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**Cover: Participants on the upper deck of the *Thelma Dale IV* on the *See Life Paulagics 28 August 2004 pelagic trip to Maryland waters, sailing out of Lewes, Sussex County, Delaware.***  
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## Editor's Note

Welcome to the fall 2018 issue of *Maryland Birdlife*. Like the spring 2018 issue, the fall 2018 issue is devoted to pelagic birds and birding.

### **Fall 2018: The Pelagic Issue, Part 2**

Phil Davis conducts a historical survey of pelagic records from the Royal Navy Birdwatching Society. Gene Scarpulla summarizes his two years of running pelagic trips out of Ocean City, Maryland. Jan Reese and Jeff Sullivan document published pelagic species reports in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. In addition to the pelagic-oriented articles, J.B. Churchill summarizes the 2017–2018 Maryland Christmas Bird Counts, Mary Anne Fluke recaps the 2018 Maryland Mid-winter Bird Count, and Sue Ricciardi highlights the spring 2018 raptor migration at Fort Smallwood Park.

Both of the 2018 issues highlight the diversity of seabirds and seabirding opportunities in Maryland. *See Life Paulagics* routinely runs pelagic trips to Maryland waters. For additional information about these trips, visit <http://paulagics.com/>. So, get out and go seabirding!

### **Species List Order**

Chesser, R.T., K.J. Burns, C. Cicero, J.L. Dunn, A.W. Kratter, I.J. Lovette, P.C. Rasmussen, J.V. Remsen, Jr., D.F. Stotz, B.M. Winger, and K. Winker. 2018. Check-list of North American Birds (online). American Ornithological Society. Available at: <http://checklist.aou.org/taxa>. Accessed September 2018.

### **Maryland Mid-winter Bird Count -- Statewide Compiler Needed**

Mary Anne Fluke is stepping down as the Statewide Compiler of the Maryland Mid-winter Bird Count. The Maryland Ornithological Society and *Maryland Birdlife* thank Mary Anne for her two years of service and we wish her success in her future endeavors. MOS is seeking a volunteer to fill this position. If you might be interested in volunteering, please contact me and I will assist you in making the transition. Without a Statewide Compiler, the Maryland Mid-winter Bird Count data will cease to be published in *Maryland Birdlife*.

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