

# Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

## Field Trip: Hot Spots for Red Knots

**Trip Leader and Recorder:** Kurt Schwarz

**Date of Trip:** Saturday May 24, 2014

**Location:** Hot Spots for Red Knots: The Final Episode

**Details:** Sun was cresting the horizon as we left Meadowbrook at 6:00. We investigated Broadkill Marsh at 7:50-8:15, with best bird White-rumped Sandpiper. We met the bulk of the group at 8:30, and walked the Dike Trail, where we found the best birds of the trip, two **Red-necked Phalaropes**. We subsequently visited Prime Hook Beach Road, Fowler Beach, and Dupont Nature Center. Dupont delivered the promised Red Knots in numbers, with large numbers of other shorebirds. We then drove to Bombay Hook, which proved to be disappointing, not many shorebirds at all, but **two red fox kits** put on a nice show. The weather was in the 60s rising to the 70s. It was windy early, making rather chilly. Mostly sunny followed by increasing clouds. Light rain at mid-day.

**Number on trip:** 6





1) Red Knots, Ruddy Turnstone, Dunlin. 2) Seaside Sparrow, 3) Dunlin, 4) Short-billed Dowitcher. Photos by Howard Patterson.

- Canada Goose
- American Black Duck
- Mallard
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Snowy Egret
- Black-crowned Night-Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Osprey
- Bald Eagle
- Clapper Rail
- Black-necked Stilt
- American Oystercatcher
- Black-bellied Plover
- Semipalmated Plover
- Killdeer
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Willet (eastern)
- Ruddy Turnstone
- Red Knot
- Sanderling
- Dunlin
- Least Sandpiper
- White-rumped Sandpiper
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Short-billed Dowitcher
- Red-necked Phalarope
- Laughing Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Herring Gull
- Great Black-backed Gull
- Least Tern
- Caspian Tern
- Forster's Tern
- Black Skimmer
- Mourning Dove
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Eastern Wood-Pewee
- Willow Flycatcher
- Great Crested Flycatcher
- Eastern Kingbird
- White-eyed Vireo
- Red-eyed Vireo
- Horned Lark
- Purple Martin
- Tree Swallow
- Barn Swallow
- Carolina Chickadee
- Brown-headed Nuthatch
- House Wren
- Marsh Wren
- Carolina Wren
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
- American Robin
- Brown Thrasher
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- Ovenbird
- Common Yellowthroat
- Yellow Warbler
- Blackpoll Warbler
- Yellow-breasted Chat
- Eastern Towhee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Field Sparrow
- Grasshopper Sparrow
- Seaside Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Scarlet Tanager
- Northern Cardinal
- Blue Grosbeak
- Indigo Bunting
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Eastern Meadowlark
- Common Grackle
- Boat-tailed Grackle
- Brown-headed Cowbird
- Orchard Oriole
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- House Sparrow