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EDITOR'S NOTE

Chandler S. Robbins: The Passing of an Ornithological Icon

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Chandler S. Robbins on 20 March 2017 at the age of 98. Chan edited *Maryland Birdlife* from 1947 through 2014. A chronicle of his amazing life can be found in the spring 2015 issue of *Maryland Birdlife*. The current issue is dedicated to Chan's memory.

Latest AOS Checklist of North and Middle American Birds

This issue of *Maryland Birdlife* will utilize the American Ornithological Society (AOS; formerly AOU) Checklist of North and Middle American Birds through the Fifty-seventh Supplement (2016). The list order has changed extensively. Details of the changes can be found in:

Chesser, R.T., K.J. Burns, C. Cicero, J.L. Dunn, A.W. Kratter, I.J. Lovette, P.C. Rasmussen, J.V. Remsen, Jr., J.D. Rising, D.F. Stotz, and K. Winker. 2016. Fifty-seventh Supplement to the American Ornithologists' Union Check-list of North American Birds. *The Auk: Ornithological Advances* 133:544–560. Available at:
<http://americanornithologypubs.org/doi/pdf/10.1642/AUK-16-77.1>.

New Statewide May Count Compiler

It is my pleasure to introduce Marilyn Veek as the Maryland Ornithological Society's new statewide May Count Compiler. The following is in Marilyn's words:

“There is nothing like the thrill of getting a great look at a new bird which previously only existed as a plate in a bird guide. On the other hand, birding the same areas repeatedly over seasons and years, whether my own property, a nearby park, or a sector on an annual count, is its own kind of pleasure—seeing what is new, what is the same, whether the White-throated Sparrows have appeared as a beacon of winter's approach. I particularly enjoy birding travel to new parts of the world; learning a bit about a country's culture and geography while watching its beautiful birds is a wonderful experience. I've been a member of the Frederick Bird Club for over 20 years, and currently serve as the Secretary. I am also the Calendar Editor for *The Maryland Yellowthroat*, which has brought me into contact with members from MOS chapters all over the state, as well as has sharpened my editing skills! I learned so much about birds and birding from Mike Welch during club meetings and field trips, that volunteering to serve as May Count Compiler when he moved to Arizona seemed only appropriate.”

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