

Howard County, Maryland

May 4, 2002, Fourth Unofficial Big Day

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Big Day 4. May 4, 2002. Leaders: Bonnie Ott and Joanne Solem. Total participants: 8 (names not available). (Because this was the same day as a scheduled field trip, it was not listed as an official trip. Bonnie could stay only until noon.) Weather: Chilly early (40s) rising into low 60s in p.m.; clouds rolled in by mid-p.m. with rain from 6:15 – 8:00 p.m., then skies cleared. Time: 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Total species: 113. Meeting site: Rockburn Elementary School. Notable species: 23 warbler species total. 19 species of warblers and Purple Finch – Rockburn Branch Park; Yellow-throated and Cerulean warblers – Henryton; Soras (2) and Bank Swallow – UMDCF; Ruddy Duck – Wilde Lake; shorebirds at Pigtail (we had permission to enter despite gate closure); Ring-billed Gull – Brighton Dam; waited out rain to get an American Woodcock and two Eastern Whip-poor-wills, but no owls – Hipsley Mill Road.

Definitely one of the better efforts!