

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Saturday, December 05, 2009

Trip Leader: Kurt Schwarz & Jeff Culler

Date of Trip: Saturday, December 05, 2009

Location: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

Details: Time: 6AM until 4PM. Cut short by three hours due to poor weather conditions.

Number on trip: 14

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

- **Choptank River—Rte. 50 Bridge (Talbot Co.)**

- Snow Goose: 62
- Canada Goose: 56
- Surf Scoter: 1
- Long-tailed Duck: 3
- Bufflehead: 32
- Common Goldeneye: 12
- Common Loon: 3
- Double-crested Cormorant: 2
- Great Blue Heron: 1
- Turkey Vulture: 45
- Laughing Gull: 1
- Herring Gull: 250
- Great Black-backed Gull: 6
- Rock Pigeon: 40
- Belted Kingfisher: 1
- Song Sparrow: 1
- Northern Cardinal: 2

- **Choptank Fishing Pier (Talbot):**

- Canada Goose: 52
- American Wigeon: 6
- Mallard: 12
- Surf Scoter: 20
- Bufflehead: 15
- Ruddy Duck: 4
- Double-crested Cormorant: 2
- Laughing Gull: 3
- Ring-billed Gull: 40
- Herring Gull: 50
- Great Black-backed Gull: 18
- Rock Pigeon: 5
- Song Sparrow: 2
- Dark-eyed Junco: 3

- **Egypt Rd:**

- **Blackwater NWR:**

- Canada Goose: 700
- Tundra Swan: 70
- Mallard: 35
- Northern Shoveler: 4
- American White Pelican: 1
- Double-crested Cormorant: 2
- Great Blue Heron: 8
- Turkey Vulture: 2
- Bald Eagle: 18
- Northern Harrier: 1
- Red-tailed Hawk: 1
- American Coot: 2
- Killdeer: 6
- Greater Yellowlegs: 7
- Dunlin: 3
- Ring-billed Gull: 20
- Mourning Dove: 3
- Belted Kingfisher: 1
- Red-bellied Woodpecker: 3
- Downy Woodpecker: 2
- Northern Flicker: 2
- American Crow: 5
- Carolina Chickadee: 5
- Tufted Titmouse: 6
- Brown-headed Nuthatch: 6
- Brown Creeper: 1
- Carolina Wren: 2
- Golden-crowned Kinglet: 5
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 1
- Eastern Bluebird: 5
- Yellow-rumped Warbler: 2
- White-throated Sparrow: 5
- White-crowned Sparrow: 1
- Dark-eyed Junco: 6
- Northern Cardinal: 3

- Egypt Road:
- Canada Goose: 50
- Lesser Scaup: 1
- Turkey Vulture: 1
- Bald Eagle: 4
- Northern Harrier: 2
- Red-tailed Hawk: 1 (Eastern)
- American Kestrel: 1
- Hairy Woodpecker: 1
- American Crow: 5
- Tufted Titmouse: 1
- European Starling: 900
- Eastern Meadowlark: 1
- American Goldfinch: 15

- Red-winged Blackbird: 22
- Eastern Meadowlark: 1
- House Sparrow: 6
- **Cedar Creek Road**
- American Black Duck: 15
- Great Blue Heron: 3
- Great Egret: 1
- Osprey: 1
- Northern Harrier: 2
- Brown-headed Nuthatch:
- Golden-crowned Kinglet:
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet:
- Yellow-rumped Warbler:
- Eastern Meadowlark: 4

Comments:

Undaunted by wind, rain and snow fourteen hardy souls braved the elements to observe 58 species in Dorchester and Talbot Counties. A most difficult day for birding.