Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Saturday, December 04, 2004 Blackwater NWR

Trip Leader: Arnold, Stan

Date of Trip: Saturday, December 04, 2004

Location: Blackwater NWR

Details: Abbreviations, AA, Anne Arundel; DO, Dorchester; HO, Howard; QA, Queen Anne's; TA, Talbot

Birds:

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

- Snow Goose : DO; 1 lone bird among Canadas
- Cackling Goose : DO; 2 at Blackwater
- Canada Goose : QA, TA, DOMute Swan : QA, TA, DO
- Tundra Swan : TA, DOAmerican Black Duck : DO
- Mallard: DO
- Northern Shoveler : DO; 2m, 1f
- Northern Pintail : DO, decent numbers at Blackwater
- Green-winged Teal : DO; 1f at Blackwater
- Harlequin Duck : TA; 1 at Wade's Point Inn
- Surf Scoter: 20+ in TA, 1 in DO, Oakley Street
- Long-tailed Duck : ~50 in TA, 25+ in DO
- Bufflehead: TA, DO
- Common Goldeneye : 1 at Oakley Street, DO
- Hooded Merganser: ~8 at Blackwater, DO
- Common Loon : TA, DO
- Double-crested Cormorant : DO, on Choptank River
- Great Blue Heron : QA, DO
- Black Vulture : TA, DO
- Turkey Vulture : TA, DO
- Bald Eagle : usual numbers at Blackwater, DO
- Northern Harrier : DO
- Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1; DO

- Rock Pigeon : TA, DO; on nest on bridge at Choptank River visitor's center
- Mourning Dove: TA, DO
- Short-eared Owl: 1-2 on Shorter's Wharf Road
- Belted Kingfisher: 1; DO
- Red-bellied Woodpecker: TA, DO
- Downy Woodpecker : TA, DO
- Northern Flicker : TA, DO
- Blue Jay: TA, DO
- American Crow : DO
- Fish Crow : DO
- Horned Lark: TA
- Cave Swallow: 1 very cooperative bird; Wade's Point Inn
- Carolina Chickadee : DO
- Tufted Titmouse: DO
- White-breasted Nuthatch: 2+ in "Nuthatch Woods" at Blackwater
- Brown-headed Nuthatch : DO; unusually high numbers; heard almost everywhere around Blackwater
- Brown Creeper: 2+ in "Nuthatch Woods" at Blackwater, DO
- Carolina Wren: TA, DO
- Winter Wren: 1 on edge of "Nuthatch Woods" at Blackwater, DO
- Golden-crowned Kinglet : DO
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1; DO
- Eastern Bluebird : Wade's Point Inn, TA; DO
- Northern Mockingbird : TA, DO
 European Starling : all five equations
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- Savannah Sparrow : DOSong Sparrow : DO
- White-throated Sparrow : DO
- Dark-eyed Junco: TA, DO
- Northern Cardinal: HO, DO
- Red-winged Blackbird : TA, DO
- Common Grackle: TA, DO

- Red-tailed Hawk: HO, AA, QA, DO; good numbers
- American Kestrel: 1 flyby at Blackwater visitor's center, DO
- Killdeer : DO
- Greater Yellowlegs : 10+, DO
- Dunlin : DO
- Wilson's Snipe : 1 on Shorter's Wharf Rd, DO
- Laughing Gull : Cambridge, DO
 Bonaparte's Gull : ~20 at Wade's Point Inn, TA
- Ring-billed Gull : AA, TA, DO
- Herring Gull : QA, DO
- Great Black-backed Gull : QA, DO
- Forster's Tern : TA, DO

Comments:

- American Goldfinch : TA, DO
- House Sparrow : Cambridge, DO