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President's Column

Winny Wong Tan, Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council President

I've been seeing various signs of spring lately. Some early wildflowers are blooming, birds are singing in the mornings, frogs are calling in the ponds and more daylight hours! It started with the tapping of the trees in February, as the ice melted and the sap began to rise. That was the end of winter and the trees were awakening and filling their buds with saved energy. We go from one season to another and it reminds me to appreciate the cycle of life. We needed a spell of downtime, then we are recharged for growth.

As mentioned in my last column in the Winter Trailblazer, the ORNCC Board was still negotiating our MOU with Baltimore County Recreation and Parks and I am happy to say we have finalized the document and all parties have signed. This will facilitate the Board's partnership with BCRP and ORNC Staff to improve trails and gardens, work on projects and coordinate special events at Oregon Ridge. We are working on setting up a new volunteer trail crew, advising on new trail designs, continuing our work to establish a woodland restoration garden and finishing an exhibit project on habitats. The Board has also started work on rebranding and we hope to roll out our new logo design by the Annual Meeting in June.

Though we are changing and adapting to how we have operated in the past with the Nature Center, we are still preserving many of our traditions such as our recent March fundraiser, the Pancake Breakfast. I have helped at this

*"Spring: a lovely reminder
of how beautiful
change can truly be."*

– Unknown

annual event since I was in college and working part-time at the Nature Center. Now my kids are flipping pancakes as a tradition! This is something that makes the Oregon Ridge community a special place, as I've seen the same volunteers who give their time and knowledge for decades, working with the next generation who is taking up the helm.

With spring on the horizon, make sure you check out the new programs that the ORNC Council is organizing. Our program registration, including trail and stewardship workdays, is still found on the OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org website. We also sell maple syrup and honey at certain programs and at all our ORNCC sponsored special events. The money raised will be used to help promote Oregon Ridge and support park projects. If you are interested in volunteering, send an email to info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org. We love to have new ideas, various skills and people who love to take on projects, as we are an all-volunteer board and organization.

Nature Center staff also have their own program offerings and volunteer opportunities, so check the BCRP CivicRec website for program registration or contact the Nature Center about volunteering, such as school field trip leaders, internships and the teen Ridge Runner program.

Recharge with a walk in the woods and/or the meadows at Oregon Ridge. Take the time to observe the seasonal changes. Enjoy the beauty in spring!



Columbine
(Aquilegia vulgaris)

ON THE COVER

Nothing says Spring like the fuchsia flowers of the Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis) which is also known as the Judas Tree. This native tree is a common sight in yards and along roadsides and woodland edges in early spring. The Eastern Redbud is a fast growing tree that reaches a mature height of approximately 25 feet. If you are looking to add a splash of color to your yard, it's a great choice!

Vampire Wildflowers!

Elaine Kasmer, Maryland Master Naturalist, Master Gardener



Among flowering plants, a very small percentage have no green at all! How do these plants grow, have leaves, flowers and seeds? Without chlorophyll, the ghostly wildflowers must find other sources for their food. Infiltrating the roots of other plants, often trees, they send tiny strands to steal nutrients and water, allowing them to complete their annual life cycle.

Beechdrops (*Epifagus virginiana*)

At Oregon Ridge you will find these strange plants surrounding beech trees in dry woods in late summer, maturing and blooming into the fall. Look for many slender yellow to brown stalks about one foot tall, with tiny brown scale-like leaves. Miniature white tubular flowers, striped with pale brown-purple, appear near the top of the stems.

These flowers do produce nectar, attracting some insects, but it's the tiny bud-like flowers lower on the stem, who are self-fertilizing, that produce small brown capsules with copious seeds. These seedlings grow into the tree's roots, creating structures called haustoria to suck away nutrients. As annuals, the plant dies by winter, but the dry stalks persist into spring.



Perennials of moist shaded humusy woods, they have a single white flower at the top of pale white to sometimes pinkish translucent stems. The 4 - 8 inch stems usually appear in small clusters. The flowers curve downward until they are fertilized by pollinators, then slowly straighten up, where you may see the seeds forming on top.

Ghost Pipe (*Monotropa uniflora*)

Also known as Indian Pipe, honored and used by indigenous people for many medicinal uses, these unusual

flowering plants are often mistaken for a fungus, but are in the same family as azaleas and blueberries. However, they do get their nutrients indirectly from trees, mostly oak and beech, by parasitizing the mycorrhizal fungi underground that have a symbiotic (mutually beneficial) relationship to the trees.



Bearcorn (*Conopholis americana*)

Oaks and beeches are also hosts for Bearcorn (also called cancer-root) whose flower looks like a cross between an ear of corn and a pine cone. The 4 - 8 inch flower is the only part that appears aboveground in the spring, and is yellowish turning to brown. Small



scales, that are not true leaves, appear at the base. Spikes of flowers crowd around the stem, facing downward, slowly withering as they produce seed capsules with many small seeds, which may blacken and persist into winter. Yes, bears do love to eat them! As do deer. It is thought that the seeds must come into contact with the tree roots to germinate, and the bears and deer help spread them around! Though perennial, they slowly fail as they oak trees fight back by producing extra tannins.

At the park, look for beechdrops and ghost pipe on the west side of the Red Trail along the stream. They occasionally are seen on the Blue Trail too. Bearcorn is not found here but in nearby counties and states in wooded ravines. Don't touch! They are very delicate, impossible to grow in your garden, or for nurseries to propagate, because of their very complicated inter-specific relationships. Enjoy your discoveries and take lots of pictures!

Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Erin McCleary

The Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council held our annual Pancake Breakfast on March 1st and 2nd. This fundraising event is a family and community tradition. It was well attended by over 800 hungry people including special guests Senator Kathy Klausmeier, Delegate Nino Mangione and Councilman Izzy Patoka. The menu included all you can eat pancakes with 100% pure maple syrup and grilled sausage along with orange juice, coffee, tea and milk.

Guests also enjoyed live music from several local bands, a box raffle, dollar raffles and a flower sale. Sales of maple syrup, maple candy, maple cotton candy, honey and assorted nature themed books all helped support this very popular fundraising event.



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and Bernie Kadow



2025 Pancake Breakfast Volunteers

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Judy Breitenbach
Hannah Brown
Ralph Brown
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Noot Canoles
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Dana



Jim, Heidi and Stella



Noot, Judy and Ann



Monica and Mark



Jim



Amy



Michelle



Katie and Hannah



Brian



Pat and Chris

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Renee



Angie



Barb and Bob



Martha and Joanne

Oregon Ridge Nature Center Seed Swap Event

Liz Briscoe, Master Gardener

The Oregon Ridge Seed Swap Event this past January celebrating National Seed Swap Day was an enormous success. There were 121 guests of all ages enthusiastically exchanging all kinds of seeds and valuable growing information. The native seed propagation demonstration and education on proper sowing requirements like winter stratification drew lots of interest. Gardeners were appreciative of the opportunity to be uplifted with the thoughts of Spring as the temperatures were dipping below 20 degrees.

Thanks to the generous assistance of our Baltimore County Master Gardener friends, who provided 'Ask a Master Gardener' information on collecting, preparing, storing and planting seeds and fun children's seed activities. The children made seed balls ready to plant in their gardens and fields along with beautiful flower pictures to color. We are grateful to The Wild Ones for their volunteer support and abundant and varied seed donations.

There were thousands of seeds exchanged: veggies, annual and perennial flowers, herbs and natives. Everyone came with seeds and planting tips to share. As a result of everyone's contributions, we have restocked the Oregon Ridge Seed Library inventory (located inside the Nature Center). The gently used garden books, cookbooks and catalogs were a great hit, too.

Reasons why we should save and share seeds:

- Problems with the current supply of seeds
- Sustain biodiversity
- Preservation of heirloom varieties
- Promote native plant propagation
- Save money
- Most importantly, share the love of gardening!



Watch for the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council's Native Plant Swap on May 10th. You will find details and online registration at the following link...
OregonRidgeNatureCenter.WildApricot.org/event-6117575



Up for a Nature Challenge?

Michael Eversmeier, Maryland Master Naturalist

The City Nature Challenge (CNC) started in 2016 as a competition between the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco and has grown into an international event motivating people around the world to find and document the plants and wildlife found in their own cities. Run by the Community Science teams at the California Academy of Sciences and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM), the CNC is an annual 4-day global bioblitz that takes place at the end of April. Cities join in a collaboration-meets-friendly-competition to see what can be accomplished when we all work towards a common goal.

There is nature all around us! Knowing which species are identified in our metropolitan area and where they are found – **including our own backyards!** – helps us study and protect them. The only way we can do this is when all of us – the community, scientists, land managers and Naturalists – work together to find and document the nature in our own area. By participating in the City Nature

Challenge, not only do you learn more about our local nature and habitats, but we can also make our cities a better, more sustaining place – for you and for other species!

The Oregon Ridge Nature Center has been participating in the CNC since 2021 when we joined the City Nature Challenge Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Learn more at Aqua.org/support/conservation/city-nature-challenge-baltimore.

In the 2024 Baltimore CNC, 10,484 observations were made of 1639 species by 821 observers and verified by 783 identifiers.

Worldwide in 2024, 690 cities in 51 countries had 83,500 citizen scientists participating in the CNC making a whopping 2,400,000 observations of over 65,000 species from around the world. So where did Baltimore place in 2024? In the top 10% of participating cities!

To learn more about the City Nature Challenge and to see the results from 2025 visit CityNatureChallenge.org



Jack-in-the-pulpit



False bombardier beetle



Black-and-gold
Flat Millipede



Yellow
lady's slipper



Yellow wakerobin trillium



Bur oak



Eastern Newt

Program

Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council Sponsored Programs

All programs require advanced registration unless otherwise noted.

Me and My Pup on the Ridge

**The second Tuesday of the Month;
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Here's your chance to bring your pup on a Naturalist-led hike! Friendly, leashed pups with a waste clean-up bag) and their owners are invited to join us for a hike on the trails at Oregon Ridge.

Adults

\$4 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)

Senior Stroll

**The second and fourth Wednesday of the Month
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for a walk in the woods as we explore nature's seasonal highlights. Route and difficulty level will be determined based on the needs of registered participants with options for meadow, paved or natural surface trails.

Adults

\$3 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)

Babes in Backpacks

The third Wednesday of the Month; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

A great opportunity for parents or caregivers to get some fresh air and exercise while enjoying nature along the trail with their little one.

Adults and children under the age of 4

(Child must be in a wearable carrier for the entire hike.)

\$5 per person (FREE for ORNCC Members)

Stewardship Work Day

Saturday, May 3; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

We need your help to restore habitats and remove invasive plants in the park! A brief overview of some of our offenders will be presented and we will begin to manually remove them along the Red Trail at the future site of the Woodland Restoration Garden. We will branch out into other areas of the park, hoping to encourage the return of our lovely native plants.

Adults **FREE**



Native Plant Swap

Saturday, May 10; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

It's time to split your native perennials. Bring your extras to the park and trade with others. We'll have identification resources available and would love to talk native plants with you as you trade with others.

All ages

FREE (donations appreciated)



The Natural Science Book Club – Travels in Alaska

Monday, June 2; 7 - 8 p.m.

Devoted to the preservation of wilderness areas, John Muir founded the Sierra Club and was active in the establishment of Yosemite National Park. Travels in Alaska will delight environmentalists and nature lovers with its exuberant observations of Alaska and its inhabitants.

Adults

FREE (donations appreciated)

Oregon Ridge Dulcimers – Summer Session

Thursdays; 6:30 - 8 p.m.

June 19, 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14

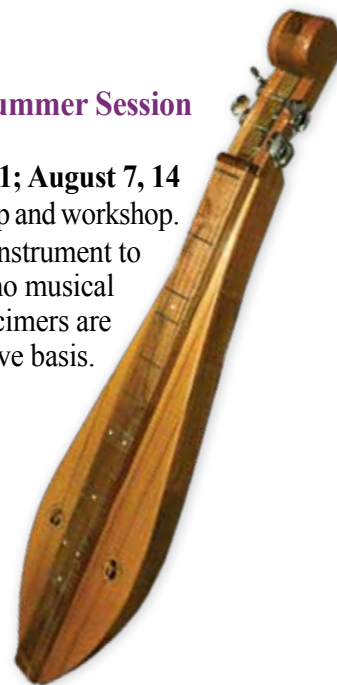
An old-fashioned dulcimer meet-up and workshop.

You only need an interest in this instrument to participate. Beginners welcome, no musical experience necessary. Loaner dulcimers are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Adults and children 16+

\$35 per person

(\$25 for ORNCC Members)



All programs can be found at
OregonRidgeNatureCenter/WildApricot.org

Calendar

Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks Sponsored Programs

All programs require advanced registration unless otherwise noted.

Recurring Programs

Nurture with Nature

The third Wednesday of the Month; 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Nature Buds

Thursdays 10 - 11 a.m.

May 1 – Soil

May 8 – Rocks

May 15 – Meadows

May 22 – Streams

May 29 – Forests

June 5 – Ponds

June 12 – Gardens

June 26 – Pollinators



Bookworm Story Time

The first Friday of the Month; 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Homeschool Nature Days – Tides and Tributaries

Fridays; 10 - 11:30 a.m.; May 2, 9, 16 and 23

Junior Naturalist Homeschool

Fridays; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; May 2, 9, 16 and 23



Pictures in the Park

Tuesdays; 6 - 8 p.m.

May 13, June 10, July 8 and August 12

Foraging 101

The fourth Sunday of the Month; 1 - 3 p.m.

May 25 – Flowers

June 22 – Berries

Kid's Summer Garden Club

Wednesdays; 9 - 10:30 a.m.; June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
August 6 and 13

Astronomy Programs

Astronomy in the Park –

If Earth Never Had a Moon

Friday, June 6; 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.

Evening Programs

Songs of Spring

Saturday, May 3; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Canoe the Lake

Friday, May 16; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Let's Talk about "It"!

Saturday, May 31; 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Nature's Night Lights

Saturday, June 28; 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Public Programs

Songs of Spring

Saturday, May 3; 11 - 1 p.m.

Outdoor Watercolors

Saturday, May 10; 1 - 3 p.m.

Oregon Ridge Mining and History Hike

Sunday, May 11; 1 - 2 p.m.

Sunrise Bird Hike

Friday, May 16; 7 - 8:30 a.m.

Toad Abodes

Sunday, May 18; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

A Turtle-y Amazing Day

Saturday, May 24; 11 - 12 p.m.

Useful Knots for the Nature Adventurer

Sunday, June 8; 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Strange Nature: There's a wasp for that!

Saturday, June 14; 1 - 2 p.m.

Cane Pole Fishing

Sunday, June 15; 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Canoe the Lake

Saturday, June 21; 9 - 11 a.m.

Jam-boree!

Sunday, June 29; 1 - 3 p.m.



All BCRP sponsored programs can be found on Baltimore County's CivicRec Registration Site!

RecAndParks.BaltimoreCountyMD.gov/MD/baltimore-co-md/catalog

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Oregon Ridge Nature Center
presents

MUSIC IN THE WOODS

June 7, 2025

1 - 6 p.m.

Gates open at 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate the season with music in the meadows of Oregon Ridge Nature Center! Enjoy this family-friendly festival with diverse local bands and solo musicians!

Blankets and lawn chairs encouraged!

**Craft Vendors • Children's Crafts and Activities
Food Trucks • Animal Encounters
Jam Sessions**

For more information visit

BaltimoreCountyMD.gov/OregonRidge

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\$10 per car

Cash appreciated, credited accepted!



Save the Date!

Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council 2025 Annual Meeting

June 3, 2025 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Pavilion

5:30 p.m. mix and mingle followed by the meeting at 6 p.m.

Join us at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council's Annual Meeting for an evening of celebration.

Enjoy complimentary refreshments as we honor our dedicated staff and volunteers; celebrate our scholarship winners; and share our updates and plans for the year ahead!

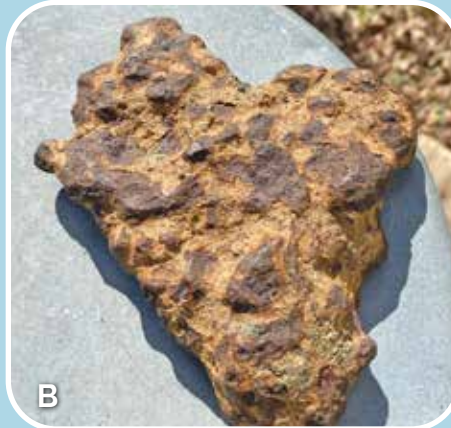
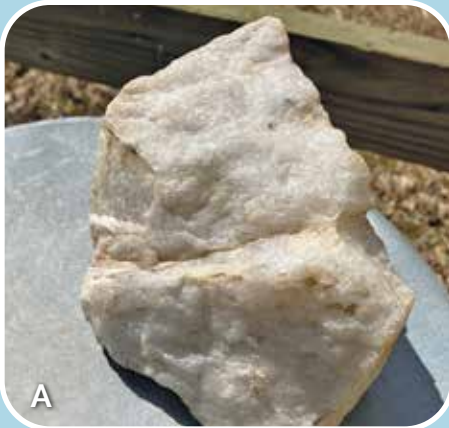
All are welcome!

Annual Board elections will follow the ceremonial portion of the meeting.

Oregon Ridge Tenant House: Living History

Alan Penczek, Maryland Master Naturalist

In the Tenant House, you can find samples of materials used in mining operations at Oregon Ridge in the 19th century. Can you match the name of the item with its photo?



What are these?

- _____ Coal
- _____ Iron ore
- _____ Slag
- _____ Marble
- _____ Pig iron

Bonus Question: Pig iron is what was produced when iron ore was smelted in a furnace. Why was it called pig iron?

Answers on page 14

Explore with help from the Friends of Oregon Ridge Enrichment Fund!

The Friends of Oregon Ridge Enrichment Fund empowers dedicated volunteers to seek experiences that will develop their connection to nature and bring their knowledge back to Oregon Ridge to advance our mission. With up to \$5,000 in funding, you can attend classes, embark on research, go on hiking journeys and more.

Applicants with five or more years of service and 50+ hours contributed in the previous calendar year are eligible. Share your experiences with the community upon your return.

For details or an application, visit our website OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org or contact us at info@OregonRidgeNatureCenter.org

Explore • Learn • Inspire
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ORNC Council welcomes Hometown Birding Champion! Martha Johnston, Maryland Master Naturalist



Peter Kaestner internationally celebrated as the first person in the world to see 10,000 species of birds – delighted a capacity audience with stories of birding from around the globe at a March 25 special event, ***Search for the Orange-tufted Spiderhunter – My quest to see 10,000 birds***, hosted at the Oregon Ridge Lodge by the Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council.

Weaving humor with insight into local cultures, world-spanning locales and the sometimes competitive world of birding, Peter described the pursuit that led to his 10,000th bird species milestone – an Orange-tufted Spiderhunter spotted in Mindanao, the Philippines, on February 9, 2024.

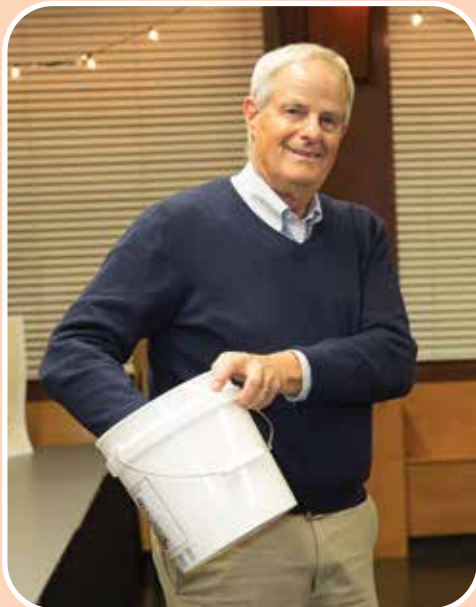
The Cockeysville resident and retired career US diplomat shared stories from decades of birding achievements, including earning a spot in the *Guinness Book of Records* as the first person to see a representative of every bird family, reached in October 1986, and discovering a bird new to science, the *Cundinamarca Antpitta* (*Grallaria kaestneri*), in 1989 near Bogotá, Colombia.

Peter closed with the reminder there are “a million ways to bird,” from pursuing life lists, through organized bird counts, to simply watching backyard birds and encouraged all to enjoy the birding path that suits them best.

Adding local flavor to the evening, the Baltimore Bird Club, Bird City – Havre de Grace, Harford Bird Club and the Natural History Society of Maryland hosted informational exhibits preceding the talk.

A raffle of birding and bird-friendly items and experiences added to the evening’s fun.





*The Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council
would like to thank the volunteers
that made this event possible!*

Gary Anderson
Debbie Bacharach
Michelle Boyle
Ralph Brown
Patricia Clagett
Clare Craig
Mike Gillispie
Molly Glassman

Martha Johnston
Bernie Kadow
Kathy Kadow
Elaine Kasmer
Steve McDaniel
Donna Deleno Neuworth
Robert Stevenson
Winnie Wong Tan

We appreciate the on-going community support that allows us to fulfill our mission to Protect, Restore, Enhance and Educate.

The ORNC Council would like to thank the many businesses and individuals that generously supported our Special Speaker Series Event and Pancake Breakfast. Proceeds will benefit the ORNC Council's stewardship efforts, projects and nature programs at Oregon Ridge Park.

Special Speaker Series Event – Peter Kaestner



Dr. Ralph Brown and Elaine Kasmer

Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser



The Tan Family, Judy Breitenbach, Dr. Ralph Brown
The Kander Family, Kevin Brennan

Oregon Ridge Tenant House: Living History *(continued from page 11)*

Answers:

A - Marble Mined in its own right, but also used as part of the smelting process.

B - Pig iron The final product of the smelting process, ready for sale and transport.

C - Iron ore goethite, a type of iron ore found in the park, named after the 19th century poet and scientist Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

D - Coal used to heat the ore in the furnace.

E - Slag a waste product of the smelting process, but sometimes used to pave roads.

Answer to bonus question: At larger smelting operations, the molten iron was poured into narrow molds to form ingots. When lined up next to each other, the ingots resembled piglets nursing at a sow.



Was that a Mink I saw at the Lake?

Kathy Kadow, Maryland Master Naturalist



Photo taken at Oregon Ridge

Occasionally, visitors to the lake area see an animal they can't identify. This happened at a recent Senior Stroll. A few program participants noticed a black furry animal on the white rocks near the lake. It was just a quick glimpse, but having heard about these quick black furry animals and a tell-tale photo from one of our hikers, we know we have at least one mink currently living at the lake. One was also spotted near the community garden and the Oregon Branch stream a few years ago.

Minks are among the more interesting animals you might encounter when exploring wildlife in the park. These semi-aquatic mammals are a part of the weasel family and thrive in various habitats, especially near streams, ponds and wetlands. Learning about minks can give you insights into the local ecosystem's health and history.

Minks' long, sleek bodies and sharp faces are quite distinct. Their fur can range from dark brown to black and has been sought after in the fur trade, but more recently, the focus is more on their ecological importance. Minks are super adaptable and rely heavily on their watery habitats to hunt

for food like fish, small mammals and crustaceans (we have freshwater mussels in the lake; you will see opened shells on the beach). Their ability to swim with webbed feet allows them to pursue prey underwater, highlighting their role as key predators in maintaining ecological balance.

For those interested in spotting minks, the best times to look are early mornings or late evenings near water sources. Observing quietly can increase your chances of seeing them without disturbing their natural behavior.

In short, minks are a unique and essential part of our ecosystem. By learning about and protecting these fascinating animals, we can help maintain biodiversity. With public education and community engagement, we can ensure minks will continue to thrive in our streams, ponds and wetlands.



Stock Photos



With gratitude and appreciation, we mourn the loss of our mentor and friend.

Baltimore County's first Chief County Naturalist

Robert "Bob" Wilson Stanhope

September 26, 1939 - March 25, 2025

Robert "Bob" Wilson Stanhope, age 85, of Cockeysville, Maryland passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Bob is survived by his wife, Sara C. Stanhope; daughters Jennifer M. Stanhope Lamoreux and Elizabeth A. Stanhope and grandchildren Ryan A. and Alan R. Lamoreux, Ia K. Stanhope and Zwi S. Kemper. Bob's two big loves in life were his family and the natural world. After serving as the director of the Blue Hills Trailside Museum in Milton, Massachusetts, Bob moved to Baltimore County in 1980 to serve as Chief County Naturalist. He played a foundational role in establishing Oregon Ridge Nature Center, Cromwell Valley Park, Benjamin Banneker Historical Park and Museum and Marshy Point Nature Center.





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