

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Saturday, June 09, 2007 Centennial Park

Trip Leader: Ray , Tim

Date of Trip: Saturday, June 09, 2007

Location: Centennial Park

Details: Nest Walk. Co-leader, Grace Su.

Highlights: Seeing adult Baltimore Orioles bring food to their nestlings; seeing eggs in the nests of Brown Thrashers, Barn Swallows, Northern Cardinals, and Northern Mockingbirds; seeing a Green Heron nest.

Number on trip: 10

Birds:

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

- Green Heron: 1 recent nest with lots of whitewash on the ground nearby (hopefully indicates successful nest)
- Mourning Dove: 1 nest with adult on it, plus 1 recent nest (young fledged)
- Eastern Kingbird: one active nest with an adult sitting on it, plus another pair of adult birds with a partial nest.
- Barn Swallow: 2 colonies, good look at nest with 4 eggs and another nest with 4-5 big nestlings.
- Carolina Chickadee: Fledglings.
- American Robin: 1 adult carrying food for young.
- Gray Catbird: 1 presumed active nest (new this year, completed, no eggs yet)
- Northern Mockingbird: One nest with eggs, one failed nest (had young 3 days ago).
- Brown Thrasher: 1 nest with adult on it. The nest is within 3' of the trash can next to the tennis courts (and 3' above ground). Great look at the 4 eggs in the nest.
- Cedar Waxwing: 1 very-difficult-to-see nest under a canopy of grape vines.
- Chipping Sparrow: Fledglings.
- Northern Cardinal: 4 nests with female on nest, plus 2 families with fledglings. Great looks at the eggs in one of the nests.
- Red-winged Blackbird: two presumed nests in meadows (we did not want to disturb the nests)
- Common Grackle: 10+ nests with young in a grove of Red Cedar trees, plus several fledglings.
- Orchard Oriole: 1 successful nest (young fledged within past 3 days).
- Baltimore Oriole: 4 active nests--2 with young, plus 2 with female on nest. We watched parents feed nestlings at both of the nests with young.
- House Finch: 1 nest with adult on it.

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