

Howard County, Maryland

Sparrow Big Days

Bonnie Ott and Joanne Solem

Sparrow Big Day 13. October 17, 2015. Leader: Bonnie Ott. Recorder: John Harris. Total participants: 11. Ralph Cullison, Hugh David Fleischmann, Karen Darcy Heffernan, Mike Kerwin, Nancy McAllister, Howard Patterson, Joanne Solem, Chuck Stirrat, Anthony VanSchoor. Weather: Mostly sunny, breezy, chilly. Time: 7:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Total sparrow species: 10. Meeting site: Waterford Farm. Notable species: Bobolink, Rusty Blackbird – Waterford Farm.

Met at Waterford Farm and spent the entire morning covering the farm more completely than usual. That was definitely a productive idea as 10 sparrow species were logged there including 30 Chipping, 110 Savannahs, 3 Vespers, and 3 Grasshoppers. The ponds also produced American Wigeon and Green-winged Teal, while Bobolinks and Rusty Blackbirds were fine additions.