Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Thursday, November 20, 2008 Poplar Island

Trip Leader: Hanfman, Joe

Date of Trip: Thursday, November 20, 2008

Location: Poplar Island

Details: This was a spur-of-the-moment trip organized after a Snowy Owl was seen. Joe coordinated the carpooling for those from Howard County. He commented, "I hope everyone enjoyed the trip as much as I did. I know that nobody saw everything on the list but everyone saw our main target bird, the Snowy Owl and most saw the Black Skimmer and Snow Buntings."

Number: 24 (the capacity of the bus; 7 were from Howard County)

Birds:

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

Canada Goose : 22Tundra Swan : 8

• Gadwall : 5

• American Black Duck: 54

• Mallard : 93

Northern Shoveler: 44Green-winged Teal: 20

Canvasback: 1
Greater Scaup: 12
Lesser Scaup: 534
Surf Scoter: 9
Black Scoter: 2

• Long-tailed Duck : 116

Bufflehead: 78Ruddy Duck: 59Horned Grebe: 1Northern Gannet: 1

• Double-crested Cormorant : 12

Great Blue Heron: 6
Black Vulture: 2
Turkey Vulture: 2
Bald Eagle: 3
Northern Harrier: 2

Sharp-shinned Hawk : 1Ruddy Turnstone : 1Sanderling : 15

• Dunlin : 5

Laughing Gull: 2Bonaparte's Gull: 5Ring-billed Gull: 37Herring Gull: 14

• Great Black-backed Gull: 168

Forster's Tern: 1
Black Skimmer: 1
Snowy Owl: 1
Belted Kingfisher: 1
American Crow: 2
Horned Lark: 1
Tree Swallow: 2
European Starling: 12

Yellow-rumped Warbler: 1
Savannah Sparrow: 1
Song Sparrow: 6
Dark-eyed Junco: 6
Snow Bunting: 35

• Red-winged Blackbird: 51

Comments: