

# Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

## Field Trip: Saturday, December 04, 1993 Bombay Hook

**Trip Leader:** Chestem , Marty

**Date of Trip:** Saturday, December 04, 1993

**Location:** Bombay Hook

**Details:** Birders planning field trips cannot always predict the weather and sometimes that is a good thing because some great birds have been found when the weather was lousy. However, the Delaware Bombay Hook trip was NOT one of them.

It was cloudy all the way over there, 14 birders on a school bus with a driver who had never been there. Dave Harvey was his able navigator. Viewing was difficult because of the poor light especially for the inexperienced birders. By the time we got to our destination, there was a light rain and it never cleared, sometimes a little more rain than at other times but always rain. It was quite chilly too. We limited birding almost entirely to the ponds staying quite close to the bus.

On the plus side, the group was friendly and we had a good time even if some of the predictable birds were not found such as the Common Loon and the Double-Crested Cormorant.

We all got great views of an adult Bald Eagle sitting high in a tree just looking over the scene. We had rather large flocks of ducks, mostly Northern Pintails. There was only one flock of Snow Geese (several blue phase) of about 150 birds.

The highlight of the day was the Ring-Necked Pheasant found by our non-birder bus driver. We would not have seen it otherwise and it was a a life bird for several on the trip., We did thank him and maybe, he will even get interested in birding after that experience.

### **Birds:**

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

- Snow Goose : ~150
- Northern Pintail :
- Ring-necked Pheasant :
- Bald Eagle : adult

### **Comments:**