

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Saturday, January 16, 1993 New Design Road and Lilypons

Trip Leader: Wilkinson , Jim

Date of Trip: Saturday, January 16, 1993

Location: New Design Road and Lilypons

Details: Frederick County Half Day Trip

Birds:

(Numbers of individuals are shown if they were recorded.)

- Black Vulture :
- Red-tailed Hawk : 2
- Wilson's Snipe : 3
- American Crow :
- Fish Crow :
- **Common Raven : 2**
- Horned Lark : ~75 along Greenfield Road
- American Tree Sparrow : 5

Comments:

A group of birds feeding at the carcass of a deer in a field across the road from Lilypons. Not ordinarily a highlight, but this group included 2 red-tailed hawks feeding first and driving off surrounding vultures and 2 Common Ravens, unusual away from the mountains. I was told they are found as close as Harper's Ferry and Sugarloaf mountain, a few miles to the east of Lilypons but I've never seen them to the east of Lilypons before. After the hawks left the ravens and a Black Vulture approached the dead deer. There were also common crows on the outside of the group. We could compare their size and bill shape with the ravens. At another stop near Lilypons we saw a Fish Crow, again not usual to see Fish crows in the same area as ravens.