

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Saturday, February 18, 2012 How to Find an Owl

Trip Leader: Sheppard, Jay

Date of Trip: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Location: Annapolis Rock Road (Patuxent River State Park)& environs

Details: Jay had provided everyone with a handout entitled "How to Find Owls" so everyone was well prepared to look for owl pellets, white wash, and any other clues. (Want a copy of his handout? Click [HERE](#).)

But no one can predict exactly when an owl will be seen. You just go to the areas where they have been seen and where they are likely to be seen — and start looking.

This is also a great area and time of year for American Woodcock. Those who stayed for the evening display nearby were rewarded with ~12 in two different displays of ~6 each.

Number on trip: 51 registered and over **60** who showed up (and at least 42 vehicles.)

- Black Vulture
- Turkey Vulture
- Bald Eagle
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Ring-billed Gull
- American Woodcock
- Mourning Dove
- Barred Owl: several pellets & observed
- Northern Saw-whet Owl: 8 pellets
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker: remains left by a hawk
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Fish Crow
- Carolina Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Eastern Bluebird
- American Robin
- White-throated Sparrow
- Northern Cardinal