

Howard County Bird Club

A Chapter of the Maryland Ornithological Society (MOS)

Middle Patuxent Environmental Area

Trip Leader: Kurt Schwarz

Recorder: Meg Harris

Date of Trip: Thursday, September 6, 2018

Details: The day was hot and humid, starting at 72 degrees, rising into the low 80s. The sky was virtually cloudless. We lost a lot of fluid. It proved to be hard to get much beyond the parking area, as the first stretch before we even got to Clegg Meadow, proved to be very birdy. Alas, they tended to be high and distant. Nevertheless several warbler species were tricked out, and Red-breasted Nuthatch was heard. By the time we got to the meadow, it had heated up and birds were scarce aside from some Indigo Buntings. We took the Connector Trail and worked the fields around Stop 1 without much luck. Our last stop was the conifers by the amphitheater, in hopes of warblers. Joe's eagle eyes spotted a Cape May Warbler, which proved elusive, but eventually everyone saw it. It is possible the Cape May could have been the same individual photographed at that spot on September 3. We then retreated to the cars, only stopping to get eyes on a Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

Number of participants: 15



Yellow-billed Cuckoo by Kurt Schwarz

- Mourning Dove 2
- Yellow-billed Cuckoo 1
- Chimney Swift 3
- Ruby-throated Hummingbird 5
- Black Vulture 1
- Turkey Vulture 2
- Osprey 1
- Red-shouldered Hawk 2
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 8
- Downy Woodpecker 3
- Hairy Woodpecker 1
- Pileated Woodpecker 1
- Northern Flicker 3
- Eastern Wood-Pewee 9
- Acadian Flycatcher 1
- Great Crested Flycatcher 1
- White-eyed Vireo 1
- Yellow-throated Vireo 1
- Red-eyed Vireo 9
- Blue Jay 7
- American Crow 3
- Carolina Chickadee 4
- Tufted Titmouse 4
- Red-breasted Nuthatch 1
- White-breasted Nuthatch 1
- House Wren 2
- Carolina Wren 5
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2
- Wood Thrush 1
- American Robin 2
- Gray Catbird 15
- Cedar Waxwing 2
- American Goldfinch 9
- Song Sparrow 1
- Eastern Towhee 1
- Baltimore Oriole 2
- Black-and-white Warbler 2
- Common Yellowthroat 7
- American Redstart 9
- Cape May Warbler 1
- Northern Parula 3
- Chestnut-sided Warbler 2
- Scarlet Tanager 1
- Northern Cardinal 6
- Indigo Bunting 9