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Maryland Bird Conservation Symposium

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ALL Sponsorships went into the
Maryland Avian Research & Conservation (MARC)
Fund for Youth



WOW!

\$3,100



THANKS!



Maryland Bird Conservation Symposium

- ✓ *Educating, Encouraging, and Empowering our Youth Conservation Leaders*
 - ✓ *Achieving Bird Conservation Across Generations*

Objectives

- Provide current state of knowledge on key aspects of bird conservation in Maryland
 - Generate interest, partnerships, and participation in bird conservation
 - Connect youth with ornithology and conservation professionals
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YMOS

Youth Birding in Maryland

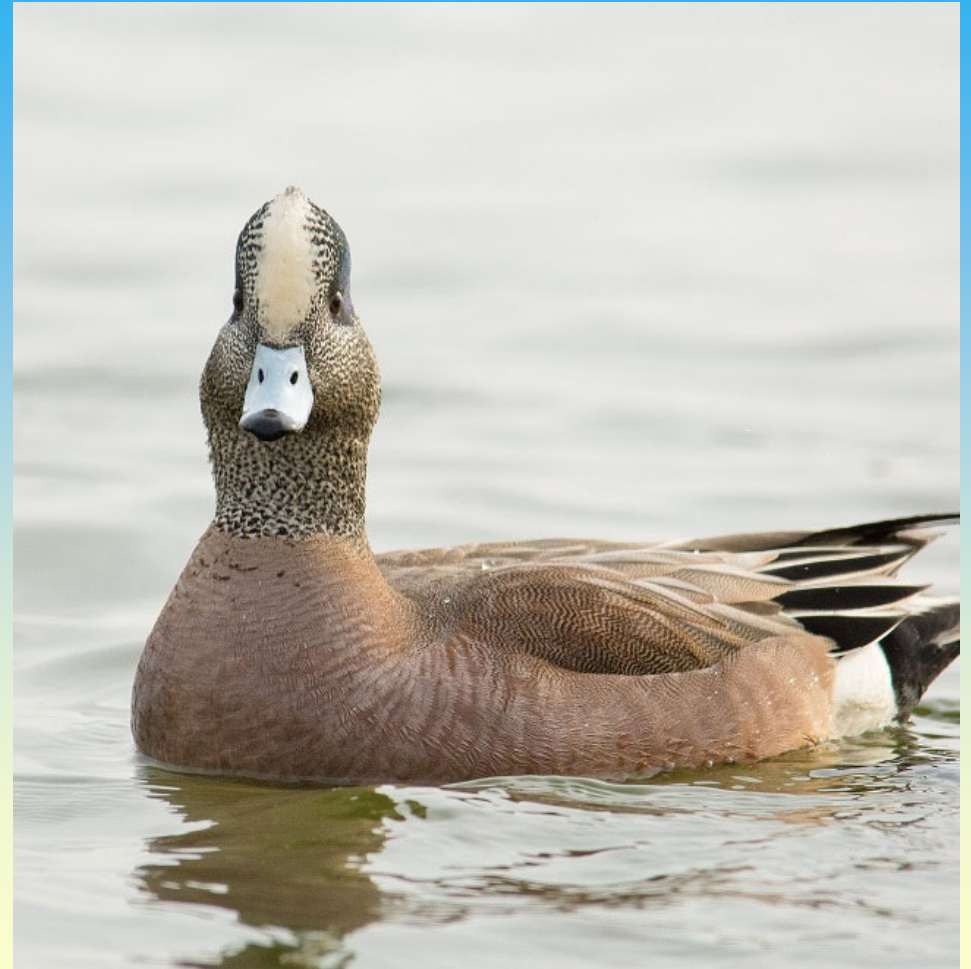
All photos taken by Maryland youth.



YMOS

**YMOS – Youth Division of MOS
(MD Ornithological Society)**

- **Links youth from around the State with an interest in birding**
- **Provides resources for educators wanting to involve bird study into their activities**



YMOS

Offers

- Monthly trips for State youth at no cost.
- A website with information for both students and educators
- A chance for local youth to participate in the World Series of Birding each year.



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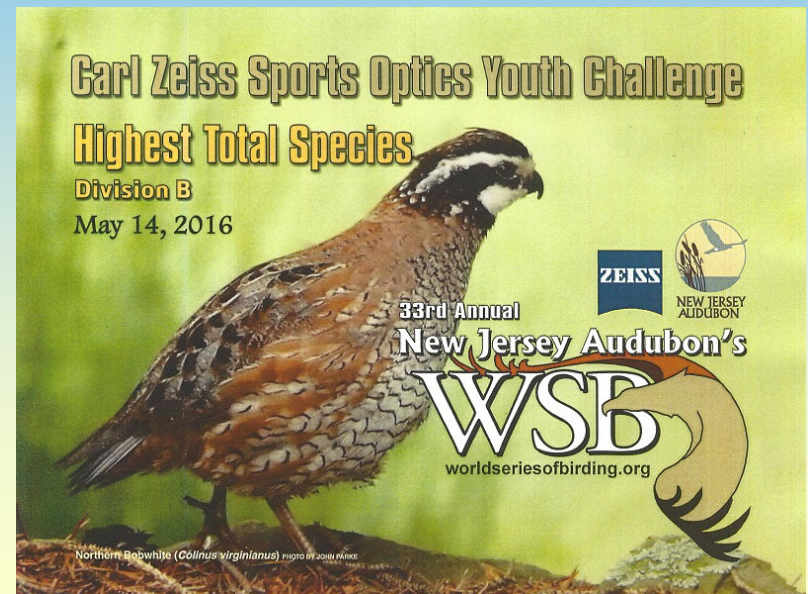
Offers

- A backpack with binoculars and field guide each year for each of Maryland's 15 birding chapters to award to an interested youth.



THE WORLD SERIES OF BIRDING

- YMOS has been competing in this international event since 2000.
- Won entire event 3 of the last 4 years with as many as 216 species found in 24 hours



Contributing to the Birding Community

YMOS birders have led
bird walks for both
youth and adult groups
around the State.

The group is available
to give talks to groups
around the State.

YMOS birders serve as
models for the youth
of Maryland.



Become a Mentor!

Are you an environmental educator? Parent? Retiree in need of a fun weekend trip? **Become a young birder mentor for the YMOS!**

- Meet fantastic young birders.
- Get outside and explore more of Maryland.
- Build your birding skills.

“We actually learn more from the students than they do from us!”



Pass it on!



Know another young birder or young naturalist?
Let them know about the YMOS, and encourage them to join!

<https://mdbirds.org/young-birders/>

@YMOS on Facebook

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YMOS BIRDATHON



MARCH 16 – 17, 2019

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Or Wayne Bell – wbell2@washcoll.edu

Summer Residential Birding Program for Youth

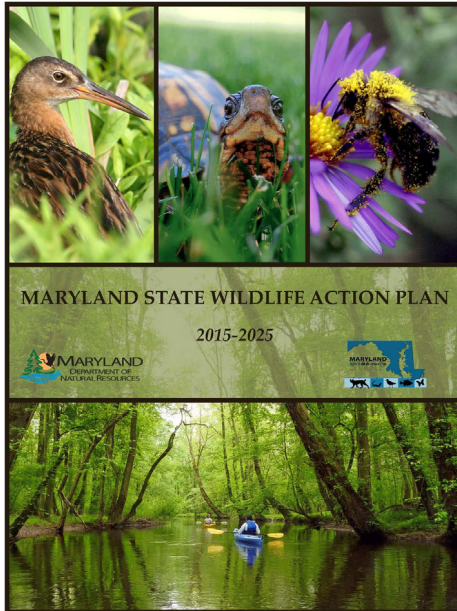
<https://www.wascoll.edu/centers/ces/summer-bird-program/>

- **Maryland Birds – Ecology and Conservation**
- **June 24 – 27**
- **Offered in conjunction with Washington College**
- **Students entering Grades 10 – 12**
- **Contact Maren Gimpel at Washington College (she's here today!)**

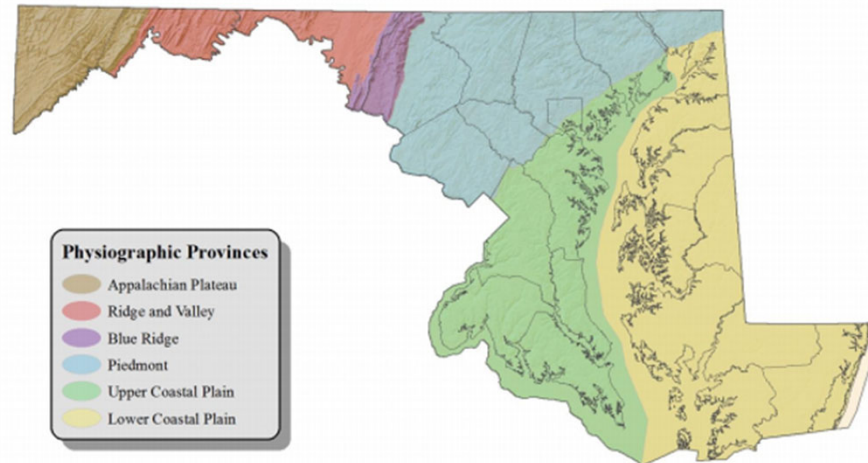


Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership

*Unite public and private sectors
to reduce current threats to our birds*



- Species of Greatest Conservation Need
- 143 bird species





Maryland Bird Conservation Partnership

- Citizen Science / Volunteer
 - Bald Eagle Nest Monitoring
 - Important Bird Areas
- Targeted Monitoring
 - Priority species and habitats
- Landscape-scale
 - Green Infrastructure
- Sustainability
- Bird City Maryland
- Farmland Raptors
- Chimney Swift Towers

