

# Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

## Field Trip: Lake Elkhorn

**Trip Leader:** Allan Lewis

**Date of Trip:** Saturday October 4, 2014

**Location:** Lake Elkhorn

**Details:** We saw 46 species including seven species of warbler, beautiful views of three low, circling Cooper's Hawks, and three newly arrived Pied-billed Grebes. The day started with thick gray overcast, wind, and threatening rain but finished with some sunshine.

**Number on trip:** 13

- Canada Goose 7
- Mallard 2
- Pied-billed Grebe 3
- Great Blue Heron 2
- Great Egret 1
- Black Vulture 5
- Turkey Vulture 4
- Osprey 2
- Cooper's Hawk 4
- Bald Eagle 1
- Red-shouldered Hawk 2
- Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 15
- Mourning Dove 8
- Chimney Swift 4
- Belted Kingfisher 2
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 3
- Downy Woodpecker 3
- Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) 1
- Eastern Wood-Pewee 1
- Eastern Phoebe 1
- Blue Jay 25
- American Crow 3
- Carolina Chickadee 2
- Tufted Titmouse 3
- White-breasted Nuthatch 2
- Carolina Wren 3
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1
- Eastern Bluebird 4
- American Robin 4
- Gray Catbird 5
- Northern Mockingbird 1
- European Starling 8
- Cedar Waxwing 6
- Black-and-white Warbler 1
- Common Yellowthroat 2
- Northern Parula 1
- Magnolia Warbler 3
- Chestnut-sided Warbler 1
- Black-throated Blue Warbler 1
- Palm Warbler (Western) 2
- Palm Warbler (Yellow) 1
- Song Sparrow 2
- Swamp Sparrow 1
- Northern Cardinal 4
- House Finch 4
- American Goldfinch 5
- House Sparrow 15



Tufted Titmouse with caterpillar by Mike Kerwin

**Remarks:** The caterpillar was so big and heavy that the titmouse was lopsided when it flew—but no other bird was going to get it!