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Lists Galore!

Steve Sanford

If you are a "lister" this issue of **Chip Notes** is for you. We have classified the results of the Baltimore Harbor Christmas Count into distinct or known. I, 1994-1996, a year apart, the Baltimore Bird Winter Count on January 17, 1998. the first annual Baltimore Fall Count on September 20, 1998. Between the two Harbor Counts, Kent Island, Cove Point, Patuxent and Ocean City. We have always had a lot to talk about. We also have a lot of unusual species and numbers. Which leads to the great variety of BBC members, which will surprise only to the proper science of Chip Notes.

And if you don't like them, you can blame Pete Webb.

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Count Summaries

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                   Harbor  CBC
                   Count   Count
Species            1998    1998
Mute Swan          1       1
Tundra Swan        1       1
Snow Goose         1       1
Brant              1       1
Canada Goose       1       1
Wood Duck          1       1
Green-winged Teal  1       1
Ring-necked Duck   1       1
Bufflehead         1       1
Common Goldeneye   1       1
Hooded Merganser   1       1
Red-breasted Merganser 1   1
Ruddy Duck         1       1
Turkey Vulture     1       1
Osprey             1       1
Bald Eagle         1       1
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1       1
Cooper's Hawk      1       1
Red-tailed Hawk    1       1
Rough-legged Hawk  1       1
Merlin             1       1
Ring-billed Gull   1       1
Herring Gull       1       1
Iceland Gull       1       1
Lesser Black-backed Gull   1   1
Glaucous Gull      1       1
Great Black-backed Gull    1   1
Rock Dove          1       1
Mourning Dove      1       1
Eastern Screech-Owl        1   1
Great Horned Owl   1       1
Short-eared Owl    1       1
Northern Saw-whet Owl      1   1
Belted Kingfisher  1       1
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Downy Woodpecker   1       1
Hairy Woodpecker   1       1
Northern Flicker   1       1
Horned Lark        1       1
Blue Jay           1       1
American Crow      1       1
Fish Crow          1       1
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Northern Cardinal  1       1
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Eastern Meadowlark         1   1
Rusty Blackbird    1       1
Brewer's Blackbird         1   1
Boat-tailed Grackle        1   1
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Baltimore Winter Counts - 1998

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Bufflehead         1       1       1
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Osprey             1       1       1
Bald Eagle         1       1       1
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Red-tailed Hawk    1       1       1
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Merlin             1       1       1
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Herring Gull       1       1       1
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Rock Dove          1       1       1
Mourning Dove      1       1       1
Eastern Screech-Owl        1   1   1
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Northern Flicker   1       1       1
Horned Lark        1       1       1
Blue Jay           1       1       1
American Crow      1       1       1
Fish Crow          1       1       1
Carolina Chickadee 1       1       1
Tufted Titmouse    1       1       1
White-breasted Nuthatch    1   1   1
Brown Creeper      1       1       1
Carolina Wren      1       1       1
House Wren         1       1       1
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Lapland Longspur           1   1   1
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Eastern Towhee     1       1       1
Chipping Sparrow           1   1   1
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Baltimore's First Annual Fall Count

Compiled by Pete Webb

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                   Main Count 1998
                   September 20, 1998
Species
Pied-billed Grebe  1
Double-crested Cormorant   1
Great Blue Heron   1
Green Heron        1
Canada Goose       1
Wood Duck          1
Green-winged Teal  1
Ring-necked Duck   1
Bufflehead         1
Common Goldeneye   1
Hooded Merganser   1
Red-breasted Merganser     1
Ruddy Duck         1
Turkey Vulture     1
Osprey             1
Bald Eagle         1
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1
Cooper's Hawk      1
Red-tailed Hawk    1
Rough-legged Hawk  1
Merlin             1
Ring-billed Gull   1
Herring Gull       1
Iceland Gull       1
Lesser Black-backed Gull   1
Glaucous Gull      1
Great Black-backed Gull    1
Rock Dove          1
Mourning Dove      1
Eastern Screech-Owl        1
Great Horned Owl   1
Short-eared Owl    1
Northern Saw-whet Owl      1
Belted Kingfisher  1
Red-bellied Woodpecker     1
Downy Woodpecker   1
Hairy Woodpecker   1
Northern Flicker   1
Horned Lark        1
Blue Jay           1
American Crow      1
Fish Crow          1
Carolina Chickadee 1
Tufted Titmouse    1
White-breasted Nuthatch    1
Brown Creeper      1
Carolina Wren      1
House Wren         1
Winter Wren        1
Sedge Wren         1
Marsh Wren         1
Golden-crowned Kinglet     1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet       1
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Backyard Hawk Watch Report

By Kevin Graff

For several years I have been watching and counting hawks from my backyard and in Wilna, Ivy. In the Gambrills section of northeast Baltimore Co., My house is near the first ridge west of the Chesapeake Bay in Baltimore.

I am not looking at a project to establish a hawk banding site with a large number of hawks to band, hopefully by the end of year 1999 or 2000, with nets, nest traps, new bird banding stations, a mobile trailer office, a bird banding station, and carpeting.

Here is a brief summary of my view for the month of Feb. from August 1st to December 31.

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                   Total
Species            Count
Sharp-shinned Hawk 1
Cooper's Hawk      1
Red-tailed Hawk    1
Rough-legged Hawk  1
Merlin             1
Ring-billed Gull   1
Herring Gull       1
Iceland Gull       1
Lesser Black-backed Gull   1
Glaucous Gull      1
Great Black-backed Gull    1
Rock Dove          1
Mourning Dove      1
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Carl Braun

By Gail Franz

Carl Braun is the new naturalist at the Carter Nature Center situated in the Corpus Christi Lakes Park area.

Carl is a native of Corpus Christi and has been a naturalist for the past 10 years at various parks and preserves. He also said Carl's scope of **Chip Notes** and so, Carl was introduced to the Baltimore Bird Club.

Carl's duties include conducting nature walks, presenting programs, and working with the Carter Nature Center's Volunteers and Docents in the Schools. A degree in Environmental Science from Central College in Kansas, Virginia, and Texas rounded out the Bird and Nature Knowledge that Carl brought to the Carter Nature Center. Carl's Volunteers and docents are the backbone of the Carter Nature Center.

Since his arrival, Carl has taken Carter and Gail Hunter on his birds and wind driven hiking hunt. As I grew, my passion grew and it has taken me to many different states and places, Oregon, South Dakota and North Carolina. Pete will along, with Carl and Gail.

"Wild Birds have really brought many of the larger issues the Adobe Watershed, Nature Supplemental and outdoor preservation, to my attention so that now, I'm deeply rooted as an environmentalist. I have little to thank for that. Birding brings a special joy to my life and I hope to share that with others in my environmental education and wildlife ecology classes. Birds are a great way to introduce people to the outdoors."

"Due to the Economic and zoning through our greater new banding from the Department of National Resources. With the grand opening of the Greenway were spring, we will have to start work with the bank clean up. I'm very disappointed in the amount of bank clean up that will be required. Hopefully, we will be able to get some of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to help with the bank clean up. Hopefully, we will be able to get some of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to help with the bank clean up."

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"Volunteering or zoning and transitional projects and stream studies. Accuracy or how our habitat impact the Chesapeake Bay. I'm looking forward to doing control studies with courtesy species such as English (x) and porcelain. There is a lot of opportunity here to do research and study bird effect some much needed protection critical."

"Volunteer opportunities in the park are really wide open. For example, if someone has an interest in photo and wants to start a garden, we can go there. If someone wants to build something or enhance a particular habitat, go for it. We need enthusiastic people."

"Happily current banding has spoken up to 1, Lost, left now. Associate Lee Volunteer positions would be at the center to help coordinate volunteers and help with volunteers. We also have a volunteer summer camp program, and first summer staff to help and volunteer."

If you are interested in becoming a part of Carl's plan to improve the lively park and to participate in many programs, please contact him at (512) 939-2000 or email: circular@corpus.net

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Wo, the Jury

By Joy Wheeler

Joy Wheeler of Kent Island Audubon Society has recently retired from her jobs and assigned to a new law intern with something to do "Wo" Bongo. Every, the new intern, and we are glad, we assured, she is by the Maryland Division of Conservation into the Commission Kent Island. Joy Wheeler, Wo, Bongo, Kent Island Audubon Society, Kent Island Audubon Society, Kent Island Audubon Society