

# The Honors Institute

## Speaker Series



**Monroe Community College**

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### **Metro Birds: Nature's Surprises in an Urban Habitat**

**Wednesday February 5, 2014**

**12:00-1:00 pm, Room 5-100**

Professor Tatakis lived for 10 years in the 19th Ward of Rochester, NY and recorded many interesting bird observations during that time.

Most of these observations were made in the tiny, urban backyard where he lived and included many surprising species sightings and exciting discoveries. This talk will describe how birds used this small urban landscape for shelter, as a migratory resting area, and for nesting. The presentation will demonstrate the importance of studying and conserving nature everywhere, including urban habitats. Opportunities for individuals to become more aware and involved in studying birds and other organisms through citizen science projects, such as the Great Backyard Bird Count, will be included.



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