

Birds

On Silent Wings: Maryland's Owls: *Prepare to be amazed by the adaptations of these nocturnal hunters as we explore the behaviors and ecology of the 8 different species that occur in Maryland. Learn about the tiny migratory owl, irruptions from the north and who is calling in your backyard. Program can include one of Irvine's owl ambassadors.*

Birds of Maryland: Attracting and Protecting our Feathered Friends: *Despite its small size, Maryland hosts an incredible diversity of birds. Discover how to find birds near you, how to attract them to your yard and how we ensure their protection.*

Marvelous Migrations: The Amazing Journeys of Maryland's Birds: *Weighing only as much as a penny, Ruby-throated Hummingbirds fly 500 miles to cross the Gulf of Mexico, warblers can fly 80 hours non-stop and the 'moonbird' has flown a distance equivalent to flying to the moon. Learn of these astonishing feats of flight and what we can do to ensure migrants' safe travels.*

Back from the Brink: The Return of the Bluebird: *A symbolic harbinger of happiness and hope, bluebirds have reclaimed their place as a backyard favorite. Given their prevalence today, it's hard to believe that they were on the road toward extinction just a half century ago. Learn how their habits as 'secondary cavity nesters' placed the population in peril but also enabled conservation efforts to quickly turn things around. Program will include tips for drawing these beautiful birds to your property. Onsite programs in spring can include visiting nest boxes.*