

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Saturday, April 28, 2007 Middle Patuxent Environmental Area

Trip Leader: Arnold , Stan

Date of Trip: Saturday, April 28, 2007

Location: Middle Patuxent Environmental Area

Details: We enjoyed some great weather, and a fairly nice assortment of birds.

Number on trip: 16

Birds:

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

- Canada Goose: flyover pair
- Wood Duck: 3 that we chased up the river
- Common Loon: 4 flyovers
- Great Blue Heron: 3
- Black Vulture: 4
- Turkey Vulture: 12
- Northern Harrier: 1
- Sharp-shinned Hawk: 1
- Cooper's Hawk: 2
- Red-shouldered Hawk: 6
- Broad-winged Hawk: 3
- Red-tailed Hawk: 1
- Mourning Dove: 3
- Black-billed Cuckoo: 1
- Barred Owl: 2 calling incessantly before walk
- Chimney Swift: 1
- Red-bellied Woodpecker: 10
- Downy Woodpecker: 5
- Northern Flicker: 5
- Pileated Woodpecker: 2, one from parking area
- Acadian Flycatcher: 1
- Eastern Phoebe: 1
- Great Crested Flycatcher: 2
- White-eyed Vireo: 25+
- Blue-headed Vireo: 1
- Blue Jay: 15
- American Crow: 10
- Fish Crow: 10
- Tree Swallow: 15
- Barn Swallow: 1
- Carolina Chickadee: 10
- Tufted Titmouse: scores; there was never a time when we were not hearing them
- White-breasted Nuthatch: 15
- House Wren: 6
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 8
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher: dripping out of the trees
- Eastern Bluebird: 6
- Veery: 1
- Hermit Thrush: 1
- Wood Thrush: 2 or more
- American Robin: many
- Gray Catbird: 2
- Northern Mockingbird: 1
- Brown Thrasher: 2
- European Starling: 3
- Blue-winged Warbler: 4 males singing, one viewed
- Northern Parula: dozens heard, even from parking area
- Black-throated Blue Warbler: 3
- Yellow-rumped Warbler: 5
- Ovenbird: 2
- Louisiana Waterthrush: 4
- Kentucky Warbler: 1
- Common Yellowthroat: 3
- Eastern Towhee: scores
- Chipping Sparrow: 1
- Field Sparrow: 12
- Song Sparrow: 1
- Swamp Sparrow: 3
- White-throated Sparrow: 100s, often in tree tops where the warblers should have been
- Northern Cardinal: dozens
- Common Grackle: 1
- Brown-headed Cowbird: dozens; heard constantly
- Baltimore Oriole: 2
- House Finch: pair

- Carolina Wren: 10

- American Goldfinch: 10

- House Sparrow: 1

Comments:

We tallied 66 total species. Highlights were viewing both KENTUCKY WARBLER and BLUE-WINGED WARBLER in the scope, thanks to Ralph Cullison (who can get a scope on a bird faster than anyone I know), VEERY, BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO (unfortunately seen only by Ralph, who to his credit went back after the walk and relocated the bird to confirm the ID), and N. HARRIER.