

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Field Trip: Boat trip at Jug Bay

Trip Leader: Greg Kearnes

Recorders: Mary Maxey & Sarah Romero

Date of Trip: Friday, September 30, 2017

Location: Jug Bay

Details: We saw the first of the migrating Blue-winged and Green Teal, first wave of migrating Common Grackles, a few migrating monarchs that feed on the bur marigolds, and Sarah spotted an American Bittern. Greg says he sees one per year and that was the one. We didn't see any rails on the mudflats but had Sora calling and one in a trap as well as two Virginia Rails in another trap. Also in the traps were a Song and a Swamp Sparrow.

Number: 20





Photos by Mary Maxey

- Canada Goose 14
- Wood Duck 23
- Blue-winged Teal 40] migrants]
- Mallard 4
- American Black Duck 7 [very dark, larger duck, migration begun]
- Green-winged Teal 75 [migrants coming in]
- duck sp. 100
- Double-crested Cormorant 7
- American Bittern 1
- Least Bittern 1 [call recognized]
- Great Blue Heron 4
- Great Egret 10
- Black Vulture 5
- Turkey Vulture 29
- Osprey 1
- Northern Harrier 3
- Bald Eagle 5
- Red-shouldered Hawk 1
- Red-tailed Hawk 3
- Virginia Rail 2 [both from trap, banded and released]
- Sora 6 [one from trap, banded and released, others heard]
- Greater Yellowlegs 1
- Laughing Gull 60
- Rock Pigeon 24 [belong to neighboring resident]
- Chimney Swift 3
- Belted Kingfisher 5
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 1
- Northern Flicker 4
- Eastern Phoebe 2
- Blue Jay 5
- American Crow 3
- crow sp. 1
- Tree Swallow 12
- Carolina Chickadee 2
- Tufted Titmouse 2
- Carolina Wren 2
- American Robin 1
- Gray Catbird 1
- Common Yellowthroat 2
- Song Sparrow 1 [released from trap]
- Swamp Sparrow 1 [released from trap]
- Red-winged Blackbird 700
- Common Grackle 300