



Howard County Bird Club Fiftieth Anniversary Challenge

Accept the Challenge! (You must be a current HCBC member.) Download this list. Between January 1 and September 30, 2022, complete any 20 of the 50. When you complete an item, fill in the date in the column on the left. **Give completed sheets to Mary Lou Clark, Kristin Trouton, David Sandler or mail to Jo Solem, 10617 Graeloch Rd., Laurel, MD 20723 no later than September 30, 2022** to claim a small prize with drawings for several larger prizes. (Prizes distributed and drawings October 30 or later.)

1. _____ Attend a Howard County Bird Club (HCBC) meeting.
2. _____ Read an issue of *The Goldfinch*.
3. _____ Plant a native species of tree.
4. _____ Take a child with you on a nature walk.
5. _____ Spend an hour scanning the sky at the SkyWatch, The Howard County Conservancy at Mt. Pleasant.
6. _____ Explore the "Beginning Birding" information on the HCBC's website.
7. _____ Keep track of bird species seen at a feeder for a week. Number of species tallied? _____.
8. _____ Participate in an activity sponsored by the Robinson Nature Center, Cedar Lane.
9. _____ Read a nature-themed book (not a field guide) such as *A Sand County Almanac* by Aldo Leopold.
10. _____ On Earth Day, 4/22 (or any day) spend an hour picking up streamside trash, removing invasive plants, or engaging in an activity to help the Earth. _____.
11. _____ Participate in a HCBC field trip.
12. _____ List six professional sports teams that have a bird in their name or as a mascot:
1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____,
4. _____, 5. _____, 6. _____.
13. _____ Identify 20 bird species in your yard or neighborhood.
14. _____ If not yet a member, join the HCBC Butterfly Group by emailing Linda Hunt (raven10322@hotmail.com).
15. _____ Participate in a seasonal bird count (Mid-winter, May, or Fall). _____.
16. _____ List five county bird species with a state, city, or location in their name:
1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____,
4. _____, 5. _____.
17. _____ Volunteer to assist with the Breeding Bird Atlas: Howard@mdbirds.org
18. _____ Name three popular county birding sites: 1. _____,
2. _____, 3. _____.
19. _____ Watch the movie, "The Big Year."
20. _____ Participate in The Great Backyard Bird Count, Feb. 18-21, 2022.
21. _____ Document a Brown-headed Cowbird fledgling being fed. Host species? _____.
22. _____ Watch a cavity-nesting pair excavate a cavity. Species? _____.
23. _____ Bird around the lake at Centennial Park or any one of Columbia's lakes. _____.
24. _____ Participate in an official Big Day count or in a Half Big Day field trip.
25. _____ Submit a butterfly list using the interactive Butterfly Report Form on the website.

26. _____ Attend the Maryland Ornithological Society Convention, May 20-22, 2022, Solomons, MD.
27. _____ Beginning birders, start a life list with date, location, and brief description for each species.
28. _____ Visit Waterford Flats (4/1-6/15; 7/15-9/30). Follow protocols described on website.
29. _____ For an eBird list, include a photo for verification. Species photo: _____.
30. _____ Lead or co-lead a HCBC field trip or present a program.
31. _____ Name five Howard County birds that have been recorded just once in the last 60 years. eBird is unreliable; use Howard County Annotated Bird Records. 1. _____ . 2. _____ .
3. _____ . 4. _____ . 5. _____ .
32. _____ Find a Monarch butterfly caterpillar on milkweed. Photograph it.
33. _____ Participate in a Howard County Conservancy activity at Mt. Pleasant or at Belmont.
34. _____ Submit an original poem or cartoon to the editor of *The Goldfinch*.
35. _____ Introduce a friend to the HCBC. _____ (first name, first initial of last name).
36. _____ Photograph a bird in your yard/neighborhood. Species? _____.
37. _____ Explore a county birding site you have not visited before: _____.
38. _____ With a few native plants, start or add to a pollinator garden.
39. _____ Check the seasonal photos and read summaries posted on the HCBC Information Board attached to the concession building at Centennial Park's south entrance (MD 108).
40. _____ Thoroughly explore the HCBC website. Name one subject you had not realized was present.
_____.
41. _____ Contact an elected official expressing support or opposition to proposed legislation.
42. _____ Track down a bird whose song you didn't recognize. Species? _____.
43. _____ Attend a walk organized by the HCBC Butterfly-Group.
44. _____ For large glass expanses, explore ways to prevent bird/glass collisions. Try one. (Examine examples at the Gudelsky Center, The Howard County Conservancy at Mt. Pleasant.) Solution tried:
_____.
45. _____ List one HCBC leadership position you have held (elected officer, appointed position, committee chair or member, area coordinator for a seasonal count, atlas block captain, etc.).
_____.
46. _____ Submit one or more atlas lists to eBird with a total of at least five confirmations. List species & dates:
1. _____, 2. _____, 3. _____,
4. _____, 5. _____.
47. _____ Use an audio bird app. to identify three birds: 1. _____,
2. _____, 3. _____.
48. _____ Ask a beginning birder to accompany you on a bird/nature walk.
49. _____ Name five county birds, each with a different color in its name: 1. _____,
2. _____, 3. _____, 4. _____,
5. _____.
50. _____ Your favorite Howard County bird: _____

Name _____ Date _____