

**Talbot County Chapter Of  
The Maryland Ornithological Society  
2008 Fall Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Leader/Destination/Departure</b>
Sundays in Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Sunday Morning Walk-Tilghman Island for early/first migrants, flycatchers, warblers, swallows, vireos, gnatcatchers, tanagers, orioles and water birds. Leader: Jan Reese (410-745 2875). Depart St. Michael's Village Shopping Center, St. Michaels 7:00 A.M.
Sunday Sept. 7	Sunday Morning Walk-Tuckahoe State Park with Caroline Co. Bird Club for fall warblers and other migrants. Leader: Danny Poet (410-827-8651) Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7 A.M. OR meet Danny at Tuckahoe Lake parking lot at 8 A.M. Breakfast host: Bobbie Wells.
Thursday Sept. 11	Meeting-Speaker Middleton Evans will talk about his travels across this continent in his quest to see and photograph our glorious North American Waterbirds. He has put his experiences and photos into a beautiful book- <i>Rhapsody in Blue: A Celebration of North American Waterbirds</i> . 7 P.M. Wm. Hill Manor Auditorium.
Sunday Sept. 14	Sunday Morning Walk-Tilghman Island for fall warblers and summer stragglers. Leader: Les Coble (410-820-6165). Depart St. Michael's Village Shopping Center parking lot 7 A.M.
Sunday Sept. 21 EARLY DEPARTURE 6:30 A.M.	ALL DAY TRIP To Delaware Shores for passerines, wading birds, shorebirds and more during the height of fall migration. Leader: Charles Hopkins (410-763-8742). Depart Easton Acme parking lot 6:30 A.M. OR meet Charles at

Prime Outlets parking lot at 7 A.M. Bring lunch, drinks and insecticide.

Sunday Sept. 28  
EARLY DEPARTURE  
6:30 A.M.

ALL DAY TRIP To Chincoteague, Va. in search of Marbled and Hudsonian Godwit and other shorebirds, waders, water and land birds, and as usual a good crab cake. Leader: Terry Allen (410-822-8132). Depart Easton Acme parking lot 6:30 A.M. Bring lunch, drinks and insecticide.

Sunday Oct. 5

Sunday Morning Walk-Tilghman Island for our annual hawk watch. Leader: Andrew Bullen (410-763-8156). Depart St. Michael's Village Shopping Center parking lot at 9 A.M. for the hawk watch OR depart same lot at 7 A.M. for early birding at Tilghman Island. Bring snacks, drinks, chairs and books or info. to share during down time.

Thursday Oct. 9

Meeting-Speaker Jim Rapp Executive Director of DLITE, Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experience will discuss their recent initiatives to create a Delmarva Birding Trail. 7 P.M. Wm. Hill Manor Auditorium.

Sunday Oct. 12

Sunday Morning Walk-Spocott Farm-  
NEW LOCATION. This is the home of George and Jackie Radcliffe. Come join us and help find some goodies. Leaders: George Radcliffe and Wayne Bell(410-820-6002). Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7 A.M. Breakfast Hosts: George and Jackie Radcliffe.

Sunday Oct. 19

Sunday Morning Walk-Easton's Rails to Trails. This is another new location for us. Join us for a walk on an asphalt paved section of the Rails to Trails as we encounter creek bottoms (w/bridge), woods, fields and backyard habitats. From Barred Owls and Red-tailed Hawks to various songbirds and pigeons. Leader: Joanne Laskowski (410-820-5581). Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7 A.M. Breakfast hosts: Carolyn Mills and John Snyder.

- Sunday Oct. 26** Sunday Morning Walk-Hope House in search of Red-headed Woodpecker, water and land birds and maybe an owl. Les will also show us a couple of champion trees on this beautiful property. Leader: Les Roslund (410-763-8169). Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7 A.M. Breakfast host: Peter Stifel.
- Sunday Nov. 2** Sunday Morning Walk-Wye Island for waterfowl, raptors and winter sparrows. Danny will also show us the 275 yr. old Holly tree. Leader: Danny Poet (410-827-8651). Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7 A.M. No scheduled breakfast, but will eat out if group would like.
- Sunday Nov. 9** Sunday Morning Walk-Easton Waste Water Treatment Plant. In search of waterfowl, Bald Eagles, winter sparrows, gulls and maybe an oddity. Leader: Terry Allen (410-822-8132). Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7 A.M. No scheduled breakfast, but will eat out if group would like.
- Thursday Nov. 13** Meeting-Speaker T.B.A.
- Sunday Nov. 16** Sunday Morning Walk-Pickering Creek Audubon Center in search of waterfowl, Winter Wren, wintering sparrows and other grassland birds. Leaders: Karen and Bill Harris (410-770-8303). Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7 A.M. Breakfast Host: Patty Allen.
- Sunday Nov. 23** Sunday Morning Walk-Matapeake and Camp Wright on Kent Is. This is another new location for our group with a mixture of habitats including fields, woodlands and bayfront. Leaders-Chuck Mock (410-943-8201) and Bill Harris. Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7 A.M. Breakfast hosts Nancy and Marty O'Conner.
- Sunday Nov. 30** Sunday Morning Walk-Destination T.B.A. Leader

Dave Palmer (410-820-4707). No scheduled breakfast, but group may decide to eat out.

Thursday Dec. 11 Spring Planning Meeting and potluck dinner. Please bring ideas for our spring 2009 schedule and a covered dish, salad or dessert. Host: Cathy Cooper (410-822-3451).

Sunday Dec. 21 Annual St. Michael's Christmas Bird Count. Compilers Wayne Bell and Shirley Bailey. Potluck dinner at 5:30 P.M. at Christ Church Parish Hall, St. Michaels. Dinner coordinator Nancy O'Conner (443-249-0646) or e-mail <nanmart@friend.ly.net>

The club encourages car pooling on all outings. In this regard it is customary to assist the driver of the pooled vehicle by making a contribution towards expenses, especially on longer trips.

To submit news of our chapter to the M.O.S. newsletter Yellowthroat, contact Karen Harris (410-770-8303).

### **Annual Report From Talbot Co. Chapter of M.O.S. Aug.2007-July 2008**

During our year from Aug. 2007-July 2008 our club had 33 local bird walks, 4 all day trips and one week-end trip to Cape May N.J., as well as our annual Christmas Count that brings out more birders than any other event for the year. We had delicious brunches after 10 of our walks hosted at members homes. Also 2 planning meetings were held, one before each season. We had 6 regularly scheduled meetings at Wm. Hill Manor Easton, Md. At our Sept. meeting Dave Brinker from D.N.R. kicked off the calendar year in grand style with an informative and entertaining talk about his work w/Saw-whet Owls. In Oct. David Curson Director of Bird Conservation, Audubon Md-D.C. helped us understand what an Important Bird Area is. In Nov. Kathy O'Malley described her work w/Whooping Cranes at Patuxent Wildlife Center, and our club actually voted to sponsor a chick. Periodically we get updates on the chicks progress. At the first meeting of 2008 in Feb. our own Chuck Mock gave a powerpoint presentation on the effects of sea level rise on Dorchester Co.

Don Messersmith showed slides of birds he encountered on his trip to Western Australia in March. In April our last speaker was Greg Kearns who talked about the importance of wild rice beds to Sora and other rails as well as waterfowl.

Congratulations to our very own **Dr. Wayne Bell** who is now the **President of M.O.S.**

The officers for the coming year will remain the same. Cathy Cooper-President, Terry Allen-V.P., Les Roslund-Treasurer, and Myra Novak-Secretary. Our membership is up slightly from last year to 95 members as of July, 2008.

On July 9, 2008 Mr. Dick Kleen died. He was one of the founding members of our chapter and a man of many talents, interests and passions. Mr. Kleen served as president of our chapter as well as state president of M.O.S. We should endeavor to continue his legacy of mentoring young people as he did for many over the years. Some examples are in our club today. While we will miss your friendship, laughter, guidance and wise counsel, in many ways you live on in those of us who had the privilege to know you. Thanks for everything Mr. Kleen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Allen

Our Thursday evening meetings begin at 7 P.M. with the scheduled program followed by a short business meeting. We meet in the auditorium at William Hill Manor at 501 Dutchmans Lane in Easton.

William Hill Manor is on Dutchmans Lane between Route 50 and Washington Street, on the north side of the street. Drive in the main entrance off Dutchmans Lane and bear right in front of the main building. The auditorium is in the low building behind the main building. Or come to the main front desk and the receptionist will direct you to the auditorium.

Guests are always welcome at our walks, trips and meetings, including the Sunday morning breakfasts. To reserve your place at the table, just come

along on the walk and be counted.

The Talbot e-mail birding hotline keeps members informed of sightings, regional rare bird alerts, and special announcements. Les Roslund maintains it and the subscription is free. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to any officer listed below, or send e-mail directly to Les ([lroslund@bluecrab.org](mailto:lroslund@bluecrab.org)). Send bird sightings or bird alerts directly to Les. Selected sightings records and rare bird alerts of interest to Eastern Shore birders are also posted on the web site of the Washington College Center for the Environment and Society (<http://ces.washcoll.edu>).

We are grateful to all the landowners who have embraced our love of this region's wonderful array of resident and migratory birds and have invited us to enjoy them on their private properties. We also thank those who host the delicious breakfasts after many of our Sunday morning walks.

### **Talbot Chapter Officers -2008-2009**

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" Every Day a Bluebird Day"