

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Trip Leader: Schwarz, Kurt

Date of Trip: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Location: Howard Waterfowl Search

Details: Half day+. Clear weather, occasional wind gusts. An extraordinary day. We had good looks at a Winter Wren at Elkhorn, only to be topped by the Snow Bunting found by Allen Lewis.

Number on trip: 9



Photo by Kevin Heffernan

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

- Canada Goose: 717
- American Black Duck: 1
- Mallard:
- Northern Shoveler: 2
- Ring-necked Duck: 11
- Hooded Merganser: 2
- Ruddy Duck: 2
- Common Loon: 1
- Pied-billed Grebe: 11
- Horned Grebe: 1
- Red-necked Grebe: 1
- Western Grebe: 1
- Great Blue Heron: 2
- Black Vulture: 1
- Turkey Vulture: 4
- Bald Eagle: 2
- Red-tailed Hawk: 4
- American Coot: 3
- Ring-billed Gull: 25
- Mourning Dove: 1
- Hairy Woodpecker: 2
- Pileated Woodpecker: 3
- Blue Jay: 7
- American Crow: 12
- Fish Crow: 3
- Carolina Chickadee: 9
- Tufted Titmouse: 9
- White-breasted Nuthatch: 3
- Carolina Wren: 3
- Winter Wren: 2
- Golden-crowned Kinglet: 1
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet: 2
- Eastern Bluebird: 6
- American Robin: 60
- Northern Mockingbird: 2
- European Starling: 2
- Snow Bunting: 1
- Song Sparrow: 11
- Dark-eyed Junco: 3
- Northern Cardinal: 23

- Belted Kingfisher: 1
- Red-bellied Woodpecker: 1
- Downy Woodpecker: 6
- American Goldfinch: 1
- House Sparrow: 41

Comments: Lake Kittamaquidi and Wilde Lake were uninteresting. The Northern Shovelers continued at Centennial, two females were located. Also a small Canada Goose generated some excitement, but was judged based on bill length to be a Canada after all. The real highlight proved to be the so-called Pipeline at Greenbridge, Triadelphia Reservoir. A Red-necked Grebe had been found, but by the time the bulk of the group arrived, another controversial grebe was in site. An vigorous discussion and re-examination of the photos revealed that it was the second ever Western Grebe found in Howard County. A small number then continued on to Fulton Pond, where the American Golden Plover continued its stay for the fourth day.