One of the harbingers of spring is the migrating return of the American woodcock with its characteristic “peenting” calls and acrobatic aerial courtship displays that can be witnessed in many openings near, or associated with, young healthy forests.

The Backbone Mountain Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society and the Natural Resources and Wildlife Technologies Program at Garrett College will co-host a program highlighting the fascinating research into the migration and habitat needs of this charismatic upland game bird.

Bill Harvey, Game Bird Section Leader, MD Department of Natural Resources will present the North Eastern Woodcock Migration Study. (Our Chapter has contributed to this study through our Ruffed Grouse Society annual donations.) In addition, Bob Long, MD DNR Upland Bird Biologist will offer an overview of the condition of Maryland’s ruffed grouse population; as both species share similar habitat niche, with a dependency on young healthy forests.

Kevin Dodge, Director of the Natural Resources and Wildlife Technologies Program will host the program introducing the speakers.

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**Monday, March 23**

Presentation: 7:00 PM

Reception & Chapter Meeting to follow

**Garrett College**

Garrett Information Enterprise Center (bldg. 100) Room #111

687 Mosser Road
McHenry, MD 21541

**Directions to Program:**

Take MD Route 219 to the intersection of 219 and Mosser Road, turn east onto Mosser road and go approx. 0.5 miles, Garrett College is on the left. Program will be held in the ‘Garrett Information Enterprise Center’ (Bldg. # 100 on Campus Map) Use parking LOT A. - See campus map at left.