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Cover: Maryland's first Couch's Kingbird, *Tyrannus couchii*. Near a pond on Mason Road NE, Allegany County, Maryland, 11 November 2014. (Photographed by Dave Czaplak)

EDITOR'S NOTE

This is my second issue as Editor of *Maryland Birdlife*. Associate Editor Mark Johnson and I have been very pleased with the responses we have received from members of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS). We thank all of the members that have complimented the journal and our efforts. We thank the peer reviewers that have helped to maintain the quality of the articles. Several members have stepped forward and submitted articles for publication. A steady stream of submittals is what's needed for the viability of the journal. Mark and I invite you to send draft manuscripts to us. (Please see the author guidelines on the inside back cover.) If you have never written or published before, don't feel intimidated, Mark and I will assist you in the process.

Calling All Bird Artists!

Occasionally, a bird article will have a large amount of white space at the end of its last page. Rather than leaving the space blank, *Maryland Birdlife* is considering printing examples of members' bird art. Our thought is to add an illustration of a species related to its preceding article. All illustrations would be printed in black-and-white. If you might be interested in participating in this endeavor, please contact me.

Maryland Mid-Winter Count Compiler Needed

Currently, there is no compiler for the Maryland Midwinter Count. If you would be interested in volunteering in this capacity, please contact me and I will put you in contact with the Seasonal Counts Coordinator.

Mark and I hope that you enjoy the "Fall 2015" issue of *Maryland Birdlife*. We have already begun working on the "Spring 2016" issue. We look forward to seeing your name in print as either an author of a forthcoming article or an artist showing your personal artwork. Your participation will keep *Maryland Birdlife* alive and well in the future.

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