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Please help CHIP NOTES get out on time.

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From the Attasing Front Lines

Cathy Carroll:

My Baltimore City also-birds 99%I had an unexpected bird this past June and July - a Least Flycatcher calling and acting as if an territory. On Friday, June 20th, armed with tape recorders, Elton Kirschbaum and Debbie Terry accompanied me on an early morning walk to see if it was still there. We heard it calling and it responded to our pishing and we were able to document a song and a call note. The closest Lytle to this one was July 5th when I had Jim Stephenson and Lisa Choate-Fischer acting as if attracting a mate. I decided not to try for the nest and I was very happy to see it the whole eight-and-a-half-hour day.

Kathi Ern Cooley:

Atlas Block 107 Elkton CO, 7/30 - I could hear a Northern Parula Warbler singing in the trees on the edge of field. Walking down the sapling growing in the hedgerow that marked the end of my atlas block I thought that it would be nice to confirm it. Unfortunately, I could not find it. I did find a Yellow-breasted Chat and a Prairie Warbler. Later that day I was at Fair Hill and I could hear the Parula singing in the hedgerow. I walked down the hedgerow and found the Parula. Flying back to the trees. A female Scarlet Tanager was feeding one of two Baltimore Oriole fledglings. Later that day I found out that the Parula was recorded in this block.

Ken Ern:

Out back (the well-conditioned lawn) is a Cooper's Hawk. Pair found a sitting bird on the nest. This was not in Lakes Park where we often see, but there is a small Baltimore County park we checked out to be thorough. He made only three other trips in the nest, seeing fledglings on two occasions. He would not let me tell a bird for fear of spooking the birds, but allowed me to accompany him on one of his brief checks. On this trip, we also confirmed Rock Dove (non "Rock Pigeon"). He graciously offered, "You can post that, if you like."

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Zlata and Philip Hartman

Since our last Chip Notes, Baltimore Bird Club member, Zlata Hartman, has died. Her husband Philip, posted along on Saturday bird walks. For those of you who may not have known her, Zlata was a sweet, gentle and accompanied with wonderful good humor. She devoted herself to the care of Philip, who had been in poor health over the last few years.

Phil and Zlata rarely missed the Tuesday night talks. Zlata enjoyed the Lake Roland Sunday walks and Sundays at Cylburn. She shall be missed.

The family invited contributions be sent to the Mission Food in Zlata's memory. BBC treasurer Paula Werner reports that to, to a total of $050 has been donated.

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New Web Page for Cromwell Valley Park

By Bill Hauck

Hello Everyone. I have been measuring to submit an entry about Cromwell Valley Park for a while now, and this seems like a perfect opportunity. As I'm sure many of you know, Cromwell is a wonderful place for hiking and birding, especially considering its proximity to the city. Cromwell is a 500 acre park with a variety of habitats including woods, fields, and a 20 acre lake.

The site features over 100 photos of the park and its wildlife by myself and other local photographers, as well as a complete bird list with the relative abundances for each species. It also features good history, educational programs, and information on upcoming events. The site is updated every month, so it is always fresh. The site is hosted by Yahoo, so it is free to us. The address is http://www.cromwellvalleypark.com. I have been working on this site for about a year and a half, and I decided to submit it to the Baltimore Bird Club because I thought it would be a great way to share information with the membership. I also thought it would be a great way to share information with people who are not members of the club, but who are interested in the park. I have also been working on a page for the Friends of CVP, which is a group that does a lot of work