CHIP SHOTS

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Message from Helene Gerdel
BBC's New President

My first exposure to birding was at Bombay Hook with a friend who had taken a Audubon's Rock Bird-watching tour. I had looked at birds before but without a scope and with inexperienced binocs and was in awe of seeing the ducks and shore birds magnified so much more than I had ever seen them. I was hooked and I decided that I had to get my scope. I took a field trip to Bombay Hook and was amazed at the sight of the tiny peep and the tall thin avocet. I was hooked and I decided that I had to get a scope.

I attended Lake Roland Nature Center beginning my sophomore year and volunteer, accepted and helped. I no longer worry about the birds I still can't identify. I started attending the Tuesday night presentations at Cylburn and have been going to its annual MOS meeting.

My favorite bird: Avocet. My favorite bird song: Nuty. My best birding trip to date: Cape May, Oregon's spring shorebird festival.

I am a member of the Audubon Society, the Sierra Club, the MOS, a vital part of the community, I have been volunteering for years in the role of President of the Baltimore Bird Club. With your support and participation we will continue to build and grow. Please feel free to call 410-889-7130 or at avocet1 hancock@hotmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Happy Birding

Helene

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Mississippi Kite at Cyclopum
by Shirley Geddes

Going on a May Count at Christmas Count is a treasure hunt. One doesn't know what treasure is going to be in the cache or what bird species it will cause you to have something special about it which makes it a feast remembrance. An unexpected Snow Goose near Buck River, a Snowy Egret flying in the same direction as the Great Egrets, or a Glossy Ibis in a flock of Cattle Egrets or a Cattle Egret with a Snowy Egret.

Such was the case with the Mississippi Kite at Cyclopum. Bill Stewart, the owner, was from Gray, Jim Wheeler, Cindy Wheeler and I. We arrived at 6:30 AM May 7 and had our first sight of our quarry at 6:45 AM. We stayed until 8:30 AM. We had our second sighting of our quarry at 7:30 AM. We had our third sighting of our quarry at 8:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 9:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 10:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 11:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 12:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 1:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 2:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 3:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 4:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 5:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 6:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 7:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 8:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 9:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 10:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 11:30 PM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 12:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 1:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 2:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 3:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 4:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 5:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 6:30 AM. We had our last sighting of our quarry at 7:30 AM. We had our last