

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Sunday, April 26, 2009

Trip Leader: Geuder, Ralph

Date of Trip: Sunday, April 26, 2009

Location: Fort Smallwood Park

Details: The raptor species and totals for the day are shown below. (All other sightings are shown as "Non-raptor Observations.")

The people on the Howard field trip did not necessarily see that many.

Weather: Sunny becoming partly cloudy late in the day; 64-91 degrees; good visibility; winds: calm to SW to W to NNW to WNW, 0-10 mph

Raptor Observations: Mostly clear skies made detecting migrants challenging

Number on trip: 8

- Turkey Vulture: 145
- Osprey: 8
- Bald Eagle: 1
- Northern Harrier: 2
- Sharp-shinned Hawk: 119
- Cooper's Hawk: 12
- Broad-winged Hawk: 5
- Red-tailed Hawk: 6
- American Kestrel: 1
- Merlin: 4
- Unknown Accipiter: 1
- Unknown Buteo: 2
- Unknown Raptor: 2
- **Total Raptors for day: 308**

Non-raptor Observations:

Over 2200 Blue Jays counted; 300 American Goldfinches; New Arrivals: Northern Waterthrush, Prairie Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Cattle Egret; the Common Raven of yesterday was seen on exactly the same day (April 25) as the first sighting of the species in 1998.