Gardening for the Birds
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Birds need four basic things in order to survive in your backyard: water, food, shelter, and cover. Water and food are pretty basic: good food, clean feeders. Feeders should not be crowded. Bird seed must be kept dry and mold-free. Never feed a bird what you would not eat (e.g., moldy bread). If shells drop to the ground, clean up the hulls; azaleas love it as mulch but it can harbor many diseases, in the form of bacteria, for birds.

Water is also a basic need. Since we cannot all have moving water in our yards, keeping the bird bath clean is a must. Remember West Nile? It is still here; mosquitoes are still breeding in standing water, and that is how the disease is spread. According to studies, birds that were decimated by West Nile did not rebound in past years.

Shelter and cover can be easily incorporated into your yard. One lone bush does not afford much cover or shelter, so clump several bushes together. Evergreens, for example, provide both shelter and protection from predators. The nut, seed, and fruit-bearing plants provide food for birds. Examine hollies and junipers, they both offer attractive nesting sites, year-round cover, and winter food sources for a variety of birds.

Have you ever wondered why so many birds stay in our area, gracing our feeders in winter? That is because there is an abundance of natural food sources for them. The finches eat seeds from many plants. The blooms of phlox, Blazing Star, and Evening Primrose (which attracted hummingbirds in summer) bear seeds that become available to other birds. Allowed to remain through winter, many seed-bearing plants supply nesting material in spring.

Group plants together. Plant annuals with perennials, shrubs, ground cover, and vines underneath deciduous trees, even try underplantings (smaller plants beneath larger ones). Growing herbaceous plants together will maximize their effect by attracting hummingbirds first and later providing seeds for later breeding birds.

Plant to bear fruit. In fall, bluebirds, which eat mostly insects during breeding season, change their diet to fruit; dogwood and viburnum are favorites. The fruit of these plants remain attached long after they ripen in the fall, providing a winter food source for residents.

Stick to native plants that are hardy to our region.

To provide shelter and habitat for a large diversity of birds, consider clustering different plant groups together. Choosing plants that produce at different times of the year ensures that your backyard will always have something to entice the birds. From summer fruiting plants (cherry, raspberry, serviceberry, blueberry and elderberry) to fall fruiting plants (dogwoods), to winter resistant plants (crabapple, sumacs) you can provide a year-long buffet for your birds.

Want to learn about this from a pro? Come hear Audubon Maryland-DC’s own Britt Slattery, author of Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping at the annual CAS Dinner (see page 6).
Field Trips and Programs:
Some of the dates provide an opportunity to choose a trip or double up and participate in two; see asterisks**. Beginner birders welcome and encouraged to attend our walks!

APRIL
Saturday, April 4, 8 AM Harford Glen Reopens with Ruth Bergstrom
It's opening day at Harford Glen! Please join us for an easy walk around the environmental education center of Harford County. Last year we spotted 35 species including Bald Eagle, Osprey, Wood Duck, and Green-winged Teal. Let Ruth know you’re coming by e-mailing her at ruthb22@yahoo.com or calling 443-752-1967.

Saturday, April 11 Sweet Air Section, Gunpowder State Park with Hugh Simmons
Resident birds will be mating and spring migration will bring us many visitors this time of year. This site provides a variety of habitats including fields, edges, woodlands and stream valleys. Join Hugh for a walk in one of his favorite places and hear spring come to life in birdsong! Register with Hugh at 410-628-4246 before 9 PM or e-mail him at hughsimmons@comcast.net

Saturday, April 18 **Choose a Field Trip**
**Birds & Blooms along the Susquehanna 8AM with Ruth & Hugh
There are few prettier sights than the profusion of Virginia Bluebells blooming along the Susquehanna in spring unless it's the beautiful warblers flitting in the trees above them. Ruth Bergstrom and Hugh Simmons will lead us on one of our not to be missed outings. Register by contacting Hugh at 410-628-4246 before 9 PM or e-mail him at hughsimmons@comcast.net.

**Paddling the Pickering 10AM to 12PM
Come out and enjoy spring while paddling on Pickering Creek! The whole family can enjoy the wildlife and new growth flourish in the Chesapeake Bay area this time of year. Please bring sunscreen, water bottles, and your sense of adventure! Meet at the main house. Members/Non-members: $10/$15. For directions and to sign up: www.pickeringcreek.org or 410-822-4903.

Sunday, April 19 Pickering Creek's Earth Day Workday: A Togetherness Event
Registration begins at 9:30AM at the Welcome Center parking area; event from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. Celebrate Earth Day by hiking, biking, kayaking, rowing, or driving to Pickering Creek for our annual Earth Day Workday! We will undertake a number of projects, from native plantings to invasive plant removal. A fresh, tasty, and locally grown lunch will be provided for all of our volunteers, along with a few other goodies! See contact details above.

Wednesday, April 22 Daytrip Old Rag Mountain Hike with John Love
It's time to celebrate Spring and Earth Day! Enjoy the beauty of nature on John Love's Old Rag Mountain hike. The climb is strenuous, 7.5 miles roundtrip taking 6-7 hours (including time for lunch at the top), but not technically difficult. You will need well broken in walking shoes or boots with hiking socks, lunch, at least a quart of water, warm clothing and rain gear (just in case), and a day pack to carry it all in. We'll stop for dinner in Warrenton VA, arriving back in the Baltimore area after 8PM. We meet at the new farmers' market parking lot in Sperryville, VA at 10AM. For more information or directions call John Love at 301-498-1978.

Saturday, April 25 Cylburn Arboretum with Tim Houghton
Please join us for this migration-time visit to one of Baltimore's premier birding hotspots. Enjoy the beautiful gardens of the arboretum and the variety of birdlife. Mark your calendar now! Please register with Tim by E-mail (thoughton@loyola.edu) or phone (410-510-7504).

Saturday, April 25, 6 PM CAS Annual Spaghetti Dinner ~ see page 6 for details

Sunday, April 26, 8 AM Ft. Smallwood Bird Walk & Hawk Watch with Matt & Marian
The spring hawk watch at Ft. Smallwood is unusual enough to have earned it a place on the Maryland list of Important Bird Areas. Ranger Matt Grey will lead us around the park and then we'll join the hawk watchers to see what magnificent birds of prey visit us today. Contact Marian, 410-852-9913 or e-mail ChesAudubonInfo@aol.com for information.

MAY
Sunday, May 2, 7 AM Cromwell Valley Park with Marian and Tim
Cromwell Valley Park in early May! Does it get any better than this? Come prepared with visions of warblers dancing before your eyes. Tanagers, vireos, and orioles all visit (or better yet, nest) this time of year. Contact Marian, 410-852-9913 or e-mail ChesAudubonInfo@aol.com for sign-up or more information.

Saturday, May 9 **Two Events-Do Both!!**
**Adkins Arboretum with Ruth Bergstrom 8AM
Join us on Maryland's Eastern Shore for our annual walk that coincides with the Adkins Arboretum's spring native plant sale. Audubon MD-DC recently designated the Arboretum as an Important Bird Area (IBA). Come explore the woodland and meadow paths with us in this 400-acre native plant garden. Register by e-mailing Ruth at ruthb22@yahoo.com or calling her on 443-752-1967.

**Birdathon 24 hours
We are putting the FUN in FUNraising. Audubon and our centers REALLY need your support to keep us going through these tough times. Form a team and solicit pledges or support one of the Audubon teams and pledge them; just nickles or dollars per species seen. See page 5 for details.

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM SB Farms: Where the Buffalo Roam in Hurlock (Eastern shore)
Depart Acme Supermarket parking lot, Easton @9am Van transportation—limit 13 participants We will visit SB Farms Bison Ranch in Hurlock (30 minutes from Acme parking lot). The ranch is locally owned and operated by the Edwards family. Learn about farm and organically (no antibiotics, hormones, etc) raised bison, and how farm practices provide a safe and healthy environment for the Bison, the Choptank River, and the Chesapeake Bay. For directions and to sign up: www.pickeringcreek.org or 410-822-4903.

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Field Trips and Programs continued...

Sunday, May 17, 8 AM  Spring Warbler Walk with Robin Schless
Come stroll the woods and along the stream at my house in Windsor Mill (21244). Be prepared for some wet ground. We'll look for spring warblers and hopefully identify spring flora (natives and invasives). Coffee and sweets after! Beginners always welcome!! Contact Robin at rjschless@yahoo.com or 410-277-9213 for directions.

Saturday, May 23, Daytrip Bombay Hook with Hugh Simmons
What is 540 million years old and key to the survival of several species of shorebirds? Answer, the horseshoe crab. Come with us to witness this ancient but endangered spawning ritual and the shorebirds that depend on it. In addition we will bird the fields, woods and impoundments of the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, considered one of the best birding locations on the east coast. Usually lots to see in one day, a great trip for beginning birders. To register, contact Hugh at 410-628-4246 by 9 PM or e-mail him, hughsimmons@comcast.net

Saturday, May 30  Cromwell Valley Park with Hugh Simmons
The variety of habitats in this park make for excellent birding. Many birds, resident and summer breeders, will be nesting and raising young. Baltimore and Orchard Orioles are very likely. It's a perfect time to visit the park and find a wide variety of species readily available for your viewing pleasure. Call Hugh at 410-628-4246 before 9 PM or you can e-mail him at hughsimmons@comcast.net

Sunday, June 7, 7:30 AM  Soldiers Delight: Breeding Birds Walk with Keith Eric Costley
On this walk will search for evidence of breeding activities. Some of the nesting birds include the Summer and Scarlet Tanager, Yellow-breasted Chat, White-eyed Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Field Sparrow, Hooded, Prairie and Pine Warblers.
Directions to Soldiers Delight. From I-695 Beltway exit 18 Liberty Rd go west 4 miles, bear right onto Deer Park Rd just before traffic light and water tower, go approximately 2 miles, to the historical marker. Leader: Keith Eric Costley: 443-985-6489 or oriolekec1@comcast.net

Sunday, June 7 **Two Events-Do Both!**
**Davenport Crest II: High End Vegetables  8:30AM**
Depart Acme Supermarket parking lot, Easton, Maryland
Van transportation—limit 13 participants
Davenport Crest is a family operation specializing in high-end vegetables and fruits for local restaurants. They offer shares in a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) year round. They apply state-of-the-art technology to monitor and use resources more efficiently. For directions and to sign up: www.pickeringcreek.org or 410-822-4903.

**Chapel's Country Creamery  12:30PM**
Depart Acme Supermarket parking Lot, Easton, Maryland
Van transportation—limit 13 participants
Chapel's Country Creamery farm is nestled away in the countryside of Talbot County. Chapel's Country Creamery farm is home to the Foster family and 110 head of Jersey and Holstein dairy cows. Come learn about dairy cows and cheese making. For directions and to sign up: www.pickeringcreek.org or 410-822-4903

Sunday June 14, 7 AM  Sweet Air Section of the Gunpowder with Hugh Simmons
Both resident birds and migrants will be busy starting and raising their families along this beautiful section of the Gunpowder River. Come join Hugh for this walk in one of his favorite places and enjoy the wide variety of sights and sounds that Mother Nature offers this time of year! Call Hugh at 410-628-4246 before 9 PM or you can e-mail him at hughsimmons@comcast.net

Sunday July 12, 8:30AM  Bike the NCR Trail with Ruth Bergstrom
Bring your bikes and family to enjoy a slow-paced ride under the tree canopy on the NCR Trail near Monkton. Last year we enjoyed hearing the songs of many birds including the Acadian Flycatcher, House Wren, Great Crested Flycatcher, and Red-shouldered Hawk. Special activity for any participating children. Email Ruth to register at ruthb22@yahoo.com or call her at 443-752-1967.

Sunday July 19, 7 AM  City Birding at Lake Roland with Hugh Simmons
Robert E. Lee Park, Baltimore, MD is a great location for both resident and migrant birds and both should be busy raising families this time of year. The usual bridge entrance off Falls Road is closed but we can still access the park from the North Entrance. Call Hugh at 410-628-4246 before 9 PM or you can e-mail him at hughsimmons@comcast.net to register and for directions to the correct entrance.

Sunday August 9, 7 AM  Cromwell Valley Park with Hugh Simmons
Cromwell Valley is always one of our most popular trips and we encourage you to visit this birdy location with us. This time of year can provide some surprising sightings as migrants begin moving around while residents are still in the family mode.
Please register with Hugh Simmons at 410-628-4246 before 9 PM or you can e-mail him at hughsimmons@comcast.net

Sunday August 30, 8 AM  Turkey Point Migration at Elk Neck with Marian Argentino
A natural funnel for migrating birds, the Turkey Point Area has the greatest concentration of both hawks and passerine species in Elk Neck State Park. We'll scan for raptors, warblers and flycatchers, all heading south and mixing with the many resident species that call the park home. Bring a snack and we'll enjoy the view of the Chesapeake Bay and the Elk River from the 100-ft high bluff where the lighthouse stands. Call Marian Argentino, 410-852-9913 or e-mail ChesAudubonInfo@aol.com to register.

Saturday September 12, 8 AM  Baltimore’s Cyburn Arboretum with Tim Houghton
Please join us for a fall migration visit to one of Baltimore’s premier birding hotspots. Enjoy the beautiful gardens of the arboretum; be amazed at the variety of birdlife around you and be guided by one of our knowledgeable leaders. This should be a great walk! Please register with Tim by E-mail (thoughton@koyola.edu ) or phone (410-510-7504).
Have you looked outside recently and seen geese flying north in formation, or noticed that a large flock of robins has landed on your lawn? Now is the magical time of migration, and you have a chance to track the flight path and attract a tiny bird that has just now started migrating - the Ruby-throated Hummingbird. These mighty birds have started their journey from Central America over the Gulf of Mexico and are headed your way to breed (have babies) and to feed on insects and the nectar from their favorite flowers. Ruby-throated Hummingbirds can fly anywhere from 30 to 50 mph and have 40 to 80 wing beats per minute (how fast can YOU flap your arms?).

When will they reach your house?
The first birds can arrive in Maryland at the end of March - but don't guess, here are two websites that track their progress for you: http://www.hummingbirds.net/map.html http://www.learner.org/jnorth/maps/humm_ruby_spring2009.html

What can you do to attract these birds to your home?
Set up a hummingbird feeder and keep it filled with sugar water (one part white cane sugar to four parts water - no food coloring!), and remember to clean the feeder every few days. Better yet, help your mom or dad plant flowers that hummers love - but please skip the pesticides. Here are some of their favorites:

Trumpet Honeysuckle Eastern Columbine
Jewelweed Cardinal Flower
Beebalm Beardtongue

You might want to write down and draw what you see so you can compare it with what you notice next year. Here is another website with interesting facts about Ruby-throats: http://www.rubythroat.org/
Chesapeake Audubon 2009 Birdathon Spring Fundraiser

Chesapeake Audubon invites you to participate in a spring fundraiser – a Birdathon! The event will take place on May 9th and will raise money to enhance our educational programs at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton and the Patterson Park Audubon Center in Baltimore City. But what is a Birdathon? It is a chance to raise money by collecting pledges for finding and counting as many bird species as possible in a 24-hour period.

First, form a team. Recruit friends, family, and coworkers and form a team. Select a catchy name and devise a strategy to find birds. You can bird in one place, or travel to several different habitats and locations. Pull in birders of all ages and levels of experience. This is a fun event and anyone can join in.

Can your team count something else? Yes, if you would rather count wildflowers, butterflies, etc., please let the coordinator know.

You can also join an established team. You can still participate by supporting the Chesapeake Audubon, Pickering Creek, or Patterson Park teams. You can also join an established team – talk to the coordinator.

What is the pledge process? Each participant should ask family, friends, and coworkers to pledge a donation. This donation can be a fixed amount or can be 5 cents, 10 cents, 50 cents, a dollar, or more for every bird you see. After the Birdathon, just contact each pledger and let them know how much their donation will be.

How do I sign up? Contact the Birdathon coordinator, Ruth Bergstrom, to receive an information packed by email or mail. Tell us if you have formed a team, or would like to sponsor one of the existing teams. E-mail Ruth at ruthb22@yahoo.com, or call her at 443-752-1967.

Obey the rules:
1. All birding must be done within Maryland.
2. All areas birded must be public access. Birds seen by entering private land not open to all teams, or areas requiring special permission to enter, cannot be counted.
3. All birding must be done in a single 24-hour period on May 9th.
4. Only birds on the current ABA list (http://www.abaa.org/checklist/) will be counted. Birds must be alive, wild, and unrestrained.
5. Teams must stay together (remain in earshot of each other) while birding, may use only one vehicle at a time, and cannot divide into groups.
6. For a bird to be counted, it must be positively identified by sight or song/call by the majority of the team (3 out of 4 members, 2 of 3, 2 of 2, etc.).
7. Nonparticipants cannot help teams during the Birdathon. They can provide helpful information before the Birdathon begins.
8. Electronic or recorded bird calls may not be used to attract or entice birds to vocalize. They may be used while in your vehicle and not actively birding to help identify a bird. Pishing is allowed.
9. Spotlights or other bright handheld lights are not allowed during the Birdathon. Small, handheld flashlights may be used for personal safety only (walking trails).
10. Nests, cavities, burrows, or eggs do not count.
11. Flushing birds from any type of nest for the purposes of seeing the bird is not allowed. If the bird is not visible, wait. If you run out of time, leave. The bird does not count.

Important Notices

Implement a “Lights Out” policy in Baltimore City areas. Turning off nonessential lighting between about 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. can drastically reduce energy, which saves money and resources. Also, unnecessary lighting obscures views of the night sky and negatively impacts migratory birds (light pollution), particularly during their spring and fall migration. The Lights Out programs have been implemented in cities nationwide, including Boston, San Francisco, and New York. For more details visit http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/planning/sustainability/downloads/0209/020409_Baltimore_Sustainability_Plan.pdf.

Interested in volunteering? Chesapeake Audubon will have several opportunities in 2009 in which you can volunteer your time toward habitat restoration projects, including invasive plant removal, throughout the Baltimore metropolitan and Eastern Shore areas. This is an excellent opportunity for students looking for projects to complete community service work. Please send an email to CAS.volunteers@yahoo.com to be kept informed of upcoming projects.

A CPA or accountant is needed to serve as Treasurer for Chesapeake Audubon. Please contact Hugh Simmons at 410-628-4246 or hughsimmons@comcast.net for more information.

Go Green! Send us your e-mail address and we will e-mail newsletters instead of cluttering up your mailbox and your countertop with more paper. We will also e-mail field trip reminders.
Chesapeake Audubon Society
Annual Spaghetti Dinner
6:00 p.m., Saturday April 25, 2008

Britt Eckhardt Slattery
Britt Slattery is the Associate Director for Audubon Maryland-DC and working as the senior conservation biologist to develop Maryland’s Audubon At-Home Program. She has been a biologist and educator for 23 years, and previously worked at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the Education and Outreach Program. She has authored guides, such as Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping, and Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas for a variety of audiences to promote the use of native plants for wildlife and water quality benefits.

Come listen to her presentation.
Bring in the Birds!
She will talk about ways to bring life to your yard with healthy practices that supply and help attract birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Britt will discuss how to use native plants to enhance habitat, improve local water quality, and create a healthier outside space at home, school, or work. She will also provide tips for outdoor and indoor green consumer choices.

Where: St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, 4713 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, MD
Cost: $8.00 per person for dinner and the program, $11.00 if you would like a glass of wine or a beer with dinner.

Reservations: Call (410) 203-1819; specify if you prefer vegetarian sauce.
Please send checks payable to The Chesapeake Audubon Society PO Box 3173, Baltimore, MD 21228 or call (410) 203-1819 and leave a message with your name, telephone number and number of people you will be bringing.

Directions: Take Baltimore beltway to exit 15A (Rte. 40, Baltimore National Pike east, towards Baltimore.) Take Rte. 40 about 2 miles, just past the convergence of Rte. 40 and Edmondson Ave. The Church is on the right.

Please note: we ask that you reserve your meal ticket in advance. As always, walk-ins are welcome, but we can’t guarantee there will be enough food for them.

Field Trips & Programs continued
Saturday September 19, 8 AM Terrapin Park (Eastern Shore) with Marian Argentino
Join Marian at this beautiful location for a great morning of birding on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Located by the Bay Bridge, this park offers easy trails filled with migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. This could be the perfect place to spend this first morning of fall. Join us by contacting Marian at ChesAudubon-Info@aol.com or call her at 410-852-9913.

Sunday September 27, 8 AM Ladew Topiary Gardens with Tim Houghton
Tim will lead us in a search for migrating songbirds in this beautiful Harford County location. Ladew management has waived the entrance fee for the bird walk as long as we remain on the nature trail and that’s where the birds are! Afterwards, we could eat at the little cafe on the grounds which opens at 11:00. (There would be an additional fee to view the gardens should you choose to do that on your own after the bird walk.) Register with Tim by either email (thoughton@loyola.edu) or phone (410-510-7504).
A Paddle Down Pickering

By Scott Stewart

Seasonal Educator at Pickering Creek Audubon Center

I have worked at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center since June, 2008 and paddling down Pickering Creek in a 9-foot kayak has become my favorite extracurricular activity. I have discovered that paddling is a great low impact physical workout, a peaceful form of stress relief, and an enjoyable learning experience. Everyone could gain something valuable from a paddle down this breathtaking creek.

My daily journeys on this beautiful creek have helped me develop a personal relationship with the Chesapeake Bay. I have admired the Bay through every season, watched the migratory birds return, and paddled under the wings of a soaring Bald Eagle. All of these experiences have inspired me to learn more about this amazing place, its history, and its inhabitants. I have become a more knowledgeable educator because of these waterway treks and I would like to share some of my educational experiences with you.

Every paddling trip begins at the Pickering Creek canoe launch, which is a great habitat for the Northern Water Snake. This is a lesson I learned this summer when our campers claimed to have discovered a two-headed snake under the launch! Of course, one of the first questions I am asked by visitors young and old is whether certain species of animals found in the Bay are dangerous. The northern Water Snake is non-venomous and harmless, but people commonly mistake it for a Water Moccasin or Copperhead snake because of its aggressive behavior, dark cross bands on the neck, and dark blotched body. This beautiful reptile can grow up to 4-feet long, and are brown, gray, red, or brownish-black in color. They live among aquatic vegetation in shallow waters and hunt fish, frogs, salamanders, crayfish, and leeches.

A common sighting on the Bay is the jellyfish or sea nettle. The nettle’s sting is low-to-moderate on the pain scale, and not fatal (unless you have an allergic reaction). Don’t fret over a sting, a simple home remedy of vinegar will relieve your pain. The chemical makeup of vinegar keeps unfired nematocysts (stingers) from firing. Despite the discomfort they may cause, take a moment to watch these otherworldly translucent creatures gently drifting on the Bay.

If you are eager for a great workout, make a left turn at the end of the Pickering Creek dock and paddle toward Wye Island. A slow paddle along the shoreline will unveil an array of the Bay’s precious wildlife. If you paddle in the summer, keep your eyes peeled for the wings of a Cow nose Ray gracefully breaking the surface of the water. This awesome fish has a venom-coated stinger on its tail with teeth lining its lateral edges. Not to worry, its venom is weak and only causes symptoms similar to a bee sting. The Cow nose Ray eats clams, oysters and other invertebrates.

Pickering’s dock is also a great habitat for wildlife. The Barn Swallow is a common occupant and builds a cup-shaped nest out of mud pellets lined with grasses, feathers, algae, or another soft material to protect their eggs. Their nests are high up on a beam or against another suitable spot away from predators. Interestingly, Barn Swallows are frequently nesting neighbors to another Bay native, the Osprey. Barn Swallows often build their nest below an Osprey nest and reap the benefits of protection from a raptor. The Osprey also benefits since the swallow will sound an alarm call to alert the presence of a predator.

For all of these reasons and countless others, I invite and encourage you to bring your family or friends to Pickering Creek. Stop by during any season or join one of our scheduled canoe programs (see the field trip calendar for April 18th) and experience a paddle on the Creek yourself. I promise you will not be disappointed.

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Pickering Creek Audubon Center is a 400-acre working farm located on the Eastern Shore in Easton Maryland. There is a variety of habitat there from forest, to marsh, wetlands, and shoreline. Take the time to visit this wondrous sanctuary for wildlife and center for human life. [http://www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org)
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