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Cover: Adult Golden Eagle over Town Hill, MD, Nov. 23, 1996. Photo by Jim Paulus.



SORA AND PIED-BILLED GREBE NESTING IN KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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During the summer of 1996 I was engaged in a study monitoring certain restored wetlands on the Eastern Shore, a study sponsored by the USFWS and the USDA Wetlands Institute. Part of the monitoring effort involved listening for responses to taped calls of rails and grebes during evening twilight hours.

On the evening of June 11, at about sunset, I was visiting one such pond located in Kent County, MD, well inland from the Chesapeake Bay. I was surprised to hear a Sora (*Porzana carolina*) respond to the call of Virginia Rail — the expected rallid in that area. I assumed the bird must be a late migrant, perhaps injured.

On my next visit on June 24, a Sora again responded — to taped calls of Sora, King Rail, Virginia Rail, as well as to the usual response trigger, hand clapping. This time there were two birds, near one another. Still, I attributed the birds' presence to early returning migrants (perhaps failed nesters).

But on a third visit, July 3, there were again two Soras. They did not respond to taped calls as early as 80 minutes before sunset, but did so 20 minutes later. Again two distinct individuals responded, again from the same small area of the pond. Now suspicious that they might be a nesting pair I searched for a nest — unsuccessfully as it proved — but in the process came across a downy chick running across an open space just 20 feet away, and clearly visible. The sun was still up and illuminated the scene in the direction of view.

On the same evening I was further amazed to discover a Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) swimming with three 2-3 day-old chicks in the same pond. This observation was confirmed by Nicole Muir, another study participant, on the same day. The presence of the Grebe was all the more surprising because it had not been heard calling on any previous visits.

According to the "Yellow Book" (Iliff, Blom, and Stasz 1996), neither species has been known to breed in Kent County. *The Atlas of Breeding Birds of Maryland* (Robbins and Blom 1997) does list a single nesting record for Pied-billed Grebe in Kent county, probably only in a single year of the 5-year Atlas history, at a point about 20 miles from the present location. Also remarkably, the pond is located at least 10 miles inland from the nearest bay or river shoreline. (The exact location is not specified further here in order to protect the privacy of the land owner.)

This pond differs from the usual high-bermed created pond. It rests in a natural depression and is bermed only along a small part of its perimeter. Open water covers 10 acres, phasing gradually into a margin of aquatic vegetation covering about another 5 acres. Traversing it in the form of an isthmus is a partially submerged hedge-row, providing islands of ground slightly above water. It was here that the Soras were located. Many other marsh birds frequented the pond between June 3 and Aug 10, including Green Heron, American Bittern, Cattle Egret, Great Egret, Mallard, and Red-winged Blackbirds (about 12 pair).

Perhaps we may expect that Soras and other rails may be found nesting on other bodies of water as small as 10 acres where conditions are favorable. Perhaps, too, there is hope that restored wetland ponds can succeed in providing suitable marsh-bird nesting habitat if effort is made to cover large enough an area with water and to duplicate a naturally-occurring shelf slope and its associated vegetation.

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RECORD GOLDEN EAGLE DAY AT TOWN HILL, ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND

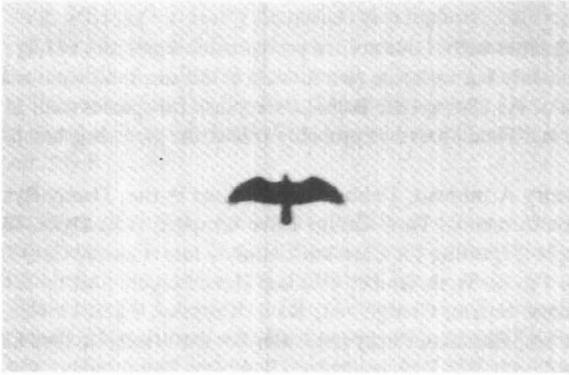
JIM PAULUS

At 3 a.m. on March 6, 1997, the predicted cold front started moving across Allegany County, generating northwesterly winds of 27 to 45 mph and dropping the temperature from 51° F. at midnight to 37° F. at 4 a.m. This front was supposed to clear out the foul weather that the area had experienced for the past five days. Counting migrating hawks had not been possible during this time because of the rain, snow, sleet, and heavy mountain fog.

I arrived at the Town Hill overlook at 8:30 a.m. in the middle of a snow squall and an extremely strong northwest wind. Looking westward, I could see some white clouds with patches of blue sky shining on Polish Mountain. By 8:45 a.m. I was getting some sunshine at the overlook, so I positioned my car where I could best view the west side of the ridge, the side that Golden Eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) would be using today to take advantage of the updrafts.

I did not have to wait long. Golden Eagle #1 coasted by at 8:59 a.m., seemingly unaffected by the severely strong and gusting winds. #2 went by at 9:07, #3 at 9:46. #4 at 9:49, #5 at 9:54, #6 at 10:05, #7 at 10:08, #8 at 10:52, #9 at 11:36, #10 at 11:55, #11 at 12:19 p.m.,

#12 at 2:42, and the last, #13 at 2:54 p.m. Thirteen Golden Eagles! — the most I have ever seen in one day. My previous one-day record was on November 8, 1995 when I had counted eleven from the Town Hill lookout.



Golden Eagle #400, Town Hill, MD
Photo by Jim Paulus, March 8, 1997

All of the 13 Golden Eagles were adults, and all were using the same flight pattern, crossing the hotel about 300 feet west of where I was parked and about 400 feet above the treetops. All were coasting/gliding on the updrafts with wing tips pulled sharply back, not flapping, and moving along very steadily. Other hawks seen that day were Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), and an adult Northern Goshawk (*A. gentilis*).

Turkey Vultures (*Cathartes aura*) were limited that day to flying in the east valley, out of the wind. One Turkey Vulture tried to cross over the ridge to the west side, but was hit with such a hard gust of wind that it was literally knocked out of control and blown back across the ridge, losing several feathers in the process.

In the eight years that I have been counting migrating hawks at the lookout, today had the strongest winds that I have encountered there. I quit watching at 4:30 p.m. at which time the temperature was 41° F. with a partly cloudy sky and the wind northwest between 20 and 30 mph.

The next day, March 7, was a clear day, but no raptors were seen. On March 8, however, I had a very special moment. I photographed an adult Golden Eagle over the hotel at 10:38 a.m. This sighting represents Golden Eagle #400 seen by me at the Town Hill lookout since I saw my first one there on October 16, 1990.

The peak time for the spring migration of Golden Eagles at the Town Hill lookout is the first two weeks of March.

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BREEDING SEASON, JUNE 1 - JULY 31, 1996

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It was a cool summer with above normal precipitation especially in July. Hurricane Bertha hit the region in mid-July but for some reason most of the storm-blown birds were only found as far as the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. Low reports for species such as Carolina Wrens, Eastern Bluebirds, and Field Sparrows probably reflect the preceding harsh winter.

Observers: Henry Armistead, Debby Bennett, Lori Byrne, Danny Bystrak, Rick Blom, Don Broderick, Ian Cornelius, Patty Craig, Dave Czaplak, Sam Dyke, Darius Ecker, Jeff Effinger, Ethel Engle (reporting for Caroline County), Jane Farrell, Gary Griffith (reporting for Cecil County), Jim & Trish Gruber, Wilbur Hershberger, Marvin Hewitt, Steve Huy, Marshall Iliff, Simone Jenion, George Jett, Dave Kubitsky, Ellen Lawler, Mariana Nuttle, Beth Olsen, Bonnie Ott, Elizabeth Pitney (reporting for the Wicomico Bird Club), Danny Poet, Suzanne Probst, Jan Reese, Bob Ringler, Eugene Scarpulla, Sue Scheider, Bill Scudder, Stephen Simon, Connie Skipper, Jo Solem (reporting for Howard County), Paul Spitzer, Jim Stasz, John Taylor, Mary Ann Todd, David Walbeck, Dave Webb, Jim Wilkinson, Levin Willey.

Abbreviations: DC - District of Columbia, NWR - National Wildlife Refuge, PRNAS - Patuxent River Naval Air Station (St. Mary's County), SF - State Forest, SP - State Park, UMCF - University of Maryland Central Farm (Howard), WMA - Wildlife Management Area.

Locations: Place names (with counties in parentheses) not in the index of the State highway map: Adam Island (Dorchester), Alpha Ridge Park (Howard), Assateague Island (Worcester), Barren Island (Dorchester), Blackwater NWR (Dorchester), Bloodsworth Island (Dorchester), Courthouse Point (Cecil), E. A. Vaughn WMA (Worcester), Gateway Business Park (Howard), Hart-Miller Island (Baltimore), Holland Island (Dorchester), Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary (Anne Arundel), Kings Creek (Talbot), Lake Elkhorn (Howard), Pickering Creek Environmental Center (Talbot), Pone Island (Dorchester), Rock Lodge Trust (Garrett), Spring Island (Dorchester), Tuckahoe SP (Caroline), Tydings Island (Harford).

Loons, Grebes, Storm-Petrels, Shearwater. A **Common Loon** was noted at Point Lookout from June 19 (Stasz) through July 23 (Craig), and one was inland at Westminster Reservoir on July 4 (Bill Kulp, Jr.) and July 20 (Ringler). Another was at Sandy Point SP on July 18 (Mike Donovan). Simone Jenion had some nice summer sightings, checking off an adult Common Loon at Ocean City on June 19, 2 there on June 29, and an adult **Pied-billed Grebe** with 4 juveniles at E. A. Vaughn WMA, rare for Worcester County, on June 1. This nesting pair produced another brood of 5 in July (Dyke). Jenion also spotted up to 5 **Wilson's-Storm Petrels** off Ocean City on June 29. Marty Cribb spotted 5 **Wilson's Storm-Petrels** in Chesapeake Bay in Somerset County on July 17 along with a **Greater Shearwater**, and 2 **Wilson's** were there on July 21 (Stasz+). Another **Wilson's** was spotted off Point Lookout on July 25 (Cribb). Two **Leach's Storm-Petrels** were identified at Assawoman Bay, Worcester County on July 13 (Iliff, Stasz).

Pelicans, Cormorants. **Brown Pelicans** were noted on a few summer surveys through various Chesapeake Bay islands with 4 at Adam Island and 5 at Holland Island on June 7 (Armistead, Spitzer), 12 at Barren Island on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor), and 8 at Smith Island on July 27 (Armistead). From 1 to 6 Brown Pelicans were seen at Point Lookout from June 5 through July 13 (Craig, Scheider+). Harry Armistead also reported 1 at Deal Island WMA on June 29. Sightings of **Double-crested Cormorants**, a common summer occurrence now, included 65 at Bloodsworth Island on June 7 (Armistead), 7 flyovers inland at Daniels on June 9 (Ott, Solem+), 1 at Denton on June 15 (Hewitt), 145 at Conowingo Dam on June 27 (Blom), over 200 on Barren Island on June 28 (Iliff), 45 at Morgantown the same day (Jett), and 69 at Point Lookout SP on July 8 (Craig).

Herons, Egrets, Ibises, Spoonbill. An **American Bittern** was seen through the summer at E. A. Vaughn WMA (Jenion, Dyke). **Least Bitterns** were also found at E. A. Vaughn with from 1 to 3 there from June 9 through the period (Jenion, Dyke), and a juvenile was seen there on July 4 (Dyke). Three were at Lilypons on June 21 and at least 2 were present through the summer (Hershberger+). Three other Least Bitterns were reported at Kings Creek on July 27 (Reese, Effinger). Harry Armistead and Paul Spitzer surveyed Holland Island on June 7, and for the fourth straight year, found all Maryland breeding herons and egrets. Breeding pairs estimated were as follows: 12 **Great Blue Heron**, 1 **Green Heron**, 7 **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron**, 30 **Black-crowned Night-Heron**, 7 **Tricolored Heron**, and 10 **Little Blue Heron**. Unfortunately, this island is eroding at an incredibly fast rate. Armistead and Spitzer found 119 active Great Blue Heron nests on Bloodsworth Island on June 7, and Blom estimated 400 Great Blues at Conowingo on June 27. Other interesting Great Blue reports were of 9 at Lilypons on June 21-22, 14 there July 21 (Cornelius), and 1 at Lake Elkhorn from June 25 through the season (Farrell). The partially drained ponds at Blackwater NWR attracted 67 **Great Egrets** on June 1 (Armistead), 2 were at Meadow Park, Cecil County on June 4 (Griffith), 1 was in the Middle Branch of the Baltimore Harbor on June 18, 5 were there on July 19 (Wilkinson), at Lilypons there were 2 on June 21 and 8 on July 27 (Cornelius), 5 were at Conowingo on June 26 (Webb), 3 were at Courthouse Point on July 2 (Griffith), and 8 were at North Beach on July 29 (Iliff, Stasz). **Snowy Egrets** included 27 at Blackwater NWR on June 1 (Armistead), 1 at Hart-Miller the same day (Iliff+), 11 at Claiborne on June 2 and 2 at Carmichael from June 19 through July 5 (Reese), 1 at Point Lookout on June 5 (Craig), 1 at Bay Ridge on June 6 (Iliff), an adult at Conowingo on June 27 (Blom), and 53 at North Beach on July 22 (Stasz). A Little Blue Heron was at Kent Island on June 20 (Fallon), 2 adults were at Carmichael on June 27 (Reese), 8 were at Courthouse Point on July 20 (Griffith), 3 were at Tanyard the same day and 40 were at Smith Island on July 21 (Stasz). Interesting Tricolored Herons included 1 at North Beach on June 3 (Stasz), 1 at Lilypons on June 19 (Jim Green), and 1 flying over Owings Mills on June 23 (Ed Boyd). **Cattle Egrets** were numerous and widespread with 60 tallied in wet fields along Hutton Road south of Elkton on June 3 (Griffith), 8 at Chestertown on June 15 (Grubers), 3 at Northgate, Cecil County on June 16 (Griffith), 5 at Carmichael on June 19 (Reese), 14 at Courthouse Point on July 2 (Griffith), 6 at Tuckahoe SP on July 12 (Bennett), 25 at Sudlersville on July 22 (Grubers), and 82 at Scotland on July 30 (Cribb). Other Green Herons included 8 at Courthouse Point on July 14 (Griffith) and 18 at Lilypons on July 27 (Huy, Cornelius). Brigitte Lund observed an adult Black-crowned Night-Heron flying over the Patapsco River from Baltimore County into Howard County at Patapsco Valley SP on June 7,

1 was at Dameron on June 8 (Craig), 5 were at Howard Pond in Elkton on June 21 (Marcia Whitmyre), 45 visited Conowingo on June 27 (Blom), and an adult Black-crowned was at Lake Elkhorn on July 17 (Wilkinson, Solem), as well as an immature (Farrell); both were seen on July 23-24 with the adult still present on July 30 (Farrell). Two adults and an immature were on Colgate Creek in Dundalk on July 23 (Wilkinson). Eight Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, most likely birds breeding at nearby Holland Island, were at Adam Island on June 7 (Armistead, Spitzer), 2 were at Lilypons on June 21 (Cornelius), a pair was at Mile 47 of the C&O Canal in Montgomery County on June 22 (Lawrence Ruby), an adult was at Conowingo on June 27 (Blom), 1 was at Sligo Creek, Montgomery County on July 7 (William Easterly), 3 to 4 were at E. A. Vaughn WMA on July 9 (Jenion), 3 were at Silver Spring, July 15-24 (Alison Wickman), and 1 was in Frederick County near Doubs Road on July 27-28 (Huy+). On July 13, an immature **White Ibis** was found near Waldorf for a Charles County first, and an immature was seen nearby at Pope's Creek on July 28-30 (Jett). A **Glossy Ibis** was at Elkton on June 5, and 9 were located near Chesapeake City at the Bethel WMA on July 20 (Griffith). One Glossy was at Point Lookout on July 31 (Cribb). While studying Black Ducks on July 11, Mike Haramis flushed a **Roseate Spoonbill** out of the marshes at Martin NWR, Smith Island. Perhaps this was the same bird seen in Virginia at Back Bay NWR on June 23. The only other known Regional report for this species was also at Smith Island in 1978.

Waterfowl. A **Tundra Swan**, first noted on July 1, stayed for the entire season at Langford (Grubers), and other solitary Tundras were found at Tuckahoe SP on July 20 (Stasz), and at the Nitze Farm, Charles County on July 27 (Jett). **Mute Swans** included 1 in Harford County near Flintville on June 1 (Stasz), 172 at Bloodsworth Island and a pair with 4 young at Spring Island on June 7 (Armistead, Spitzer), 250 at Barren Island on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor), and 4 at Ewell, Smith Island on July 27 (Armistead). In Howard County, a pair of Mute Swans was noted on July 6 (Rosamond Munro) and appeared to frequent several ponds in the area. A very high summer count of 780 nonmigratory **Canada Geese** was made at Blackwater on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor), 400 were at Loch Raven on July 21 (Simon), and 65 were seen at Hollywood on July 31 (Craig). A female **Wood Duck** and 12 young were observed at Daniels on June 8 (Solem), and an adult **American Black Duck** with 3 young was at Wingate on June 7 (Armistead, Spitzer). On June 29, 215 Black Ducks were tallied at Deal Island WMA (Armistead). A female **Mallard** was flushed off a nest with 5 eggs at a sand bar in Tar Bay north of Barren Island on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor). The high for Mallards was 318 at Hart-Miller on July 6 (Scarpulla). A **Blue-winged Teal** was noted at Shorter's Wharf Road, Dorchester County on June 7 (Armistead, Spitzer), and a **Northern Shoveler** was at the Chestertown sewage pond on July 1 (Grubers). A **Canvasback** was at Hart-Miller on June 1, where a **Gadwall** was seen the same day (Scarpulla+). The high for Gadwalls was 105 at Deal Island WMA on July 3 (Iliff). An adult male Canvasback was at Blackwater on June 18 (Iliff), and one was reported from Jug Bay on June 22 (Jack Peckham). The pair of **Ring-necked Ducks** at Centennial on June 9, with a female present through July 21, was an interesting find (Ott, Farrell+). A **Lesser Scaup** turned up at Carmichael on June 19 (Reese), and very unusual for mid-summer was the lone scaup at the Stemmer's Run boat ramp in Cecil County on July 14 (Griffith). An adult male **Surf Scoter** was reported on the Choptank in Cambridge on June 16-17 (Erick Smith). Marshall Iliff found an adult male **Common Merganser** at Crystal Spring Farm, Anne Arundel County on July 23. A **Ruddy Duck** was seen by several MOS members at Hart-Miller on June 8 (Scarpulla+), a male was at Lilypons on June 22 (Cornelius), one was at Selby on the Bay

throughout the season (Walbeck), another was seen in a pond off Route 13 in Salisbury on July 9 (Broderick), and one was at Chestertown on July 21 (Grubers).

Diurnal Raptors. Ethel Engle counted 33 **Black Vultures** at Tanyard on July 13, and an **Osprey** was seen at Lilypons on June 2 (Mike Welch), and on June 22 (Hershberger). Another **Osprey** was at Alpha Ridge Park on June 8 (Ott, Solem+). A **Mississippi Kite** was spotted at Scotland on July 14 (Iliff). An adult **Bald Eagle** was found in eastern Howard County near Belmont on June 1 (Kubitsky, Probst), 2 were at Lilypons on June 2 (Mike Welch), 1 was at the Potomac River in Frederick County on June 3 (Steve Huy), and 1 was noted at the Glades, Garrett County on July 6 (Ringler). Maryland DNR reported a record 201 Bald Eagle nests, fledging approximately 265 young, from the aerial surveys conducted. Rare for Cecil County in summer was the adult female **Northern Harrier** near Warwick on June 11 (Griffith, Holmes). Other Northern Harriers of note were one at Hart-Miller on June 1 and July 6 (Scarpulla+), and one at Alpha Ridge Park on June 8 (Ott+). While breeding Northern Harriers have not yet been confirmed in Carroll County, it might just be a matter of time, as Bob Ringler noted single harriers at five different locations during June. Coastal Plain sightings of **Cooper's Hawk** were made with reports of an adult male soaring with prey over the forest near the intersection of Routes 301 and 544 in Queen Anne's County on June 2 (Armistead), an immature at Linkwood on June 17 (Dyke), an adult in Waldorf on June 23 and an immature there on July 28 (Jett), a juvenile at Dameron on June 27 and one at Laurel Grove on July 10 (Craig), and 2 immatures at Twilley Bridge Road, Wicomico County on July 22 (Lawler). **Broad-winged Hawks** included 1 at Dameron on June 4 and June 8 (Craig), and an adult near Snow Hill on July 3 (Dyke). Jan Reese found breeding **Red-tailed Hawks** when he spied 2 fledglings at Carmichael on June 19 through July 5. An adult **American Kestrel** with 3 young was spotted at Libertytown on June 22 (Hershberger), and a **Peregrine Falcon** was seen over the settling ponds at the York Gravel plant on Route 40 near Perryville on July 9 (Griffith). One of the two hacking towers at South Marsh Island in Somerset County produced 3 young this season (Byrne).

Pheasants, Turkeys, Rails, Plovers, Oystercatchers, Stilts. A pair of **Ring-necked Pheasants** was found at Blackwater on June 18 (Iliff), and **Wild Turkey** reports included 24 at Concord on June 3 (Nuttle), 1 at Cove Point on June 15 (Stasz), 1 at Wye Island on June 26 (Fred Fallon), 15 at Blackwater on July 1 (Iliff), 2 at Bozman on July 7 (Reese), 3 at Westwood on July 19 (Stasz), and 1 at PRNAS on July 31 (Tom Wheeler). A few Wild Turkeys were seen almost daily throughout the season at the Rock Lodge Trust, a reclaimed strip mine near McHenry off of Rock Lodge Road in Garrett County, with 3 adults and 18 juveniles there on July 14 (Skipper). Four turkeys were spotted at Street, Harford County on July 15 (Debbie Bowers). A **Black Rail** answered a tape at E. A. Vaughn WMA on July 9 (Jenion), and a **King Rail** was at Bethel WMA on July 10 (Griffith). Two King Rails were located at Kings Creek on July 27 (Reese, Effinger). A **Clapper Rail** was at Cornfield Harbor, St. Mary's County on July 2 (Craig), and a **Sora** was at E. A. Vaughn WMA on June 4 (Dyke). An adult **Common Moorhen** with 3 young was at Tanyard on July 1 (Engle). Armistead found 2 late **American Coots** at Blackwater on June 1 and **Black-bellied Plovers** included 3 at Deal Island WMA on July 3 (Iliff), and 1 at Scotland on July 30 (Craig). **Semipalmated Plovers** at Hart-Miller included 1 on June 15, and 236 on July 27 (Scarpulla, Ricciardi+). Others of note included 1 at Blackwater on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor), and 1 at Tydings Island on July 13 (Blom). A **Killdeer** was observed incubating an egg beside the road at Carmichael on June 19 (Reese), and

35 were counted at Hart-Miller on June 22 increasing to 75 on July 20 (Scarpulla+). Other Killdeer included 66 at John Brown Road, Queen Anne's County on July 20 (Stasz), and 52 at Remington Farms, Kent County on July 21 (Grubers). Armistead reported 10 **American Oystercatchers** around Barren Island on June 16, 2 were at Hart-Miller on June 29 (Scarpulla+), 2 were at Point Lookout on July 5 (Cribb), and 16 were at Smith Island on July 21 (Stasz). Three **Black-necked Stilts** were at Deal Island WMA on June 29 (Armistead), and July 3 (Iliff). An **American Avocet** was discovered at Hart-Miller on July 20 (Scarpulla+).

Tringine Sandpipers. The 12 **Greater Yellowlegs** at Blackwater on June 1, along with 1 **Lesser Yellowlegs**, and the 4 Lessers there on June 7 (Armistead, Spitzer) were most likely late spring migrants, while the 7 Greaters at Deal Island WMA on June 29 (Armistead) should be considered fall birds. The high buildup of fall migrant Lesser Yellowlegs was at Hart-Miller with 1964 on July 27 (Scarpulla+). Forty-one Lessers were counted at North Beach on July 22 (Stasz). **Solitary Sandpipers** included 8 at Willow Road, Frederick County (Hershberger), and 8 in Charles County (Jett), on July 28. On June 7, a **Willet** nest with 4 eggs was found at Pone Island and another, with 3 eggs and 1 young, was located on Spring Island (Armsitead, Spitzer). In St. Mary's County, a **Willet** was noted at Point Lookout on July 13 and 3 were checked off at Cornfield Harbor on July 22 (Cribb, Craig). Stasz and Iliff noted 2 juvenile migrant **Willet**s at North Beach on July 25, and a western race **Willet** was identified at Hart-Miller on June 15 and July 20 (Scarpulla). **Spotted Sandpipers** included 45 at Hart-Miller on July 14 (Scarpulla), and 12 at Flag Ponds, Calvert County on July 26 (Arlene Ripley).

Curlews, Godwits, Turnstones. Two **Upland Sandpipers** were found near Lilypons on July 4 (Jody Hildreth), where 5 were listed on July 27 (Hershberger). Three migrant Uplands were at the Salisbury Airport on July 16 (Jenion), and 1 was at PRNAS on July 18 and 3 were there on July 23 (Lister). For what may be new county records, a single **Marbled Godwit** appeared at North Beach on July 25-26 (Iliff, Stasz+), and another was at Lily Pons on July 28 (Hershberger, Cornelius). Hart-Miller hosted **Ruddy Turnstones** with 8 on June 8, 3 on July 20, and 16 on July 27 (Scarpulla). Others included 10 at Ocean City on July 13 (Paul DuMont) and 1 at Point Lookout on July 19 (Craig).

Calidridine Sandpipers. **Red Knots** were also attracted to Hart-Miller, with 1 on June 1, 3 on July 20, and 7 on July 27 (Scarpulla). Its tough to say which direction the 2 **Sanderlings** at Barren Island on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor) may have been headed. Two others were on Hart-Miller on June 22 (Scarpulla), and 1 was at Point Lookout on July 26 (Craig). The 135 **Semipalmated Sandpipers** at Blackwater on June 1 (Armistead), and the 3 at Blackwater and 2 at Barren Island on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor) were most likely straggling spring migrants. Eight directionally tough-to-call Semipalms were found at Tydings Island on June 27 (Blom). A large fall buildup of 5,930 was found at Hart-Miller on July 27 (Scarpulla+). Others of note were 2 at Courthouse Point on July 6 and July 12 (Gary Griffith), 6 at Point Lookout on July 16 (Craig), and 30 at Blackwater on July 27 (Ringle+). **Western Sandpipers** included 2 at Tydings Island on June 27 (Blom), 3 at Hart-Miller on June 29 and 388 there on July 27 (Scarpulla+), 2 at Point Lookout on July 16 (Craig), and 2 at North Beach on July 22 (Stasz). The 10 **Least Sandpipers** at Blackwater on June 1 (Armistead) were exceptionally late for the spring, so the 2 there on June 10 (Iliff), and the 1 at Barren Island on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor) perhaps were the first early fall migrants. Two were at Hart-Miller on June 22

(Scarpulla+), and 11 were at Tydings Island on June 27 (Blom). Other Least Sandpipers of note included 1 at Deal Island WMA on June 29 (Armistead), 3 at Kent Island on July 2 (Fallon), 9 at Deal Island WMA on July 3 (Iliff), 2 at Courthouse Point on July 6 and 26 there on July 10 (Griffith), and 3 near Morgantown on July 13 (Jett). The high for the fall buildup at Hart-Miller was 552 on July 14 (Blom, Scarpulla), and the last Least Sandpiper report was 20 at Jackson Road Pond, Caroline County on July 31 (Iliff). Late spring migrant **White-rumped Sandpipers** were checked off at Blackwater with 2 on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor). Hart-Miller hosted 5 on June 22 and 4 on July 27 (Scarpulla+). The high for **Pectoral Sandpipers** was 61 at Hart-Miller on July 27 (Scarpulla+). Other Pectorals included 1 at Courthouse Point on July 5 (Phil Davis), and 11 at John Brown Road, Queen Anne's County on July 20 (Stasz). Northbound **Dunlins** were running late with 9 at Blackwater on June 1 (Armistead). A solo Dunlin was found at Hart-Miller on June 22 (Scarpulla+). The high for southbound **Stilt Sandpipers** was a very nice 118 at Hart-Miller on July 27 (Scarpulla+). Other reports included 1 at Courthouse Point on July 6 (Griffith), 1 at Coveys Landing Road, Talbot County on July 20 (Stasz), 1 at Remington Farms, Kent County on July 21 (Grubers), 36 at North Beach on July 22 (Stasz), 4 at Oakwood Turf Farm, Wicomico County on July 29 (Dyke), and 1 at Jackson Road Pond, Caroline County on July 31 (Iliff). A female **Ruff** at Hart-Miller on July 20 was joined by a second on July 27 (Blom, Scarpulla+).

Dowitchers, Phalaropes. Harry Armistead reported spring migrant **Short-billed Dowitchers** with 3 at Blackwater on June 1, as well as a fall migrant Short-billed with one flying south across the mouth of the Miles River near St. Michaels on July 7. Hart-Miller hosted 1 Short-billed on June 8, 7 on July 6, and 157 on July 27 (Scarpulla+). Others included 1 at Courthouse Point on July 6 (Griffith) and 3 at Coveys Landing Road, Talbot County on July 20 (Stasz). The **Long-billed Dowitcher** at Jackson Road Pond, Caroline County on July 20 was very early (Stasz). The **Red-necked Phalarope** at Hart-Miller on July 20 was a nice find (Scarpulla, Blom).

Gulls. Seven pairs of **Laughing Gulls** were found on Spring Island on June 7 (Armistead, Spitzer), indicating probable breeding, and six nests with eggs were found at Barren Island on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor). Others of note were 30 at Morgantown on July 4 (Jett), single sightings at the Cecil County landfill on July 16 and at Belvidere, Cecil County on July 25 (Griffith), and 2 at Stanford Blvd. in east Columbia on July 29 (Farrell). **Ring-billed Gulls** included 1 at Centennial on June 26 (Farrell), 285 at Tydings Island and 600 at Conowingo on June 27, and 400 at Tydings Island on July 4 (Blom), 1 in breeding plumage at St. Michaels on July 6 (Reese), 1 at Bellevue the same day (Armistead), 1 at Lake Elkhorn on July 11 (Wilkinson), 583 at Hart-Miller on July 20 (Scarpulla+), and 2 inland at Loch Raven on July 21 (Simon). Armistead and Spitzer estimated that they may have found about three quarters of the **Herring Gull** nests present at Spring Island when they located 209 nests on June 7. A few might have been Great Black-backed nests. Many of the Herring Gull nests had eggs or young present. Found around the Tar Bay islands on June 16 were over 104 Herring Gull nests with several eggs and young (Armistead, Taylor). About 970 Herring Gulls were at Hart-Miller on June 22 (Scarpulla+), Rick Blom tallied 110 Herring Gulls at Tydings Island on July 4, and the first fall arrival Herring Gulls at Bellevue were on July 21 (Armistead). **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** were found at Hart-Miller this summer with the high of 10 on June 29 (Scarpulla+). **Great Black-backed Gulls** were congregating at Tydings Island with 210 birds noted on July 4 (Blom), and 380 were at Hart-Miller on July 14 (Scarpulla+).

Terns, Skimmers. Single **Gull-billed Terns** were observed in St. Mary's County at Point Lookout on July 13 (Craig), and at Scotland on July 29 (Cribb). A **Caspian Tern** was discovered at Havre de Grace on June 1 (Iliff, Stasz), 5 were spotted at reliable Blackwater on June 16 (Armistead, Taylor, Willey), 51 were at Hart-Miller on June 22 (Scarpulla+), 28 were at Tydings Island on June 27 (Blom), and 3 were at Deal Island WMA on June 29 (Armistead). **Royal Terns** included 2 at Hart-Miller on June 1 (Scarpulla+), 2 at Claiborne on June 2 (Reese), and 15 at Morgantown on July 13 (Jett). Maryland DNR surveyed 363 pairs of Royals on Skimmer Island, Ocean City this season. Unusual sightings of **Sandwich Terns** were an adult off Rose Haven, Anne Arundel County on July 29 (Stasz), and an adult and one juvenile off Ridge, St. Mary's County on July 31 (Patty Craig). Four Sandwich Terns were noted at the Fourth Street flats in Ocean City on June 18 (Dyke). South Marsh Island, Somerset County was reported to have about 700 pairs of *Sterna* terns breeding (Byrne). On June 16 Harry Armistead and John Taylor recorded 226 *Sterna* tern nests with probably 10% **Common Terns** and 90% **Forster's Terns** on the recently separated marsh island just south of Barren Island. Other **Common Terns** included 1 at Conowingo and 2 at Tydings Island on June 27 (Blom), 2 at Tydings Island on July 4 (Blom), and 1 at St. Michaels on June 30 (Reese). At Lake Elkhorn, on June 17, Darius Ecker found an unusually marked tern that could have been a Common, a Forster's, or maybe a hybrid (unfortunately it did not vocalize). Large counts of Forster's Terns were 350 at Conowingo and 56 at Tydings Island on June 27 (Blom); a single Forster's was at Courthouse Point on July 2 (Griffith). Interesting **Least Tern** reports included 3 on the Elk River, Cecil County on July 11 (Gant), and 2 at St. Michaels on June 22 and 3 at the east end of the Bay Bridge on July 4 (Reese). Nine colonies surveyed by Maryland DNR produced a nice total of 569 Least Tern pairs (Glenn Therres). Many of these nests were on flat rooftops. **Black Terns** were identified this summer at Hart-Miller on June 1 (Scarpulla+), at St. Michaels on July 21 (Todd Day), at Tilghman on July 21 (Effinger, Olsen), and another at Rowland Island, Harford County on July 26 (Webb). A first-summer **Sooty Tern**, probably a holdover from Hurricane Bertha, was spotted from a ferry in Somerset County on July 21 (Stasz). Along with the breeding terns this summer at South Marsh Island, Somerset County were 10 pairs of **Black Skimmers** (Byrne). Other skimmers included 1 at Point Lookout on June 24 and 2 there on July 9 (Sue Scheider), and 3 at Deal Island WMA on June 29 (Armistead).

Cuckoos, Owls, Swifts, Hummingbirds. Some nice **Black-billed Cuckoos** were checked off this summer including single birds at Indian Creek WMA, Charles County on June 16 (Jett), at Salisbury on June 26 (Dyke), and at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Prince George's County on June 28 and at Jug Bay on July 11 (Bystrak). Jan Reese observed a **Barred Owl** pair with at least 2 fledglings at Pickering Creek near Easton on June 13, and 50 **Chimney Swifts** were listed at Greensboro on June 28 (Scudder). A **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** was found sitting in a nest 25 feet above ground in a loblolly pine, with a male nearby, at St. Michaels on June 9.

Woodpeckers, Flycatchers. Reese reported still more seasonal activity, citing a pair of **Hairy Woodpeckers** frequenting a tree cavity at Carmichael on June 19, and a pair of **Pileated Woodpeckers** at a cavity in a dead snag at Pickering Creek on June 13 (Reese). A **Red-bellied Woodpecker** was seen carrying a cherry to a nest at Dameron on June 5 (Craig). A pair of **Northern Flickers** was feeding young in a nest at Denton on July 28 (Bennett). A **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** was reported at Jug Bay on June 20 (Bystrak). **Acadian Flycatchers** of note

were 2 nesting at Hollywood on June 3 (Reese) and 1 carrying nesting material at Dameron on June 5 (Craig). A **Willow Flycatcher** was identified at Smith Island on July 21 (Stasz). Armistead noted a migrant **Least Flycatcher** at Bellevue on July 28, and a pair of **Eastern Kingbirds** with 3 young, also at Bellevue, on July 20. Reese found a **Great Crested Flycatcher** feeding young in a nest box at St. Michaels on June 17. Earlier, Great Cresteds nested successfully in a Wood Duck box at Denton with young noted from June 2 to July 13 (Bennett).

Swallows. Patty Craig estimated about 100 **Purple Martins** at Point Lookout SP on July 9, Dave Webb counted about 20 southbound at Emmorton on July 14, and approximately 100 Martins were at Tanyard on July 31 (Engle). Jan Reese observed a pair of **Tree Swallows** feeding 3 young in a nest box at Pickering Creek on June 13. Other Tree Swallows included 700 at Courthouse Point on July 20 (Griffith), 1500 at Brice's Mill Road, Kent County on July 28 (Grubers), and over 70 at Tanyard on July 31 (Engle). Interesting **Northern Rough-winged Swallows** were 2 gathering nesting material at Queenstown on June 8 (Poet), 1 at Linkwood Reservoir on June 18 and 1 at Jarrett Tract on June 24 in Dorchester County (Iloff), 4 at Courthouse Point on July 14 (Griffith), 200 at Fairlee on July 20 (Grubers), 65 at Lilypons on July 27 (Huy, Cornelius), and 500 at Brice's Mill Road, Kent County on July 28 (Grubers). About 100 **Bank Swallows** were tallied at Havre de Grace on June 1 (Iloff, Stasz), 70 were found on Hart-Miller on July 6 (Scarpulla+), and 3 were at Courthouse Point the same day (Griffith). Armistead also noted his first fall migrant Bank Swallow at Bellevue on July 6, 150 were at Will Smith Road, Queen Anne's County on July 20 (Stasz), and 2000 were at Chestertown on July 28 (Grubers). **Barn Swallows** included 100 at Hart-Miller on June 29 (Scarpulla), and 200 at Point Lookout on July 9 (Scheider).

Jay, Tits, Nuthatches. Unusual for the outer Dorchester County islands was a **Blue Jay** at Adam Island on June 7 (Armistead, Spitzer). **Tufted Titmouse** reports included a successfully fledged young in one of Elizabeth Pitney's bird boxes in Parsonsburg on June 8, 1 feeding young in a nest box at St. Michaels on June 17 (Reese), and one with 2 fledglings on July 21 at Tilghman Island (Reese), a rare location for this species. **White-breasted Nuthatches** also favored Pickering Creek with a pair frequenting a knothole in a dead tree there on June 13 (Reese). Reese also reported 3 **Brown-headed Nuthatches** at Piney Point, St. Mary's County on June 5.

Wrens, Gnatcatchers, Thrushes. Jan Reese observed a **House Wren** feeding young in a nest box at St. Michaels on June 17, and Steve Huy reported a **Winter Wren** at Keedysville on July 25-26. The Grubers discovered 3 **Marsh Wrens** at a pond in Kent County on July 1. Male and female **Blue-gray Gnatcatchers** were observed at a nest near the Sang Run-Cranesville Road in Garrett County on June 15 (Skipper). Another blue-gray was at Tilghman Island on July 21, and a pair of **Eastern Bluebirds**, with a fledgling, was at Claiborne on June 2 (Reese). A **Swainson's Thrush** was seen near Iron Furnace, Worcester County on July 12 (Broderick), and a **Wood Thrush** feeding a recently fledged youngster was at Carmichael on June 27 (Reese). An **American Robin** was observed making a nest at Point Lookout SP on July 15 (Craig).

Mimids, Waxwings, Starlings. A **Gray Catbird** nest with three eggs was found on May 31 at Piney Run (Ringler), and Reese found another with 1 egg at Pickering Creek on June 13 and

a catbird feeding 3 young in a nest at St. Michaels on June 17. Ringler observed a pair of **Cedar Waxwings** courtship feeding at Piney Run on May 31, and Jenion reported 2 pairs in her yard in Salisbury with an adult feeding 2 young on July 8, and also a pair nest building on July 12. **European Starlings** were observed forming large flocks at Blackwater on June 18 (Iliff), and about 500 were estimated at Scotland on July 15 (Craig).

Warblers, Summer Tanager. The **Blue-winged Warbler** at Chingville near Great Mills, St. Mary's County on June 4 was a very interesting sighting (Reese). Also interesting locations for this species were one at Bittinger on June 5 and another near Sang Run-Cranesville Road on June 15 in Garrett County (Skipper). Two **Golden-winged Warblers** with a fledgling were at Federal Hill, Allegany County on July 12 (Ringler). A **Magnolia Warbler** and a **Blackpoll Warbler** were at Budds Creek, St. Mary's County on June 1 (Reese), and a pair of **Yellow-rumped Warblers** was located on a nest at New Germany SP, Garrett County on June 14 (Czaplak, Todd). The male was singing and the female was incubating for what may be the first documented record for a Yellow-rumped nest in Garrett County. An adult **Yellow-throated Warbler** was observed feeding 2 young at Tilghman Island on July 21 (Reese, Effinger, Olsen, Willey). A pair of **Worm-eating Warblers**, with 2 recently fledged young, was at Pocomoke City on June 10, and an **Ovenbird** nest with 4 young being fed by the parents was located at Hollywood on June 3 (Reese). A late **Northern Waterthrush** was at Jug Bay on June 3 (Bystrak). Connie Skipper heard and saw a **Mourning Warbler** at the Sang Run-Cranesville Road in Garrett County on June 13 and June 15. A pair of Mourning Warblers was noted near Table Rock Road, also in Garrett County, on June 25 (Green). A late **Canada Warbler** was reported at Lake Elkhorn on June 6 (Ecker), and a singing male **Summer Tanager**, probably a summer wanderer, was noted at Soldier's Delight, Baltimore County on June 25 (Ringler).

Dickcissels, Sparrows. It was a good season for **Dickcissels**, with reports from 12 Maryland counties including a singing male at Boxiron, Worcester County on June 9 (Jenion), and 8 near Lilypons (Barry Cooper), and 1 at Pylesville (Blom) the same day. Others included 11 at PRNAS on June 12 (Lister, Bob Boxwell), 11 near Lilypons on June 22 (Cornelius), 1 in Howard County near Fox Valley on July 4 (Stasz), 3 near Walkersville on July 5 (Wilkinson), 1 at Bywater Road, Anne Arundel County on July 11 and July 25 (Iliff), 3 at Salisbury Airport on July 13 (Iliff, Stasz), and 1 at Bestpitch Ferry Road, Dorchester County on July 25 (Stasz). Eight **Eastern Towhees**, including a small fledgling, were found at Elk Neck SF, Cecil County on June 2 (Stasz, Iliff). Rick Blom discovered a **Vesper Sparrow** at Pylesville on June 9. A **Savannah Sparrow** was also near Walkersville on July 5 (Wilkinson), and there were reports of breeding Savannahs at four sites in Carroll County (Ringler). Patty Craig found a **Grasshopper Sparrow** gathering grass for a nest at Scotland on July 15. Connie Skipper again observed **Henslow's Sparrows** in Garrett County. She heard 4 in a field on Frank Brenneman Road on June 11, banded 31 from July 10 through Aug. 9 at Rock Lodge Trust, and identified territories for 7 uncaptured males for a total of 21 males in the population. Four **Seaside Sparrows** were near Grasonville on July 3 (Poet), and 1 was at Point Lookout on July 8 (Craig). Two **Song Sparrows**, one feeding a cowbird, were noted at Havre de Grace on June 1 (Iliff, Stasz). Bob Ringler reported singing **Swamp Sparrows** at two locations in Carroll County. A **White-throated Sparrow** was at Finzel Swamp, Garrett County on June 26 (Green), and another was at Lilypons on July 28 (Hershberger).

Icterines, Siskins. A **Common Grackle** was observed feeding 2 young in a nest at St. Michaels on June 17 (Reese), and large flocks of Common Grackles were forming at Blackwater on June 18 (Iliff). Five **Bobolinks** were at Kings Creek on July 27 (Reese, Effinger), and another was at North Beach the same day (Stasz). Several birders reported June Bobolinks in Frederick, Cecil and Carroll Counties, indicating probable breeding. Jan Reese observed a pair of **Orchard Orioles** building a nest at Kings Creek on June 8, and another with a nest, but feeding a nearly fledged cowbird, at Pickering Creek on June 13. Two adult Orchard Orioles were feeding young at Queenstown, June 29 (Poet). Jenion reported a **Baltimore Oriole** carrying food at Johnson's Pond, Salisbury on June 6, and Reese counted 4 Baltimores at Carmichael on June 19. Two **Pine Siskins** visited Connie Skipper's feeder near Oakland on July 24.

Corrigendum. In the Spring 1995 report (Volume 52, Number 3), the Blue Grosbeak, Orchard Oriole, and Baltimore Oriole at Bayside Beach were not seen on April 3rd, but rather on April 30, 1995.

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CHANGES IN BIRD CLASSIFICATION

The July 1997 issue of *The Auk* announced some important changes in bird classification, based in part on recent DNA-DNA hybridization studies. These changes will appear in the Seventh Edition of the A.O.U. *Check-list of North American Birds*, which is scheduled for publication by the American Ornithologists' Union in 1998. Several of these changes involve birds that occur in Maryland.

Most minor alterations, such as rearrangement of sequence within a family, will hardly be noticed by the average birder, but in a few instances an entire family has been moved to an unfamiliar location. Most noticeable is the shift of the shrikes (Family Laniidae) and vireos (Vireonidae) so they and the jays and crows (Corvidae) now come between the tyrant flycatchers (Tyrannidae) and the larks (Alaudidae) at the beginning of the songbirds. Another major shift in classification removed the New World vultures (Cathartidae) from the Order Falconiformes; vultures now soar next to the storks in the Order Ciconiiformes, separated from the hawks by the waterfowl. The starlings (Sturnidae) now precede the pipits (Motacillidae) and waxwings (Bombycillidae).

Some familiar groups of birds that lost their family status in the 6th (1983) edition of the check-list have now been restored to family status: thrushes (Turdidae), kinglets (Regulidae), warblers (Parulidae), tanagers (Thraupidae), Cardinal through Dickcissel (Cardinalidae), New World Sparrows (Emberizidae), and blackbirds and orioles (Icteridae). The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher will be the only Maryland bird remaining in the Family Muscicapidae.

The chickadees, which have been in the genus *Parus* since the 5th (1957) edition, are changed to *Poecile*, while the titmice are returned to their former genus, *Baeolophus*. Other generic changes affecting Maryland birds are Burrowing Owl (returned to *Athene cunicularia*), Olive-sided Flycatcher (now *Contopus cooperi*) and Cliff Swallow (changed back to *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*). The Solitary Vireo is split into three species, with the eastern bird assigned its original name of Blue-headed Vireo (*Vireo solitarius*).—Ed.

MARYLAND ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR
MAY 1, 1996 THROUGH APRIL 30, 1997

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
OPERATING FUND		
INCOME:		
Dues	20,000	17,792.50
Transfer from Sanct. Endowment	630	
Investment Income	1,500	1,715.86
Publications Income		1,867.25
Mail Permit Contribution	38	42.50
Membership Pins	100	22.50
Miscellaneous	550	10.39
Environmental Fund of Md.	1,500	3,804.91
TOTAL	24,218	25,255.91
EXPENSES:		
Publications Committee		
<i>Maryland Birdlife</i>	8,725	5,209.90
<i>Yellowthroat</i>	8,825	7,366.81
Yellowbook		3,596.74
TOTAL	17,550	16,173.45
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OFFICE:		
President's Expenses	100	45.78
Vice President's Expenses	50	
Secretary's Expenses	150	92.00
Treasurer's Expenses	75	145.95
Executive Secretary	2,400	2,400.00
Postage	350	634.24
Bulk Mailing Permits	255	170.00
Membership List Database	600	393.00
Printing and Duplication	300	539.45
Office Supplies	200	23.53
Publicity and Awards	300	55.76
Affiliations	225	325.00
Liability Insurance	500	443.00
MOS Telephone	500	594.95
Contingencies	500	11.09
TOTAL	6,505	5,828.97

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
COMMITTEE RELATED EXPENSES:		
Budget Committee	25	
Conservation Committee	1,000	
Education Committee	100	
Library Committee	500	148.00
Conference Committee	1,200	
Gifts Committee	20	
Long Range Planning	50	
Nominating Committee	50	
Speakers Bureau	50	
Records Committee	250	
Research Committee	50	
Scholarship Committee	75	117.45
May Count Coordination	50	
TOTAL	3,420	265.45
CONFERENCE:		
1996 Conference Income		10,083.50
Expenses		21,493.46
1997 Conference Income		18,275.00
Expenses		2,267.86
OPERATING FUND -- OTHER FUNDS		
Maryland Atlas:		
Begin		2,433.27
Expenses		1,378.94
Balance		865.51
Atlas — Chesapeake Bay Trust		
Chesapeake Bay Atlas Trust Fund		4,000.00
Maryland Atlas		<u>1,134.49</u>
Total		5,134.49
Expenses		5,134.49
Balance		0.
Rain Forest Challenge — <i>FUNDAECO</i>		
1994/95 Income		193.67
Total sent to <i>FUNDAECO</i>		0.
Brazil IEF		
Begin		800.00
Income		0.
Balance		800.00
MOS Brochures		
Balance		2,879.26
MOS Conference		3,000.00
Index, <i>Maryland Birdlife</i> :		
Balance		1,340.00

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
SANCTUARY ENDOWMENT FUND		
INCOME:		
Dividends	3,300	5,361.83
Contributions	400	329.50
Life Membership	400	
TOTAL	4,100	5,691.33
EXPENSES:		
Bond Maint.	15	15.00
Transfer to Operating Fund	630	630.00
Transfer to Sanctuary Fund	2,655	5,046.33
TOTAL	3,300	5,691.33

SANCTUARY FUND		
INCOME:		
Transfer	2,655	5,046.33
Interest Income	1,500	1,435.25
Use Fees — Irish Grove	2,000	583.50
Carey Run		
Signs	50	392.00
TOTAL	6,205	7,457.08*
EXPENSES:		
Irish Grove	4,000	4,806.99
Carey Run	1,400	*
Liability Insurance	800	800.00
Contingencies	2,000	
Total Sanctuary Expenses	8,200	5,609.99*

**The income and expenses for Carey Run reflect income received by or expenses paid by the MOS treasurer.*

SANCTUARY MAINTENANCE FUND		
Balance	24,544.28	
Dividends/Interest	1,525.70	
Balance		26,069.98

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND		
INCOME:		
Contributions	200	529.50
Dividends/Interest	4,000	4,491.62
Carryover from 1996		154.91
TOTAL	4,200	5,176.03**

*** Amount available for Summer 1998 MOS Scholarships*

SCHOLARSHIP FUND**INCOME: Summer 1997**

Dividends/Interest	4,878.57
Gibson-Mendinhall Scholarship	825.00
Orville Crowder Memorial Scholarship	600.00
Total Income	6,303.57

EXPENSES:

Summer 1996 Scholarships	6,225.00
Maintenance Fee	243.13
TOTAL	6,468.13

RESEARCH ENDOWMENT FUND**INCOME:**

Contributions	0.	
Dividends/Interest	2,341.02	
Carry Over	662.33	3,003.35**

***Amount available for 1997/98 Research Grants*

EXPENSES:

Grants	2,500.00
Maintenance Fee	243.13
TOTAL	2,743.13

FUTURE ATLAS ACCOUNT (RESERVE)

BEGINNING BALANCE	3,870.28
INCOME: Dividends/Interest	4,572.52
TOTAL	8,442.80
EXPENSES: Maintenance Fee	244.45
ENDING BALANCE	8,198.35

UNASSIGNED BEQUESTS

BEGINNING BALANCE	61,084.63
Dividends/Interest	2,732.36
ENDING BALANCE	63,816.99

EDUCATION FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE	31,383.35
Dividends/Interest	1,901.57
Balance	33,284.92
Education Grants	7,715.46
ENDING BALANCE	25,569.46

YELLOWBOOK UPDATE FUND

BALANCE	11,000.00
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UNSPECIFIED AND OTHER DONATIONS

Income	16,100.67
Holding	2,499.48

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