

# Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

## Field Trip: Howard Waterfowl Search

**Trip Leader:** Kurt Schwarz

**Date of Trip:** Saturday, December 2, 2017

**Locations:** Lake Elkhorn, Centennial Lake, Wilde Lake, Lake Kittamaquindi, and the GE Retention Pond.

**Details:** We opted to wait until December as the last few years of November searches had proven pretty barren. Alas, this did not help! A measly 35 species for a morning's trek.

The day started at 30 degrees, partly sunny, no wind. Temps rose to the 40s, and the sky eventually clouded over completely. The visit to Centennial was shortened because a fun run closed off the west end. Wilde Lake was also partially inaccessible due to on-going dredging. We finished up by roughly 11:40.

**Number:** 7

- Cackling Goose - 3
- Canada Goose - 530
- Mallard - 22
- Ring-necked Duck - 31
- Bufflehead - 4
- Hooded Merganser - 44
- Ruddy Duck - 7
- Pied-billed Grebe - 4
- Double-crested Cormorant - 22
- Great Blue Heron - 2
- Turkey Vulture - 1
- Red-shouldered Hawk - 1
- Ring-billed Gull - 38
- Belted Kingfisher - 2
- Red-bellied Woodpecker - 1
- Downy Woodpecker - 1
- Northern Flicker - 2
- Blue Jay - 3
- American Crow - 3
- Fish Crow - 4
- crow species - 29
- Carolina Chickadee - 1
- Tufted Titmouse - 3
- White-breasted Nuthatch - 2
- Carolina Wren - 2
- Golden-crowned Kinglet - 2
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet - 1
- Eastern Bluebird - 1
- European Starling - 415
- Yellow-rumped Warbler - 2
- Field Sparrow - 2
- White-throated Sparrow - 28
- Song Sparrow - 8
- Northern Cardinal - 13
- Red-winged Blackbird - 2
- House Sparrow - 6