

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Saturday, December 7, 2013

Trip Leader: Kurt Schwarz

Date of Trip: Saturday, December 7, 2013

Location: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

Photo by Kurt Schwarz.



Details: Cloudy eventually giving way to partly cloudy. Temps began at 38, climbing to 46. A 15 mph breeze made it feel much colder. We left promptly at 6:00, arriving at the Cambridge Visitor Center at 7:30. We enjoyed expected diving ducks. We then toured the Cambridge waterfront to Hambrooks Bay, though Oakley Street lacked the usual huge raft of Canvasbacks and other diving ducks. Then off to Blackwater. A nice selection there, but the waterfowl variety seemed thin. We did find one **American White Pelican**, and the Gadwall and Hooded Merganser numbers were impressive. Cedar Creek Road was in poor condition, highlight was an **American Bittern** seen by the rear three cars, but missed by the leader's car.

Number on trip: 12

- Snow Goose
- Canada Goose
- Tundra Swan
- Gadwall
- American Black Duck
- Mallard
- Northern Shoveler
- Northern Pintail
- Green-winged Teal
- Canvasback
- Greater Scaup
- Lesser Scaup
- Surf Scoter
- Long-tailed Duck
- Bufflehead
- Common Goldeneye
- Hooded Merganser
- Ruddy Duck
- Common Loon
- Double-crested Cormorant
- American White Pelican
- American White Pelican
- American Bittern
- Great Blue Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Northern Harrier
- Bald Eagle
- Red-tailed Hawk
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Rock Pigeon
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Blue Jay
- Fish Crow
- Barn Swallow
- Carolina Chickadee