14 nests were active; only one young was raised!
- OSPREY--A total of 184 nests were reported from seven counties.
- RUFFED GROUSE--Two young out of the nest in Frederick Co. on July 1 (SE).
- BOBWHITE--The average clutch size of three nests was 16.
- RING-NECKED PHEASANT--One young with adults in Carroll Co. (SE).

- (BLACK RAIL---John Weske spent several months studying this rare species along the Elliott Island Road in Dorchester Co. Although no nests were found, the following was recorded:
1. Spartina sp. marsh has many more rails than Juncus sp. marsh.
  2. Up to 20 rails were heard on a given night.
  3. The period of maximum calling activity seems to be the middle two weeks of June.)
- AMERICAN OYSTERCATCHER--Small young out of the nest in Worcester Co. on May 12 (JR).
- PIPING PLOVER--4 eggs in a nest in Worcester Co. on June 15 and 29.
- KILLDEER--A nest in Caroline Co. contained five eggs on May 29 and five young on June 5 (CS). This species almost always lays four eggs; this is the only report of more than 4 eggs of the 103 Killdeer nest records now on file.
- (SPOTTED SANDPIPER--About 10 pairs on Long Pt. in Queen Annes Co. on June 1, but no nest could be found.)
- WILLET--An amazing total of 23 nests with eggs were reported, all in June; this almost doubles the previous total; 18 nests with 4 eggs each, 3 nests with 3 eggs each, 1 nest with 2 eggs, and 1 nest with 1 egg.
- HERRING GULL--At least 60 pairs nested, 48 of them on Smith Island in Somerset Co. Five nests with eggs on June 1 in Worcester Co. (DB).
- LAUGHING GULL--About 350 nests were found on Robins Marsh, Worcester Co.; 574 young were banded.
- (FORSTER'S TERN--Maryland's only large colony, on Robins Marsh, was reported taken over by gulls.)
- COMMON TERN--The main Worcester Co. tern colony is now located on Assateague Island. The average clutch size of 75 nests in Worcester Co. on June 15 was 2.13 eggs. The average clutch size of 74 nests in Talbot Co. on May 19 was 2.48 eggs.
- LEAST TERN--35 pairs in the Assateague colony; 16 young banded on June 15.
- ROYAL TERN--Larry Calvert and John Weske found the second colony of this species in Maryland on Cedar Island in Chincoteague Bay. This is the first nesting record since the South Point was abandoned in 1960. Two nests were found with two eggs each on June 20; two young were banded on July 26.
- BLACK SKIMMER--About 100 nests at three locations in Worcester Co.; 13 young banded on June 15.
- MOURNING DOVE--16 nests reported from 9 counties. Young left two nests on Sept. 1, Baltimore and Talbot Co.
- YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO--Two eggs in a Caroline Co. nest on May 26.
- BARN OWL--20 nests reported, 16 in duck blinds, 2 in old houses, and 2 in the observation towers at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.
- SCREECH OWL--Two young in Montgomery Co. on May 12 (WTV).
- GREAT HORNED OWL--One nest in Baltimore Co. (BW).
- BARRED OWL--Two nests with 3 young each, one in Caroline Co. on June 25 (CS).
- CHUCK-WILL'S-WIDOW--A female was flushed from two eggs on June 4 in Worcester Co. "On June 5, the eggs were gone, but the female soon appeared from nearby and began to show alarm. This may indicate that the eggs had been moved, as has been reported for the species." (SD).
- COMMON NIGHTHAWK--One report, 3 young along a road in Talbot Co. on

June 29. It is very unusual to observe three young. This species usually raises only 2 young. (JR)

CHIMNEY SWIFT--Two nests reported from Frederick Co.

RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD--Four nests were reported; two were very late with 2 young each, one in Talbot Co. on Sept. 1 (PD), the other in Howard Co. on Sept. 2 (MC).

BELTED KINGFISHER--Two nests reported.

YELLOW-SHAPTED FLICKER--Average height of 8 nests was 14.6 feet. One Caroline Co. nest produced 7 young.

PILEATED WOODPECKER--Three nests reported; average height of these was 30 feet.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER--Young left the nest on May 15 in Caroline Co.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER--A young bird out of the nest was seen at Bel Air, Harford Co. (SE).

HAIRY WOODPECKER--Two large young (heads out of hole) fed by adult on July 4 in Prince Georges Co. (SB).

DOWNY WOODPECKER--Two nests reported.

EASTERN KINGBIRD--Four nests in four counties. Young left two of the nests on June 22 and July 23.

GREAT CRESTED FLYCATCHER--Average height of six nests was 8 feet. Only one nest contained a complete clutch (6 eggs).

EASTERN PHOEBE--35 nests were reported; 24 were under bridges, 11 were in or on houses, none were reported on rock cliffs. Twenty nests contained full clutches, 14 with 5 eggs each and 6 with 4 eggs each; average clutch size was 4.8. One egg was layed each day for five days in a Caroline Co. nest (CS).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER--5 eggs on June 6 in Caroline Co.

IRAILL'S FLYCATCHER--One nest near the 1961 nest in Prince Georges Co. had 2 eggs on June 4 (BN).

EASTERN WOOD PEWEE--Two nests reported in June, at 25 and 30 feet.

HORNED LARK--One record each from Caroline, Dorchester, and Prince Georges Co. The Caroline Co. nest produced 5 young, which left the nest on May 24.

TREE SWALLOW--One nest being built at Denton on May 20.

BANK SWALLOW--About 75 pairs at the colony along Rt. 50 in Anne Arundel Co; one nest contained 4 young on June 8.

ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW--10 nests reported from five counties. The most interesting report was of a nest under the bridge at Ocean City in a pipe only 2 feet above the high tide mark. It contained 5 young on June 15.

BARN SWALLOW--146 nests reported. Ten nests on Rocky Gorge Dam contained 39 eggs, 35 of which hatched (90%) (TS). A nest in Worcester Co. had 6 large young almost ready to fly on June 15; they were banded. "On June 29 (at night) young still roosting in nest. Able to fly well." The young may have been a month old! (WTV) A pair in Montgomery Co. made two nesting attempts. First attempt--5 eggs, all hatched, nest destroyed. Second attempt--5 eggs, all hatched, again nest destroyed; they did not try to nest again in late July.

PURPLE MARTIN--One pair nested in a Wood Duck box at Patuxent W. R. C.; 5 eggs were laid.

BLUE JAY--An early nest in Prince Georges Co. had 1 egg on April 8 and 5 eggs on April 12. On April 28 there were 3 young and 2 eggs; the next day there were five young (DB).



- COMMON CROW--Building activity recorded in Baltimore Co. on Feb. 27 (GC).  
 FISH CROW--4 eggs in a nest on June 1 in Worcester Co.  
 BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE--4 young in a Garret Co. nest on June 17; this report ties the latest young date (MC).  
 CAROLINA CHICKADEE--A nest at Rock Run Sanctuary, Harford Co., contained 5 eggs on May 25.  
 TUFTED TITMOUSE--4 young were banded on June 1 in Montgomery Co.  
 WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH--Only one nest was reported; adults were observed feeding young in Worcester Co. on May 18.  
 BROWN-HEADED NUTHATCH--Young in a Talbot Co. nest were being fed by adults on July 9 (DM).  
 HOUSE WREN--15 nests were reported; one nest in Garret Co. contained 4 eggs on June 8 and 7 eggs at noon on June 9. More than one female?  
 CAROLINA WREN--Only two nesting records for the state this year.  
 LONG-BILLED MARSH WREN--4 active nests were reported; 2 contained 4 eggs each, 1 five eggs, and 1 five young.  
 MOCKINGBIRD--One pair raised three successful broods of 4 young each (CS).  
 CATBIRD--4 nests with eggs between May 26 and July 4; 8 nests with young between May 25 and August 3.  
 BROWN THRASHER--The average height of 16 nests was 4.06 feet; the range was 1 foot to 8 feet.  
 ROBIN--The average height of 31 nests was 12.2 feet; the heights ranged from 1.5 to 50 feet.  
 WOOD THRUSH--Seven nests were reported.  
 EASTERN BLUEBIRD--14 nests were reported from six counties; perhaps this species is beginning to recover. Six nests contained four eggs each and one six eggs.  
 BLUE-GRAY GNATCATCHER--8 nests reported, one with five eggs on May 1.  
 CEDAR WAXWING--Two nests with young between July 16 and Sept. 8.  
 STARLING--29 nests in Wood Duck boxes at Patuxent W. R. C. Average clutch size of 22 nests was 5.4.  
 WHITE-EYED VIREO--A very late nest at Rock Run Sanctuary, Harford Co.; the last young left the nest on August 19 (MG).  
 YELLOW-THROATED VIREO--adults feeding young out of nest on July 22 (CSR).  
 RED-EYED VIREO--2 out of 4 nests contained Brown-headed Cowbird eggs. Two young left a late nest in Montgomery Co. on August 17 (LVS).  
 WARBLING VIREO--Jan Reese saw a pair and a nest at Wye Mills in a large elm between April 21 and May 5.  
 BLACK AND WHITE WARBLER--A nest at Patuxent W. R. C. on May 30 contained four young (CSR); another at Pleasant Valley on June 19 with one egg and 2 young just hatching (MG).  
 PROTHONOTARY WARBLER--A nest on July 16 in Montgomery Co. had 4 small young (no feathers). (OP, HL, LS)  
 PARULA WARBLER--Adults feeding young out of the nest in Calvert Co. on August 3 (JF).  
 YELLOW WARBLER--A nest with 4 eggs on June 9 at Carey Run Sanctuary, Garrett Co. (GR).  
 YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER--Adults feeding 2 young just out of the nest on June 16 in Worcester Co. (FGS).  
 CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER--Two nests with four eggs each at Pleasant Valley.  
 OVENBIRD--C. Robbins had a nest with 4 eggs on May 26. After a steady

- rain on June 2 and 3 (over 3 inches) the nest was deserted.
- KENTUCKY WARBLER--3 young in a Caroline Co. nest on June 20.
- YELLOWTHROAT--A nest in Prince Georges Co. had 4 eggs on May 21.
- YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT--A nest in a pear tree in Frederick Co. on June 6 was reported.
- AMERICAN REDSTART--2 young out and 2 young in a nest at Rock Run Sanctuary on July 1.
- HOUSE SPARROW--Only one report! Four young in a nest on July 1.
- EASTERN MEADOWLARK--5 nests with young between June 11 and 24; 4 nests with 3 eggs and one with one egg.
- RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD--105 nests reported. On the Patuxent W. R. C., the average clutch size for 31 nests in which the eggs were incubated was 3.67; 21 nests had 4 eggs each and 10 nests had 3 eggs each.
- ORCHARD ORIOLE--A nest with 3 young on June 16 in Caroline Co.
- BALTIMORE ORIOLE--4 eggs in a nest on June 10, first breeding record for Patuxent W. R. C.
- BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE--53 nests in Worcester Co., most with eggs on June 1. Nests contained from 1 to 6 eggs each, but the majority contained 3 eggs.
- COMMON GRACKLE--181 nests reported. One nest was located in a hollow stump over water. A late nest in St. Marys Co. had 3 young on July 8 (VK).
- BROWN-HEADED COWBIRD--Eggs or young were found in nests of the following species: Red-eyed Vireo--2, Ovenbird--1, Red-winged Blackbird--1 (raised successfully), Rufous-sided Towhee--2, and Song Sparrow--1. Young cowbirds out of the nest were seen being fed by a pair of Yellowthroats and a pair of American Redstarts.
- SCARLET Tanager--4 young, not over 2 days old on June 25 in Howard Co.; both adults feeding the young.
- CARDINAL--15 nests reported. One had a full clutch of only 2 eggs. Average height of 14 nests was 4.9 feet.
- BLUE GROSBEAK--5 nests reported. Also probably nested in Harford Co. (GDH). A Caroline Co. bird laid one egg a day for four days. The five nests fledged 3, 3, 3, 2, and 4 young.
- INDIGO BUNTING--4 just-hatched young on June 3 in a Caroline Co. nest.
- HOUSE FINCH--New species for state. Five young on June 10 and 13 (MG). (See Maryland Birdlife, Vol. 19, No. 3, p.78).
- AMERICAN GOLDFINCH--One nest contained 3 young on August 21.
- RUFOUS-SIDED TOWHEE--Four nests reported; two with cowbird eggs. One contained 4 towhee eggs and 2 cowbird eggs (JSweske).
- GRASSHOPPER SPARROW--4 eggs on June 10 in Howard Co. (WTV).
- SHARP-TAILED SPARROW--3 eggs on June 9 in Dorchester Co.; on June 24 young  $\frac{1}{2}$ -grown (JSweske)
- SEASIDE SPARROW--7 nests reported. Eggs on June 29 in Talbot Co. (JR and DM). Average size of clutch for 7 nests was 3.4. Young in Dorchester Co. on June 13 (JSweske)
- CHIPPING SPARROW--Three nests had 4 eggs each, and 12 nests had young as follows: 1 nest with 5 young, 7 with 4, 3 with 2, and 1 with 2.
- FIELD SPARROW--13 nests had an average height of 14.5 inches.
- SONG SPARROW--6 of the 7 nest records were in June; do they nest in other months? Average height of 6 nests was 13.0 inches.

Each year, all the nest cards received are placed in the Maryland Ornithological Society's nest card file, which now contains approximately 18,000 cards. These cards are available to anyone interested in studying breeding cycles or behavior. This year for the first time, cards have been requested by several people for such scientific studies.

One of the most interesting nesting reports received this year was that of Roseate Tern. The Roseate Tern is rare in Maryland and has not been reported nesting here since 1936, although much field work has been done in the coastal areas of Maryland in recent years. Unfortunately, this report is unacceptable as a definite breeding record at this time, due to the lack of positive identification of the species with the nest.

This report raises the question of acceptance of breeding records. Apparently, no criteria have been established for acceptance of nesting records, as has been done for sight records (Birds of Maryland and the District of Columbia, Stewart and Robbins, p. 37.) Any unusual nesting record should be documented in at least one of the following ways, in order to be acceptable:

- 1.) Specimen of adult, young, or eggs. (Only licensed collectors can collect specimens.)
- 2.) Photograph of the adult associated with the eggs or young.
- 3.) Three or more reliable sight records of adult at nest or associated with young. (This is perhaps the easiest way, since a nesting bird remains in one locality for a relatively long period of time.)

The 64 observers who participated in 1963 are listed below.

Jackson Abbott, Bill Anderson, Earl Baysinger, David Bridge, Margaret Bridge, Stephen Bridge, Danny Bystrak, Paul Bystrak, Michael Calhoun, Larry Calvert, Gladys Cole, Morris Collins, Jackie Cook, Sally Donius, Pat Dunn, Samuel Dyke, Jay Eason, Sterling Edwards, Gerald Elgert, John Fales, A. Jerome Fletcher, Roberta Fletcher, Mel Garland, Douglas Hackman, Mrs. Charles Haslup, Marvin Hewitt, Lois Horn, Charles Iliff, Rodney Jones, Vernon Kleen, Natalie Latimer, Helen Lessig, Mrs. Carl Lubbert, Frank McGilvrey, Anderson Martin, Brooke Meanley, Donald Meritt, Gary Minke, Pan Minke, Brent Nelson, Bruce Newman, Mrs. Lewis Payne, Aldridge Pepper, Bob Pepper, Essie Pepper, Jan Reese, Chandler Robbins, Eleanor Robbins, George Robbins, Jane Robbins, Fritz Scheider, Frederick Schmid, Carol Scudder, Mrs. C. N. Shaffner, Dave Smith, Lucille Smith, Ted Stiles, Jean Taylor, Francis Uhler, Willet T. VanVelzen, John Wanuga, John Webb, John Weske, Bill Worthley.

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## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 9, 1964

The Annual Meeting of Maryland Ornithological Society, Inc., was called to order by the President, Mrs. Edward Mendinhall, May 9, 1964, at the Hastings-Miramar, Ocean City, Md., at 7:00 P. M. with over 75 members present.

Mrs. Mendinhall thanked the members for their support during the year and the trustees for their splendid reports and for quorums on hand for the five meetings held this year. She has visited seven chapters, made three trips to Carey Run and two to Rock Run, where there have been remarkable accomplishments. Files at Cylburn have been housecleaned and office machines updated. A Handbook for officers was published and made available. A new membership list has been published. We have become reaffiliated with the National Audubon Society and a sixth Camp scholarship has been awarded. Cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service and conservation groups throughout the State has continued. Mrs. Mendinhall asked the membership to continue their interest to bigger and better accomplishments.

Motion was made by Mr. Douglass, seconded by Mrs. Cole, to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Mr. Mendinhall read Mr. Carswell's treasurer's report to April 20. Mr. Wanuga stated that the report was acceptable to the Auditing Committee and it was placed on file. The interim report by Mr. Mendinhall was placed on file subject to audit.

Committee Reports:

BIRDLIFE: Mr. Robbins reported the March issue will go to print on Monday and gave special thanks to all who had helped this year.

Budget: Dr. Miner reported that the budget has been reviewed periodically through the year and asked that the chairmen prepare an estimate of expenses before September 1st.

Conservation: Mrs. Spring stated that the work being done has been well reported and offered to answer any questions.

Sanctuary and By-Laws: Voted to be postponed to regular business.

Mrs. Mendinhall thanked the chapters for their continued interest in the Helen Miller Scholarship Fund and presented this year's award to Mrs. Vagn Flyger.

Mrs. Scudder was thanked for handling the registration singlehanded.

Chapter reports were read in full and placed on file.

New Business:

By-Laws: Mr. Tucker explained the change in the Articles of Incorporation, wording of Article THIRD, subpart (i), and an addition of Article TWELFTH, necessary for the Bureau of Internal Revenue's acceptance of M. O. S. as a tax-exempt organization. Having been approved by the Trustees, it is now before the membership. Dr. Taylor

moved they be accepted; Mr. Douglass seconded, the membership approved unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mr. Tucker read the recommendations of April 28, 1963, made by the Trustees, for amendments to the By-Laws. After discussion concerning Article IX, Section 3, Mrs. Robbins recommended an amendment to the amendment, changing the words "at least eight weeks" to "approximately eight weeks". Motion was made by Mrs. Robbins, seconded by Mrs. Cole, approved by the membership and so ordered.

Mr. Tucker asked the membership to approve the proposed amendments of October 5, 1963, as approved by the Trustees. Motion was made by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Dr. Taylor, to accept. It was approved and so ordered.

Mr. Tucker asked approval of a change of wording in Article XIII - Dissolution. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Sharp, seconded by Mr. Tomlinson, approved and so ordered.

Sanctuary Committee: Dr. Taylor reported on the committee's inspection of the Mill Creek property in Talbot County on January 4, 1964. Negotiations by the Talbot Chapter have been successful to secure 107 acres of woodland at \$75.00 per acre. The Trustees have approved plans to proceed and complete purchase. Dr. Taylor recommended that the State Treasurer be authorized to complete the necessary funds, Talbot Chapter having raised \$5300.00 to date. Motion of approval was made by Mr. Robbins, seconded by Miss Everett, and accepted unanimously by the membership.

Dr. Taylor stated that investigation of the Finzel Swamp cedar bog was proceeding.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Garland reported that due to the illness of Mr. Unger, it had been necessary to remove his name from the slate of officers. The nominations for officers were:

President	Mrs. Edward Mendinghall
1st Vice-President	Mrs. Richard D. Cole
2nd Vice-President	Dr. W. Rowland Taylor
Secretary	Mrs. John C. Bauer
Treasurer	Dr. Turner L. Smith

The nominations for Trustees had been made from the following chapters:

Allegheny Bird Club	Mr. Joseph Minke Mrs. C. Gordon Taylor
Anne Arundel Bird Club	Mrs. Edwin C. Gras Cmdr. E. P. Wilson
Baltimore Chapter	Dr. W. Rowland Taylor Mrs. Richard D. Cole Mr. Compton Crook Mr. Chandler S. Robbins Mrs. Robert E. Kaestner
Caroline County Bird Club	Mr. A. E. Pepper Mrs. A. E. Pepper
Frederick County Chapter	Mrs. Mary S. Motherway Dr. Howard Hodge
Harford County Bird Club	Mrs. Grace H. Wright Miss Estella Everett

Kent County Chapter	Mrs. Edward Mendinhal Mr. Edward Mendinhal
Patuxent Bird Club	Mr. Melvin Kleen Mr. David Bridge
Soldiers' Delight Chapter	Dr. Elmer G. Worthley Mrs. Bertha Poe
Talbot County Bird Club	Mr. Richard L. Kleen Mr. Robert Sharp II

Mrs. Gregory moved the nominations be accepted. Mrs. Taylor seconded, and it was approved.

All officers and trustees will meet in ten minutes.

Announcements: Proceeds from the sale of Mel Garland's pictures for the Sanctuary Fund totaled \$126.00.

Wood's Picnic - September 13th  
Meeting at Damsite - July 11th

Meeting adjourned

Katherine B. Bauer, Secretary

#### ANNUAL REPORTS of LOCAL CHAPTERS

##### ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAPTER

Beginning in September a total of 14 events were scheduled through May 2 of this year. Included in the activities was the annual fall picnic at the home of Gilbert Miller as well as numerous trips to Carey Run Sanctuary. With the assistance of many of you present, a thorough job of renovating the dwelling at the Sanctuary was completed.

Through arrangements with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Game and Inland Fish Commission of Maryland, and the Department of Forests and Parks, a patch of winter wheat and 1,500 evergreens were planted last fall. Two thousand multiflora roses and 2,000 evergreens and black cherry trees covering some two acres were planted this spring as well as additional clover and grass patches.

As usual, the highlight was the annual Junior Nature Camp which was held in June at Pleasant Valley in Garrett County. It was the general consensus of the leaders that this was possibly the most successful one ever held from every standpoint. Full credit in this respect must be given to Nan Livingstone and Billie Taylor as well as to their assistants.

We are keenly disappointed to report that because of a conflict in dates, for the first time in 15 years our camp and adult weekend will not be held. Our application was filed on time, as usual, and we were shocked to learn the dates requested had been assigned to another group.

We are extremely sorry for this turn of events as we know many of you have enjoyed these annual weekend visits to our part of the State. We trust it won't happen again.

John F. Workmeister, President

## ANNE ARUNDEL CHAPTER

The 1963-64 program, which was full and rewarding, was accompanied by increased membership and attendance. Sixty-eight Annapolitans, a half more than our entire membership, attested to the popularity of the C & O Canal Barge Trip in crisp October weather; we tried a "sunset silhouette" hike Thanksgiving afternoon at Sandy Point; held both Christmas and May bird counts and held eleven Saturday field trips including one to Remington Farms. Our winter lecture schedule included Dr. Douglas Miner's slides and movies, "Birds in the Hand and in the Bush"; Professor and Mrs. David Howard's outstanding recordings and their movie, "A Year in the Howards' Back-yard"; and Dr. Vagn Flyger's slides of "Antarctica" based on his recent banding of seals and penguins there.

We cooperated with Mr. Eugene B. Flanagan of National Audubon in conducting a Bald Eagle survey of the Chesapeake Bay Area.

We are happy that Mrs. Vagn Flyger received the Helen Miller Scholarship award this year; Miss Reida Longanecker and Mrs. Edwin Gras, incoming president, will join her at the Maine Audubon Camp this summer. This, combined with Miss Friel Sanders' field trips with juniors, presents new and wider activities to our members.

Edward P. Wilson, President

## BALTIMORE CHAPTER

In mid-November, Cecil R. Ryan, our President for the past two years, was forced to resign because of a combination of change in employment and health. The Baltimore Chapter has missed his effective leadership, but because of his outstanding organizational talents chapter affairs have continued at the accelerated pace that he planned. We have had an outstanding year.

Under the able joint leadership of Mrs. Robert E. Kaestner and Mrs. Joshua W. Rowe, our Program Committee has scheduled 38 field trips so far this year. These have varied from half-day local walks to three-day weekend trips. We have ranged from one end of Maryland to the other--from Carey Run in Garrett County to Ocean City, from Rock Run in Harford County to the Calvert Cliffs. We have twice visited the C & O Canal. We have gone to Hawk Mountain in Pennsylvania, Bombay Hook in Delaware, and Nags Head in North Carolina. Later this month we are going to Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey and to Catoclin Mountain in Frederick County. Attendance on all of our field trips was outstanding. More people have enjoyed more trips than ever before.

This year out monthly meetings also have been superb, so much so that it is difficult and somewhat unfair to try to point to an outstanding program. For many, W. Bryant Tyrrell's color film and lecture on the C & O Canal was certainly a highlight. A standing room only crowd of nearly 300 responded enthusiastically to Mr. Tyrrell's presentation. Other programs included C. J. Robertson's "Hawks and Owls" film, Mrs. Bradley Fisk's recollections of birding in the Caribbean Islands, Steve Simon's color films "The Birds Around Us" and "Wildlife on the Oregon Coast", the National Audubon Society films "An Island in Time", "Quetico", and "Wings on the Wind", and a delightful discussion of birding tech-

niques by Dr. Fritz Scheider.

Last month our annual spring lecture was presented by Cleveland P. Grant to over 650 people. Mr. Grant, a well known nature photographer, gave us an evening of magnificent color photography of wildlife in Wisconsin, the Canadian Rockies, and Alaska. The success of this venture was due primarily to the effective leadership of Mrs. Robert E. Kaestner and her hard working committee.

One of the most important activities of the Baltimore Chapter is the Junior Program directed by Mrs. Norwood K. Schaffer and Mrs. Alfred Lawson. Last June a Nature Camp Weekend provided outstanding educational recreation for 50 children. So far this year there have been 17 nature study sessions and bird banding demonstrations at the Cylburn Mansion in Baltimore for school, Cub Scout, Brownie and similar groups. In addition there have been special programs during school vacation periods. Our Junior Program Committee has had enthusiastic support and help from many members of other chapters. To them we extend our appreciation. The Baltimore Chapter now boasts 70 junior members.

The education of our adult members has not been neglected. This past winter, Mrs. Elmer Worthley presented six Wednesday evening seminars on the general subject of Maryland Birds Throughout the Year. Identification, behavior, ecology, and backyard research were discussed. The response was enthusiastic; Jean talked to a packed roomful of birders at all sessions but one. Elmer talked to the same audience that time.

The Chapter's Book Committee has continued to furnish an excellent selection of wildlife books. The entire State organization sincerely appreciates the helpful and efficient operation of this project by Mrs. Naomi R. Taylor who runs it for the benefit of the Sanctuary System.

The Baltimore Chapter is in sound financial condition, a tribute to the watchful eye of our treasurer, Mr. Malcolm Thomas. We have been kept well informed on both local and national conservation matters by our Conservation Committee, Dr. and Mrs. David Spring. Our local Newsletter has been beautifully handled by the Newsletter Committee, Mrs. Joshua Rowe, Mrs. E. A. Metcalf, Mrs. Nicholas Kay, and Mrs. David Spring. Our trip records, bird exchange and general information center has, as in the past, been most effectively handled by Miss Florence Burner, a charter member of M.O.S. who we are happy to say is well on the way to complete recovery from her illness this past winter.

The Baltimore Chapter now has 317 members. With the combination of experienced leadership and new talent that the membership has elected as its officers, trustees and board members, we are looking forward to another year of exciting programs and birding.

Dr. W. Rowland Taylor, President

#### CAROLINE COUNTY CHAPTER

The Caroline County Chapter held six regular meetings which included films, speakers, and talks on our own birding experiences. We had a trip to Remington Farms near Chestertown, and a trip to Ivy Neck on the western shore. The Chapter held a covered dish supper and also had a breakfast hike. Caroline birders took part in both the Christmas and May Bird Counts. We are proud of our record of 100% membership participation in these counts (13 adults, 2 juniors).

Carol Scudder, President



## FREDERICK CHAPTER

The Frederick Chapter moved forward this year with nine new members to its credit. Attendance at the monthly meetings reached a new high, with many non-members dropping in to hear our fine speakers and learn about bird life. Their interest, in part, was prompted by our wide publicity in the local newspapers and on the two radio stations. Lefty Kreh, outdoor writer for the Frederick papers, also has publicized our activities on several occasions in his "Maryland Afield" column.

Three members attended the hearing on the Potomac River Dams at the Department of Labor Auditorium in Washington in September. Many others have written their Congressmen and the Governor expressing their opposition to the construction of the dams and urging that some other solution be found to solve the water problem for Washington. Mary Haines attended the last meeting on this subject at Winchester, Va. in January. She has made periodic reports to the membership. Individuals have also written the Congressmen opposing the private development of Assateague Island.

Sixteen members attended the outing and Trustees meeting at Carey Run in October. This was a record turn-out. Five members made a trip to Hawk Mountain in Pennsylvania. Ten members went to Rock Run Sanctuary, April 11, for an all-day outing and the Trustees meeting.

The Education Chairman of the Frederick Chamber of Commerce invited our Chapter to send a representative to attend the "Welcome to New Teachers" dinner-meeting held in October at the West Frederick Junior High School. Hazel White was chosen as our representative and reported a warm reception and considerable interest in our exhibit, consisting of a bird feeder, bird books, literature, and colored slides loaned by Bert Haines. This was the first recognition of M.O.S. by other organized groups in the area.

Another first was the December dinner-meeting held at the Fort Detrick Officers' Club. Our featured speaker for the evening was Mrs. Gladys Cole who gave an informative talk on her bird banding activities. Our State President, Mrs. Edward Mendinhall, was our special guest. By request, a second dinner-meeting was held at the same place in April. Both were well attended.

The Christmas Count, in spite of extremely bad weather, was made by seven members. At the end of the day, Dr. and Mrs. John W. Richards served a buffet supper to the group at their Emmitsburg home, a most welcome gesture extended by them each year. We participated in the State-wide Bird Count on May 2.

Organized bird walks were scheduled twice a month with fair participation. Individual walks by members, however, were made frequently. Our year will end with a walk and picnic at Seneca, May 24. Our total membership stands at 38 adults and 2 juniors.

We wish to thank the officers of the Baltimore Chapter for their cooperation and assistance in furnishing us with literature, such as their Blue Book, monthly newsletters, conservation reports, and other material which has been so useful in guiding us along the path to success.

(Mrs.) Mary S. Motherway, President

## HARFORD COUNTY CHAPTER

The Harford County Chapter held four well-attended dinner meetings. Besides the good fellowship of a delicious home-cooked meal, we had enthusiastic reports on the birds of the various neighborhoods. The speaker at each meeting was good. Either slides or movies accompanied each talk.

We have seventy members, nine of whom are juniors. Several members assisted in the bird counts.

A sale of bird feeders and bluebird nesting boxes netted enough to permit a \$100 contribution to the M.O.S. Sanctuary Fund. A \$15 repair bill on the mower used at Rock Run Sanctuary also was paid by our Chapter.

Several field trips were made, and a trip to the C & O Canal is scheduled for June 6.

Grace H. Wright, President

## KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

During the year 1963-64 the Kent County Chapter showed improvement in all areas except field trips. The regular monthly meetings were well attended, programs were outstanding, with local talent really coming to the front. Through the expert guidance of our State President, Mrs. Edward Mendinhall, there was increased enthusiasm in State activities, particularly the Sanctuary program, and the Christmas and Spring bird counts. New records were set for Kent County in each count with Dr. Daniel Z. Gibson at the helm. The Chapter's membership continued to grow with the addition of interested and outstanding birders.

We are looking forward to greater things, and hoping for increased fellowship with member clubs during the coming year.

G. L. Gardner, President

## PATUXENT BIRD CLUB

Our Chapter's year was marked by increased attendance at monthly meetings and more Junior Audubon activity. Our speakers, all from the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, brought us illustrated lectures on hawk migration (Robbins), Bald Eagles in Alaska (Chura), Operation Recovery on Maryland's Eastern Shore (Bridge), a Duck's Eye View of Wetlands on the South Atlantic Coast (Sincock), Coastal Plain Natural History (Meanley), Moose Management and Life History in Montana (Peek), and Australian Wildlife (Dr. Elizabeth Boyd).

Field trips were scheduled to all sections of the State. Chapter members participated in eight Maryland Christmas Counts and covered six counties for the State-wide Bird Count on May 2. We have a weekly column in the Laurel News-Leader.

Melvin H. Kleen, President

## SOLDIERS DELIGHT CHAPTER

At the monthly meetings we had interesting speakers. Mr. Nigel O'Conner Wolff gave a fascinating account of his two years in Uruguay

as Director of a planetarium, a zoo, and a museum.

The Soldiers Delight Chapter entertained the Baltimore Chapter at an Open House at Red Dog Lodge, Soldiers Delight, Deer Park Road on June 29.

We participated in the State-wide Bird Count, and took forays in Baltimore, Carroll, and Anne Arundel Counties.

Several members went far afield on trips to Canada, Washington, California, Oregon, Mexico, New Mexico and Maine. They returned filled with interesting stories and lengthened life lists.

Several Chapter members led about 70 school children on a six-week session on Natural History.

(Mrs.) Bertha W. Poe, President

#### TALBOT COUNTY BIRD CLUB

In the fall of 1963, the Talbot County Bird Club, led by Robert Smith, attended three meetings, six Sunday breakfast hikes, two Audubon Screen Tours, helped with Operation Recovery on Tilghman Island, found a Sanctuary site and made an offer on it--and talked about how to raise money.

On December 22, we tallied a record 113 species for the Christmas Count--and talked about how to raise money.

In winter and spring of 1964 we attended three meetings, four Sunday breakfast hikes, three Audubon Screen Tours, took a field trip to Ocean City, signed an option agreement for the Sanctuary--and talked about how to raise money.

You will be hearing more about the Sanctuary, so that is all for now --except to say, Sanctuary Much.

Richard L. Kleen for Robert Smith, President

ANNUAL REPORT  
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MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Fiscal Year April 20, 1963 to April 11, 1964

Balance on Hand, April 20, 1963 \$5810.69

Receipts:

Operating Receipts:

Memberships (other than life)	\$1310.50
Dividends, Perpetual Building Ass'n	43.71
Net receipts, Ocean City 1963	138.61
Advertisement, Mirakel Optical Co.	15.00
	<u>\$1507.82</u>

Helen Miller Scholarship Fund:

Anonymous	\$100.00
Frederick Club	10.00
Mrs. Myra C. Taylor (from 1962)	38.00
Mrs. Erma J. Fisk (Kent)	25.00
Mrs. Gladys Hix Cole	5.00
Kent County Chapter	<u>10.00</u>
Total Helen Miller Scholarship Receipts	188.00

Sanctuary Fund Receipts:

Dividends, W. Balto. Bldg. Ass'n	181.09
Commodity Credit Corp. Carey Run	29.88
Subtotal	<u>210.97</u>
Sanctuary Fund Donations:	
Mrs. Priscilla Zuckerman	10.96
Mr. William McAlpin (Kent)	1000.00
Frederick Chapter	25.00
Mrs. Dorothy A. Mendinhall	10.00
Baltimore Chapter	270.00
Ruth Anne, Nancy & Ted McSorley (Kent)	18.75
Hilda Kane (Kent)	10.00
Talbot County Bird Club	18.00
Eleanor de Chadenados	5.00
Mrs. Louise T. Carswell	6.00
Sale of Bird Houses, Kent Chapter	49.00
Total Sanctuary Fund Donations	<u>1422.71</u>

Total all Sanctuary Receipts 1633.68

Total of all Receipts \$3329.50 \$3329.50

Expenses:

## Operating Expenses

Addressograph-Multigraph Co.		\$ 38.46	
<u>Maryland Birdlife</u>			
Printing - 4 issues	642.50		
Envelopes	10.43		
Stamps	<u>127.12</u>		
Subtotal, <u>Maryland Birdlife</u>		780.05	
Expenses, Office Secretary		127.92	
Printing Membership List		65.00	
Membership, National Audubon Society		15.00	
Mimeograph Machine		397.50	
Typewriter		203.20	
Stamps, Office of Treasurer		5.00	
Nesting Cards, Mrs. Bridge		<u>17.05</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		1649.18	\$1649.18
Helen Miller Scholarship Fund			
Melvin R. Garland, recipient		115.00	115.00
Sanctuary Expenses			
Improvements to Carey Run		800.61	
Insurance, Carey Run		40.55	
Taxes, Carey Run		32.02	
Fencing, Carey Run		76.17	
Rent, Rock Run		120.00	
Insurance, Rock Run		<u>47.52</u>	
Total Sanctuary Expenses		1116.87	<u>1116.87</u>
Total Expenditures of the M. O. S.			\$2881.05
Balance on Hand, April 7, 1964			\$6259.14

## Distributed as follows:

Middletown Savings Bank (checking account)	\$1178.61
Perpetual Building Association	400.49
West Baltimore Building Association	<u>4680.04</u>
Total	\$6259.14

Respectfully submitted,  
T. S. CARSWELL, Treasurer  
Maryland Ornithological Society

## Auditing Committee:

Mr. John Wanuga, Chairman  
Mr. Mabon Kingsley  
Capt. J. E. M. Wood

## BY-LAWS OF MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Adopted May 9, 1964

## ARTICLE I - PURPOSES

Section 1.

The purposes of the Society shall be those stated in "THIRD" of the Society's Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE II - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1.

The annual meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held at the offices of the Corporation in Baltimore, Maryland, on the second Saturday in the month of May. The Board of Trustees may, at their annual meeting following the aforesaid annual meeting of the membership, select another place or date in the State of Maryland for the meeting the following year. The purpose of the annual meeting of the membership shall be to elect Trustees and Officers, and for the transaction of such other business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. The meeting shall be convened by the ranking officer present at 7:00 P. M., and adjourned or recessed at or before 10:00 P.M., during which time no other meetings or activities shall be scheduled for the M.O.S.

Section 2.

Special meetings of the members shall be called by the Secretary upon written request of the President or of any three Trustees, provided that these Trustees all come from different Local Chapters. The business to be considered shall be specified in the request. If the meeting is called by the President, he shall specify the time and place of the meeting. If the special meeting is called by three Trustees, they shall specify the time and place.

Section 3.

At least ten days prior to the annual meeting, and at least thirty days prior to the date of any special meeting of the members, the Secretary shall mail a notice to each member entitled to vote, at his last post-office address as it appears on the records of the Corporation. The notice of a special meeting shall clearly state the purpose of that meeting.

Section 4.

To constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members, 10% of the voting membership of the Corporation must be present.

Section 5.

Each member, other than Junior members, shall be entitled to one vote on any matter coming before such meeting. Eligibility to vote at the annual meeting shall be limited to members who are registered at the annual meeting and who have paid M.O.S. dues for the current year. Eligibility to vote at a special meeting shall be limited to those voting members whose dues are paid as of the date of the meeting.

Section 6.

Motions made for the purpose of purchasing, leasing, or renting a Sanctuary, or for terminating such arrangements, or for altering, repealing, or amending the By-Laws, require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present to carry; all other business, unless otherwise

directed in Robert's Rules of Order (latest revised edition), require a majority vote of members present to carry.

Section 7.

At all regular meetings the order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) Call to order
- (b) Reading and approval of (or correction to) the minutes of the previous meeting.
- (c) Reading of the Report of the Treasurer.
- (d) Reports of Officers and Committees.
- (e) Unfinished business.
- (f) New business.
- (g) If the annual meeting, the Election of Trustees and Officers.
- (h) Adjournment.

Section 8.

The minutes of the annual meeting, together with all reports or abstracts of such reports presented at the meeting, shall be published in the June issue of Maryland Birdlife, which shall be mailed not more than 60 days after the meeting.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

Members shall be by classes on an annual basis for the year September 1 to August 31. Membership in any class shall be open, upon application to the Secretary, to any person in sympathy with the purposes and objectives of the Corporation, and upon payment of the dues applicable to the class of membership elected. The classes of memberships and dues payable therefore shall be as follows:

- (a) Honorary: Honorary members shall be those to whom such membership is awarded for meritorious service in behalf of the purposes and objectives of the Corporation. Any member of the M.O.S. may nominate, in writing to the President, a candidate for honorary membership. The President shall then submit the name to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, who will vote for or against the election of the Candidate. For election, it is required that an unanimous vote of the Trustees shall be in favor of the Candidate. An honorary member shall have all the privileges of an active member, but shall be excused from payment of all M.O.S. dues and fees.
- (b) Patrons: Patrons shall be those who contribute in not more than four installments the sum of \$1,000.00 or more, provided that no contribution for Patron membership shall be accepted if the designated use is determined by the Executive Council to be outside the scope of purposes stated in ARTICLE I. No annual M.O.S. dues thereafter shall be required from this class.
- (c) Life Members: A life member shall be a person who contributes the sum of \$100.00 in not more than four annual installments; no annual M.O.S. dues thereafter shall be required from this class. Life membership dues shall go to the Sanctuary Fund.
- (d) Sustaining Members: Sustaining members shall be those persons who pay annual M. O. S. dues of \$5.00.
- (e) Active Members: Active members shall be those persons who pay annual M.O.S. dues of \$2.00.
- (f) Family Members: A man and wife, as a family, shall pay annual

M.O.S. dues of \$3.00. Children under 18 years of age shall not be listed as members. Only one copy of MARYLAND BIRDLIFE shall be sent to family members; but each member shall be entitled to one vote.

- (g) Junior Members: Junior membership shall be limited to persons under 18 years of age; they shall pay annual dues of \$0.50; they shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Corporation.

Section 2.

Dues for new active or new family memberships received after February 1 shall be one-half of the above amounts!

Section 3.

Members, whose dues remain unpaid on February 1, shall be dropped from the roll.

Section 4.

Dues for any class of membership may be changed at any time upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees and approval by two-thirds vote of the M.O.S. members present at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE IV - LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1.

A Local Chapter of the M.O.S. may be organized by any group of not less than ten within the State of Maryland. After organization, the local group shall petition the President of the M.O.S., in writing, for recognition as a Local Chapter. The petition shall include a copy of the Constitution and/or By-Laws for the proposed Local Chapter. The President shall pass this petition on to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, and the latter shall vote for or against the incorporation of the local unit in the M.O.S. Following such election, each Local Chapter may administer its affairs in a manner consistent in all respects with the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the M. O. S.

Section 2.

Each Local Chapter shall be responsible for the collection of dues from all of its members, and the forwarding of these dues to the Treasurer of the M.O.S.

ARTICLE V - TRUSTEES

Section 1.

Each Local Chapter having from 10 to 100 members shall be entitled to be represented on the Board of Trustees by two of its voting members, who shall be nominated by the Local Chapter, in accordance with its By-Laws, at least twenty days prior to the annual meeting of the Corporation. In all cases, the President of the Local Chapter shall be nominated as one Trustee. Local Chapters having a membership in excess of 100 shall be entitled to be represented by, and in a like manner nominate, one Trustee from each 100 members, or part thereof, in excess of 100 members. The nominations of such Trustees shall be reported as such nominees to the members at the annual meeting. No nominees from the floor for Trustees shall be permitted at the annual meeting. The members present at the annual meeting shall then vote upon the nominees; a majority vote of those present is required for election. The term of each Trustee shall begin on the date of the annual meeting and continue for one year, or until his successor is elected and qualified.



Section 2.

A vacancy in a Trusteeship shall be filled by the Local Chapter in accordance with the By-Laws of that Chapter, and the nominee shall be confirmed or rejected by the Board of Trustees.

## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 1.

The elected Officers of the Corporation shall be elected from and by the voting members thereof, and shall be a President, a First and Second Vice-President; a Treasurer, and a Secretary, each of whom shall serve for one year, or until a successor is elected. The officers shall rank in the order named above.

Section 2.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the members, of the Board of Trustees, and the Executive Council. Subject to the Board of Trustees and the Executive Council, he shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the Corporation, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Council.

Section 3.

In the event that the President is absent, or is unable to act, or is totally incapacitated from performing his duties, the First Vice-President assumes the title and duties of the President.

Section 4.

In the event that the First Vice-President assumes the office of President, or if the First Vice-President is incapacitated, the Second Vice-President assumes the title and duties of the First Vice-President.

Section 5.

The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of the annual and any special meetings; of the meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Executive Council; to keep an up-to-date membership list, and to notify the members and Trustees of meetings, as provided in the articles above. The Secretary shall send a copy of the minutes of all meetings to the Executive Secretary within 10 days of the meeting. The Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal of the Corporation.

Section 6.

The Treasurer shall have the duties of keeping the financial records of the Corporation; of seeing that the dues are forwarded by the Local Chapters; of notifying the Chapters of any delinquencies in paying dues; and of furnishing the Secretary with a list of paid-up members at least ten days before the annual meeting. He also shall notify the Secretary, or Executive Secretary, of changes in the membership list once every month. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to prepare, for presentation at the annual meeting, a full and detailed financial statement as of April 20.

Section 7.

Each Officer of the Corporation shall be elected by a majority vote at the annual meeting, by ballot or vive-voce vote as the meeting determines. The officers shall assume their duties immediately upon election, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are chosen, or unless they are removed from the office as provided in Section 8 immediately below.

Section 8.

Any Officer of the Corporation may be removed from office by a three-fourths vote of the total number of Trustees. It is not necessary for Trustees to show cause for such removal from office.

Section 9.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President which cannot be filled by the succession of First or Second Vice-Presidents as specified in Section 3 above, the Board of Trustees, by a majority vote of the entire number of Trustees, shall fill the vacancy from the membership of the Board. Likewise, the Board of Trustees shall fill any other vacancy in any other office or in any Committee, in accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws.

## ARTICLE VII - EDITOR

Section 1.

The Editor shall be a non-elected officer of the Corporation, appointed by the President.

Section 2.

It shall be the duty of the Editor to write, edit, and publish, with such assistance as he may need, Maryland Birdlife, or such other magazines or papers as the Board of Trustees may request.

## ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Section 1.

The Executive Secretary shall be a non-elected officer of the Corporation who shall be appointed by the President and who shall reside within a convenient commuting distance of the home office of the Corporation at the Cylburn Mansion in Baltimore.

Section 2.

The Executive Secretary shall, with the cooperation of the Treasurer, maintain a current list of the membership and a current file of addressograph plates; shall advise the appropriate Chapter Treasurers of any delinquencies in the paying of dues; and shall prepare for each meeting of the membership, of the Board of Trustees, and of the Executive Committee, a current report on membership by class and Chapter.

Section 3.

The Executive Secretary shall cooperate with the State Secretary in notifying the members, Officers, and Trustees, of meetings. On receipt of the minutes of a meeting from the State Secretary, the Executive Secretary shall, within 10 days, reproduce and mail copies thereof, to all the Officers and all the Trustees and any Committee members concerned.

Section 4.

The Executive Secretary shall cooperate with the President and State Secretary in reproducing and distributing newsletters and memoranda.

Section 5.

The Executive Secretary shall cooperate with the Editor in the preparation, publication, and distribution of the publications of the Corporation.

Section 6.

The Executive Secretary, or his designated assistant, shall, at least once a week, visit the home office to obtain the mail and to take appropriate care thereof, and to file and maintain custody of the exchange periodicals.

## ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1.

There shall be a Board of Trustees of not less than three, but equal to the total number of Trustees to which the Local Chapters are entitled.

Section 2.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Trustees as elected in Article V, Section 1, and all the elected officers as described in Article VI, Section 1. However, only the elected Trustees shall have a vote on the Board; except that, in the case of a tie, the Presiding Officer shall cast the deciding vote. The same individual may serve both as a Trustee and as an Officer.

Section 3.

The Board of Trustees shall have a minimum of two meetings each year: (A) An initial meeting following the annual membership meeting, and (B) A meeting approximately 8 weeks before the annual convention.

Section 4.

At the initial meeting, the Board of Trustees shall organize for the year; elect the members of its Executive Council; elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sanctuary Committee; select the location for the next annual meeting, and transact such other business as lawfully may be brought before the meeting.

Section 5.

At its concluding meeting, the Board of Trustees shall receive and act on the reports of its Officers and Committees for the last year; prepare its report and recommendations for presentation to the membership at the annual meeting; and take care of any unfinished business.

Section 6.

Between the meeting specified in Section 3, the Board of Trustees shall meet as often as needed to give proper and prompt attention to the affairs of the Corporation. Such interim meetings may be called by the President or by any three Trustees, providing that each such Trustee shall be from a different Local Chapter. No less than ten days notice of such interim meetings shall be given in writing to the Trustees and to all of the Officers. The notice of such interim meetings shall indicate the major reasons for calling the meeting, but the business of the meeting shall not necessarily be limited to the stated items.

Section 7.

At all meetings of the Board of Trustees, a majority of the total number of Trustees to which all the Local Chapters are entitled shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8.

A Trustee who cannot be present at a meeting may designate in writing another member of the M.O.S. to serve as a proxy. Said proxy shall then have all the voting privileges of the absent Trustee. A proxy must be a member other than another Trustee and must be from the same Local Chapter as the absentee.

Section 9.

The Board of Trustees may vote by mail on matters referred to it by the President or the Executive Council. The following procedure shall be followed in voting by mail:

- (a) The matter or motion shall be fully and clearly stated.
- (b) It shall be stated who made and seconded the motion and what the vote of the Executive Council was on the motion.
- (c) A time and date, not sooner than 20 days after the mailing of the ballots, shall be specified for the return and the counting of the ballots.
- (d) The ballot shall provide three options, as follows:
  - 1 in favor of
  - 2 opposed to
  - 3 for deferral of action until the next meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- (e) A suitable ballot form shall be prescribed by the Board for all voting by mail.
- (f) Any motion to be approved by mail shall receive not less than a three-fourths vote of the full Board in the affirmative.
- (g) Within ten days of the counting of the ballots, the Secretary shall mail to all Trustees and all Officers the result of the vote and shall list by name how each Trustee voted.
- (h) Each ballot must be signed and dated by the Trustee voting it. Date of receipt must be certified on each ballot by the Secretary. Ballots received after the specified time shall not be counted. All ballots shall be preserved for one year.

#### Section 10.

The Board of Trustees may fill a vacancy in any office by mail ballot, providing it is done in three steps, as follows:

- (a) Notice of the vacancy is mailed to all Trustees, together with a statement of who is eligible and a call for nominations. A date, not sooner than ten days after the mailing of this notice, is specified for the receipt of nominations in writing, together with a statement that the consent of the nominee has been obtained.
- (b) The list of nominees shall be mailed to all the Trustees with a call for seconds. A date, not sooner than ten days after the mailing of the list, shall be specified for the receipt of the seconds in writing.
- (c) A ballot containing only the names of the persons who have been duly nominated and seconded shall be mailed to all the Trustees. A date, not sooner than ten days after the mailing of the ballots, shall be specified for the receipt of and the counting of the ballots. A Trustee shall sign and date his ballot; the Secretary shall certify the date of receipt on each ballot.

Within ten days of the counting of the ballots, the Secretary shall notify by mail all the Trustees, all the Officers, and the successful nominee of the results of the election. Letters of nomination, letters seconding the nominations, and all ballots shall be preserved for one year in the records of the Corporation.

#### Section 11.

Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Secretary of the M.O.S. shall act as Secretary of the Board of Trustees. In the absence of the Secretary of the M.O.S., the Board shall appoint a Secretary pro-tem.

## ARTICLE X - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1.

The Executive Council shall consist of seven Trustees and the Committee Chairmen as the voting members thereof, plus the Officers of the M.O.S., as described in Article VI, Section 1, as ex-officio, but non-voting members. The other seven members shall be elected from the Trustees by the Trustees at the initial meeting of the Board of Trustees. Each of these seven voting members shall be from a different Local Chapter.

Section 2.

The Executive Council, when the Board of Trustees is not in session, shall have general charge of the affairs of the Corporation. All meetings shall be in person and no business may be conducted by mail or by telephone or by other means of communication.

Section 3.

The Executive Council shall meet as frequently as needed to attend to the business of the Corporation expeditiously, but not less often than once every three months. The Executive Council shall meet at the call of the President or any two voting members. Ten days advance notice of all Executive Council meetings shall be given to all its members.

Section 4.

At meetings of the Executive Council, four voting members shall constitute a quorum. The ranking officer present shall preside.

Section 5.

The Executive Council shall, prior to the start of the new fiscal year (September 1) prepare and adopt a budget for the new fiscal year.

Section 6.

Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Executive Council. The Secretary of the M.O.S. shall act as Secretary of the Executive Council. In the absence of the Secretary of the M.O.S., the Council shall appoint a Secretary pro-tem.

Section 7.

Copies of the minutes of the Executive Council shall be mailed within 20 days after each meeting to all Trustees, all Officers, the Editor, and any Chairmen of Committees who are concerned.

Section 8.

All actions of the Executive Council are subject to review and approval by the Board of Trustees. Any action of the Executive Council may be reversed, superseded, or otherwise altered by a majority vote of the full Board of Trustees.

## ARTICLE XI - COMMITTEES

Section 1.

The Board of Trustees, at its initial meeting following the annual meeting, shall elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sanctuary Committee. The President, with the approval of the Executive Council, shall appoint the other members of the Sanctuary Committee, and all other Chairmen and members of other Committees, except the Nominating Committee,

as provided in Section 3 below. Not more than two members of any one Committee may be appointed from the same Local Chapter. All standing Committees shall be composed of seven members, except for the Nominating and Auditing Committees, as provided for in Sections 3 and 4 below, respectively.

Section 2.

The Sanctuary Committee shall consist of voting members but shall not be subject to the restriction of Section 1, which limits the number of members on the committee from a given Local Chapter. The Board shall elect one member to be Chairman, and one to be Vice-Chairman. This Committee shall have the duty, subject to the control of the Board of Trustees, of investigating the acquisition, renting or leasing, and of the construction of, and of supervising and managing, the affairs of any bird or wildlife sanctuary or other nature project belonging to, or coming under the control of, the Corporation.

Section 3.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five voting members, appointed by the Board of Trustees from the membership at large. The Board of Trustees shall elect one of these persons to be Chairman. The Nominating Committee shall have the duty of preparing and presenting to the annual meeting a slate of names for all Officers, for submission to the members for election at the annual meeting. No nomination shall be made without the nominee's prior consent to accept the position if he is elected.

Section 4.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of three persons appointed by the President from the membership at large; these shall be voting members; they shall hold no other offices or trusteeships in the M.O.S. One person of these three shall be designated as Chairman by the President. It shall be the duty of the Auditing Committee to audit the books of the Treasurer one week before the annual meeting, and report to the members at the meeting.

ARTICLE XII - SIGNATURES

Section 1.

All notes of the corporation shall be signed by both the President and the Treasurer or, in the extended absence of the President, by one of the Vice-Presidents. Checks for running expenses (defined in Section 2) may be signed by either the Treasurer or the President. All other checks must be signed by both the Treasurer and President.

Section 2.

Expenses which result from normal operation, such as taxes, rent, cost of electricity, printing Maryland Birdlife, and others designated by the Executive Council, shall be called Running Expenses. Running Expenses shall be paid by the Treasurer without action by the Council. Expenses other than Running Expenses shall be subject to approval by the Executive Council if not in excess of \$200. or by a majority of the Trustees if in excess of \$200.

## ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, action shall be as stated in TWELFTH of Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by two-thirds favorable vote of the voting members of the Corporation present at any regular or special meeting, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been approved for consideration by the Board of Trustees, and shall have been distributed, in writing, to members of the Corporation not less than 30 days prior to the meeting.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 1964-65

<u>Audit:</u>	Mr. Mabon Kingsley, Chairman; Mr. John Wanuga and Capt. J. E. M. Wood.
<u>Budget:</u>	Dr. Douglas Miner, Chairman; Mr. Richard Kleen, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Shirley Gedde, Mr. Edward Mendinhall, Dr. Turner L. Smith.
<u>By-Laws:</u>	Mr. Barclay E. Tucker, Chairman; Mrs. John Murison.
<u>Conservation:</u>	Dr. and Mrs. David Spring.
<u>Nominating:</u>	Mr. Mel Garland, Chairman; Mrs. Robert Kaestner, Mrs. Joshua Rowe, Dr. Howard Hodge, Miss Nan Livingston.
<u>Publication:</u>	Mr. Chandler S. Robbins, Editor; Mr. Mel Garland, Assistant Editor.
<u>Sanctuary:</u>	Dr. Rowland Taylor, Chairman; Mr. Mel Garland, Vice-chairman; Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Mr. William Corless, Mr. Anderson Martin, Mrs. Evelyn Gregory, Mr. Robert Sharp, II, Mrs. B. F. Early, Mrs. Turner Smith and Mrs. Gardner Tillinghast.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

We take pleasure in announcing that Mrs. Laddie Flyger of the Anne Arundel Chapter has been awarded the M.O.S. Helen Miller Audubon Nature Camp Scholarship for 1964. Mrs. Flyger will attend the Maine Audubon Camp.



JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, 1964

Chandler S. Robbins

Abnormally heavy snowfall in Maryland provided an appropriate setting for the invasion of winter finches that encompassed the entire State. By the end of March a seasonal record of 51.4 inches of snow had fallen at Friendship Airport, though no more than 7 inches were on the ground at any one time. At Bittering on the Allegheny Plateau, however, the official snow cover reached a depth of 33 inches on Feb. 28. Temperatures averaged about normal in January, 2° to 4° below normal in February, then 2° above normal in March.

February weather was not at all conducive to migration. Temperatures did not get above the 50's at any Maryland station after the first week of that month. A most welcome break in the weather finally arrived on Mar. 5, when a warm front raised the mercury well into the 70's at most stations east of the mountains. This front released the major migratory movement of Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles and brought migrant Killdeers and Fox Sparrows. Maritime tropical air (not associated with warm fronts) again penetrated into Maryland on Mar. 9-10 and Mar. 25-26, and brought with it additional hordes of early migrants. Since none of the big March flights occurred on weekends there was often a delay of one or more days in observing the new arrivals.

Table 1 shows first spring arrival dates, by counties, for selected species. A "0" indicates that the species was not reported during the period; "W" means that the arrival date was not noted because of the presence of wintering individuals; a dash means that the species was recorded, but not on a significant arrival date.

Most of the observations summarized in Table 1 were supplied by the following members: Allegany County--Anderson J. Martin; Baltimore City and County--Mrs. Robert E. Kaestner, Mrs. Richard D. Cole; Stephen W. Simon, Ed Rykiel, Hank Kaestner; Howard--Morris R. Collins, Rosamond Munro, Arthur Kraeski; Montgomery--Lucille V. Smith, Robert W. Warfield; Prince Georges--Vernon Kleen, Ted Stiles, Ted Van Velzen, Lois M. Horn, Brooke Meanley, Mr. and Mrs. David Bridge, Tom Valega; Anne Arundel--Mrs. W. L. Henderson, Prof. and Mrs. David G. Howard, Kent & Queen Annes--Mr. and Mrs. E. Mendinhall, M. Emerine, Louise Carswell, Dr. Sevin, Turner Smith, Terry Moore; Caroline--Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fletcher, Marvin Hewitt, Harry Hubbard; Talbot--Jan Reese, Don Meritt, Richard L. Kleen,



Mildred Galloway, Chris Clark; Lower Eastern Shore--Samuel H. Dyke.  
Thanks are extended to these participants and to all other observers who submitted notes during this period.

Table 1. Spring Arrival Dates, 1964

Species	Alle	Balt	Howd	Mont	Pr.G	Anne	K&QA	Caro	Talb	LES
Whistling Swan	3/13	3/ 8	0	0	3/12	3/ 7	W	0	4/ 2	W
Canada Goose	0	3/13	3/23	2/29	3/ 7	3/13	W	W	3/22	W
Wood Duck	0	3/27	--	2/29	3/ 1	--	4/19	3/10	3/29	2/21
Ring-necked Duck	0	3/19	--	--	3/11	2/25	4/ 6	3/23	2/ 9	W
Osprey	0	0	--	4/ 6	4/ 9	3/28	3/29	3/15	3/ 9	3/18
Killdeer	3/25	3/ 6	--	3/ 7	2/17	2/23	W	W	3/ 7	W
Common Snipe	--	--	0	--	3/ 4	3/28	3/28	--	4/ 5	W
Greater Yellowlegs	0	--	0	--	4/ 9	3/28	3/27	3/23	4/ 5	4/ 8
Yellow-sh. Flicker	3/19	W	3/16	W	3/10	3/28	W	W	3/22	W
Eastern Phoebe	3/24	3/24	3/29	2/26	3/ 8	4/26	--	3/12	3/22	3/ 9
Tree Swallow	--	--	--	--	3/27	4/11	3/27	4/ 3	3/27	3/22
Barn Swallow	--	4/23	4/13	--	3/27	4/10	3/27	4/ 7	3/27	4/ 7
Purple Martin	3/29	--	--	3/15	3/24	4/10	3/23	3/17	3/29	4/ 5
Robin	2/16	--	2/16	2/10	2/ 3	3/28	W	W	2/13	W
Eastern Bluebird	--	--	3/14	3/ 8	--	2/26	W	W	3/ 2	W
Ruby-cr. Kinglet	4/25	3/24	4/12	4/18	4/10	3/30	4/26	3/16	4/25	3/26
Pine Warbler	--	--	3/20	4/ 6	--	--	--	3/10	3/22	3/ 6
Red-winged Blackbird	--	3/ 1	3/22	3/ 1	--	3/ 6	W	W	3/ 5	2/29
Rusty Blackbird	--	--	--	3/11	3/22	3/ 5	--	--	--	2/29
Common Grackle	2/10	3/ 6	3/16	2/13	W	W	W	W	3/ 5	W
Purple Finch	4/12	--	3/30	4/24	--	--	4/ 3	4/24	4/19	3/26
Rufous-sided Towhee	4/ 4	4/16	3/15	3/10	W	W	W	W	3/22	W
Vesper Sparrow	--	--	--	3/22	3/11	--	--	3/30	4/15	4/17
Chipping Sparrow	4/15	3/24	4/12	3/30	3/25	4/12	--	4/ 3	3/29	3/20
Fox Sparrow	--	3/ 3	2/18	3/11	2/22	2/22	3/26	3/12	3/29	W

Loons. Hank Kaestner, who visited Loch Raven reservoir periodically as part of a research project, found 2 Common Loons there on Mar. 27, eight days ahead of the earliest Maryland date for migrating individuals. Red-throated Loons were not recorded in Talbot County during the winter; a single bird seen at Tilghman on Mar. 20 by Jan Reese probably was a migrant as the spring migration of this species starts a month ahead of that of the Common Loon.

Grebes. The southward migration of Horned Grebes generally is completed by mid-December. The latest record of a migrant prior to this winter was Dec. 29. There must have been a considerable migration this winter on the night of Dec. 31, because on New Years morning about a dozen stranded birds were picked out of the snow in residential areas of Howard, Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties and neighboring Virginia. The most likely explanation for this phenomenon is that these grebes were migrating at night through the freezing rain and gathered so much ice on their plumage that they were unable to remain airborne. Since grebes cannot take flight from land, these birds were quite helpless unless they happened to come down near open water.

Waterfowl. The first sighting of migrating Whistling Swans was on

Mar. 7 over Annapolis by Prof. and Mrs. David Howard. According to the weather map these birds would have run into a cold front accompanied by rain and snow showers before reaching the Great Lakes. That some of the birds from this flight may have turned back and retreated southward is suggested by the appearance of 3 individuals on Loch Raven the next day (Kaestner). Similar conditions prevailed on Mar. 12-13: light southeasterly winds and clear skies over the Chesapeake on the 12th, but a cold front and snow storm approaching over the Appalachians. This time it was not swans, but 53 Canada Geese that Hank Kaestner found nesting on Loch Raven on the 13th. His maximum count of 57 Common Mergansers on the 13th suggests an arrested flight of this species at the same time. His greatest variety (Mallard, Black Duck, American Widgeon, Blue-winged Teal, Wood Duck, Redhead, Ring-necked Duck, Canvasback, Greater Scaup, and Hooded, Common and Red-breasted Mergansers) occurred on Mar. 27, when once again an extensive snow storm covered the area between Maryland and the Great Lakes. Prof. Harold Wierenga found a pair of European Widgeon at the mouth of the South River (Hillsmere Shores) on Mar. 23 only. As many as 4 King Eiders were seen at Ocean City on Feb. 15 by Don Meritt.

Hawks. Despite the abundance of other northern birds this winter, there was only a moderate influx of Rough-legged Hawks. The highest tally was 3 at Tilghman on Jan. 29 by Jan Reese. An immature Goshawk was observed at Melson's, Wicomico Co., on Feb. 19 and 20 (Samuel H. Dyke). Very few Sharp-shinned and Cooper's Hawks were reported during the period; populations of these two species seem to be dropping at an alarming rate. The Pigeon Hawk is rare in winter in Maryland, especially at inland locations; one was seen at the Patuxent Research Center on Feb. 15 by Fred Schmid.

Woodcock and Phalaropes. The first big influx of Woodcock was noted at Tilghman on Feb. 26 when Don Meritt counted 5. He had seen single birds since Feb. 3. Omitted from the fall summary were a Wilson's Phalarope and a Northern Phalarope, both near the Marshall Dierssen Refuge in Montgomery Co. on Oct. 5 (Carl Carlson).

Jaegers. A jaeger report that should have been included in the fall migration summary was of 3 Parasitic Jaegers, including one with the long distinctive tail feathers of an adult. These were seen chasing Royal Terns at Ocean City on the late date of Nov. 3 by Dr. Fritz Scheider. These predatory sea birds migrate primarily far out over the ocean; the best time to look for them from the other beach is in late afternoon.

Gulls and Terns. Gulls are so commonplace at tidewater locations that few observers bother to make the periodic counts that are necessary if the start of the spring migration is to be determined. Observations at Tilghman by Jan Reese show that a major influx of Herring Gulls occurred on or before Mar. 21; Ring-billed Gull, Feb. 20; and Bonaparte's Gull, Mar. 29. Also on Mar. 29, 2 migrating Bonaparte's were seen flying up the Potomac at Seneca by Robert Warfield. Terry Moore identified a Glaucous Gull at Kent Narrows on Mar. 24 and showed it

to Dick Kleen on Mar. 27. Sam Dyke found an early Royal Tern at Ocean City on Mar. 26.

Owls. There was a minor movement of Snowy Owls into the northern states this winter, but none was reported from Maryland. The Short-eared Owl was finally added to the Talbot County list on Jan. 5, when Jan Reese identified a single bird in the Tilghman area. Saw-whet Owls, if present, were not recorded; there should have been a northward movement during March, but few if any banders were operating nets at night at that time. Most of our information on the Saw-whet comes from banding stations and from road kills.

Swallows. Purple Martins had arrived at Greensboro as early as Mar. 17 (2 birds by H. Hubbard), but in other areas they were not found until the last week of the month. All species except the Cliff Swallow were reported before the end of March.

Nuthatches. Both the White-breasted and Red-breasted Nuthatches were regular visitors at feeding stations in most of Maryland, but no one noted more than 5 individuals at a time.

Thrashers, Thrushes. Two Brown Thrashers that attempted to winter at feeding stations in the Piedmont apparently failed to survive; one at Laurel was last seen on Jan. 5 (Ted Stiles), and one in Baltimore on Jan. 17 (Charles Buchanan). A third bird at Silver Spring survived to at least Feb. 17 (Dr. Clarence Cottam). Hermit Thrushes began to arrive as early as Mar. 22 at Tilghman; the best Eastern Bluebird count, also from Tilghman, was of 40 birds on Mar. 2 (Reese). On the latter date 6 Eastern Bluebirds also arrived at Denton (Roberta B. Fletcher).

Pipits, Orioles. Jan Reese observed a tremendous movement of 2,000 Water Pipits on Mar. 22. He saw them first near Tilghman, where they "engulfed a field, much like a locust blight, and probably cleaned it dry of any grubs that were there." Then they passed on to the next field. Four hours later he found them again, six miles to the north up the Bay Hundred Peninsula. This is by far the largest number ever recorded in spring in the Free State. In addition to the Howards' usual wintering population of Baltimore Orioles in Annapolis, single birds were studied at feeding stations in Talbot County, Jan. 1-23 (Mrs. Mildred Galloway), Denton, Jan. 19 (Winifred Bright), Laurel, Feb. 22 to Mar. 1 (Mrs. Wyeth B. Albertie), and Greenbelt to Mar. 5 (Mrs. Rosemary Bridge).

Crossbills. The highest counts of Red Crossbills for each locality were as follows: 4 at Bowie, Jan. 18 (Fred Schmid), 16 at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Jan. 24 (Bruce Newman), 3 at Odenton, Jan. 25 (Daniel Bystrak, Bill Anderson), 8 at Salisbury, Feb. 1 (Sam Dyke), 2 banded at Laurel, Feb. 15 (Ted Stiles). Bruce Newman submitted 11 records of White-winged Crossbills, totaling 87 individuals, all but 2 in Prince Georges County; his highest counts by localities were: 15 at Riverdale, Jan. 5; 2 at Takoma Park, Jan. 5; 4 at Avondale, Jan. 7; 1 at Brentwood, Jan. 8; 21 at Beltsville, Jan. 19; 1 at Mt. Rainier,

Jan. 22; and 14 at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Jan. 24. This last observation brought the all-time Patuxent list to 252 species. High counts from other members were: 30 at Annapolis on Dec. 29 (Harold Wierenga); 25 at Beltsville on Jan. 27 (Tom Valega); and 25 at Laurel on Jan. 25 (Ted Stiles).

Other Finches. Evening Grosbeaks, Purple Finches, American Goldfinches and Pine Siskins occurred regularly at many feeding stations throughout the period. Too many members just took these birds for granted and did not bother to report counts or estimates of their populations. The highest totals reported were 50 to 100 Evening Grosbeaks daily at the home of Marvin Hewitt in Greensboro from Jan. 19 on; 296 Evening Grosbeaks banded by Vernon Kleen at his home in Laurel; and 16 Pine Siskins at Avondale on Feb. 1 (Bystrak). The only Pine Grosbeak known to have reached Maryland this winter was studied from a distance of 6 feet at Denton on Jan. 11 by Winnifred Bright, who also had a Dickcissel at her feeder, Jan. 19 to Mar. 21. Two Dickcissels were seen at Gibson Island on Mar. 10 (Mrs. W. L. Henderson).

Migratory Bird Populations Station  
Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel

## COMING EVENTS

- June 19-21     **BALTIMORE** Junior Nature Camp at Camp Waredaca in Unity, Md., near the Seth Low farm. For information contact Mrs. Alfred Lawson, 233 Gaywood Rd., Balt. 12. 'Phone DR7-4965
- July 11         **STATEWIDE** Membership picnic at "Damsite", Chestertown, Md., home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mendinhal. All day. Trustees' meeting in afternoon.
- Sept. 13        **STATEWIDE** Membership Picnic at Capt. & Mrs. J. E. M. Wood's, 101 Old Crossing Road, Annapolis. Meet at Sandy Point Park 9:00 A. M. R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Wood for bean soup served at noon. CO3-3229
- Nov. 5          **BALTIMORE** Lecture for benefit of Sanctuary Fund. Save the date. Details later.

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