

Allegany & Garrett Counties' Bird Club Calendar
2017-2018

September 1 2017 Annual dues are due at this time, (individuals \$25, Households \$30, Juniors/Students \$10) Mail Dues to:
Carol McDaniel, 437 Serenity Drive, Grantsville, MD 21536
Contact Carol McDaniel mcdanieljandc@gmail.com for more information

Friday September 8, 2017 Birding at Sang Run, Friend's Delight Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru the beautiful Friend's Delight property. Walk begins at 8:00 am. Meet: at the parking lot, near Friend's Store(first parking lot on left after Friend's Store) . Carpool from Cumberland at Ollie's will leave at 7:00am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Saturday and Sunday Sept 09, 10, 2017 Field Trip to Dolly Sods-Bird Banding Station. Overnight Field Trip led by Carol and Joe McDaniel to Dolly Sods Bird Banding Station and the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge Boardwalk off Freeland Rd, in Davis WV. Detailed information is attached - Joe & Carol McDaniel, trip leaders. Deadline to sign up for this trip is Sept 1. Contact Joe & Carol mcdanieljandc@gmail.com.

Tuesday September 12, 2017 Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.
Speaker: Chris Eberly, Director of MD Bird Conservation Partnership
Topic: Bird Conservation Starts With You
Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine at nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248

Friday September 15, 2017 Birding at Sang Run, Friend's Delight Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru the beautiful Friend's Delight property. Walk begins at 8:00 am. Meet: at the parking lot, near Friend's Store (first parking lot on left after Friend's Store) . Carpool from Cumberland at Ollie's will leave at 7:00am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Friday September 22, 2017 Birding at Sang Run, Friend's Delight Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru the beautiful Friend's Delight property. Walk begins at 8:00 am. Meet: at the parking lot, near Friend's Store(first parking lot on left after Friend's Store) . Carpool from Cumberland at Ollie's will leave at 7:00am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Saturday September 23, 2017 Youghiogheny River for Shore Birds

Leader: Melissa Hensel Old Morgantown Road - Youghiogheny Reservoir: Just north of Friendsville. This will be a new trip for the bird club. As the lake recedes, shorebirds may be drawn to the mud flats. Last year saw several rare shore birds along with waterfowl, herons, hawks and the usual suspects in the wooded area along the reservoir. Expect muddy conditions so wear waterproof boots or muck boots. Sun protection may be needed if it's a clear day. Meet at the parking area at the end of Old Morgantown Road at 9:00 am. Car pool from Ollies in Cumberland leaves at 8:00 am.

Saturday September 29, 2017 Birding at Sang Run, Friend's Delight Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru the beautiful Friend's Delight property. Walk begins at 8:00 am. Meet: at the parking lot, near Friend's Store(first parking lot on left after Friend's Store) . Carpool from Cumberland at Ollie's will leave at 7:00am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Saturday & Sunday October 7, 8, 2017 Hawk Identification at the Discovery Center Saturday October 7 10:00 to 12:00 pm meet at the Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center. Ranger Sam Dixon will help us refine our hawk identification skills by outlining hints and clues that lead us to correctly identify high flying raptors. Carpool from Cumberland at Ollie's will leave at 9:00 am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Sunday October 8, 2017 11:00 am to 3:00 pm meet at Dan's Rock Overlook to look for migrating raptors. Carpool from Cumberland at Ollie's will leave at 10:00 am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Tuesday October 10, 2017 Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

Speaker: J B Churchill, VP Allegheny & Garrett Counties Bird Club

Topic: J B will talk about his trip to Costa Rica in April 2017, locations visited including La Ensenada, Hacienda Solimar, Cano Negro and La Selva

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Saturday Oct 14, 15 2017 Field Trip to Town Hill

Meet Ray Kiddy to watch for migrating hawks at a time of year when there is still good hawk diversity but we may have a better chance for some interesting birds, like Golden Eagles (with favorable weather conditions) as well. Meet at the overlook at 10:30 am. Carpool will meet 10:00 am at the park and ride, Ali Ghan Rd. & Christie Rd., Exit 46, off I-68. Garrett County Carpool from Park and Ride Rt 36 and I-68 at 9:15 am. Bring lunch and a drink. Contact Ray Kiddy at (301)739-1972 or rrkiddy@atlanticbb.net Additional dates running through Oct and Nov will be announced

Saturday October 28, 2017 Western MD 4H Center and Cunningham Swamp

Leader: Melissa Hensel Another new trip this year. We will look for typical Garrett County fall woodland and wetland species. Meet at 8:30 am at the entrance drive to the 4H Center. Carpool from Ollies leaves at 7:30 am. Dress for Garrett County weather including waterproof boots. Bring Water and a snack. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086.

Saturday November 11, 2017 Trip to Shawnee State Park and Alleghany Front Plateau:

Leader: Melissa Hensel **Meet:** 10:00 at the Diehl Boat Ramp off Rt 96. Carpool from Cumberland will leave from the upper section of Roses Store parking lot in downtown Cumberland at 9:00 am. . Garrett County Carpool from Park and Ride Rt 36 and I-68 8:15 am. Lunch at Jean Bonnett Tavern in Bedford. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Saturday November 18, 2017 The Annual Bird Club Banquet-Penn Alps, Grantsville, MD 5:00 pm

Speaker: Dave Brinker, Central Regional Ecologist, MD DNR, Wildlife and Heritage Service. **Topic:** Dave will talk about Goshawks nesting in Western Maryland

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00. Please mail your check to Carol McDaniel, 437 Serenity Dr, Grantsville, MD 21536

Saturday December 16, 2017 The Christmas Count. Garrett County, please contact Connie Skipper connieskipper@hohnet.net Allegheny County please contact JB Churchill at (301)697-1223 or email jchurchi@atlanticbb.net.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday February 2, 3, 4, 2018 MOS Conference Ocean City MD

Tuesday February 13, 2018 Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

Speaker: Amateur Night.

Topic: Come with your pictures of birds you have seen far afield or in your back yard (bring on flash drive), birding stories, poems, anything you would like to share with the Club. We will also discuss the newest birding technology. It should be a fun evening for all! Contact Raquel Ketterman for more information- raquelketterman@verizon.net Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine at nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248

Saturday February 24, 2018 C&O Canal Terminus and Canal Hike to the American Eagle Nest.

Leader Melissa Hensel Meet at 9:00am at the C&O Terminus in Cumberland. Plan for a 3-4 mile round trip hike to check on activity at the Eagle's Nest and for water fowl along the Potomac River. Dress warm-there is often a strong wind along this hike. Waterproof shoes or boots may be necessary. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Saturday March 10, 2018 Little Orleans

C&O Canal at Little Orleans – In eastern Allegany County we'll look for early migrating birds and winter residents along the canal. Waterfowl and American Eagles may be seen at several overlooks of the Potomac River. Meet at the C&O Canal at Little Orleans at 9:00 am. Car pool from the Park and Ride at Ali Ghan Rd and Christie Rd, exit 46 off I-68 at 8:15am.

Tuesday March 13, 2018 Monthly Meeting. 7:00 pm Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

Speaker: Liz McDowell, Coordinator, Western Mountains Chapter

Native Plant Society

Topic: Native Plants, a Welcome Sight For Wildlife

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Saturday March 24, 2018 Rocky Gap. Mason Road Pond/ C&O Canal Terminus With Washington County Bird Club:

9:00am. First Stop will be the Rocky Gap State Park Beach area. We will travel to several spots at Rocky Gap for waterfowl before moving on to Mason Rd Pond and the C & O Canal Terminus. Carpool leaving from the NRP office 12512 Pleasant Valley Rd near entrance to Rocky Gap State park at 9:00. Garrett County Carpool from Park and Ride Rt 36 and I-68 at 8:15am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Saturday April 7, 2018 Trip to Garrett County Ponds

We'll visit Finzel Swamp, Piney Reservoir, Meadows Lake and Campground and New Germany State Park (if time permits). Meet: At Finzel Swamp at 9:30 am. Carpool from Cumberland: Parkside School in LaVale Time: 9:00 am Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine at nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248. pack a lunch for a picnic at New Germany State Park. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

******Tuesday April 10, 2018 Monthly Meeting.** 7:00 pm Compton Hall, Room TBA, Frostburg State University.

Speaker:

Topic:

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Saturday April 28, 2018 Elk Ridge Nature Preserve or New Germany State Park

Leader: Liz McDowell We will look for birds and native plants. Meet at New Germany State Park at 9:00 am. Carpool from Ollies in Cumberland leaves at 8:15 am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Friday – Sunday May 4, 5, 6, 2018: Garrett County Bird Fest with Deep Creek State Park

Plan to participate with other club members in a variety of field trips to birding hot spots in Garrett County, such as Jennings Randolph Reservoir, Lost Land Run, The Glades etc. Check out the Deep Creek Lake Discovery Center website for schedules and registration at www.discoverycenterdcl.com

Wednesday May 09, 2018: Mt Nebo WMA with Connie Skipper

Connie Skipper will lead this walk thru Mt Nebo including the pond. Meet: 8:00 at Mt Nebo WMA on Rt 219. Carpool from Cumberland: Ollie's parking lot at 7:00 am Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Wednesday May 16, 2018: River Road Grantsville

Joe and Carol McDaniel will lead this trip. Plan to meet at 9:00 am on the far side of the first River Road bridge that crosses the Casselman River. Carpool from Cumberland: Ollie's parking lot at 8:30 am Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine at nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Saturday May 19, 2018 Lost Land Run in Garrett County

Leader: Melissa Hensel Plan to meet at 8:00am at the intersection of Main, Edgewood and Boiling Springs Streets in Deer Park, near the railroad tracks and the old Arnold's Store. We'll make multiple stops on the trip to look for a variety of Garrett County grassland and forest birds on roads that wind through reclaimed surface mines and along the Potomac River. Some very short hikes are included. Pack a drink and a snack. Carpool from Ollies in Cumberland leaves at 7:00am. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086 for more information and updates on meeting places.

Saturday June 2, 2018 Field Trip to Mt Savage

Raquel Ketterman will lead this trip. Meet: Mt Savage School, New School Rd at 8:00 am. Looking for Red-Headed Woodpeckers, Bobolink and Dickcissel. Carpool from Cumberland: Ollie's parking lot at 7:30 am Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine at nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Saturday June 09, 2018 Field trip for Night Hawks, Whip-poor-wills and Owls

Leader: Melissa Hensel Meet on the downtown Cumberland Mall near Mark's Café at 8:15 pm for Night Hawks. From there we'll go in search of Whip-poor-wills and owls. Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine at nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248. Contact Melissa Hensel at mjhensel@yahoo.com or 240-362-1086

Tuesday June 12, 2018 Annual Planning Meeting

We will meet at the Frostburg Public Library. Main Street, Frostburg at 6:00 pm. Street parking is available, as well as parking in back of the library. Take elevator to meeting room. Anyone wishing to carpool from Oakland contact Nadine at nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248

See attached information on the Dolly Sod Bird Banding Trip

Dolly Sods Bird Banding Trip 9/9-9/10/17

Saturday, September 9-Sunday, September 10, 2017. Overnight Field Trip led by Carol and Joe McDaniel to Dolly Sods Bird Banding Station and the Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge Boardwalk off Freeland Road in Davis, WV. Make your own Saturday overnight hotel or campground arrangements at Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center (www.canaanresort.com). Plan to meet for dinner at Sirianni's South near Big John's restaurant on Rte 32 (good Italian food, pizza, beer and wine).

Bring something to eat for breakfast Sunday AM (refrigerators, microwaves and coffee makers in hotel rooms) as we will plan to leave the hotel lobby by 6:15 AM before the hotel dining room is open. Dress in layers and bring rain gear, snacks and water. Dolly Sods can be cold, windy and wet. We will stop to pick up the campers and will carpool up to the Dolly Sods Bird Banding area just opposite the Dolly Sods campground.

Although just 10-12 miles away, this trip takes 40-50 minutes due to bad road conditions.

We can watch the Allegany Front Migration Observatory (AFMO) volunteers assess, document and band the birds. They net and band birds until the birds stop coming and close the station somewhere between 10AM and 12 noon. Sheila and Jeff Berry are the AFMO station managers this year.

They do NOT operate if it is raining. Contributions to replace the fragile mist nets used to catch the birds are needed so consider a donation to AFMO.

We can bird the National Wildlife Refuge Boardwalk area in Canaan Valley off Freeland Rd. before returning home. Warblers, kingfishers and sparrows are common with meadowlarks, bobolinks, harriers and horned larks sometimes seen in the field across the street from the boardwalk area.

Contact Carol or Joe McDaniel at mcdanieljandc@gmail.com, 301-895-5801 (home) or 443-414-3955 (cell) if you plan to come on this trip by Friday, Sept.1.

We will cancel this trip if no one is interested in going this year.