

# Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

## Field Trip: Saturday, November 22, 2014

**Trip Leader:** Kurt Schwarz

**Date of Trip:** Saturday, November 22, 2014

**Location:** Howard Waterfowl Search

**Details:** The trip began with calm conditions but frigid temperatures at about 18 degrees. Temperatures warmed into the low 30s. Large portions of all lakes were frozen except for Triadelphia Reservoir. The rarities reported earlier in the week were all present and located for the trip: Redhead, Greater Scaup, Surf Scoter, Ross's Goose. Triadelphia was something of a disappointment, devoid of any fowl aside from Canada Goose, until a distant foursome of Tundra Swans was spotted: two adults, two youngsters. A total of 15 species of waterfowl were found: One swan, two goose, nine duck, one grebe, one cormorant, and one gull species were found, plus Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, and Belted Kingfisher. We finished early because so much was frozen and much less ground to cover.

**Number on trip:** 16

### Lake Elkhorn

- Canada Goose 25
- Mallard 28
- Ring-necked Duck 4
- Bufflehead 2
- Hooded Merganser 26
- Pied-billed Grebe 12
- Mourning Dove 2
- Blue Jay 3
- Tufted Titmouse 1
- Carolina Wren 1
- American Robin 1
- Northern Mockingbird 1
- Northern Cardinal

### Lake Kittamaqundi

- Canada Goose 78
- Double-crested Cormorant 2
- Ring-billed Gull 37
- European Starling 4
- House Sparrow 1

## Wilde Lake

- Canada Goose 23
- Mallard 34
- Redhead 3
- Hooded Merganser 27
- Pied-billed Grebe 2
- Ring-billed Gull 13
- Eastern Bluebird 4
- Northern Cardinal 1
- House Sparrow 74



Redheads by Howard Patterson

## Centennial Park

- Ross's Goose 1
- Canada Goose 2
- American Black Duck 1
- Greater Scaup 1
- Surf Scoter 2 Second bird sighted later.
- Bufflehead 2
- Ruddy Duck 8
- Pied-billed Grebe 2
- Great Egret 1
- Black Vulture 1
- Turkey Vulture 4
- Sharp-shinned Hawk 2
- Red-shouldered Hawk 1
- Red-tailed Hawk 1
- Ring-billed Gull 10
- Fish Crow 4
- Cedar Waxwing 1
- Yellow-rumped Warbler 1



Ross's Goose by Kurt Schwarz



Surf Scoter by Howard Patterson



Great Egret by Howard Patterson

## Brighton Dam

- Canada Goose 8
- Tundra Swan 4 Found by Bill Hill
- Turkey Vulture 3
- Red-tailed Hawk 1
- Ring-billed Gull 12
- Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 1
- American Robin 50