



**Talbot County Chapter
Of the Maryland Ornithological Society
2008 Spring Schedule**

Guests are always welcome at our meetings and on our walks and trips, including the Sunday morning breakfasts. To reserve your place at the table, just come along on the bird walk and be counted! Our Thursday meetings begin at 7:00PM and are held at William Hill Manor in Easton, Maryland. Our speakers come from near and far to educate and entertain the club.

Jan. 20	Sunday Morning Walk. Caroline County fields. Leader: Danny Poet (phone: 410-827-8651) Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM or meet leader at Prime Outlets Discount stores (LLBean) at 7:30.
Feb. 1 ALL DAY TRIP	Sunday ALL DAY Cambridge and points south in Dorchester County. Leader: Dave Palmer (410-820-4707) Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM. Breakfast at Cambridge Diner.
Feb. 21 THURSDAY 7:00PM	Thursday Evening Meeting: Chuck Mock will describe marsh restoration efforts and importance. Meeting at William Hill Manor Auditorium.
Feb. 24	Wye Island for late waterfowl. Leader: Danny Poet (410-827-8651) Depart Easton Acme parking lot 7:00AM or meet leader at Wye Island bridge at 7:30.
Mar. 2 EARLY DEPARTURE 6:30AM	Ocean City and environs for Harlequin Duck, Eiders, Gannet, Purple Sandpiper; Razorbill, (Western) Willet, Peregrine possible. Leader: Wayne Bell (410-820-6002) Depart Easton Acme parking lot 6:30AM. Meet leader at Ocean City Inlet, South jetty parking lot at 8:00AM. Bring lunch. Soup, drinks and warmth provided at trip leader's condo at noon.
Mar. 9	Sunday Morning Walk. Talbot County Waste Water Treatment Facility, in search of migrant waterfowl, gulls, Osprey, Wilson's Snipe, Rusty Blackbirds, Pipits and maybe an oddity or two. Leader: Terry Allen (410-822-8132). Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM. Breakfast host: Patty Allen.
Mar. 13 THURSDAY 7:00PM	Thursday Evening Meeting: Don Messersmith will show slides and describe the birds encountered on his trip to Western Australia. Meeting at William Hill Manor Auditorium.
Mar. 16	Sunday Morning Walk. To Wades Point for early migrants & late spring waterfowl. Leader: Les Roslund (410-763-8169) Depart St. Michaels Village Shopping Center parking lot at 7:00AM. Breakfast host: Jean Crump.

Mar. 23	Sunday Morning Walk. Wet bottomlands east of Route 50 for water thrush, snipe, others. Leader: Jan Reese (410-745-2875). Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
Mar. 30	Sunday Morning Walk. Leader's Choice. Leader: Danny Poet (410-827-8651) Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
Apr. 6	Sunday Morning Walk. Wetland restoration projects along Oxford Road for waterfowl. Leader: Wayne Bell (410-820-6002). Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM. Breakfast hosts: Sally and Chip Akridge.
Apr. 10 THURSDAY 7:00PM	Thursday Evening Meeting: Greg Kearns will talk "Of Rice and Rails" about Sora and other rails and the critically important wild rice food source for waterfowl. Meeting at William Hill Manor Auditorium.
Apr. 13	Sunday Morning Walk. Jean Ellen duPont Shehan Audubon Sanctuary, Bozman, for loiterers and vagrants. Leader: Vince DeSanctis (410-886-2009). Depart St. Michaels Village Shopping Center parking lot at 7:00AM . Meet leader at entrance gate to sanctuary.
Apr. 20	Pickering Creek Audubon Center. Leader: Les Roslund (410-763-8169) Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM. Breakfast host: Carolyn Roslund.
Apr. 27	Sunday Morning Walk. Cottingham Farm wetland and grassland restoration projects for Sparrows, raptors, and early spring migrants. Leader: Wayne Bell (410-820-6002). Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM. Breakfast hosts: Nancy & Bernie Burns.
May 4	Sunday Morning Walk. Ferry Neck. Leader: Les Coble (410-820-6165) Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM.
May 10-11 SATURDAY & SUNDAY	Saturday & Sunday. Cape May for "everything". Peak spring migration: warblers, passerines, shorebirds, waders. Leader: Charles Hopkins (410-763-8742). Some people will travel Friday to allow for full day of birding on Saturday.
May 18 EARLY DEPARTURE 6:30AM Late return	Sunday Morning Walk. Pocomoke Swamp Area for resident, migrant songbirds w/focus on warblers. Red-headed Woodpeckers, nesting Red-shouldered hawks, both Tanagers and a nice variety of goodies are usually seen as well. Leader: Terry Allen (410-822-8132). Bring lunch. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 6:30AM. Return late afternoon +/-.
May 25 YOUNG PERSONS BIRDING	Habitat competition with late spring migrants and breeding species at meadows, woodlands of Adkins Arboretum. Leaders: Dave Palmer (410-820-4707) & Wayne Bell. Depart Easton Acme parking lot at 7:00AM. Join with Caroline County Bird Club.
May 30- June 1	Annual meeting of Maryland Ornithological Society in Harford County.
June 5 THURSDAY	Fall Planning Meeting and Potluck Dinner. Bring ideas for fall 2008 season and a covered dish, salad, or dessert. Hosts: Karen & Bill Harris (410-770-8303)

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Our Thursday evening meetings begin at 7:00PM with the scheduled program. We meet in the auditorium at William Hill Manor in Easton. William Hill Manor is at 501 Dutchmans Lane between Route 50 and Washington Street, on the north side of the street. Drive in the main entrance 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.

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 of the officers listed below. Send bird sightings or bird alerts directly to Les Roslund. 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.

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