

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Smith Island Trip

Howard County Trip Leader and recorder: Joe Hanfman

Date of Trip: Saturday, March 23, 2015

Name: Boat Trip and Smith Island

Details: Joint Baltimore–Howard County trip. Highlights: Common Raven at Wildewood Shopping Center (not listed below), Eared Grebe and Whimbrel at Point Lookout, Northern Gannets from the boat in Somerset County, Peregrine Falcons on the Liberty Ship in the bay, and lots of herons, egrets, oystercatchers, and Seaside Sparrows on Smith Island. (Not to mention the famous Smith Island cake!)

Point Lookout State Park (St. Mary's County):

- Mute Swan 1
- American Black Duck 2
- Bufflehead 3
- Red-breasted Merganser 1
- Ruddy Duck 1
- Wild Turkey 1
- Common Loon 3
- Horned Grebe 31 [Exact count]
- **Eared Grebe 1**
- Double-crested Cormorant 120
- Great Blue Heron 5
- Great Egret 1
- Black Vulture 6
- Turkey Vulture 20
- Osprey 6
- Northern Harrier 1
- Bald Eagle 2
- American Crow 8
- Fish Crow 12
- Tree Swallow 4
- Barn Swallow 10
- Carolina Chickadee 1
- Brown-headed Nuthatch 1
- House Wren 1
- Marsh Wren 2
- Carolina Wren 3
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6
- American Robin 6
- Gray Catbird 1
- Brown Thrasher 4
- Northern Mockingbird 4
- European Starling 6
- Cedar Waxwing 6
- Ovenbird 1

- Clapper Rail 1
- Sora 2
- Spotted Sandpiper 1
- Greater Yellowlegs 6
- **Whimbrel 1**
- Bonaparte's Gull 5
- Laughing Gull 4
- Ring-billed Gull 2
- Herring Gull (American) 5
- Great Black-backed Gull 3
- Royal Tern 3
- Mourning Dove 1
- Chimney Swift 1
- Red-headed Woodpecker 6 [Exact count]
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 1
- Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted) 1
- White-eyed Vireo 1
- Common Yellowthroat 1
- Northern Parula 1
- Yellow Warbler 1
- Palm Warbler (Yellow) 1
- Pine Warbler 4
- Prairie Warbler 2
- Seaside Sparrow 1
- Chipping Sparrow 4
- White-throated Sparrow 20
- Swamp Sparrow 1
- Eastern Towhee 4
- Northern Cardinal 20
- Red-winged Blackbird 12
- Common Grackle (Purple) 24
- Boat-tailed Grackle 2
- Brown-headed Cowbird 1
- American Goldfinch 6

Point Lookout — Smith Island boat (St. Mary's County):

- Common Loon 4
- Double-crested Cormorant 3
- Brown Pelican 1
- Osprey 1
- Dunlin 6
- Bonaparte's Gull 1
- Laughing Gull 10
- Herring Gull (American) 12
- Great Black-backed Gull 12
- Royal Tern 4
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1
- Barn Swallow 10

Point Lookout — Smith Island boat (Somerset County):

- Red-throated Loon 3
- Common Loon 6
- **Northern Gannet 2**
- Brown Pelican 3
- Bonaparte's Gull 1
- Laughing Gull 2
- Herring Gull (American) 4
- Great Black-backed Gull 12
- Chimney Swift 1
- Peregrine Falcon 2
- Tree Swallow 2
- Barn Swallow 12

Smith Island (Somerset County):

- Canada Goose 12
- Mute Swan 1
- American Black Duck 36
- Mallard 4
- Chimney Swift 1
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 2
- Merlin 1
- White-eyed Vireo 1

- Common Loon 1
- Double-crested Cormorant 15
- Great Blue Heron 16
- Great Egret 8
- Snowy Egret 4
- Little Blue Heron 9
- Tricolored Heron 5
- Black-crowned Night-Heron 10
- Glossy Ibis 25
- Turkey Vulture 2
- Osprey 6
- Northern Harrier 2
- Bald Eagle 2
- Clapper Rail 1
- **American Oystercatcher 8**
- Willet 5
- Laughing Gull 12
- Ring-billed Gull 1
- Herring Gull (American) 100
- Great Black-backed Gull 12
- Common Tern 1
- Forster's Tern 26
- Royal Tern 6
- Rock Pigeon (Feral Pigeon) 1
- Blue Jay 2
- Fish Crow 18
- Purple Martin 6
- Tree Swallow 2
- Barn Swallow 18
- Marsh Wren 1
- Carolina Wren 1
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 3
- Gray Catbird 2
- Northern Mockingbird 2
- European Starling 10
- Common Yellowthroat 3
- Palm Warbler 2
- Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle) 5
- Prairie Warbler 1
- **Seaside Sparrow 7**
- Savannah Sparrow (Savannah) 3
- Song Sparrow 2
- Eastern Towhee 1
- Northern Cardinal 2
- Red-winged Blackbird 20
- Boat-tailed Grackle 6
- Brown-headed Cowbird 1
- House Sparrow 6
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