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Blue Jay Attacks Merlin

A Report of MD/DC Birding & Listing

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What's The Purpose of This Report?

This is the 27th year that a report of this nature has been compiled and published. The report was begun in 1986 by Harvey Mudd, was taken on by Phil Davis in the early 1990s, and then was passed on to Norm Saunders with the 2001 List Report. After Norm's decade or so of service, Russ Ruffing assumed the reigns beginning with the 2011 Report.

This year's report seeks to be more comprehensive than previous reports, which were essentially just compilations of birders' lists. A summary of the birding year is included for the state as a whole, plus one for each county and the District of Columbia. The thought is that this will give a nice context to the report and allow readers to harken back to the report in future years and remember that 2012 was the year we had so many early arrivals, winter finches, etc. This report also includes all of the current Big Day data that is available for statewide, county, and major region Big Days.

Acknowledgements

A number of individuals assisted in the preparation of this report. I want to make special mention of Bill Hubick and Joe Hanfman; Bill for generally being a source of information, encouragement, and someone to bounce ideas off of; and Joe for providing information on the frequency of many rarities and all of the individual county maximum species numbers. That is a year-long job; and with the help of Bill and Jim Brighton via the Maryland Biodiversity Project, the all-time county lists are becoming ever more accurate. Both gentlemen also provided thorough editorial reviews as well.

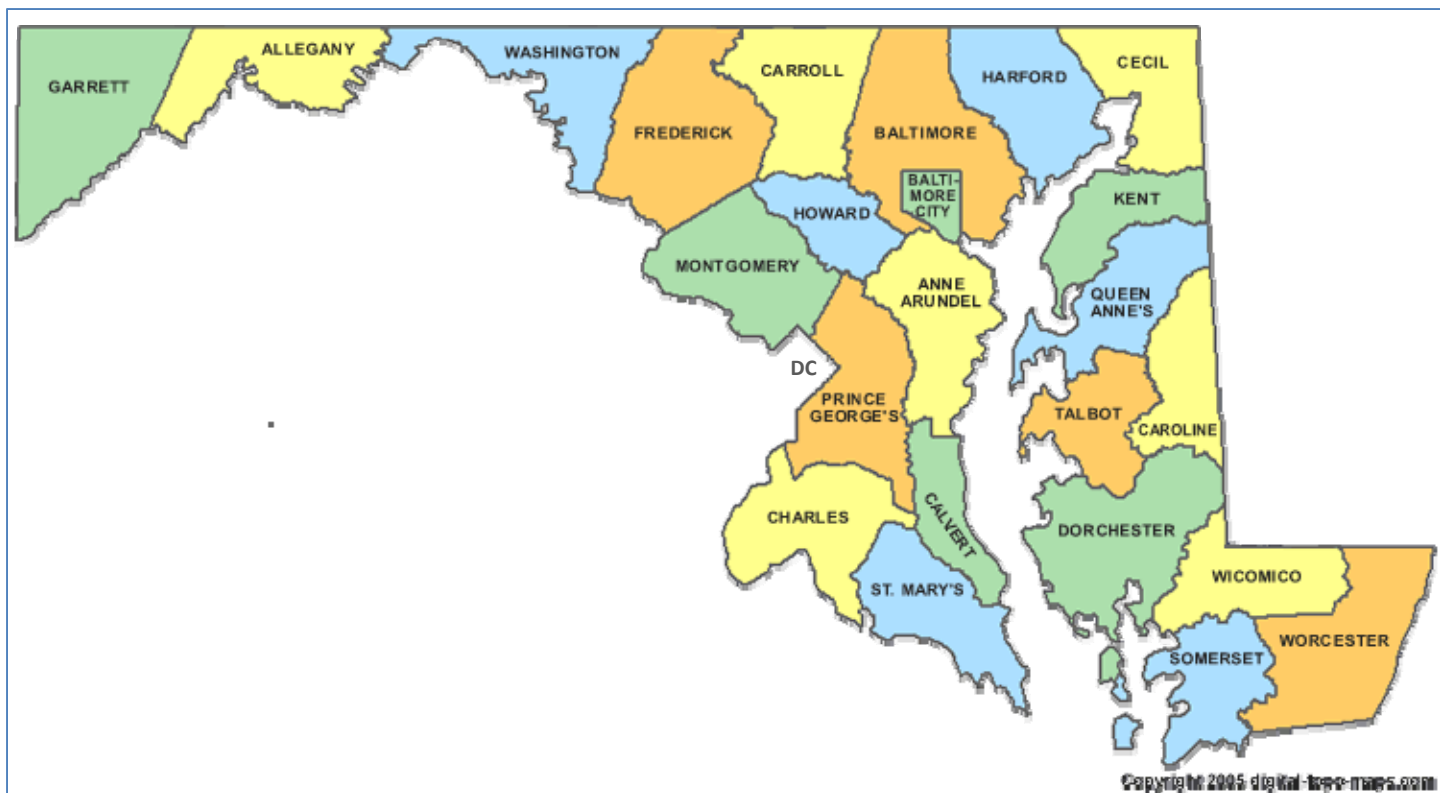
Bob Ringler provided numerous updates of early arrival records, and there were a lot of them to keep track of in 2012! Rob Ostrowski provided many of the ideas for the summary of the Maryland/DC birding year. Jared Fisher's eBird report and David Kidwell's Comprehensive List for 2012 are both invaluable tools for Maryland/DC birders, and both reports are included as appendices to this document.

Many thanks to all the birders who provided material for the county and District summaries! Without their local knowledge it would have been impossible to include these summaries in the report. They are:

- J.B. Churchill - Garrett and Allegany
- Steve Back - Washington
- Marcia Balestri - Frederick
- Bob Ringler - Carroll
- Joe Hanfman - Howard
- Dave Czaplak - Montgomery
- Jon Corcoran and Joan Cwi - Baltimore
- Matt Hafner - Harford
- Sean McCandless - Cecil
- Dan Haas - Anne Arundel
- Mikey Lutmerding - Prince George's
- Fred Fallon - Calvert
- George Jett - Charles
- James Tyler Bell - St. Mary's
- Dan Small - Kent and Queen Anne's
- Dave Palmer - Caroline
- Les Roslund - Talbot
- Jim Brighton - Dorchester
- Mike Walsh - Somerset
- Ron Gutberlet - Wicomico
- Mark Hoffman - Worcester
- Jason Berry – District of Columbia

What Area Is Covered By This Report?

This report covers all of Maryland's 23 counties plus the District of Columbia (hereafter, when referring to counties, it is inclusive of the District of Columbia). The following graphic shows all of the Maryland counties plus the District. The second graphic shows the demarcation line between Maryland's Eastern and Western Shores - the C & D Canal in Cecil County. In Maryland, the C & D Canal begins at the MD/DE state line, continues due west through Chesapeake City, and connects with the Elk River. From there, the line of demarcation would be the center line of the Elk River as it flows southwest until it adjoins the Chesapeake Bay. Everything north of the Elk River in Cecil County is considered Western Shore, such as Piney Creek Cove, Turkey Point, and Elk Neck State Park; everything south of the Elk River in Cecil County is considered Eastern Shore, such as Herring Island, Hollywood Beach, Veasey Cove, and Cabin John Creek.



Map of Maryland Counties



C&D Canal – Eastern/Western Shore Dividing Line in Cecil County

North of red line = Western Shore; South of red line = Eastern Shore

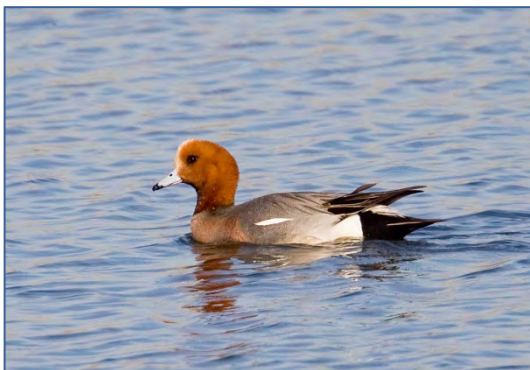
2012 Report Data Base Statistics

Number reporting for 2012: 111
 Number reporting for previous year: 106
 Number in data base: 287
 Number of new reporters for 2012: 9

Those reporting for 2012 (new participants in **red font**):

2012 Report Participants		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Matthew Anthony	Victoria Fisher	Paul O'Brien
Henry Armistead	Kathy Fleming	Peter Osenton
Marcia Balestri	Frank Fogarty	Rob Ostrowski
Betsy Bangert	Stephen Ford	Mike Ostrowski
Tyler Bell	Ross Geredien	Michael O'Sullivan
Jason Berry	Maren Gimpel	Bonnie Ott
Michael Bowen	Kevin Graff	Dave Palmer
Edward Boyd	Jim Green	Howard Patterson
Dave Brenneman	Ron Gutberlet	Helen Patton
Gwen Brewer	Dan Haas	Dave Perry
Jim Brighton	Matt Hafner	Paul Pisano
Carol Broderick	Joe Hanfman	Dave Powell
Mike Burchett	Elaine Hendricks	Evelyn Ralston
Rod Burley	Bill Hill	Derek Richardson
Greg Butcher	Rob Hilton	Bob Ringler
Saundra Byrd	Mark Hoffman	Les Roslund
Joe Byrnes	Emy Holdridge	Russ Ruffing
Kathy Calvert	John Hubbell	Mark Schilling
Tim Carney	Bill Hubick	Kurt Schwarz
J.B Churchill	Derek Hudgins	Fred Shaffer
Steve Collins	Kye Jenkins	Lisa Shannon
Jon Corcoran	George Jett	Jeff Shenot
Keith Costley	Hank Kaestner	Don Simonson
Patty Craig	Mike Kerwin	Dan Small
Jeff Culler	David Kidwell	Joanne Solem
Warren David Cummings	Dennis Kirkwood	Duvall Sollers
Dave Czaplak	Jane Kostenko	Leslie Starr
Tomas Dahlen	Ellen Lawler	Jim Stasz
Karen Darcy	Allen Lewis	Chuck Stirrat
Phil Davis	Mikey Lutmerding	Warren Strobel
Barbara Davis	Gail Mackiernan	Debby Terry
John Dennehy	Nancy Magnusson	MaryAnn Todd
Samuel Dyke	Joel Martin	Anna Urciolo
Fred Fallon	Sean McCandless	Mike Walsh
Jane Fallon	Carol McCollough	Leo Weigant
Harry Fink	Jim Nelson	Winger West
Jared Fisher	Lou Nielsen	Andy Wilson

Comments on the Lists



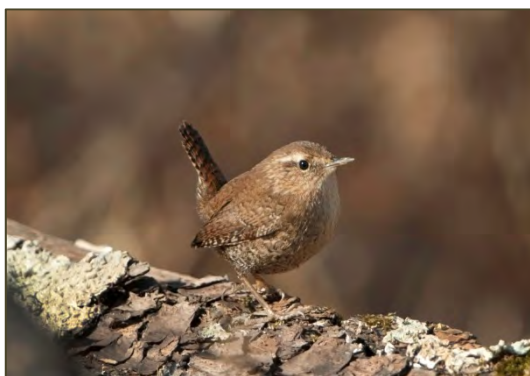
Eurasian Wigeon – Kent Island
Joe Turner

It was exciting to have a new high number (111) of birders participate in the report this year. This is an increase of five over last year. This year a larger number of birders also submitted lists in the month categories that were first instituted in 2011. Hopefully this category will continue to catch on with birders in the future, and that goes with Big Days as well. This report is the first time that Big Days are included; readers will note that there are *precious few* Big Days in the database for counties; most have none. It is the desire of the compiler to eventually see statewide, county, District, and region (Eastern/Western Shore) Big Days in every month of the year. Ambitious, yes...but if you list it, they will bird...er, come, right?!

The current maximum number of species reported for each locality is shown at the top of the respective life list tables. Readers will likely note that the maximum number of species shown for each county in *this year's* report are usually different (some less) than what was reported in the 2011 report; that is because of an ongoing effort – primarily on the part of Joe Hanfman and Bill Hubick – to accurately account for every species that has ever been recorded in each county. They are going through a rigorous process of nailing down the veracity of all species accounts for each county, and their efforts are very much appreciated. In following years, this report will include a list of species additions and subtractions that were made for each county from the previous year.



Atlantic Brant – Fleming Park
Jon Corcoran



Winter Wren – Meadowside Nature Center
Chris Barnard

All Life Lists that met or exceeded the given threshold are included; thresholds are typically set at 50% of the maximum number known for each location. Space dictated how many Year Lists appear in the tables. With the inclusion this year of County Summaries and Big Day Reports as well as additional data not previously included in past reports, an effort was made to shorten the Year List tables.

Life Lists are indicated by the last year that they were updated. **Year Lists** are indicated by the year in which the total was achieved. For Year Lists, **red font** indicates that it is a 2012 submission. This helps the reader pick out 2012 totals apart from older lists.

Statewide and County Life Yard Lists – whereas last year only those Yard Life Lists that were updated in 2011 were included, this year's report includes all Yard Life Lists that were updated within the last five years. The thinking here is that if a birder has not updated a Yard Life List within the last five years, they may no longer live at that location or are otherwise no longer keeping such a list. Had to cut it off somewhere, but one year seemed like too little and longer than five seemed like too long!

Order of Counties – due to popular demand, the order that county lists appear in this report is arranged by geography, beginning with Garrett County in western Maryland and proceeding east and south to Worcester County on the Eastern Shore. Last year's report ordered them alphabetically.



Snow Bunting – Fort McHenry
Monroe Harden

The Maryland/DC Birding Year in Review

There were so many exciting birds, events, and trends in 2012 that it is difficult to know where to start! So, how about with some statistics? Maryland birders reported **356 species** in 2012, plus four distinct subspecies/morphs/types: Common Teal, Audubon's Warbler, Type 10 Red Crossbill, and Great-white Heron. All but two of the 356 species were reported to eBird in 2012.

A first state record is a significant event in any birding year, and in 2012 Maryland was graced with three such events. The first came on January 26, when Jim Stasz and Ed Boyd tentatively thought they had observed a **Virginia's Warbler** at Talbot County's Pickering Creek Audubon Center. This secretive little warbler that breeds in the arid mountains of the American southwest should have been wintering in Mexico at that time of the year! Jim re-found the bird again and confirmed the ID on February 15, and the race was on for Maryland birders. This sometimes uncooperative little bird was seen by hundreds, including out-of-state birders, at least through March 18.



Virginia's Warbler
Mike Burchett



Pink-footed Goose
Joe Turner

The same week that the Virginia's was confirmed, Howard County stepped into the fray with a first state record of its own – Nick Lund's **Pink-footed Goose** on February 20. The bird was found leisurely hanging around with Canada Geese in a little community pond off Jones Road in the western part of the county. The bird was not reported until later in the day, and thus set off a frantic frenzy of birders trying to relocate the goose the next morning. The bird was eventually found slightly to the north in a field along Jennings Chapel Road, and was generally seen in this area through February 22 by many.

Another rare goose showed up in Maryland in 2012 – a **Barnacle Goose** initially found on the Chester River near Buckingham Landing by Dan Small and Maren Gimpel. There had been 27 previous records of Barnacle Goose in Maryland but 11 of those records are considered unreviewable due to limited information. This bird spurred a flurry of activity as it sometimes proved difficult to find among huge nomadic flocks of Canada Geese in the area.

Spring Migration

Just as the euphoria of these three birds was dying away in late winter, Maryland and District birders were treated to one of the most fascinating springs in recent memory. The winter of 2012 had been notable for its mild temperatures and lack of snow cover, and this no doubt contributed to a rash of new early spring arrival records for multiple species in multiple counties.

Blue-gray Gnatcatchers began showing up around the state two weeks earlier than normal and set new **early arrival records in seven counties and in the District**. Unprecedented were three reports of **Great Crested Flycatcher** in March and a total of **five new county early arrival records** for that species. There were also two reports of Eastern Kingbird in March, although neither established new early arrival records. Several other species that winter in the southeastern part of the U.S. or nearby set many new county early arrival records:

- **Louisiana Waterthrushes** set records in eight counties and the District.
- **Common Yellowthroats** set records in four counties and tied one other county record.
- **Northern Parulas** set records in four counties.
- **Palm Warblers** set records in seven counties and the District.
- **Yellow-throated Warblers** set a new *state* early date, plus new early arrival records in three counties and tied another county record.

These records represent just some of the many records that were set. With the increased reporting of sightings in the state, many new county arrival and departure records are set every year; however, the spring of 2012 dwarfed typical years with the sheer number of new arrival records it produced.

During the peak of spring migration, typically the first week of May for many neotrops, an unexpected **Anhinga** was found by Matt Grey on May 4 at Anne Arundel County's Lake Waterford Park. This bird stayed around at least through May 9 and offered many birders their first state Anhinga sighting. A week later, a **Western Tanager** was spotted briefly by Dave Czaplak and Mary Ann Todd at Black Hill Regional Park in Montgomery County. There are seven accepted records of Western Tanager previously in Maryland; interestingly, three of the seven are from Montgomery County, and this would make the fourth!

Historic Pelagic

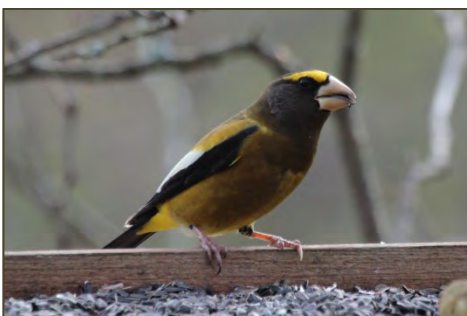
The next big event in the 2012 birding year was the historic pelagic trip in Maryland waters on August 25. For those birders that were on the boat, it is one trip they will not soon forget as it is now regarded as likely the single best pelagic trip in Maryland birding history. This trip yielded Maryland's third and final first state record for 2012, a **Herald Petrel** (Trinadae). This bird was first observed flying right at the boat at first light, getting as close as 100 feet to the boat and staying around the slick that had been laid out for more than an hour! The trip then yielded at least two **Black-capped Petrels** which represented only the 3rd and 4th Maryland state records! At least two individuals were observed simultaneously and another individual was seen separately later on in the morning, possibly a third representative of its species for the day. A **White-faced Storm-Petrel** was also observed in Maryland waters on this trip, as well as an astounding 120 or more Band-rumped Storm-Petrels, from 40-60 Leach's Storm-Petrels, four Black Terns, one Arctic Tern, and 20 or more Red-necked Phalaropes. Additionally, an adult Bridled Tern and a Long-tailed Jaeger were observed in Delaware waters during this wonderful trip.



Herald Petrel
J.B. Churchill

Winter Finches

The end of August saw fall migration kick into high gear as well. By the last week of August, reports of Red-breasted Nuthatches began pouring in from all over the state. Although not a winter finch species itself, whenever Red-breasteds start showing up in August this usually bodes well for a winter finch invasion for the region (pers. comm. from Bob Ringler); Bob was proven to be correct shortly thereafter. By the second week of September, **Purple Finches** began showing up in large numbers at feeders across the state; these largely disappeared after October. It didn't matter, however, as enormous numbers of **Pine Siskins** and small numbers of **Evening Grosbeaks** picked up the slack and got the pulse racing at a number of feeders beginning in late October and for a few short weeks thereafter. Because it had been so many years that Evening Grosbeaks were commonly visiting feeders in winter here, even some very experienced birders did not have it on their life list until 2012! Evening Grosbeaks



Evening Grosbeak
Russ Ruffing

were recorded in no less than 14 counties in 2012, but in most cases did not stay long at any one location. **Pine Siskins** appeared in virtually every county plus the District and set **early arrival records in five counties!**

Not to be left out of the frenzy, both **Red and White-winged Crossbills** made headlines in late fall through the end of the year and even up to the time of this writing. Small to medium-sized flocks of both species seemed to bounce between stands of spruce and sweetgum stands all over the counties in which they were seen, proving difficult to predict where they would show up next and causing many birders to spend hours staking out areas where flocks had been seen sometimes just minutes before. White-wingeds were more prevalent, having been reported in the District and in every county except Charles, Somerset, and Wicomico (per eBird). **White-winged Crossbills set early arrival records in five counties** in 2012.



Red Crossbill
Jon Corcoran



Common Redpoll
Jon Corcoran

Per eBird, in mid-August a very significant west to east Red Crossbill movement occurred into the Great Lakes, Midwest, Ontario, and Northeastern states. Almost all of these birds were of the small-billed Type 3 variety, which has its core range in the Pacific Northwest where it is most efficient at feeding on Western Hemlock. The Western Hemlock crop this year was abject, which is likely what caused these birds to irrupt southward and eastward to the Atlantic coast. By the end of 2012, **Red Crossbills** had been observed in no less than 16 Maryland counties plus the District, and set **early arrival records in at least four counties**. Of those Reds that birders were able to make audio recordings of in Maryland, almost all were categorized as Type 3 birds with a few Type 10 birds thrown in for good measure.

Common Redpolls rounded out the winter finch movement, with birds showing up in the state both later than the crossbills in general and in much smaller numbers. At least 12 counties got in on the redpoll action in 2012. These birds seemed to show a real preference for stands of sweetgum trees where they

were found.

Hurricane Sandy

In late October, birders anxiously awaited the landfall of major Hurricane Sandy along the east coast. This storm was one part anxiety for the danger it posed to life and property, and one part anticipation for what it would mean to our hobby. Anytime a powerful hurricane – and one of such stunning diameter – makes a direct turn westward onto land, the potential for depositing pelagic species far inland is tremendous, and Sandy did not disappoint from that standpoint. If only it would have spared so many the misery and devastation that it left behind.

Sandy was a very rare event in that it arrived at the end of October. For Pennsylvania birders, this storm was the single most exciting day in their history, with several first state records and many unheard of species showing up even as far inland as southwestern PA. For Maryland birders, it was not quite as magnificent, but it was exciting nonetheless. **Red Phalarope, Pomarine Jaeger, and Atlantic Brant** were some of the most widely-reported storm species. There were also reports of **Red-necked Phalarope, Northern Gannet, Black Skimmer, Arctic Tern, Cave Swallow, scoters**, and other species from various locations.

Other Notables

Fall migration was prominent for the sheer number of **Connecticut Warbler** reports that came rolling in. This species was easily the most common it had ever been for the majority of many birders' careers. A spectacular **Sabine's Gull** was found on Triadelphia Reservoir on September 8 by Tom Feild; this bird afforded many the chance to see not only a state life bird but one in both Montgomery and Howard Counties! This was only the state's 12th report (8 of the previous 11 were accepted) of this species. On October 8, while directing air traffic at BWI, Ed Boyd had a brief encounter with a **Northern Wheatear** as it landed first on the tower and then moved to the terminal roof, pausing briefly before flying out of sight to the east. As of this writing, this sighting is under review by the MD/DC records committee.



Sabine's Gull
Jared Fisher

A **Black-headed Gull** returned for at least its third known winter in the Hunt Valley area and was found by Russ Ruffing on October 31 at the Hunt Valley Mall, where it remained highly visible into 2013, just as it had the previous winter. November hosted Maryland's first chase-able **Western Grebe** since 1995; this bird was found by Scott Houston on November 19 at Castaway's Campground in Worcester County. There are only four previous records of this species that have been accepted, with one additional pending review, plus four accepted records of Western/Clark's (Aechmophorus sp.). A **Tufted Duck** spotted by Mark Schilling in the Kent Narrows on December 16 treated many birders on into 2013, as did a female **Barrow's Goldeneye** found by Jeff Culler and Joe Hanfman on December 11 in the Choptank River, Talbot County.

Listing

With all of the unusual events that occurred in 2012, the state's birders reaped the plentiful bounty that resulted. Three birders exceeded Jim Stasz's previous all-time high Year List of 338 that was set in 2009: Jim Stasz at 345, Mike Burchett at 342, and Betsy Bangert at 341. In all, 18 birders exceeded the 300 mark in 2012.

Jim Stasz and Mark Hoffman both added the three first-state records, thus their respective State Life Lists are up to a whopping 410! Paul O'Brien is the only other birder with a State Life List above 400, standing three back from the leaders at 407.



Barnacle Goose w/ Canada
Sean McCandless

Maryland 2012 Year Lists					
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Jim Stasz	345	Bob Ringler	290	Rod Burley	242
Mike Burchett	342	Dan Haas	289	David Kidwell	237
Betsy Bangert	341	Mary Ann Todd	284	Kurt R. Schwarz	237
Edward Boyd	335	Dan Small	280	Howard Patterson	236
Joe Hanfman	335	Joel Martin	279	Jon Corcoran	232
Nancy Magnusson	334	John Dennehy	279	Warren David Cummings	232
Mikey Lutmerding	328	Tim Carney	278	Chuck Stirrat	229
Jared Fisher	321	Fred Shaffer	271	Michael Bowen	229
Kevin Graff	320	Leo Weigant	271	Henry Armistead	223
Warren Strobel	316	Dave Palmer	270	J. Tyler Bell	220
Elaine Hendricks	315	Mike Ostrowski	268	Derek Hudgins	216
Leslie Starr	315	Dave Powell	267	Carol McCollough	214
Matt Hafner	315	Mike Walsh	266	Dennis Kirkwood	204
Jeff Culler	312	Russ Ruffing	260	Matthew Anthony	202
Ron Gutberlet	311	Sean McCandless	260	Andy Wilson	189
John Hubbell	307	Victoria Fisher	260	Jane Kostenko	177
Bill Hubick	305	Kye Jenkins	259	Ross Geredien	177
Kathy Calvert	300	Les Roslund	254	Ellen Lawler	170
Jeff Shenot	299	Keith Eric Costley	247	Lou Nielsen	169
Marcia Balestri	293	Allen Lewis	245	Michael O'Sullivan	164
Jim Green	292	Patty Craig	245	Frank Fogarty	153
Rob Ostrowski	292	Mark Schilling	242		

Maryland Life Lists (446 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	410	2012	Gwen Brewer	358	2012	Robert Dixon	331	1993
Mark Hoffman	410	2012	Kathy Calvert	358	2012	Wade Stephen	331	2004
Paul O'Brien	407	2012	Rob Hilton	358	2012	Gary Smyle	330	2004
Paul Pisano	398	2012	Helen Patton	357	2012	Matt Grey	330	2008
George Jett	397	2012	Leslie Starr	357	2012	Lou Nielsen	329	2012
Mary Ann Todd	391	2012	Winger West	357	2012	Dave Palmer	328	2012
Kevin Graff	388	2012	Kathy Klimkiewicz	356	2003	Maren Gimpel	326	2012
John Hubbell	387	2012	Mike Walsh	356	2012	Ray Kiddy	326	2008
Matt Hafner	387	2012	Henry Armistead	355	2012	Dotty Mumford	325	2006
Edward Boyd	386	2012	Jo Solem	355	2012	Joy Bowen	325	2010
Jim Brighton	385	2012	Hal Wierenga	354	1992	Tony White	325	1994
Joe Hanfman	385	2012	Kurt R. Schwarz	353	2012	Clifford Comeau	324	2011
Leo Weigant	385	2012	Patty Craig	353	2012	Paul Nistico	322	2005
Bill Hubick	384	2012	Jane Coskren	352	2008	Peggy Bohanan	322	1991
Harvey Mudd	384	2011	Kye Jenkins	352	2012	Anna Urciolo	321	2012
Bob Ringler	383	2012	Larry Bonham	352	1995	Elaine Arnold	321	2008
Mike Burchett	383	2012	Lynn Davidson	352	1998	Frank Schaff	319	2006
Phil Davis	383	2012	Dave Harvey	351	2007	Lola Oberman	319	1999
Carol Broderick	382	2012	Elaine Hendricks	351	2012	Shirley Geddes	319	2002
Fred Shaffer	381	2012	Fred Fallon	351	2012	James Wilkinson	317	1990
Dave Powell	380	2012	Sean McCandless	350	2012	Wayne Bell	317	2010
J.B Churchill	380	2012	Warren Strobel	350	2012	Al Haury	316	2005
Samuel H. Dyke	380	2012	Emy Holdridge	349	2012	Floyd Parks	316	2004
Joe Byrnes	379	2012	Jared Fisher	349	2012	Charlie Vaughn	315	2000
Mikey Lutmerding	379	2012	Kathy Fleming	349	2012	George Armistead	315	2003
Stan Arnold	379	2011	Dan Small	348	2012	Joy Wheeler	315	1995
Gail Mackiernan	375	2012	Dave Perry	348	2012	Michael Welch	315	2004
Hans Holbrook	375	2009	John Dennehy	348	2012	Roger Eastman	315	1991
Hank Kaestner	373	2012	Peter Osenton	348	2012	Steve Collins	315	2012
Ron Gutberlet	372	2012	Eddie Slaughter	345	2000	Walter Ellison	315	2010
Marion Mudd	371	2011	Joe Turner	345	2011	Arlene Ripley	314	2006
Michael O'Brien	371	1999	Barbara Gearhart	344	2009	Bonnie Ott	314	2011
Marcia Balestri	370	2012	David Holmes	344	1994	Keith Eric Costley	314	2012
Don Broderick	369	2003	Dennis Kirkwood	344	2012	Hugh Mahanes	313	2003
J. Tyler Bell	369	2012	Dick Kleen	344	1996	Bill Hill	312	2012
Norm Saunders	369	2011	Kyle Rambo	344	2008	Amy Hoffman	311	2005
Fran Saunders	367	2011	Duvall Sollers	343	2012	Don Simonson	311	2012
Dan Haas	366	2012	Michael Bowen	343	2012	Stephen Simon	311	1992
John Gregoire	366	2005	Ottavio Janni	342	2001	Sue Hamilton	311	2003
Jeff Culler	365	2012	Elliot Kirschbaum	337	2007	Danny Poet	310	2011
Jim Green	365	2012	Jane Fallon	337	2012	Gail Vaughn	310	2000
Barry Cooper	363	2011	Mike Ostrowski	337	2012	Parke John	310	2008
Jeff Shenot	363	2012	Steve Sanford	336	2007	Ross Geredien	310	2012
Joel Martin	363	2012	Tom Feild	336	2007	Mark Schilling	309	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	363	2011	Chuck Stirrat	335	2012	John Wortman	308	1997
Nancy Magnusson	363	2012	Dennis Coskren	335	2008	Marcia Watson	308	2006
Betsy Bangert	362	2012	Jim Moore	335	2011	Stephen Ford	308	2012
Jane Kostenko	360	2012	Les Roslund	335	2012	Carol McCollough	307	2012
Rick Blom	360	1999	Rod Burley	335	2012	David Kidwell	305	2012
Rob Ostrowski	359	2012	Zach Baer	335	2004	David Walbeck	305	2002

Maryland Life Lists (page 2)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Don Meritt	305	1996	Ethel Engle	285	2002	Andy Wilson	257	2012
Nico Sarbanes	304	2009	John Collins	284	1996	Ellen Lawler	257	2012
John Cupp Sr.	303	1995	Jared Satchell	283	2011	Gail Martin	257	1997
Byron Swift	302	2010	Matt Tillett	282	2010	Saundra Byrd	257	2012
Taylor McLean	302	2007	Erika Wilson	281	1991	Allen Lewis	256	2012
Dave Webb	301	2010	Wain Barnes	281	2003	Rick Sussman	254	2007
Dave Weesner	301	2006	Connie Bockstie	280	1994	Bill Ellis	251	2004
David Yeany	301	2009	Glenn Therres	280	1996	Charles Finley	250	2000
Diane Ford	298	2010	Michael Donovan	280	1995	Clifton Barry	249	1990
Greg Miller	296	2000	Andy Martin	279	2011	Greg Kearns	249	1990
Lisa Shannon	296	2012	Bill Pfingsten	279	1996	Robert Wood	248	1996
Barbara Davis	295	2012	Edward DeMoll	279	1995	Harry Fink	246	2012
Ron Kagarise	295	1997	Jon Corcoran	279	2012	Paul Zucker	246	1993
John Maloney	293	2001	Leanne Pemburn	279	1995	Bill Bowser, Deb Bowser	244	1996
Russ Ruffing	292	2012	Mark Pemburn	279	1995	Jim Nelson	244	2012
Dick Homan	291	2004	Michele Morris	279	1992	Tom Marko	243	2007
Pat Nistico	291	2004	Darius Ecker	277	1998	Derek Hudgins	241	2012
Tim Carney	290	2012	Thomas Valega	277	1993	Derek Richardson	240	2012
Tomas Dahlen	290	2012	Warren David Cummings	275	2012	David Farner	239	2001
Helen Zeichner	289	2000	Mary-Jo Betts	272	2001	Howard Patterson	237	2012
Michael O'Sullivan	289	2012	Victoria Fisher	271	2012	Kenneth Drier	235	2001
Howard Youth	288	1998	Bob Solem	270	2008	Polly Batchelder	235	1990
Burton Alexander	286	2000	Jeanne Woods	267	1992	Matthew Anthony	234	2012
David Gersten	286	2008	Leslie Fisher	267	2000	Lydia Schindler	232	1997
Emily Joyce	286	1995	Gary Nelson	266	1993	Andy Rabin	230	2003
Joy Peters	286	2009	David Wallace	263	2001	Matt Wlasniewski	227	2000
Marvin Hewitt	286	1996	Greg Butcher	258	2012	Nick Pulcinella	227	2008

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Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	345	2012	Jim Brighton	315	2010	Kathy Calvert	300	2012
Mike Burchett	342	2012	Zach Baer	315	2003	Leslie Starr	300	2010
Betsy Bangert	341	2012	Jim Stasz	314	2002	Ron Gutberlet	300	2010
Jim Stasz	338	2009	Jeff Culler	312	2012	Stan Arnold	300	2005
Stan Arnold	338	2009	John Hubbell	312	2009	Matt Hafner	300	2000
Jim Brighton	337	2009	Hans Holbrook	312	2005	Paul O'Brien	300	1991
Edward Boyd	335	2012	Jim Stasz	312	1994	Jeff Shenot	299	2012
Joe Hanfman	335	2012	Ron Gutberlet	311	2012	Jim Green	299	2011
Nancy Magnusson	334	2012	Jeff Culler	311	2011	John Hubbell	298	2011
Jim Stasz	333	2011	Jeff Shenot	311	2011	Marcia Balestri	298	2011
Kevin Graff	331	2009	Dan Haas	311	2008	Jim Moore	298	2010
Jim Stasz	330	2008	George Jett	311	1994	Barbara Gearhart	297	2009
Jim Stasz	330	2000	Bill Hubick	310	2010	Dan Small	296	2011
Mike Burchett	329	2004	Jim Stasz	310	2005	Leslie Starr	296	2009
Mark Hoffman	329	1994	Mark Hoffman	310	1992	Jim Brighton	296	2007
Mikey Lutmerding	328	2012	Elaine Hendricks	308	2011	Jim Stasz	296	1997
Ron Gutberlet	328	2009	Jim Brighton	308	2011	Michael O'Brien	296	1990
Joe Hanfman	327	2011	Rob Ostrowski	308	2010	Jared Fisher	295	2011
Hans Holbrook	327	2004	Jim Stasz	308	2006	John Hubbell	295	2008
Dan Haas	326	2011	John Hubbell	307	2012	Matt Hafner	295	2002
Mike Burchett	326	2011	Bill Hubick	307	2005	Matt Hafner	295	2001
Mikey Lutmerding	326	2008	Jim Brighton	307	2005	Hans Holbrook	294	2003
Betsy Bangert	324	2011	John Hubbell	306	2010	Mark Hoffman	294	1995
Mikey Lutmerding	323	2011	Kevin Graff	306	2008	Marcia Balestri	293	2012
Jim Stasz	322	2007	Mary Ann Todd	306	1994	Jim Green	293	2010
Jim Stasz	322	1999	John Gregoire	306	1985	Mike Ostrowski	293	2010
Jared Fisher	321	2012	Bill Hubick	305	2012	J.B. Churchill	293	2000
Bill Hubick	321	2009	Joe Turner	305	2011	Jim Green	292	2012
J.B. Churchill	321	2008	Kevin Graff	305	2007	Rob Ostrowski	292	2012
Kevin Graff	320	2012	Jim Stasz	305	2003	Dave Powell	292	2007
Kevin Graff	320	2011	Jim Stasz	305	1992	Kevin Graff	292	2006
Leslie Starr	320	2011	Mike Ostrowski	304	2011	Mike Burchett	291	2005
Ron Gutberlet	320	2011	Jane Coskren	304	1994	Dave Perry	291	1999
Joe Hanfman	320	2010	Mark Hoffman	304	1976	Paul O'Brien	291	1988
Jim Stasz	320	2004	Kevin Graff	303	2010	Bob Ringler	290	2012
Matt Hafner	320	2004	Dan Haas	303	2009	Bill Hubick	290	2007
Marshall Iliff	320	2000	Mikey Lutmerding	303	2007	Bill Hubick	290	2006
Michael O'Brien	320	1991	Zach Baer	303	2004	Dan Haas	289	2012
Bill Hubick	319	2011	Stan Arnold	303	2001	Jeff Shenot	289	2010
Joe Hanfman	319	2009	George Jett	303	1992	Marshall Iliff	289	2001
Dave Powell	319	2004	Edward Boyd	302	2011	Lynn Davidson	289	1986
Matt Hafner	318	2003	Matt Hafner	302	2011	Jim Moore	288	2011
Dave Czaplak	318	1994	Marshall Iliff	302	1999	John Dennehy	288	2011
Michael O'Brien	317	1994	Jim Stasz	302	1998	Jim Green	288	2008
Warren Strobel	316	2012	Mary Ann Todd	302	1995	Parke John	288	2003
George Jett	316	2008	Dan Small	301	2010	Jim Stasz	288	2001
Elaine Hendricks	315	2012	Bill Hubick	301	2008	Michael O'Brien	288	1984
Leslie Starr	315	2012	Jim Brighton	301	2008	Joe Turner	287	2010
Matt Hafner	315	2012	Matt Hafner	301	2006	Barbara Gearhart	287	2004
Rob Ostrowski	315	2011	Kevin Graff	301	2005	Ottavio Janni	287	1992
Dan Haas	315	2010	Matt Hafner	301	2005	Paul O'Brien	287	1986

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Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Paul O'Brien	287	1984	John Gregoire	277	1983	Bob Ringler	265	2009
Dave Palmer	286	2011	Jeff Shenot	276	2009	Dave Powell	265	2001
Fred Shaffer	286	2009	Nancy Magnusson	275	2011	Leo Weigant	265	1992
George Jett	286	1999	J.B. Churchill	275	2009	Marcia Balestri	264	2008
John Gregoire	286	1984	Barbara Gearhart	275	2007	Norm Saunders	264	2004
Warren Strobel	285	2011	John Hubbell	275	2005	Jeff Culler	263	2008
John Dennehy	285	2010	John Hubbell	275	2004	Bob Ringler	263	2006
Marcia Balestri	285	2010	Paul O'Brien	275	1994	Carol Broderick	263	2004
Nico Sarbanes	285	2009	Larry Bonham	275	1980	Fred Shaffer	262	2010
Dave Powell	285	2008	Mike Walsh	274	2010	John Dennehy	262	2009
Stan Arnold	285	2008	Leo Weigant	274	2009	Nancy Magnusson	262	2009
John Hubbell	285	2007	Leo Weigant	274	2007	Carol Broderick	262	2005
Stan Arnold	285	2004	Mary Ann Todd	274	2001	Don Broderick	262	2005
John Maloney	285	2001	Leo Weigant	273	2011	J.B. Churchill	262	2005
Stan Arnold	285	2000	Joe Turner	273	2009	Don Broderick	262	2004
Michael O'Brien	285	1988	Mike Walsh	273	2009	Mary Ann Todd	262	2000
Bob Ringler	285	1976	Fred Shaffer	271	2012	Paul O'Brien	262	1995
Mary Ann Todd	284	2012	Leo Weigant	271	2012	Russ Ruffing	261	2011
Jeff Culler	284	2010	Bob Ringler	271	2010	Rod Burley	261	2005
Kevin Graff	284	2004	David Yeany	271	2009	Marcia Balestri	261	2002
Larry Bonham	284	1991	Jim Green	271	2007	Russ Ruffing	260	2012
Paul O'Brien	284	1989	Jim Stasz	271	1991	Sean McCandless	260	2012
Jared Satchell	283	2011	Dave Palmer	270	2012	Victoria Fisher	260	2012
Jim Green	283	2009	Fred Shaffer	270	2011	Joel Martin	260	2011
Marcia Balestri	283	2009	Barbara Gearhart	270	2008	Michael Bowen	260	2011
Ron Gutberlet	283	2008	Barbara Gearhart	270	2005	Matt Hafner	260	2009
J.B. Churchill	283	2007	Leo Weigant	270	2004	George Jett	260	2004
Rob Ostrowski	282	2009	Dave Powell	270	2000	Kye Jenkins	259	2012
Marshall Iliff	282	1997	George Armistead	270	2000	Parke John	259	2007
Paul O'Brien	282	1987	Nancy Magnusson	269	2010	Barbara Gearhart	259	2003
J.B. Churchill	281	2004	Sean McCandless	269	2007	Carol Broderick	259	2003
Marshall Iliff	281	1992	Rod Burley	269	2006	Don Broderick	259	2003
Michael O'Brien	281	1989	Mike Ostrowski	268	2012	Paul O'Brien	259	1997
Dan Small	280	2012	Bob Ringler	268	2011	Patty Craig	259	1996
Joel Martin	279	2012	Elaine Hendricks	268	2009	Larry Bonham	259	1993
John Dennehy	279	2012	Mike Ostrowski	268	2009	Les Roslund	258	2011
Joe Hanfman	279	2008	Bob Ringler	268	2007	Joel Martin	258	2008
Dave Powell	279	2006	Barbara Gearhart	268	2006	Mike Burchett	258	2003
Bob Ringler	279	2004	John Hubbell	268	2006	Dave Perry	258	2001
Fred Shaffer	279	2004	J.B. Churchill	268	2003	Patty Craig	258	2000
Gary Smyle	279	2002	Dave Powell	267	2012	Fred Shaffer	257	2008
Matt Hafner	279	1999	Elaine Hendricks	267	2010	Parke John	257	2004
Tim Carney	278	2012	Paul O'Brien	267	1992	Walter Ellison	257	2004
Jeff Culler	278	2009	Mike Walsh	266	2012	Walter Ellison	257	2003
George Jett	278	2005	Dave Powell	266	2005	Leo Weigant	256	2010
Lynn Davidson	278	1991	J.B. Churchill	266	1999	Mike Walsh	256	2008
Lynn Davidson	278	1988	George Jett	266	1998	Fred Shaffer	256	2007
Bob Ringler	278	1986	Larry Bonham	266	1992	Fran Saunders	256	2004
Hans Holbrook	277	2007	Mary Ann Todd	265	2011	Fred Shaffer	256	2002
Leo Weigant	277	2000	Stan Arnold	265	2011	Larry Bonham	256	1995
Michael O'Brien	277	1987	Ross Geredien	265	2010			

Bird of the Year

74 birders participated in the 2012 Bird of the Year vote, and what options they had to vote for! In 2011, the voting was not close, as the Green Violetear ran away with victory in a landslide, receiving almost 2.5 times the number of total points as the second place bird, Black-headed Grosbeak. Not so in 2012. With several new state records and other species that rarely grace our region to choose from, it was crowded at the top in 2012.

The 2012 Bird of the Year winner is Talbot County's [*Virginia's Warbler*](#), found by Jim Stasz and Ed Boyd on January 26, 2012. This secretive warbler garnered 30 1st-place votes, doubling the number of 1st-place votes of the next highest species. However, Pink-footed Goose, Herald Petrel, and Sabine's Gull all received healthy numbers of 2nd- and 3rd-place votes to place them in the top four. All species receiving votes are shown in the table, below, along with their respective number of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place votes. Each 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place vote was assigned 3 points, 2 points, and 1 point respectively.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>1st-Place</u>	<u>2nd-Place</u>	<u>3rd-Place</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Virginia's Warbler	30	10	8	118
2	Pink-footed Goose	15	18	5	86
3	Herald Petrel	10	10	7	57
4	Sabine's Gull	5	12	12	51
5	Black-capped Petrel	3	4	4	21
6	Anhinga	3	1	3	14
7	Barnacle Goose		3	6	12
8	Evening Grosbeak		3	4	10
9	Le Conte's Sparrow	2		2	8
9	Red Crossbill	2		2	8
11	White-faced Storm-Petrel	1	1	1	6
12	Western Kingbird		2	1	5
12	White-winged Crossbill		1	3	5
14	Band-rumped Storm Petrel		2		4
14	Western Grebe		1	2	4
16	Barrow's Goldeneye	1			3
16	Ruffed Grouse	1			3
16	Snow Bunting	1			3
19	Blue-winged Warbler		1		2
19	Common Redpoll		1		2
19	Swainson's Hawk		1		2
19	White Ibis		1		2
19	White-winged Dove		1		2
19	Yellow Headed Blackbird		1		2
19	Lark Sparrow			2	2
19	Long-eared Owl			2	2
19	Northern Saw-whet Owl			2	2
28	Calliope Hummingbird			1	1
28	Connecticut Warbler			1	1
28	Golden-winged Warbler			1	1
28	Harlequin Duck			1	1
28	Northern Wheatear			1	1
28	Rufous Hummingbird			1	1
28	Tufted Duck			1	1
28	Yellow Rail			1	1

Maryland Months - Life Lists

January		February		March		April	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Jim Stasz	237	Jim Stasz	224	Jim Stasz	215	Jim Stasz	264
Matt Hafner	213	Jim Brighton	199	Jim Brighton	201	Matt Hafner	256
Jim Brighton	208	Matt Hafner	198	Matt Hafner	200	Mark Hoffman	248
Marshall J. Iliff	206	Joe Hanfman	189	Mark Hoffman	198	Bill Hubick	246
Dave Powell	205	Bill Hubick	188	Marshall J. Iliff	193	John Hubbell	241
Ron Gutberlet	203	John Hubbell	183	Ron Gutberlet	191	Jim Brighton	240
Bill Hubick	194	Mark Hoffman	178	Joe Hanfman	189	Joe Hanfman	237
Edward Boyd	190	Ron Gutberlet	176	Dan Haas	187	Norm Saunders	237
Joe Hanfman	188	Norm Saunders	176	Bill Hubick	186	Dan Haas	226
John Hubbell	181	Rob Ostrowski	170	Norm Saunders	177	Fred Fallon	224
Michael Bowen	177	Fran Saunders	169	John Hubbell	175	Ron Gutberlet	223
Norm Saunders	177	Chuck Stirrat	168	Rob Ostrowski	171	Fran Saunders	222
Fred Fallon	175	Fred Fallon	167	Fran Saunders	171	Marshall J. Iliff	221
Fran Saunders	174	Mike Burchett	167	Mike Burchett	170	Rob Ostrowski	215
Mark Hoffman	173	Dan Haas	163	Mike Ostrowski	168	Dave Powell	215
Rob Ostrowski	170	Marshall J. Iliff	158	Dan Small	166	Dan Small	213
Dan Small	169	Mike Ostrowski	158	Michael Bowen	165	Edward Boyd	213
Dan Haas	168	Betsy Bangert	157	Edward Boyd	162	Chuck Stirrat	209
Mike Burchett	168	Dan Small	154	Betsy Bangert	161	Mike Ostrowski	206
Betsy Bangert	160	Dave Powell	150	Fred Fallon	160	Mike Burchett	203
Mike Ostrowski	154	Michael Bowen	150	Keith Eric Costley	157	Jared Fisher	203
Dave Palmer	151	Keith Eric Costley	148	Jared Fisher	151	Keith Eric Costley	201
Keith Eric Costley	142	Edward Boyd	143	Dave Powell	146	Michael Bowen	193
Jared Fisher	136	Dave Palmer	138	Chuck Stirrat	143	Dave Palmer	186
Sean McCandless	136	Jared Fisher	134	Dave Palmer	133	Betsy Bangert	183
Chuck Stirrat	130	Steve Collins	129	David Kidwell	128	Russ Ruffing	177
Steve Collins	121	Sean McCandless	123	Sean McCandless	127	Steve Collins	166
David Kidwell	120	David Kidwell	112	Derek Richardson	111	Sean McCandless	164
Jim Nelson	102	Russ Ruffing	100	Russ Ruffing	110	David Kidwell	163
Russ Ruffing	101	Derek Richardson	91	Steve Collins	101	Tim Carney	140
Derek Richardson	99	Tim Carney	62	Tim Carney	98	Derek Richardson	132
Tim Carney	88			Jim Nelson	92	Jim Nelson	123
Derek Hudgins	83						

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May		June		July		August	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Jim Stasz	296	Jim Stasz	248	Jim Stasz	253	Jim Stasz	268
Matt Hafner	287	Matt Hafner	241	Matt Hafner	238	Matt Hafner	257
Bill Hubick	275	Marshall J. Iliff	231	Marshall J. Iliff	230	Joe Hanfman	245
Jim Brighton	271	John Hubbell	226	Bill Hubick	218	Bill Hubick	232
Marshall J. Iliff	268	Bill Hubick	225	Joe Hanfman	213	Jim Brighton	232
John Hubbell	264	Joe Hanfman	221	John Hubbell	211	John Hubbell	231
Mark Hoffman	260	Jim Brighton	215	Ron Gutberlet	205	Marshall J. Iliff	226
Joe Hanfman	258	Norm Saunders	211	Mark Hoffman	186	Ron Gutberlet	225
Dan Haas	251	Fred Fallon	206	Jim Brighton	184	Mark Hoffman	223
Norm Saunders	250	Ron Gutberlet	202	Fred Fallon	184	Dave Powell	207
Ron Gutberlet	250	Mike Burchett	202	Rob Ostrowski	181	Dan Haas	205
Mike Burchett	246	Fran Saunders	199	Mike Ostrowski	175	Edward Boyd	204
Dave Powell	245	Mark Hoffman	198	Norm Saunders	174	Rob Ostrowski	198
Rob Ostrowski	244	Michael Bowen	194	Fran Saunders	170	Mike Ostrowski	198
Mike Ostrowski	241	Dave Powell	190	Michael Bowen	168	Mike Burchett	195
Fran Saunders	237	Rob Ostrowski	188	Mike Burchett	166	Dan Small	192
Edward Boyd	234	Chuck Stirrat	186	Dave Powell	166	Norm Saunders	190
Chuck Stirrat	232	Betsy Bangert	180	Dan Haas	166	Michael Bowen	189
Michael Bowen	231	Dan Haas	172	Jared Fisher	165	Fred Fallon	186
Fred Fallon	230	Mike Ostrowski	165	Keith Eric Costley	158	Fran Saunders	182
Dan Small	227	Sean McCandless	165	Dan Small	150	Tim Carney	178
Keith Eric Costley	226	Tim Carney	162	Chuck Stirrat	148	Betsy Bangert	172
Betsy Bangert	217	Dan Small	160	Tim Carney	148	Keith Eric Costley	168
Jared Fisher	214	Jared Fisher	159	Edward Boyd	147	Jared Fisher	164
David Kidwell	201	Edward Boyd	155	Dave Palmer	139	Dave Palmer	163
Rob Hilton	199	Keith Eric Costley	145	Betsy Bangert	134	Sean McCandless	161
Sean McCandless	191	Steve Collins	139	Russ Ruffing	127	Russ Ruffing	153
Dave Palmer	173	Dave Palmer	135	Sean McCandless	125	Chuck Stirrat	151
Tim Carney	172	Russ Ruffing	135	David Kidwell	110	Steve Collins	137
Steve Collins	168	Derek Richardson	94	Derek Richardson	102	Derek Richardson	91
Derek Richardson	157	David Kidwell	91			David Kidwell	75
Russ Ruffing	152						
Jim Nelson	145						
Derek Hudgins	133						

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September		October		November		December	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Jim Stasz	285	Jim Stasz	271	Matt Hafner	238	Matt Hafner	225
Matt Hafner	261	Matt Hafner	262	Bill Hubick	230	Jim Stasz	215
John Hubbell	254	Mark Hoffman	245	Jim Stasz	229	Bill Hubick	209
Mark Hoffman	243	Bill Hubick	243	Jim Brighton	220	Jim Brighton	208
Bill Hubick	238	Rob Ostrowski	239	Mark Hoffman	218	Marshall J. Iliff	204
Joe Hanfman	236	Jim Brighton	237	Ron Gutberlet	216	John Hubbell	202
Marshall J. Iliff	234	John Hubbell	233	Joe Hanfman	213	Mark Hoffman	196
Ron Gutberlet	231	Joe Hanfman	231	John Hubbell	206	Dave Powell	192
Dan Haas	231	Dan Small	228	Dave Powell	206	Ron Gutberlet	191
Jim Brighton	226	Marshall J. Iliff	220	Norm Saunders	197	Joe Hanfman	186
Fred Fallon	214	Dan Haas	218	Rob Ostrowski	195	Norm Saunders	182
Dave Powell	213	Mike Burchett	217	Fran Saunders	194	Fran Saunders	178
Mike Ostrowski	211	Norm Saunders	217	Marshall J. Iliff	193	Dan Haas	176
Mike Burchett	208	Ron Gutberlet	213	Mike Burchett	193	Michael Bowen	174
Michael Bowen	205	Mike Ostrowski	210	Dan Small	187	Rob Ostrowski	172
Edward Boyd	202	Dave Powell	206	Mike Ostrowski	185	Dan Small	165
Dan Small	200	Edward Boyd	193	Dan Haas	181	Fred Fallon	165
Rob Ostrowski	198	Fran Saunders	190	Betsy Bangert	172	Mike Burchett	161
Norm Saunders	198	Fred Fallon	189	Jared Fisher	166	Edward Boyd	161
Jared Fisher	198	Betsy Bangert	186	Fred Fallon	165	Mike Ostrowski	156
Fran Saunders	190	Michael Bowen	178	Michael Bowen	164	Dave Palmer	149
Betsy Bangert	188	Jared Fisher	172	Edward Boyd	159	Chuck Stirrat	142
Chuck Stirrat	188	Chuck Stirrat	171	Sean McCandless	155	Steve Collins	141
Keith Eric Costley	175	Tim Carney	163	Tim Carney	150	Keith Eric Costley	140
Sean McCandless	164	Keith Eric Costley	159	Keith Eric Costley	150	Betsy Bangert	137
Dave Palmer	163	Sean McCandless	156	Chuck Stirrat	143	Jared Fisher	135
Tim Carney	162	Dave Palmer	134	Dave Palmer	135	Matthew Anthony	128
Steve Collins	151	Steve Collins	133	David Kidwell	135	Russ Ruffing	127
Russ Ruffing	150	David Kidwell	127	Steve Collins	125	Sean McCandless	119
Jim Nelson	145	Russ Ruffing	124	Russ Ruffing	93	David Kidwell	118
Derek Hudgins	132	Derek Richardson	110	Derek Richardson	82	Tim Carney	117
David Kidwell	130	Derek Hudgins	109			Derek Richardson	113
Derek Richardson	125	Jim Nelson	107			Derek Hudgins	108
Rob Hilton	123					Jim Nelson	86

Maryland Months - All-time High Months

January			February			March		
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	189	2009	Jim Stasz	185	2012	Jim Stasz	174	2012
Jim Brighton	188	2009	Joe Hanfman	152	2012	Rob Ostrowski	149	2011
Jim Stasz	187	2012	Rob Ostrowski	144	2011	Ron Gutberlet	149	2009
Ron Gutberlet	184	2009	Mike Ostrowski	142	2011	Ron Gutberlet	147	2011
Matt Hafner	177	2003	Mike Burchett	141	2012	Joe Hanfman	147	2011
Edward Boyd	176	2012	Betsy Bangert	140	2012	Bill Hubick	146	2011
Ron Gutberlet	164	2011	Bill Hubick	139	2011	Joe Hanfman	145	2012
Joe Hanfman	142	2012	Ron Gutberlet	138	2011	Mike Ostrowski	145	2011
Ron Gutberlet	139	2012	Joe Hanfman	135	2011	Mike Burchett	145	2012
Rob Ostrowski	138	2011	Dave Palmer	130	2012	Betsy Bangert	145	2012
Joe Hanfman	138	2011	John Hubbell	126	2007	Ron Gutberlet	141	2012
Rob Ostrowski	138	2012	Dan Haas	120	2012	Dan Haas	141	2011
Dan Haas	134	2011	John Hubbell	120	2011	Edward Boyd	138	2012
Bill Hubick	132	2011	Dan Haas	119	2009	Dan Haas	136	2012
John Hubbell	132	2009	Rob Ostrowski	118	2012	John Hubbell	131	2012
Dave Palmer	131	2012	Edward Boyd	114	2012	John Hubbell	130	2011
Mike Ostrowski	126	2011	Jared Fisher	113	2011	Dan Haas	127	2008
Edward Boyd	121	2011	Ron Gutberlet	112	2012	Edward Boyd	127	2011
Michael Bowen	121	2011	John Hubbell	112	2012	Dan Haas	125	2010
Dave Palmer	119	2011	Dan Haas	106	2008	Mark Schilling	122	2012
Mike Burchett	118	2012	Keith Eric Costley	106	2012	Dave Palmer	121	2012
Betsy Bangert	117	2012	Edward Boyd	105	2010	Keith Eric Costley	114	2012
Dan Haas	116	2012	Mark Schilling	102	2012	Jared Fisher	113	2012
April			May			June		
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Bill Hubick	199	2011	Ron Gutberlet	229	2009	Ron Gutberlet	183	2009
Joe Hanfman	196	2012	Bill Hubick	215	2011	Bill Hubick	179	2011
Rob Ostrowski	188	2011	Joe Hanfman	215	2012	Joe Hanfman	177	2012
Dan Haas	185	2011	Rob Ostrowski	212	2011	Mike Burchett	172	2012
Ron Gutberlet	182	2011	Mike Ostrowski	207	2011	Joe Hanfman	168	2011
Jared Fisher	180	2011	Dan Haas	205	2009	Betsy Bangert	162	2012
Joe Hanfman	179	2011	John Hubbell	205	2010	Tim Carney	160	2012
John Hubbell	172	2009	Dan Haas	203	2008	Rob Ostrowski	145	2011
Mike Ostrowski	172	2011	Rob Ostrowski	200	2012	Dan Haas	145	2011
Dan Haas	170	2010	Ron Gutberlet	193	2011	Ron Gutberlet	144	2011
Edward Boyd	169	2012	Joe Hanfman	190	2009	John Hubbell	142	2009
Dave Palmer	169	2012	Jared Fisher	189	2012	Mike Ostrowski	134	2011
Ron Gutberlet	168	2012	Dan Haas	186	2010	John Hubbell	124	2011
Edward Boyd	167	2011	Mike Burchett	184	2012	Jared Fisher	120	2012
John Hubbell	167	2011	Edward Boyd	183	2012	Russ Ruffing	118	2012
Dan Haas	167	2008	Dan Haas	182	2011	Edward Boyd	116	2011
John Hubbell	164	2012	Dan Haas	179	2012	Dan Haas	112	2008
Dan Haas	162	2012	Ron Gutberlet	177	2012	Jared Fisher	112	2011
Jared Fisher	162	2012	Betsy Bangert	175	2012	Sean McCandless	109	2010
Dan Haas	161	2009	John Hubbell	174	2012	Rob Ostrowski	107	2012
Mike Burchett	160	2012	Joe Hanfman	171	2011	Dave Palmer	103	2010
Russ Ruffing	160	2012	Edward Boyd	166	1991	Dave Palmer	102	2011
Dave Palmer	155	2011	Keith Eric Costley	164	2012	Russ Ruffing	99	2011

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July			August			September		
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Joe Hanfman	180	2009	Joe Hanfman	184	2010	Ron Gutberlet	189	2009
Ron Gutberlet	175	2009	Joe Hanfman	181	2012	John Hubbell	188	2009
Rob Ostrowski	170	2011	Joe Hanfman	178	2011	Mike Ostrowski	184	2010
Mike Ostrowski	165	2011	Ron Gutberlet	176	2009	Joe Hanfman	183	2012
Bill Hubick	157	2011	Tim Carney	170	2012	Ron Gutberlet	181	2011
Joe Hanfman	150	2011	Mike Burchett	170	2012	Joe Hanfman	174	2009
Joe Hanfman	149	2012	John Hubbell	163	2012	Dan Haas	173	2011
Ron Gutberlet	146	2011	Ron Gutberlet	163	2012	Mike Burchett	170	2012
Jared Fisher	146	2011	John Hubbell	163	2009	Bill Hubick	170	2011
John Hubbell	144	2010	Dan Haas	162	2008	Dan Haas	170	2010
Dan Haas	139	2009	Bill Hubick	160	2011	Joe Hanfman	167	2011
John Hubbell	128	2011	Edward Boyd	159	2012	Dan Haas	161	2008
Dan Haas	123	2011	Betsy Bangert	159	2012	Betsy Bangert	161	2012
Rob Ostrowski	123	2012	Mike Ostrowski	153	2010	John Hubbell	161	2011
Dave Palmer	120	2011	Ron Gutberlet	152	2011	John Hubbell	157	2012
Russ Ruffing	120	2011	Dave Palmer	148	2012	Dan Haas	157	2009
Dave Palmer	115	2012	Dave Palmer	146	2011	Rob Ostrowski	156	2011
Tim Carney	109	2012	John Hubbell	145	2011	Jared Fisher	156	2012
Edward Boyd	105	2012	Edward Boyd	144	2010	Mike Ostrowski	156	2011
Dan Haas	102	2010	Rob Ostrowski	140	2011	Jared Fisher	156	2011
John Hubbell	97	2012	Dan Haas	139	2009	Tim Carney	154	2012
Keith Eric Costley	92	2012	Russ Ruffing	139	2012	Ron Gutberlet	154	2012
Dan Haas	92	2012	Dan Haas	135	2012	Dan Haas	154	2012
October			November			December		
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Rob Ostrowski	196	2011	Mike Ostrowski	158	2010	Ron Gutberlet	143	2012
Ron Gutberlet	183	2011	Ron Gutberlet	157	2008	Joe Hanfman	143	2008
Joe Hanfman	181	2011	Joe Hanfman	156	2011	Ron Gutberlet	141	2008
Mike Burchett	178	2012	Rob Ostrowski	154	2011	Rob Ostrowski	136	2011
Rob Ostrowski	173	2012	Bill Hubick	151	2011	Joe Hanfman	132	2012
Mike Ostrowski	168	2010	Ron Gutberlet	149	2011	Dan Haas	129	2008
Mike Ostrowski	165	2011	Mike Burchett	148	2012	John Hubbell	129	2009
Joe Hanfman	162	2012	Ron Gutberlet	146	2012	Matthew Anthony	128	2011
Tim Carney	162	2012	John Hubbell	144	2012	Ron Gutberlet	127	2011
Betsy Bangert	159	2012	Tim Carney	139	2012	Bill Hubick	124	2011
John Hubbell	156	2009	Betsy Bangert	139	2012	Mike Ostrowski	123	2010
Dan Haas	155	2012	Dan Haas	139	2008	Dave Palmer	123	2011
Dan Haas	154	2011	Sean McCandless	136	2012	Edward Boyd	123	2010
Dan Haas	150	2009	John Hubbell	135	2009	Dan Haas	122	2010
Dan Haas	148	2010	Joe Hanfman	133	2012	Joe Hanfman	121	2011
Jared Fisher	148	2012	Mike Ostrowski	132	2011	John Hubbell	120	2012
Bill Hubick	146	2011	Rob Ostrowski	131	2012	Dan Haas	120	2009
Ron Gutberlet	141	2012	Dan Haas	129	2012	Mike Ostrowski	118	2011
Sean McCandless	137	2012	John Hubbell	129	2011	Dave Palmer	118	2012
John Hubbell	133	2011	Jared Fisher	127	2012	John Hubbell	117	2011
Dave Palmer	130	2012	Edward Boyd	123	2012	Tim Carney	114	2012
Edward Boyd	128	2011	Dave Palmer	122	2012	Rob Ostrowski	113	2012
Dan Haas	127	2008	Jared Fisher, D. Palmer	121	2011	Dan Haas, Ed Boyd	109	2011

Maryland Months						
Month Closeouts - Life		Total Month Ticks - Life		Total Month Ticks - Year		
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	112	Jim Stasz	3005	Ron Gutberlet	1993	2009
Matt Hafner	100	Marshall J. Iliff	2948	Joe Hanfman	1967	2012
Jim Brighton	85	Matt Hafner	2876	Rob Ostrowski	1928	2011
John Hubbell	84	Bill Hubick	2684	Bill Hubick	1918	2011
Ron Gutberlet	82	Jim Brighton	2641	Ron Gutberlet	1906	2011
Bill Hubick	81	John Hubbell	2607	Joe Hanfman	1891	2011
Mark Hoffman	81	Joe Hanfman	2606	Mike Ostrowski	1783	2011
Edward Boyd	77	Mark Hoffman	2566	Mike Burchett	1759	2012
Joe Hanfman	76	Ron Gutberlet	2526	John Hubbell	1729	2009
Rob Ostrowski	67	Dan Haas	2344	Betsy Bangert	1673	2012
Dave Powell	65	Rob Ostrowski	2341	Dan Haas	1673	2011
Dan Haas	64	Dave Powell	2341	Ron Gutberlet	1635	2012
Mike Burchett	63	Mike Burchett	2296	Dan Haas	1621	2009
Fred Fallon	62	Fred Fallon	2265	Rob Ostrowski	1613	2012
Mike Ostrowski	60	Mike Ostrowski	2227	John Hubbell	1610	2011
Dan Small	59	Dan Small	2211	Dan Haas	1601	2008
Keith Eric Costley	55	Michael Bowen	2188	Dave Palmer	1585	2012
Chuck Stirrat	50	Edward Boyd	2163	Dan Haas	1561	2012
Betsy Bangert	45	Betsy Bangert	2047	John Hubbell	1543	2012
Jared Fisher	44	Chuck Stirrat	2011	Edward Boyd	1530	2012
Derek Richardson	42	Jared Fisher	1997	Dan Haas	1523	2010
Steve Collins	40	Keith Eric Costley	1969	Jared Fisher	1507	2012
Russ Ruffing	40	Sean McCandless	1786	Tim Carney	1497	2012
Sean McCandless	39	Dave Palmer	1699	Dave Palmer	1456	2011
Tim Carney	39	Tim Carney	1640	Jared Fisher	1434	2011
Jim Nelson	33	Russ Ruffing	1549	Edward Boyd	1371	2011
David Kidwell	27	Steve Collins	1511	Keith Eric Costley	1364	2012
Frank Fogarty	13	David Kidwell	1510	Russ Ruffing	1291	2012
		Derek Richardson	1307	Sean McCandless	1189	2012
				Michael Bowen	1186	2011
				Mark Schilling	1182	2012
				Russ Ruffing	1153	2011
				Sean McCandless	1097	2009
				Sean McCandless	1008	2010
Month Closeouts - 2012						
Name	Total					
Joe Hanfman	49					
Rob Ostrowski	39					
Dan Haas	36					
Tim Carney	36					
Russ Ruffing	30					
Mike Burchett	25					
Betsy Bangert	20					
John Hubbell	20					
Derek Richardson	14					

District of Columbia Months - Life Lists							
January		February		March		April	
Paul Pisano	115	Paul Pisano	112	Paul Pisano	127	Paul Pisano	178
Michael Bowen	106	Michael Bowen	85	John Hubbell	110	Rob Hilton	173
Rob Hilton	94	John Hubbell	85	Michael Bowen	104	John Hubbell	151
John Hubbell	89	Jason Berry	80	Rob Hilton	111	Michael Bowen	148
Jason Berry	39	Rob Hilton	73	Jason Berry	94	Jason Berry	151
May		June		July		August	
Paul Pisano	201	Paul Pisano	120	Paul Pisano	111	Paul Pisano	146
Rob Hilton	184	Rob Hilton	99	Rob Hilton	102	Rob Hilton	139
Michael Bowen	171	John Hubbell	96	John Hubbell	97	John Hubbell	123
John Hubbell	147	Michael Bowen	80	Jason Berry	85	Michael Bowen	120
Jason Berry	148	Jason Berry	70	Michael Bowen	84	Jason Berry	119
September		October		November		December	
Rob Hilton	167	Paul Pisano	158	Paul Pisano	135	Paul Pisano	122
Paul Pisano	165	Rob Hilton	145	Rob Hilton	122	Rob Hilton	108
Jason Berry	136	Jason Berry	145	Michael Bowen	106	Michael Bowen	108
Michael Bowen	133	Michael Bowen	119	John Hubbell	101	John Hubbell	101
John Hubbell	123	John Hubbell	113	Jason Berry	89	Jason Berry	67

Note: there are not enough submissions (only two birders) to warrant the inclusion of DC all-time high individual months in this report.

Maryland Big Days

214 is the all-time high Big Day for Maryland. Only six have exceeded 200 species. No new statewide Big Days have been reported in the last three birding years.

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
214	05/22/02	Marshall Iliff, Matt Hafner, Jim Stasz, Andrew Farnsworth	No	Eared Grebe, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Sedge Wren, Sooty Shearwater, American Wigeon	Brown-headed Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Swainson's Thrush
206	05/18/96	Michael & John O'Brien, Ottavio Janni, Paul Pisano	No	White-rumped Sandpiper, Sedge Wren, 32 warblers!	Whip-poor-will
206	05/18/98	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Paul Pisano, Ottavio Janni, Will Russell	No	Black Rail, Red Crossbill, 29 warbler species	Saw-whet Owl, Raven, Summer Tanager
204	05/19/01	Marshall Iliff, Matt Hafner, George Armistead	No	Pacific Loon, Great Cormorant, Short-eared Owl	Northern Gannet
200	05/24/09	Matt Hafner, Bill Hubick, Jim Brighton, Mikey Lutmerding, Ron Gutberlet, Zach Baer	No	American Bittern, American White Pelican, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull	Wood Thrush, Yellow-throated Warbler, Brown Creeper
200	05/07/99	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Ottavio Janni, Paul Pisano	No	Roseate Tern	Grebes, Accipiters
196	05/18/01	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Ottavio Janni, Paul Pisano	No	Pacific Loon	
189	05/06/95	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Ottavio Janni, Paul Pisano	No	Black Rail, Jaeger sp, Barn Owl, Loggerhead Shrike	
188	05/07/90	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Lynn Davidson, Greg Gough, Paul Pisano	No	Sandhill Crane	Prairie Warbler, Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak
186	05/14/88	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Lynn Davidson, Paul Pisano	No	Jaeger sp, Pine Siskin	Clapper Rail, Tufted Titmouse, Yellow-rumped & Prothonotary Warblers
186	05/19/00	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Marshall Iliff, Ottavio Janni	No	Long-eared, Short-eared, Saw-whet - ran all the owls!	Red-shouldered Hawk, Black, Clapper Rails
185	05/17/97	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Greg Gough, Ottavio Janni	No	Pine Siskin, Purple Finch	Semipalmated Plover
185	05/12/89	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Lynn Davidson, Greg Gough, Paul Pisano	No	Canvasback, Bufflehead	Several Warblers
185	05/08/93	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Paul Pisano, anybody else?	No	7 thrushes, 27 warblers	Black-capped Chickadee
182	05/18/91	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Lynn Davidson, Paul Pisano	No	White-rumped Sandpiper	
181	05/10/86	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Lynn Davidson, Greg Gough, Paul Pisano	No	Canvasback	Clapper Rail
176	05/09/94	Paul O'Brien, Ottavio Janni, Paul Pisano	No	Black Scoter; 27 warblers	Whip-poor-will
176	05/16/87	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Lynn Davidson, Greg Gough, Paul Pisano	No	Henslow's Sparrow	Chestnut-sided Warbler

General County Lists

Jim Stasz leads in virtually every category – his Closeouts and Total County Ticks may never be exceeded!

County Closeouts - Life (245 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	194	2012	Kathy Calvert	76	2012	Lynn Davidson	40	1998
John Hubbell	161	2012	John Dennehy	76	2012	Paul Nistico	36	2005
Bill Hubick	137	2012	Rob Ostrowski	74	2012	Lou Nielsen	33	2012
Bob Ringler	137	2011	Mike Ostrowski	66	2012	Fran Saunders	32	2011
Dave Powell	127	2012	Phil Davis	63	2012	Norm Saunders	32	2011
Jim Green	125	2012	Dave Harvey	62	2007	Duvall Sollers	31	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	121	2011	Kevin Graff	60	2010	Jim Moore	31	2011
Jim Brighton	117	2012	Joel Martin	59	2012	Anna Urciolo	27	2012
Matt Hafner	114	2012	John Gregoire	59	2005	Sue Hamilton	24	2003
Stan Arnold	110	2011	Larry Bonham	57	1995	Burton Alexander	24	2000
Elaine Hendricks	107	2012	Michele Morris	51	1992	Dan Haas	22	2012
Dave Perry	102	2011	George Jett	50	2012	David Holmes	22	1994
Hans Holbrook	102	2009	Marcia Balestri	50	2012	Michael Bowen	17	2011
Joe Hanfman	101	2012	J.B. Churchill	50	2011	Matt Tillett	16	2010
Rick Blom	99	1999	Dotty Mumford	50	2006	Jared Satchell	7	2011
Steve Sanford	93	2007	Jeff Culler	46	2012	Joy Peters	7	2009
Harvey Mudd	88	2011	Fred Fallon	45	2012	Clifton Barry	6	1990
Ron Gutberlet	82	2012	Leslie Starr	42	2011	Ross Geredien	3	2012
Edward Boyd	77	2012	David Walbeck	42	2002	Steve Collins	1	2012
Helen Patton	76	2012	Marion Mudd	40	2011	Russ Ruffing	1	2012

County Closeouts - All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	83	2002	J.B. Churchill	25	2000	Jim Stasz	12	2005
Dave Perry	80	2001	Joe Hanfman	24	2011	Jeff Culler	11	2011
Jim Stasz	65	1999	Joe Hanfman	24	2010	Rob Ostrowski	11	2009
John Hubbell	59	2003	Jim Brighton	24	2005	Dave Powell	11	2005
Ron Gutberlet	51	2011	Bill Hubick	24	2006	Anna Urciolo	10	2012
Dave Perry	48	1999	Jim Green	23	2008	John Hubbell	10	2009
Phil Davis	44	1995	Hans Holbrook	22	2005	Ron Gutberlet	10	2008
Jim Green	43	2007	Jim Green	21	2011	John Hubbell	9	2004
Rob Ostrowski	40	2010	Joe Hanfman	21	2012	Dave Powell	8	2012
Stan Arnold	39	2005	Jim Green	21	2009	Jim Stasz	8	2004
Bill Hubick	36	2008	George Jett	21	1995	Jared Satchell	7	2011
Bill Hubick	35	2007	Dave Powell	20	2007	John Hubbell	7	2011
Ron Gutberlet	34	2009	Dave Powell	18	2006	John Hubbell	7	2008
Bill Hubick	30	2011	Dave Powell	16	2008	Matt Tillett	5	2010
John Dennehy	30	2010	Hans Holbrook	15	2004	Helen Patton	5	2001
Leslie Starr	30	2010	Jim Stasz	14	2008	Helen Patton	5	2000
Rob Ostrowski	29	2011	Jim Stasz	14	2007	John Hubbell	4	2012
Bill Hubick	29	2005	Jim Green	14	2010	Ron Gutberlet	2	2012
Jim Stasz	28	1998	Anna Urciolo	14	2011	Dave Powell	2	2001
Bill Hubick	27	2009	Leslie Starr	12	2011	Dave Powell	2	2003
Mike Ostrowski	26	2011	Jim Stasz	12	2000			
Ron Gutberlet	25	2010	Dave Powell	12	2004			

Total County Ticks - Life (7375 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	6409	2012	Joel Martin	4113	2012	Mike Burchett	3010	2012
Bob Ringler	5577	2012	Steve Sanford	4087	2007	Joy Bowen	2869	2010
John Hubbell	5488	2012	Marion Mudd	4072	2011	Kye Jenkins	2858	2012
Bill Hubick	5328	2012	Mike Ostrowski	4064	2012	Sue Hamilton	2794	2003
Matt Hafner	5268	2012	J.B Churchill	4010	2012	Rob Hilton	2737	2012
Jim Brighton	5146	2012	Dave Harvey	3972	2007	Jane Fallon	2662	2011
Marshall J. Iliff	5136	2011	Fred Fallon	3943	2012	Jared Satchell	2431	2011
Hans Holbrook	5063	2009	Jeff Culler	3816	2012	Betsy Bangert	2405	2012
Dave Powell	5056	2012	Dan Haas	3701	2012	Matt Tillett	2367	2010
Jim Green	4983	2012	Leslie Starr	3658	2012	Warren Strobel	2321	2012
Joe Hanfman	4961	2012	Phil Davis	3638	2012	Ray Kiddy	2306	2008
Stan Arnold	4898	2011	Norm Saunders	3502	2011	Ross Geredien	2099	2012
Edward Boyd	4829	2012	Michael Bowen	3486	2012	Steve Collins	2090	2012
Harvey Mudd	4802	2011	Tom Feild	3470	2007	Keith Eric Costley	1967	2012
Elaine Hendricks	4556	2012	Rod Burley	3436	2012	Russ Ruffing	1960	2012
Kevin Graff	4533	2010	Fran Saunders	3306	2011	David Kidwell	1874	2012
Dave Perry	4490	2012	Paul Nistico	3273	2005	Tim Carney	1805	2012
Ron Gutberlet	4454	2012	Lou Nielsen	3243	2012	J. Tyler Bell	1371	2012
George Jett	4322	2012	David Walbeck	3210	2002	Derek Hudgins	1125	2012
Rob Ostrowski	4244	2012	Joe Turner	3195	2011	Jane Kostenko	1080	2012
Kathy Calvert	4169	2012	Jim Moore	3141	2011	Jim Nelson	1075	2012
Helen Patton	4138	2012	Anna Urciolo	3040	2012	Derek Richardson	973	2012
John Dennehy	4116	2012	Dan Small	3011	2012	Matthew Anthony	803	2012

Total County Ticks - 2012

Name	Total
Jim Stasz	3738
Joe Hanfman	3225
John Hubbell	2452
Edward Boyd	2323
Ron Gutberlet	2150
Dave Powell	1799
Mike Burchett	1775
Rob Ostrowski	1759
Betsy Bangert	1689
Russ Ruffing	1592
Tim Carney	1502
Mike Ostrowski	1491
Dan Haas	1089
Keith Eric Costley	831
Derek Hudgins	815
David Kidwell	765
Derek Richardson	314
Frank Fogarty	277
Jim Nelson	239

Total County Ticks - All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	4086	2002	Jim Green	2964	2009
Jim Stasz	3738	2012	Jim Green	2913	2009
Ron Gutberlet	3408	2011	John Hubbell	2892	2007
Joe Hanfman	3360	2011	John Hubbell	2877	2007
Dave Perry	3322	2001	Kevin Graff	2853	2010
Jim Green	3306	2011	Jim Green	2806	2009
Hans Holbrook	3244	2005	Joe Hanfman	2801	2005
Bill Hubick	3233	2008	Bill Hubick	2770	2005
Joe Hanfman	3225	2012	Jim Stasz	2759	2008
Bill Hubick	3200	2010	Stan Arnold	2746	2010
Bill Hubick	3193	2009	Ron Gutberlet	2741	2009
Stan Arnold	3185	2005	Jim Stasz	2727	2007
Rob Ostrowski	3173	2010	Jim Stasz	2717	2011
Jim Stasz	3159	2011	John Hubbell	2702	2011
Ron Gutberlet	3147	2009	Jeff Culler	2686	2008
Rob Ostrowski	3126	2011	John Hubbell	2662	2010
Jim Brighton	3126	2005	Jim Brighton	2657	2007
Mike Ostrowski	3109	2011	Dave Powell	2655	2008
Stan Arnold	3099	2009	Kevin Graff	2621	2010
Bill Hubick	3095	2011	John Hubbell	2616	2007
Joe Hanfman	3049	2010	Jim Green	2616	2009
Bill Hubick	3037	2007	Kevin Graff	2613	2006
Hans Holbrook	3021	2004	Bill Hubick	2604	2010
Mike Ostrowski	3017	2010	John Dennehy	2571	2006

Minimum County Life List (lowest of a birder's 23 individual county life lists)

Name	Minimum	Name	Minimum	Name	Minimum
Jim Stasz	245	Kathy Calvert	148	Chuck Stirrat	94
John Hubbell	209	John Dennehy	148	Fran Saunders	87
Bob Ringler	205	Dave Perry	147	Norm Saunders	87
Bill Hubick	201	Helen Patton	147	Lou Nielsen	75
Jim Green	193	Mike Ostrowski	142	Dan Haas	72
Dave Powell	190	Marion Mudd	136	Michael Bowen	65
Marshall J. Iliff	190	Rod Burley	126	Rob Hilton	59
Matt Hafner	189	Marcia Balestri	123	Ross Geredien	43
Edward Boyd	177	J.B Churchill	120	Mike Burchett	41
Jim Brighton	165	Fred Fallon	117	Russ Ruffing	34
Elaine Hendricks	164	George Jett	116	Betsy Bangert	33
Harvey Mudd	160	Joel Martin	115	Kurt R. Schwarz	29
Joe Hanfman	156	Jim Moore	108	Jared Satchell	25
Ron Gutberlet	155	Phil Davis	108	Dan Small	23
Rob Ostrowski	150	Leslie Starr	107	Steve Collins	12

Minimum County Year List (lowest of a birder's 23 individual county year lists) - all from 2012

Name	Minimum	Name	Minimum	Name	Minimum
Jim Green	88	John Hubbell	46	Leslie Starr	6
Jim Stasz	87	Ron Gutberlet	29		
Joe Hanfman	83	Edward Boyd	19		

Garrett & Allegany Counties

The number of species reported to eBird totaled 224 for Garrett County and 218 for Allegany County. It is not known if any individual or group keeps a formal accounting of annual species in either county.

2012 started out slow in Western MD with few significant sightings in January through May with the exception of a **Northern Shrike** at Finzel Swamp (J.B. Churchill Jan 6th) found originally by Mike Ostrowski on Christmas Eve 2011. The shrike was seen again on Feb 7th (Joe Hanfman) and last reported by Russ Ruffing on Feb 17th. A later Northern Shrike was at Russell Road and a **Rough-legged Hawk** was at Lower New Germany Road on Feb. 26th (Jim Stasz). A **Surf Scoter** was seen at Rocky Gap State Park on April 21st by Jim Moore and Peter Kaestner. A **Brewster's Warbler** (Golden-winged X Blue-winged hybrid) was photographed by Mark Johnson at Old Legislative Road on June 3rd and another was found by Jim Moore at the east end of Russell Road on July 1st. A **Blue Grosbeak** at Russell Road was seen by many observers; the first report to eBird was by Leslie Star on June 13, and it was last reported on August 4th by Frode Jacobson.



White Ibis – Mexico Farms
J.B. Churchill

Arguably the best "living" find from 2012 was the **White Ibis** located by Mary Huebner at Mexico Farms along the C&O Canal on August 5th and last seen on August 18th (MO). Mikey Lutmerding found a **Baird's Sandpiper** at the Youghiougheny Reservoir on September 1st. J.B. Churchill reported a post-Hurricane Sandy **Black Scoter** and a **Canvasback** at Little Meadows Lake on October 29th. Rivaling the living White Ibis was a dead **Cave Swallow** found on November 3rd by Roy Boyle outside of his residence in Westernport, MD. Mikey Lutmerding found a **White-winged Scoter** at Piney Reservoir on Nov. 4th.

On November 11th, Rob Hilton pointed out that Redpolls were just north of us in Pennsylvania but alas none were reported until after 2012 had ended. Other finches that did show up included **Evening Grosbeaks** (3 at J.B. Churchill's house on November 4th, and 1 again on November 10th; 1 at New Germany State Park Nov. 18th (J.B. Churchill); 2 at the Cumberland Narrows Nov. 11th (Laura Hahn) and 6 on Nov. 8th (Tim Anderson). Jim Green and Kathy Calvert also had 8 at Town Hill on Nov. 7th. **White-winged Crossbills** were at Rocky Gap State Park with 5 seen on Nov. 25th (Ron Gutberlet & John Hubbell), 5 on Nov. 27 (J.B. Churchill), and 4 on Nov. 28 (Joe Hanfman, Allen Lewis, and Jeff Culler). Ron and John also had a **Snow Bunting** and a late **Northern Parula** there the same day. There were 7 **White-winged Crossbills** at Town Hill on Nov. 6th (Bob Ringler) and 10 there on Nov. 15th (Jim Stasz). There was also one at New Germany State Park on Nov. 17th (Jared Fisher) and Nov. 18th (J.B. Churchill), 10 at Deep Creek Lake on Nov. 4th (Jo and Mikey Lutmerding) and on the Oakland Count Dec. 15th at Gladestown Park (7 individuals) and the Oakland Golf Course (1 individual; both sightings by Jo and Mikey Lutmerding). Mary Huebner also had 10 **White-winged Crossbills** at her home in Cumberland on December 9th. One **Red Crossbill** was reported on Nov. 26th at Rocky Gap State Park by Matt Hafner.

In Garrett County, Mikey Lutmerding (251) maintains a comfortable five-bird lead in the Life List category, and judging by the looks of it, it may be a very long time before anyone challenges his all-time high Year List of 229 which he achieved in 2007! Nobody else has come close; in fact, no other birder has ever topped 200 for Garrett in any year.

In Allegany County, Jim Paulus (273) still stands atop the Life List category; even though his total is now 12 years old, it is still 12 higher than any other birder's. Mikey Lutmerding also holds the all-time high Year List (213 in 2007) for Allegany County; there are six others that have also achieved 200+ in one year, although none have done so in the last five years.

There are no Big Days in the database for either county.

Garrett County Life Lists (287 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Mikey Lutmerding	251	2012	Mike Ostrowski	184	2012	Dave Harvey	165	2007
Jim Stasz	246	2012	David Walbeck	183	2002	Fred Fallon	161	2012
J.B. Churchill	245	2011	Joe Hanfman	181	2012	Dotty Mumford	161	2006
Jim Brighton	232	2012	Ray Kiddy	181	2008	Harvey Mudd	160	2011
John Hubbell	228	2012	Edward Boyd	179	2012	Mary Ann Todd	160	2011
Hans Holbrook	226	2009	Michael O'Brien	179	1999	John Dennehy	157	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	224	2011	Kathy Calvert	175	2012	Marcia Balestri	152	2012
Bill Hubick	221	2012	George Jett	175	2012	John Gregoire	152	2005
Matt Hafner	220	2012	Helen Patton	174	2012	Kevin Graff	151	2010
Bob Ringler	213	2012	Rick Blom	174	1999	Rod Burley	149	2012
Mike Burchett	211	2012	Gwen Brewer	171	2012	Dave Perry	147	2012
David Yeany	205	2009	Paul O'Brien	170	2012	Mark Hoffman	145	2010
Jim Green	199	2012	Elaine Hendricks	168	2012	Leslie Starr	144	2012
Dave Powell	199	2012	Steve Sanford	168	2007	David Holmes	143	1994
Ron Gutberlet	196	2012	Rob Ostrowski	167	2012	Ottavio Janni	142	2001
Stan Arnold	194	2011	Teresa Simons	166	1994	George Armistead	140	2003

Garrett County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Mikey Lutmerding	229	2007	Bill Hubick	149	2006	Jim Stasz	129	1998
Mikey Lutmerding	216	2008	Jim Stasz	148	2004	John Hubbell	125	2007
Jim Stasz	198	2002	J.B. Churchill	147	2006	Rob Ostrowski	124	2012
Jim Stasz	191	2012	J.B. Churchill	147	2005	Jim Green	121	2012
Jim Stasz	184	1999	Bill Hubick	146	2011	Jim Green	121	2010
J.B. Churchill	178	2009	Jim Stasz	145	2009	Dave Powell	120	2008
Jim Stasz	176	2003	Hans Holbrook	144	2005	Dave Powell	117	2007
Jim Stasz	176	2006	Ron Gutberlet	144	2011	Joe Hanfman	116	2010
J.B. Churchill	176	2008	John Hubbell	144	2005	Michael Bowen	116	2011
J.B. Churchill	176	2007	Marshall Iliff	144	1999	Joe Hanfman	114	2012
Jim Stasz	172	2000	John Hubbell	142	2008	Stan Arnold	113	2008
Bill Hubick	171	2005	John Hubbell	139	2006	Ray Kiddy	112	2008
Ron Gutberlet	170	2009	Jim Green	139	2009	Leslie Starr	111	2011
J.B. Churchill	168	2000	Edward Boyd	138	2012	Ron Gutberlet	110	2010
J.B. Churchill	166	2003	Bill Hubick	138	2008	George Jett	109	1998
J.B. Churchill	161	1999	Jim Green	138	2008	John Hubbell	108	2011
Jim Stasz	159	2007	Bill Hubick	137	2009	Hans Holbrook	106	2004
J.B. Churchill	157	2004	Dave Powell	137	2006	Bill Hubick	105	2010
Jim Stasz	155	2005	Jim Green	136	2011	John Hubbell	105	2009
J.B. Churchill	154	2001	Stan Arnold	136	2005	Elaine Hendricks	104	2012
Mike Ostrowski	153	2011	Marshall Iliff	136	1992	Jim Stasz	103	2011
Jim Stasz	153	1992	Jim Stasz	132	2008	Jim Green	103	2007
Bill Hubick	153	2007	Mike Ostrowski	131	2010	Kevin Graff	101	2009
Joe Hanfman	149	2011	Dave Powell	129	2004	George Jett	100	2008
Hans Holbrook	149	2007	Dave Perry	129	2001	George Jett	99	2003

Allegany County Life Lists (301 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Paulus	273	2000	Marshall J. Iliff	202	2011	Elaine Hendricks	164	2012
Ray Kiddy	261	2008	Hans Holbrook	202	2009	Michael O'Brien	164	1999
Teresa Simons	260	1994	Matt Hafner	198	2012	Mike Ostrowski	161	2012
J.B Churchill	257	2012	Dave Powell	197	2012	Kathy Calvert	160	2012
Mikey Lutmerding	245	2012	John Gregoire	190	2005	Rod Burley	159	2012
Jim Stasz	245	2012	Stan Arnold	184	2011	Marion Mudd	159	2011
Bob Ringler	225	2012	Edward Boyd	180	2012	David Walbeck	158	2002
Phil Davis	224	2012	James Wilkinson	179	1990	Joe Hanfman	156	2012
David Yeany	217	2009	Ron Gutberlet	173	2012	Rob Ostrowski	155	2012
John Hubbell	213	2012	Rick Blom	171	1999	Dave Perry	152	2012
Bill Hubick	207	2012	Harvey Mudd	170	2011	George Jett	151	2012
Gwen Brewer	205	2012	Helen Patton	166	2012	David Holmes	151	1994
Jim Brighton	204	2012	Steve Sanford	166	2007	Mark Hoffman	149	2010
Jim Green	202	2012	Dave Harvey	165	2007	Mike Burchett	143	2011

Allegany County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Mikey Lutmerding	213	2007	Ray Kiddy	173	2008	Bill Hubick	123	2009
Teresa Simons	212	1994	Ray Kiddy	171	2006	Stan Arnold	123	2005
J.B. Churchill	211	2004	Jim Stasz	171	1992	Ron Gutberlet	121	2011
Teresa Simons	211	1993	Jim Stasz	167	2002	John Hubbell	121	2008
J.B. Churchill	202	2007	Jim Stasz	167	1999	Jim Stasz	120	2004
J.B. Churchill	200	2002	J.B. Churchill	162	1999	Dave Powell	119	2004
J.B. Churchill	200	2000	Jim Stasz	148	2007	Jim Stasz	115	2009
J.B. Churchill	197	2008	Jim Brighton	148	2005	Jim Stasz	113	1998
Ray Kiddy	194	2003	Jim Stasz	144	2012	Joe Hanfman	111	2012
Ray Kiddy	194	2002	Jim Stasz	143	2008	Stan Arnold	111	2009
Ray Kiddy	190	2007	Jim Stasz	142	2005	Joe Hanfman	110	2011
J.B. Churchill	189	2005	Jim Green	141	2011	Jim Brighton	110	2010
Ray Kiddy	189	2004	Jim Stasz	139	2000	Dave Powell	110	2006
J.B. Churchill	186	2003	Bill Hubick	133	2008	Mike Ostrowski	109	2011
Mikey Lutmerding	185	2008	Jim Green	133	2007	Bill Hubick	109	2011
Ray Kiddy	185	2005	Jim Stasz	130	2006	John Hubbell	108	2011
Ray Kiddy	182	1999	John Hubbell	129	2007	Elaine Hendricks	106	2012
J.B. Churchill	181	2006	Dave Perry	129	2001	John Hubbell	106	2004
J.B. Churchill	181	2001	Jim Green	127	2012	Jim Stasz	104	2011
Ray Kiddy	181	2000	Jim Green	127	2008	Bill Hubick	101	2006
Ray Kiddy	180	2001	Hans Holbrook	126	2005	Ron Gutberlet	100	2012
J.B. Churchill	179	2009	Jim Stasz	126	2003	Rob Ostrowski	100	2011
			Marshall Iliff	126	1992			

Washington County

Birding in Washington County has benefited tremendously in the last ten years from an ever increasing number of birders and their diligence in reporting their sightings, and 2012 was no exception. In all, 191 species were reported to eBird for the year, down from the 202 reported in 2011. It is not known if any individual or group keeps a formal accounting of annual species in Washington County.



*Eurasian Collared Dove – Hagerstown
Jared Fisher*

Things got off to a great start in January when Bill Hubick relayed news of a **Loggerhead Shrike** in Hagerstown on January 2. Then on January 4, Michael Burchett saw 2 **Rufous Hummingbirds** and an **Allen's Hummingbird** in Sharpsburg. As we moved into the spring, one of the more uncommon sightings was turned in by Jim Stasz on April 10 - 34 **Bonaparte's Gulls** along the Potomac River near Sandy Hook. The summer found many birders returning to the area after Dave Czaplak reported 2 **Eurasian Collared Doves** on June 15 near Hagerstown. These birds were observed by many others through at least August 11.

One of the more famous birds to make an appearance in the county in 2012 was a **White Form of Great Blue Heron**. "Whitey," as many birders referred to him, was found on June 30 by Mark Johnson and entertained birders for the remainder of the year. Whitey was last reported on December 15 by his finder, Mark Johnson.



*Great "White" Heron – Big Pool
J.B. Churchill*

As the year wound down there were a number of excellent sightings, including 6 **Black Scoters** found by Fred Shaffer on November 3 at Big Pool, and 5 **White-Winged Crossbills** found at the Reno Monument by Jim Stasz on November 6. The last 2 species for the year were reported on December 30 by Brad Lanning; they were 9 **Lapland Longspurs** and a **Snow Bunting** found in the fields along Chewsville Rd. With a little luck and everyone's continued efforts, perhaps Washington County will be back above 200 species in 2013!

In listing, Jim Stasz (246) is a full 19 birds ahead of the next highest Life List, with only six other birders over the 200 species mark. However, it will take some effort for anyone to top Hans Holbrook's all-time high Year List of 205 from 2008; that total still remains the only Year List in excess of 200 ever reported for the county.

There are no Big Days in the database for Washington County.

Washington County Life Lists (283 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	246	2012	Harvey Mudd	184	2011	Kevin Graff	161	2010
Hans Holbrook	227	2009	J.B. Churchill	180	2011	Steve Sanford	158	2007
Bob Ringler	216	2012	Edward Boyd	179	2012	Joel Martin	151	2012
Dave Weesner	215	2006	Kathy Calvert	178	2012	Rob Ostrowski	150	2012
John Hubbell	210	2012	Joe Hanfman	178	2012	John Gregoire	150	2005
Jim Green	206	2012	Rod Burley	174	2012	John Dennehy	149	2012
Bill Hubick	203	2012	Stan Arnold	174	2011	Lynn Davidson	148	1998
Matt Hafner	193	2012	Marion Mudd	173	2011	Michele Morris	147	1992
Jim Brighton	192	2012	Ron Gutberlet	170	2012	Herb Morris	147	1992
Dave Perry	191	2012	Mikey Lutmerding	166	2011	Elliot Kirschbaum	147	2007
Dave Powell	190	2012	Mike Ostrowski	165	2012	Dave Harvey	145	2007
Marshall J. Iliff	190	2011	Elaine Hendricks	164	2012	Leslie Starr	144	2012
Rick Blom	186	1999	Helen Patton	161	2012	Tom Feild	142	2007

Washington County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Hans Holbrook	205	2008	Jim Stasz	136	2006	Stan Arnold	111	2009
Hans Holbrook	197	2007	Jim Stasz	132	2012	Stan Arnold	111	2004
Dave Perry	176	2004	Jim Brighton	132	2005	Hans Holbrook	110	2004
Dave Weesner	170	1998	Jim Green	132	2008	Mike Ostrowski	110	2011
Jim Green	162	2011	Ron Gutberlet	131	2011	Stan Arnold	109	2005
Dave Perry	157	2003	Jim Stasz	130	2011	John Hubbell	107	2011
Hans Holbrook	155	2005	Bill Hubick	129	2010	Dave Powell	107	2006
Jim Stasz	153	1999	Bill Hubick	128	2009	John Hubbell	107	2004
Jim Stasz	152	2008	Jim Green	126	2012	Dave Powell	106	2012
Jim Stasz	151	1992	Dave Perry	122	1999	Jim Brighton	105	2010
Jim Stasz	149	2002	Dave Perry	121	2001	John Hubbell	105	2006
Dave Weesner	147	1993	Bill Hubick	121	2011	Edward Boyd	104	2011
Joe Hanfman	143	2009	John Hubbell	119	2008	John Hubbell	103	2005
Jim Green	143	2010	Dave Powell	116	2007	Jim Stasz	103	2000
Jim Stasz	143	2005	Jim Green	114	2007	Jim Stasz	101	2009
Mike Ostrowski	140	2010	John Hubbell	114	2009	Dave Powell	101	2008
Bill Hubick	139	2008	John Hubbell	114	2007	Kevin Graff	101	2006
Jim Green	139	2009	Jim Stasz	113	2003	Joe Hanfman	95	2011
Bill Hubick	139	2007	Bill Hubick	112	2006	Ron Gutberlet	94	2010

Frederick County

Frederick County birding was fairly unremarkable in 2012 (no Pink-footed Geese or Say's Phoebe!), but a few surprises did pop up throughout the year. In general, there continues to be an increase in Common Ravens and Bald Eagles, and unusually high numbers of Red-tailed Hawks were recorded this year on several county counts. According to eBird statistics, 221 species were recorded in the county for the year. It is not known if any individual or group keeps a formal accounting of annual species in Frederick County.

White geese opened the year with 4 **Ross's Geese** at Kershner's Pond on 1/2/12. Chuck Parker originally found these geese on Dec 27, 2011. Individual **Snow Geese** were observed in various places across the county from January through March. Andy Wilson saw as many as 3 just north of Frederick. David Smith reported on the 18th Frederick County Midwinter Count record totals for several species including Cackling

Goose (8), American Black Duck (211), Hooded Merganser (11), Great Blue Heron (47), Black Vulture (199), Turkey Vulture (587), Bald Eagle (9), Red-shouldered Hawk (50), Eastern Screech-Owl (13), and Swamp Sparrow (33). We also recorded count firsts for **Greater Scaup** and **Virginia Rail**.

Mike Welch found a **Green-winged Teal (Eurasian)** at Lilypons on March 3. It played hide and seek with resident and visiting birders for the next couple of weeks. There were a few unusual species during spring migration. Andy Wilson spotted 2 **Cattle Egrets** at Willow Road Ponds on April 23, and Mike Welch spied a **Summer Tanager** in his yard “for a millisecond” on May 7. On the Frederick County May Count on May 12, Mike Welch turned up an adult **Little Blue Heron**. During the summer, Bob Schaefer shot video of a juvenile **Red-headed Woodpecker** confirming breeding for the first time at Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary. Chuck Parker spotted an adult **Little Blue Heron** (maybe the same one as Mike’s?) at Lilypons on July 31. Bill and Sue Wendell spied a **Swallow-tailed Kite** flying overhead while driving on Route 80 near Kemptown on Aug 21. Marcia Balestri discovered a **Connecticut Warbler** on September 27 at Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary.

Like the rest of the state, Frederick County birders witnessed irruptions of **Red-breasted Nuthatches** and **White-winged Crossbills** late in the year. Red-breasted Nuthatches showed up in most parts of the county in higher than normal numbers, and Jim Stasz found White-winged Crossbills at Reno Monument on November 6. Kathy Calvert discovered both **Red Crossbills** and White-winged Crossbills on November 26 at Rest Haven Cemetery. These cooperative White-winged Crossbills remained into December. We closed the year with white geese as well. Joe Hanfman reported a **Ross’s Goose** at Kershner’s Pond on Dec 21; maybe one of the 4 from January returned to familiar environs?



Red-breasted Nuthatch
Jon Corcoran

In listing, Marcia Balestri (272) leads the Life List parade but two other active birders are close behind at 270. In Year Lists, Stauffer Miller’s incredible 231 total from 1993 has withstood all challengers for 19 straight years. A year total of 200 has been exceeded in 13 other instances.

There are no Big Days in the database for Frederick County.

Frederick County Life Lists (306 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Marcia Balestri	272	2012	Hans Holbrook	220	2009	Elaine Hendricks	186	2012
Paul O'Brien	270	2012	Bill Hubick	218	2012	Joel Martin	183	2012
Kathy Calvert	270	2012	Andrew Wilson	216	2011	Kevin Graff	183	2010
Barbara Gearhart	267	2009	Stan Arnold	213	2011	Mike Ostrowski	182	2012
Michael Welch	260	2004	Rick Blom	213	1999	Steve Sanford	182	2007
Jim Stasz	259	2012	Ottavio Janni	208	2001	Lola Oberman	177	1999
Gary Smyle	254	2004	Marion Mudd	207	2011	Larry Bonham	177	1995
Stauffer Miller	253	1995	Michael Bowen	206	2012	Kurt R. Schwarz	174	2012
Bob Ringler	251	2012	Joe Hanfman	201	2012	Rob Ostrowski	172	2012
Frank Schaff	245	2006	Jim Brighton	199	2012	Anna Urciolo	169	2012
Harvey Mudd	242	2011	John Gregoire	196	2005	Joy Bowen	167	2010
David Wallace	233	2001	Rod Burley	195	2012	Gary Nelson	164	1993
Charles Finley	232	2000	Helen Patton	193	2012	George Jett	161	2012
John Hubbell	231	2012	J.B. Churchill	193	2011	Dick Homan	160	2004
Dave Powell	231	2012	Michele Morris	193	1992	Lou Nielsen	159	2012
Jim Green	230	2012	Edward Boyd	192	2012	Chuck Stirrat	158	2012
Gail Mackiernan	226	2012	Marshall J. Iliff	191	2011	John Dennehy	158	2012
Michael O'Brien	225	1999	Rob Hilton	189	2012	Fred Fallon	157	2012
Andy Wilson	223	2012	Hugh Mahanes	189	2003	Kye Jenkins	157	2012
Matt Hafner	223	2012	Herb Morris	189	1992	Ron Gutberlet	157	2012
Dave Harvey	221	2007	Dave Perry	188	2012	Joy Peters	157	2009
Ian Cornelius	221	1996	Lynn Davidson	187	1998			

Frederick County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Stauffer Miller	231	1993	Marcia Balestri	193	2012	Gary Smyle	155	2001
Barbara Gearhart	230	2009	Marcia Balestri	190	2009	Jim Stasz	154	1999
Barbara Gearhart	224	2007	Marcia Balestri	189	2003	Rod Burley	153	2003
Barbara Gearhart	224	2005	Ian Cornelius	189	1996	Marcia Balestri	152	2001
Barbara Gearhart	223	2006	Michael Welch	189	1995	Ottavio Janni	152	1993
Barbara Gearhart	222	2008	Marcia Balestri	185	2004	Bill Hubick	148	2008
Barbara Gearhart	220	2004	Marcia Balestri	184	2010	Dave Perry	147	1999
Barbara Gearhart	217	2003	Andy Wilson	182	2012	Dave Powell	146	2003
Stauffer Miller	217	1992	Michael Welch	182	1997	Michael Welch	146	1990
Stauffer Miller	215	1991	Michael Welch	181	1994	Paul O'Brien	146	1951
Stauffer Miller	215	1990	Marcia Balestri	180	2006	John Hubbell	142	2008
Gary Smyle	207	2002	Marcia Balestri	175	2005	Mike Ostrowski	141	2011
Marcia Balestri	203	2011	Michael Welch	175	2002	Rod Burley	140	2000
Andrew Wilson	201	2011	Paul O'Brien	175	1953	Hans Holbrook	139	2005
Michael Welch	199	2000	Ian Cornelius	174	1995	Dave Powell	138	2004
Michael Welch	198	1999	Michael Welch	168	1992	Jim Stasz	136	1992
Marcia Balestri	196	2007	Michael Welch	166	1991	Jim Green	134	2011
Michael Welch	196	2004	Paul O'Brien	166	1952	Joe Hanfman	133	2009
Marcia Balestri	196	2002	Paul O'Brien	163	1954	Jim Stasz	131	2012
Marcia Balestri	194	2008	Jim Stasz	160	2002	Bill Hubick	130	2011

Carroll County

According to eBird statistics, 196 species were recorded in the county for the year; with the inclusion of two additional species that were not reported to eBird (see below), the total number of species for the year was at least 198. It is not known if any individual or group keeps a formal accounting of annual species in Carroll County.

A highlight for the year in Carroll County was the nesting of **Bald Eagles** at Piney Run Park. A pair raised two young, at least one of which fledged. On January 10, a **Red-throated Loon** was found by Bob Ringler at the same location.

Bullfrog Road continued to be a reliable location for birders to find **Short-eared Owls** during the winter months. Among rarities that appeared in the fall were two **Rufous Hummingbirds**, one an adult male. The first was reported on October 7 by Bob Ringler. One **Lapland Longspur** showed up in a Horned Lark flock along Jasontown Road on November 25 (Bob Ringler), and a **Summer Tanager** was reported at a feeder in late November; the latter was only the third county record. With the irruption of northern finches came small numbers of **Red Crossbills** and **White-winged Crossbills**, and a single **Common Redpoll** appeared at a feeder. Neither the Summer Tanager nor the Common Redpoll was reported to eBird.

On the down side, no Cerulean Warblers were found breeding along the Carroll portion of the Patapsco River where they were once a common breeder.

In listing, nobody is even close to Bob Ringler's Life List of 278; the nearest birder (Ed Boyd) is 26 species behind! Bob also holds the top Year List of 204 from 1995, and has topped 200 four different times. He has also registered 17 of the top 18 Year Lists for the county.

There are no Big Days in the database for Carroll County.

Carroll County Life Lists (287 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Bob Ringler	278	2012	Stan Arnold	193	2011	Kathy Calvert	162	2012
Edward Boyd	252	2012	Lou Nielsen	192	2012	John Gregoire	161	2005
Dave Harvey	252	2007	Joel Martin	185	2012	Rob Ostrowski	159	2012
Jim Stasz	251	2012	Kevin Graff	185	2010	Helen Patton	157	2012
Rick Blom	250	1999	Rod Burley	184	2012	Kye Jenkins	156	2012
Mark Hoffman	217	2011	Steve Sanford	184	2007	Ron Gutberlet	155	2012
John Hubbell	209	2012	Chuck Stirrat	183	2012	Michele Morris	153	1992
Bill Hubick	201	2012	Elaine Hendricks	179	2012	Mike Ostrowski	152	2012
Dave Powell	200	2012	Dave Perry	176	2012	Jeff Culler	152	2011
Marshall J. Iliff	198	2011	Marion Mudd	176	2011	George Jett	148	2011
Harvey Mudd	197	2011	Bill Ellis	174	2004	Marcia Balestri	147	2012
Hans Holbrook	196	2009	Burton Alexander	170	2000	David Holmes	147	1994
Jim Green	195	2012	Jim Brighton	165	2012	Herb Morris	144	1992
Matt Hafner	193	2012	John Dennehy	163	2012	David Walbeck	141	2002
Joe Hanfman	193	2012	Keith Eric Costley	163	2012	Elliot Kirschbaum	140	2007

Carroll County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Bob Ringler	204	1995	Jim Stasz	157	2002	John Hubbell	120	2008
Bob Ringler	202	2008	Kevin Graff	154	2007	Jim Stasz	120	2005
Bob Ringler	202	2007	Joe Hanfman	145	2010	Jim Stasz	119	2007
Bob Ringler	201	1992	Jim Stasz	142	1992	Mike Ostrowski	117	2011
Bob Ringler	199	1994	Joe Hanfman	137	2009	Jeff Culler	114	2011
Bob Ringler	198	1993	Jim Green	136	2010	Bill Hubick	114	2007
Bob Ringler	195	1988	John Hubbell	136	2009	John Hubbell	113	2007
Bob Ringler	191	2010	Jim Green	135	2011	Bill Hubick	113	2006
Bob Ringler	189	2009	Dave Perry	133	2000	Jim Stasz	111	1998
Bob Ringler	188	2002	Rod Burley	133	2002	Jim Green	110	2008
Mark Hoffman	187	1995	Rob Ostrowski	132	2010	Bill Hubick	109	2011
Bob Ringler	186	2012	Rod Burley	131	2001	Jim Stasz	109	2004
Bob Ringler	186	1989	Hans Holbrook	130	2005	Hans Holbrook	109	2007
Bob Ringler	185	2011	Jim Stasz	128	1999	Kevin Graff	107	2009
Bob Ringler	185	2004	Joe Hanfman	127	2011	Bill Hubick	105	2009
Bob Ringler	181	2003	Ron Gutberlet	127	2011	Kevin Graff	104	2008
Bob Ringler	181	1990	Dave Perry	125	2001	Joe Hanfman	103	2012
Bob Ringler	180	2006	Bill Hubick	123	2008	Jim Green	102	2012
Dave Harvey	174	1994	Dave Powell	123	2007	John Hubbell	101	2006
Dave Harvey	172	1996	Bill Hubick	121	2010	Hans Holbrook	101	2004
Bill Ellis	167	2004	John Hubbell	120	2004	Kevin Graff	101	2006

Howard County

Birders reported a total of 240 species for Howard County in 2012; this total was only two off the all-time high of 242 that was observed in 2009. Clearly the top county bird for the year was Maryland's first state record **Pink-footed Goose**, found on February 20 by Nick Lund in a pond along Jones Road. However, Tom Feild's discovery of a first county record **Sabine's Gull** at Triadelphia Reservoir on September 8 was almost as exciting. Hundreds of birders from all over the state got to see these special birds.

Other top birds in Howard during the year included the county's third record of **Brant**, found post-Sandy by Kurt Schwarz on October 30 at Fulton Pond. The two previous records of this species are from 1957 and 1959. Kurt also found 3 **Black Scoters** resting on Wilde Lake later the same day. Fulton Pond also hosted the county's fourth record of **Wilson's Phalarope** (Jim Green on May 8) and a **Baird's Sandpiper** that was found by Harry Fink on September 13. This was perhaps the same bird that had been seen at Triadelphia Reservoir days earlier. Baird's Sandpiper had only been seen in the county five times previously. At Triadelphia Reservoir, Woody and Rae Dubois found the county's seventh record of **American Avocet** on August 7. After getting a tip from Howard Patterson and Karen Darcy of a possible "yellow" sparrow at the Howard Conservancy on October 25, Russ Ruffing found and confirmed the county's third record of **Le Conte's Sparrow**. Other tough sparrows for the county included Bonnie Ott's **Nelson's Sparrow** on June 1 at the University of Maryland Farm, and a **Clay-colored Sparrow** at Waterford Farm on October 23.

Other good birds included a **Golden Eagle** soaring over Route 32 near Laurel on January 28 (Jim Stasz). Two **Sandhill Cranes** in an open field along Gorman Road were reported by a curious observer in late February, affording many birders great views. On March 1, a silage pit in western Howard County produced an **Orange-crowned Warbler** found by Harry Fink. Other hard to find warblers for the county included a singing **Mourning Warbler** in Russ Ruffing's yard on May 5, and several **Connecticut Warblers** reported at Middle Patuxent Environmental Area during fall migration, the first of which was found by Matt Rogosky on September 8.

An **Alder Flycatcher** was initially heard by Russ Ruffing at the Howard Conservancy on May 18 and was later confirmed by Bonnie Ott several days later. Harry Fink found Howard County's first wild-flying **Mute Swans** (four) in years at Waverly Pond on May 31. On June 1, a **Least Bittern** was observed by a small group at the University of Maryland Farm. A difficult-for-the-county **Sedge Wren** was found in a field next to Russ Ruffing's yard on October 13, and a **White-winged Scoter** was located on November 7 by Allen Lewis in Columbia.

Winter finches included a male **Evening Grosbeak** that appeared on October 26 at Russ Ruffing's feeder and remained for five days. A flock of ten appeared at Matt Rogosky's feeder on November 12 but stayed only minutes. The county also hosted **Red Crossbills** and **White-winged Crossbills** at multiple locations in late fall, with Crest Lawn Cemetery seemingly being the most reliable location for both. **Common Redpolls** showed up in at least two locations, one of which was Wilde Lake on December 22 (Jim Wilkinson), and two were confirmed at a feeder. A female **Summer Tanager** showed up late in the year and overwintered near Sebring Drive in Columbia; it helped itself to area suet feeders and was still being seen in March 2013!

In listing, Jo Solem still has a comfortable five-bird lead in the Life List category, and it is going to be hard for anyone to catch her total of 287. A record 13 birders exceeded 200 species for the year. Joe Hanfman and David Cummings both listed 231 species, breaking Joe's county Year List record of 226 by five. There are two Big Days in the database for Howard County – one each in January and February:

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
75	01/26/13	Russ Ruffing, Matt Rogosky, Harry Fink	Yes	Snow Goose, Cackling Goose, Common Goldeneye, Merlin, Long-eared Owl, Rusty Blackbird	Great-horned Owl, Brown Creeper, Horned Lark, Common Grackle
75	02/23/13	Russ Ruffing, Matt Rogosky, Harry Fink	Yes	American Coot, Great Black-backed Gull,	Great-horned Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, American Pipit

Howard County Life Lists (303 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jo Solem	287	2012	John Hubbell	232	2012	Paul Zucker	185	1993
Bonnie Ott	282	2012	Bill Hubick	229	2012	Kathy Calvert	182	2012
Nancy Magnusson	279	2012	Joel Martin	228	2012	Steve Sanford	180	2007
Emy Holdridge	275	2012	Harry Fink	226	2012	Norm Saunders	180	2011
Chuck Stirrat	268	2012	Mike Kerwin	225	2012	John Dennehy	179	2012
Kurt R. Schwarz	267	2012	Elaine Hendricks	223	2012	Helen Patton	179	2012
Joe Hanfman	265	2012	Darius Ecker	223	1998	John Gregoire	178	2005
Jane Coskren	265	2011	David Holmes	220	1994	Jim Brighton	176	2012
Joe Byrnes	262	2012	Allen Lewis	218	2012	Carol Newman	174	2005
Karen Darcy	262	2012	Dave Powell	217	2012	James Wilkinson	172	1990
Bill Hill	262	2012	Howard Patterson	215	2012	Marion Mudd	171	2011
Jeff Culler	259	2012	Kevin Heffernan	215	2003	Steve Collins	169	2012
Jim Stasz	259	2012	Harvey Mudd	214	2011	Kevin Graff	169	2010
Helen Zeichner	257	2000	Scott Atkinson	213	1990	Ron Gutberlet	166	2012
Bob Ringler	255	2012	Burton Alexander	210	2000	Fred Fallon	165	2012
Warren David Cummings	251	2012	Marshall J. Iliff	207	2011	Dan Haas	164	2012
Rod Burley	251	2012	Tom Feild	207	2007	Rob Ostrowski	162	2012
Dave Harvey	249	2007	Phil Davis	206	2012	Kye Jenkins	161	2012
Peter Osenton	244	2012	Jim Green	206	2012	Mike Ostrowski	161	2012
Mary-Jo Betts	244	2001	Rick Blom	205	1999	Lou Nielsen	159	2012
Connie Bockstie	244	1994	John Maloney	205	2001	Michele Morris	159	1992
Stan Arnold	243	2011	Matt Hafner	202	2012	Marcia Balestri	158	2012
Hans Holbrook	243	2009	Dennis Coskren	201	2008	Jim Moore	158	2011
Russ Ruffing	242	2012	Edward Boyd	199	2012	Stephen Simon	157	1992
Bob Solem	234	2008	Michael Bowen	198	2012	Herb Morris	156	1992
Michael O'Sullivan	233	2012	Dave Perry	193	2012	Jon Corcoran	154	2012

Howard County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Joe Hanfman	231	2012	Howard Patterson	213	2012	Rod Burley	206	2002
Warren David Cummings	231	2012	Jo Solem	213	2011	Jo Solem	205	2008
Jeff Culler	226	2012	Jo Solem	213	2001	Bonnie Ott	205	2000
Joe Hanfman	226	2010	Chuck Stirrat	212	2012	Jo Solem	204	2005
Joe Hanfman	225	2009	Jeff Culler	212	2010	Rod Burley	202	2012
Bonnie Ott	224	2001	Emy Holdridge	212	2009	Chuck Stirrat	202	2011
Nancy Magnusson	222	2012	Jo Solem	212	2007	Emy Holdridge	202	2008
Harry Fink	222	2012	Jeff Culler	211	2009	Nancy Magnusson	202	2008
Bonnie Ott	222	1994	Jo Solem	211	2003	Jo Solem	202	2004
Joe Hanfman	221	2011	Karen Darcy	210	2011	Jo Solem	202	1995
Jo Solem	221	2009	Nancy Magnusson	210	1990	Jo Solem	202	1993
Russ Ruffing	220	2012	Allen Lewis	209	2012	Jo Solem	202	1990
Jeff Culler	220	2011	Nancy Magnusson	209	2010	Nancy Magnusson	201	2011
Jo Solem	220	1994	Stan Arnold	209	2001	Jo Solem	201	2006
Karen Darcy	218	2012	Connie Bockstie	209	1994	Nancy Magnusson	201	1989
Warren David Cummings	218	2011	Jane Coskren	209	1994	Emy Holdridge	200	2004
Emy Holdridge	217	2012	Jane Coskren	209	1990	Jane Coskren	200	1993
Jo Solem	216	2012	Emy Holdridge	208	2011	Jo Solem	200	1991
Nancy Magnusson	216	2009	Russ Ruffing	207	2011	Jon Boone	200	1984
Jo Solem	215	2010	Jo Solem	207	1989	5 different birders	199	various
Bonnie Ott	215	2003	Emy Holdridge	206	2003	5 different birders	198	various

Montgomery County

2012 was a great year for Montgomery County birding. The total number of species seen in the county in 2012 was at least 258; with 257 having been reported to eBird. Like most counties, Montgomery had its share of early arrivals and special birds throughout the year. Typically, Violette's Lock was one of the more productive locations in the county.

Some of the best birds of the year included the stunning **Sabine's Gull** found by Tom Feild at Triadelphia Reservoir in early September (see Howard report, above). On April 9, a county-first adult **Franklin's Gull** at Violette's Lock was well photographed and seen by Dave Czaplak, Mary Ann Todd, Andy Martin, Mike Ostrowski, Jared Fisher and Dave Powell. Hurricane Sandy produced the county's first ever **Black Skimmer** on October 30. This young bird was spotted in late afternoon, when Tim Guida spied it from Violette's Lock riding the flooding Potomac on a log. Dave Czaplak, Andy Martin, Jared Fisher, Rob Hilton and Lisa Shannon were also there to share this excellent observation. Sandy did not disappoint that day, as other big surprises included a **Pomarine Jaeger** that lingered for photos, **Red Phalarope**, **Brant**, more Brant, and a **Black Scoter** as well as one of the largest flocks of **Laughing Gulls** ever seen in the county.

Other great birds at Violette's Lock in 2012 included an adult **Little Gull** on April 15; this bird was seen by Dave Czaplak, Mary Ann Todd and Jim Moore. On May 21 an **Arctic Tern** shot by the same location, allowing just one photo before it was gone. The very next day, Jim Moore spotted a **Red-necked Phalarope**.

On April 28, Dave Czaplak and Mary Ann Todd had exceptional looks at a **Yellow Rail** at Hughes Hollow. On May 4, Andy Martin found a breeding plumaged **Long-billed Dowitcher** at the Germantown Soccerplex.

On May 12, Dave Czaplak and Mary Ann Todd found a brilliantly-colored male **Western Tanager** at Black Hill Regional Park. This bird, Montgomery County's fourth record and Maryland's eighth, popped up just long enough for them to take photos. On August 24, Dave also had a **Mississippi Kite** cross over River Road at the Merry Go Round Farm. The county had at least four reports of **Connecticut Warbler**, with the most widely seen bird being one at Hughes Hollow in late September.



*Connecticut Warbler – Hughes Hollow
Victoria Fisher*

Montgomery County benefited nicely from the winter finch movement, with a single **Evening Grosbeak** reported by Matt Bowman in his yard in Boyds on November 4. **Red Crossbill** was reported at three locations, beginning with eight by Gail Mackiernan on November 6 at her home. Tim Guida also had one in his yard on November 16 and Stephen Davies reported one at Wheaton Branch on November 25. **White-winged Crossbills** showed up in four locations beginning with Stephen Davies' single at Wheaton Branch on November 4. Michael O'Brien reported the county's only **Common Redpoll** sighting for the year on November 21 at Upper Watts Branch.

Eight **Lapland Longspurs** were observed at the Homestead Farm (Dave Czaplak) on December 15. Jim Moore spotted two more on the 29th near White's Ferry for the only other report of this species in the county. A female **Rufous Hummingbird** graced the feeder of Noah Kahn in Silver Spring for most of December and on into 2013, affording many birders a look.

In listing, Paul O'Brien sits atop the Life List board with 303 species, the only birder to have reported in excess of 300 for the county. A new all-time high Year List of 242 was achieved by Dave Czaplak, exceeding what is believed to be the previous record of 234 by eight species! Two other birders reported in excess of 200 species for the year. There is one Big Day in the database for Montgomery County, an August foray:

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
106	08/28/10	Rob Ostrowski, Mike Ostrowski	No	Snowy Egret, American Woodcock	Great-horned Owl, Brown Creeper, Horned Lark, Common Grackle

Montgomery County Life Lists (341 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Paul O'Brien	303	2012	Fran Saunders	232	2011	Joy Peters	201	2009
Mary Ann Todd	282	2012	Joy Bowen	231	2010	Marshall J. Iliff	200	2011
Michael O'Brien	281	1999	Rob Ostrowski	229	2012	Jim Nelson	198	2012
Harvey Mudd	275	2011	Diane Ford	228	2010	George Jett	197	2012
Rob Hilton	274	2012	Michael Welch	228	2004	Kurt R. Schwarz	197	2012
Dave Powell	273	2012	Clifford Comeau	226	2011	Michele Morris	195	1992
Jim Stasz	270	2012	Bill Hubick	225	2012	Herb Morris	194	1992
Gail Mackiernan	269	2012	Elaine Hendricks	222	2012	Joel Martin	193	2012
Larry Bonham	267	1995	Dick Homan	222	2004	Steve Sanford	193	2007
Jim Green	262	2012	Stan Arnold	219	2011	Tom Feild	193	2007
Andy Martin	260	2011	Frank Schaff	218	2006	Tom Marko	193	2007
John Hubbell	259	2012	David Gersten	216	2008	Kevin Graff	191	2010
Marion Mudd	258	2011	Anna Urciolo	215	2012	John Dennehy	185	2012
Lola Oberman	256	1999	Kathy Calvert	213	2012	Lynn Davidson	185	1998
Rick Sussman	254	2007	Ottavio Janni	213	2001	Lisa Shannon	184	2012
Michael Bowen	253	2012	Andy Rabin	211	2003	Lisa Shannon	183	2010
Joe Hanfman	251	2012	Edward DeMoll	211	1995	Wain Barnes	182	2003
Bob Ringler	249	2012	Gary Nelson	210	1993	Dave Harvey	181	2007
Jared Fisher	248	2012	Jim Brighton	209	2012	Paul Nistico	178	2005
Norm Saunders	244	2011	Rick Blom	209	1999	Thomas Valega	178	1993
Rod Burley	243	2012	Matt Hafner	208	2012	Ron Gutberlet	176	2012
Hans Holbrook	240	2009	Fred Fallon	207	2012	J.B. Churchill	176	2011
Mike Ostrowski	239	2012	Byron Swift	205	2010	Erika Wilson	175	1991
Jim Moore	237	2011	John Gregoire	204	2005	Matt Wlasniewski	175	2000
James Wilkinson	237	1990	Marcia Balestri	201	2012	Kye Jenkins	170	2012
Helen Patton	236	2012	Dave Perry	201	2012	Dan Haas	168	2012
Hugh Mahanes	235	2003	Edward Boyd	201	2012	Paul Zucker	164	1993

Montgomery County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dave Czaplak	242	2012	Rob Ostrowski	190	2009	Jim Green	180	2007
Paul O'Brien	229	1991	Paul O'Brien	190	1989	Diane Ford	180	2010
Jared Fisher	225	2011	Rod Burley	189	2012	Michael Bowen	180	2008
Michael O'Brien	221	1991	Michael Bowen	189	2011	Dave Powell	179	2005
Andy Martin	219	2009	Michael O'Brien	189	1986	Dave Powell	179	2002
Paul O'Brien	214	1990	Rob Hilton	188	1991	Jim Green	178	2009
Jim Moore	213	2010	Paul O'Brien	187	1994	Rod Burley	178	2011
Andy Martin	211	2005	Larry Bonham	187	1991	Michael Bowen	177	2012
Michael O'Brien	208	1990	Larry Bonham	187	1986	Andy Rabin	177	2000
Andy Martin	207	2007	Dave Powell	185	2004	Rod Burley	176	2006
Mary Ann Todd	206	2012	Mike Ostrowski	184	2011	Andy Martin	176	2004
Mary Ann Todd	203	2011	Michael Bowen	184	2010	Hugh Mahanes	176	2004
Mike Ostrowski	203	2009	Larry Bonham	184	1995	Rod Burley	176	2002
Jared Fisher	202	2012	Edward DeMoll	184	1986	Mike Ostrowski	175	2012
Andy Martin	199	2011	Larry Bonham	181	1992	Jim Green	175	2008
Andy Martin	198	2006	Larry Bonham	181	1990	Norm Saunders	175	1994
Mike Ostrowski	196	2010	Larry Bonham	181	1987	Rick Sussman	175	1994
Hugh Mahanes	195	2005	Hans Holbrook	180	2004	Larry Bonham	175	1993
Larry Bonham	192	1989	Dave Powell	180	2003	Michael Bowen	174	2009

Baltimore County

Birders enjoyed a very exciting year of birding in Baltimore County during 2012, with at least 284 species observed for the year! Two accepted first-county records were found. The first was a **Le Conte's Sparrow** found by Keith Costley at Irvine Nature Center on March 11. The second was the single-birder sighting and photograph of a **White-winged Dove** by Jeff Culler at Fort McHenry National Monument on November 9. Another potential 1st-county bird was reported and is currently under state review - a **Pacific Loon** (MD/DC Records Committee #2013-203) reported by Jon Corcoran at Fort Howard Park on December 7. **Note: this record was later accepted.**

Numerous other notable sightings occurred throughout the year. Birders enjoyed the extended stays of several birds. The **Black-headed Gull** found by Russ Ruffing at Hunt Valley Towne Center stayed the entire winter of 2011-2012 and was re-found again by Russ on October 31 at the same location. A **Red-headed Woodpecker** over-wintered into 2012 at Robert E Lee Park, and many enjoyed over-wintering **Orange-crowned Warblers** found by Jim Stasz and Ed Boyd at Southwest Area Park. During the December CBC, John Landers found an exciting drake **Eurasian Wigeon** on Loch Raven Reservoir. This bird continued into 2013, as did the supreme drake **Harlequin Duck** found by Wendy Crowe on December 27 at Fort Armistead. An amazing over-wintering **Wood Thrush** was found by Mike Hudson at Patterson Park in December.

As with all counties in Maryland, Baltimore County benefited from the bird displacement of Hurricane Sandy. Notable birds observed post-Sandy included **Atlantic Brant, Black Scoter, American Oystercatcher, Red Phalarope, Black Skimmer, Royal Tern, and Pomarine Jaeger.**

Other notable mainland bird observations included a **Painted Bunting** that was observed by Scott Houston at a private feeder on March 2; a **Little Gull** at Back River on March 21; a long-staying **Least Bittern** at Patterson Park found by Middleton Evans on May 6; multiple sightings of **Golden Eagles**; a **Common Gallinule** found by Jim Stasz at North Point on May 10; a migrant **Mississippi Kite** observed by Frode Jacobsen on May 17 along Parkview Trail; and an **Upland Sandpiper** observed by Kevin Graff at Martin State Airport on August 9. A **Golden-winged Warbler** visited Cromwell Valley Park on September 9 (Brad Phoebus). On October 17, Jon Corcoran found a **Franklin's Gull** at Swann Park, and Kevin Graff found an **Iceland Gull** on December 12 at the same location.

As for winter finches, **Evening Grosbeaks** made an appearance at the feeders of Eileen Wise beginning October 25, and also at Frode Jacobsen's. **Common Redpolls** were found by Frode along the NCR Trail on November 25. The county was treated to unprecedented numbers of **Red Crossbill** and **White-winged Crossbill** – chase-able birds were found at several locations, including Druid Ridge Cemetery (Keith Costley) and Pine Ridge Golf Course (Kevin Graff, Tim Carney, Heidi Trasatti, and Terry Miller).

Yellow-crowned Night Herons had another successful nesting year along Jones Falls. **Northern Gannets** worked their way much further up the bay than usual in April, and multiple **Connecticut Warblers** were found including at least four at Southwest Area Park, along with a late bird found by Matt Hafner in November along Carroll Park. **Summer Tanagers** were probable breeders in the county - a few were found by Frode Jacobsen within Patapsco S.P. and a male was found by Keith Costley near Liberty Reservoir.

Away from the mainland, Kevin Graff and Bob Ringler diligently conducted weekly surveys throughout the year on Hart-Miller Island, and found some exceptional birds: **Northern Gannet** and **Pileated Woodpecker** were recorded there for the first time, and a male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** seen there for only the second time over-wintered into 2013. An unprecedented spring shorebird migration included two **Ruff** sightings in April, **Red-necked Phalarope** in May, **American Golden-Plover, Black-necked Stilt, Willet, Whimbrel, Red Knot, Sanderling, Baird's Sandpiper**, and others. Other notable sightings on the island included **Dickcissel** in May and September, **Lark Sparrow** in August, **Long-billed Dowitcher** in September and through October, **Wilson's Phalarope** in September, **Black Skimmer** in November, and **Cave Swallow** in December.

In listing, Hank Kaestner's 333 sits atop the Life List category, 13 ahead of anyone else. Most impressive, Kevin Graff's 277 Year List blew away Rick Blom's long-standing record of 265 set back in 1977. There are no Big Days in the database for Baltimore County.

Baltimore County Life Lists (356 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Hank Kaestner	333	2012	Harvey Mudd	253	2011	Burton Alexander	212	2000
Jim Stasz	320	2012	Steve Sanford	252	2007	Mark Hoffman	210	2011
Bob Ringler	319	2012	John Dennehy	251	2012	Tim Carney	209	2012
Kevin Graff	316	2012	Leslie Starr	249	2012	Dave Perry	207	2012
Edward Boyd	315	2012	Bill Hubick	248	2012	Pete Webb	207	1989
Rick Blom	308	1999	Jon Corcoran	246	2012	Steve Collins	206	2012
Debby Terry	303	2012	David Walbeck	246	2002	Leanne Pemburn	205	1995
Robert Dixon	295	1993	James Wilkinson	246	1990	Mark Pemburn	205	1995
Kye Jenkins	285	2012	Lou Nielsen	245	2012	J.B. Churchill	198	2011
Peggy Bohanan	285	1991	Hans Holbrook	238	2009	Jeff Culler	196	2012
Keith Eric Costley	283	2012	Marshall J. Iliff	236	2011	Ron Gutberlet	196	2012
Stephen Simon	277	1992	Elaine Hendricks	235	2012	Marcia Watson	193	2006
Joel Martin	271	2012	Dave Powell	233	2012	George Jett	192	2012
David Holmes	271	1994	Joe Turner	233	2011	Clifton Barry	189	1990
Shirley Geddes	270	2002	Jim Green	230	2012	Rod Burley	187	2012
Joe Hanfman	267	2012	Dave Harvey	230	2007	Derek Hudgins	183	2012
Eddie Slaughter	265	2000	Marion Mudd	226	2011	Lynn Davidson	183	1998
Elliot Kirschbaum	262	2007	Tomas Dahlen	224	2012	Mike Burchett	181	2012
Taylor McLean	260	2007	Michael O'Brien	218	1999	Marcia Balestri	179	2012
Matt Hafner	257	2012	Jim Brighton	217	2012	Kathy Calvert	179	2012
Stan Arnold	257	2011	Dan Haas	217	2012	Rob Ostrowski	177	2012
John Hubbell	256	2012	Nico Sarbanes	214	2009	Dotty Mumford	173	2006

Baltimore County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Kevin Graff	277	2012	Peggy Bohanan	195	1990	Lou Nielsen	173	2006
Rick Blom	265	1977	Shirley Geddes	194	1989	Leslie Starr	172	2009
Kevin Graff	253	2009	Elliot Kirschbaum	193	2003	Nico Sarbanes	171	2009
Kevin Graff	253	2011	Leslie Starr	192	2012	Dave Powell	170	2001
Kevin Graff	251	2010	Joe Hanfman	191	2012	Bill Hubick	167	2005
Kevin Graff	243	2008	Joe Hanfman	189	2010	Peggy Bohanan	167	1991
Kevin Graff	241	2007	Jim Stasz	189	2005	Shirley Geddes	167	1987
Kevin Graff	235	2006	Clifton Barry	189	1990	Joe Hanfman	166	2011
Keith Eric Costley	230	2012	Kye Jenkins	188	2006	Shirley Geddes	166	1991
Jon Corcoran	230	2012	Stephen Simon	188	1986	Joe Turner	165	2010
Bob Ringler	226	1986	David Walbeck	186	1990	Steve Collins	165	2008
Bob Ringler	220	2012	Leslie Starr	185	2011	Marcia Watson	164	2006
Kevin Graff	219	2005	Bob Ringler	185	2006	John Hubbell	163	2003
Peggy Bohanan	215	1989	Stan Arnold	184	2005	Shirley Geddes	163	2000
Kye Jenkins	212	2012	Jim Stasz	183	2012	Shirley Geddes	163	1992
Kevin Graff	212	2004	Stan Arnold	183	2004	Jim Stasz	162	2002
Kye Jenkins	207	2011	Leslie Starr	183	2010	Jim Stasz	160	2007
Pete Webb	207	1989	David Walbeck	182	1989	John Dennehy	159	2010
Robert Dixon	205	1993	John Dennehy	179	2009	Stan Arnold	158	2001
Bob Ringler	203	1987	Jim Stasz	178	1992	Joe Turner	157	2011
Tim Carney	202	2012	Stan Arnold	177	2009	Jim Stasz	157	1999
Keith Eric Costley	200	2008	Kye Jenkins	177	1991	Kevin Graff	157	2003
Bob Ringler	197	2007	Hans Holbrook	176	2005	Shirley Geddes	157	1997
David Walbeck	195	1991	Shirley Geddes	176	1988	Shirley Geddes	156	1995

Harford County

The birding year started slow in Harford, but by the end of the year there were 253 birds reported for the county. The first **Rufous Hummingbird** for the county was present from the Fall of 2011 to April 5th at the Kellar's in Darlington. In March, there was a **Black-headed Gull** on the Susquehanna River and several **Louisiana Waterthrushes** arrived early. **American Bitterns** were "singing" at Swan Harbor into early April.

Henslow's Sparrows appeared in a field across the street from the Hafner's in Forest Hill from April 19th to May 17th for a second county record. The two singing males and a presumed female were seen by over 50 birders. Unfortunately, the field was mowed before breeding could be confirmed. Mark Johnson from Aberdeen discovered and photographed a probable **Red-shouldered x Red-tailed Hawk** in Susquehanna State Park in April. Mark Johnson from Baldwin banded a **Mourning Warbler** at Eden Mill in late May, which hung around for several days and was seen by many observers.

Swan Harbor produced several rare breeding birds that are becoming regular at that location including **King Rail**, **Virginia Rail**, **Least Bittern**, **Common Gallinule**, and **Pied-billed Grebe** with a one-day wonder **American Wigeon** on June 11th. The first confirmed breeding record of **Spotted Sandpiper** was found at Perryman Park on July 9th. Matt Tillet had a **Common Raven**, still very rare in the county near Broad Creek on July 11th. Chris Starling found a few rare shorebirds on Aberdeen Proving Ground in August with two sightings of **Upland Sandpiper** and a **Marbled Godwit** on the 23rd. Still quite rare in the county, there were **Clay-colored Sparrows** at Swan Harbor on September 22nd and Forest Hill on November 4th along with **Orange-crowned Warblers** at Perryman on October 9th and Swan Harbor on October 17th. Two **Rufous Hummingbirds** showed up in the county in November, a male in Havre de Grace at the Eastman's house and a female at the Ziolkowski's in Joppatowne. Very out-of-season, a **Yellow Warbler** was at Swan Harbor through the month of December and a **Yellow-breasted Chat** found its way into the Harford Glen banding nets multiple times in November and December.

Hurricane Sandy was an amazing event for Harford County along the Susquehanna River October 30-November 1, with 2-3 **Leach's Storm-Petrels**, 40+ **Pomarine Jaegers**, a **Parasitic Jaeger**, over a dozen **Red Phalaropes** and **Red-necked Phalaropes**, a minimum of four **Black Skimmers**, an adult **Northern Gannet**, two **Iceland Gulls**, hundreds of **Laughing Gulls**, hundreds of **Forster's Terns**, dozens of **Common Terns**, hundreds of **Brant**, hundreds of **Northern Pintails**, dozens of all three **Scoter** species, and hundreds of **Dunlin**. Fortunately, these birds were enjoyed by over a dozen birders. In the following days, Tom Feild found a **Red-necked Grebe** and a **Franklin's Gull** above the Dam. Overall, five new species were added to the county list!

The Finch Invasion of 2012 was definitely felt in Harford County. Starting in August, **Red-breasted Nuthatches** were widely reported. In September, large flocks of **Pine Siskins** and many **Purple Finches** were being found at feeders around the county. **Evening Grosbeaks** were reported from a few feeders across the county. A **Red Crossbill** was reported from Swan Harbor in early November, and December had several **White-winged Crossbills** scattered across the county as well. Unfortunately, the crossbills never hung out in one area to be seen by many birders.

In listing, Jim Stasz leads all birders with a 288 Life List, followed closely by Matt Hafner at 286. Rick Blom's astounding 1999 total of 255 year birds may never be broken; it is 26 birds higher than the next highest year list!

There is one Big Day in the database for Harford County, a May attempt.

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
138	05/15/04	Matt Hafner, Jim Stasz, Dave Webb	No	Black Rail, King Rail, Black-bellied Plover	American Kestrel

Harford County Life Lists (316 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	288	2012	Jim Brighton	219	2012	Steve Sanford	181	2007
Matt Hafner	286	2012	Joe Hanfman	214	2012	John Gregoire	181	2005
Rick Blom	284	1999	Harvey Mudd	211	2011	Helen Patton	179	2012
Dave Webb	274	2010	Kye Jenkins	206	2012	Dave Perry	178	2012
John Wortman	273	1997	Jim Green	205	2012	Kathy Calvert	177	2012
Dennis Kirkwood	270	2012	Elaine Hendricks	203	2012	Leslie Starr	177	2012
Dave Powell	253	2012	Betsy Bangert	202	2012	Joel Martin	174	2012
Mike Burchett	242	2012	Marshall J. Iliff	199	2011	John Cupp Jr.	172	1994
Bob Ringler	241	2012	Lou Nielsen	198	2012	Steve Collins	169	2011
Edward Boyd	236	2012	Stan Arnold	196	2011	Rob Ostrowski	168	2012
John Cupp Sr.	228	1995	Hans Holbrook	192	2009	Mikey Lutmerding	168	2011
Kevin Graff	227	2010	Marion Mudd	190	2011	Norm Saunders	164	2011
John Hubbell	226	2012	Ron Gutberlet	185	2012	Fred Fallon	160	2012
Bill Pfingsten	226	1996	Tim Carney	183	2012	Mike Ostrowski	158	2012
Bill Hubick	223	2012	John Dennehy	182	2012	Fran Saunders	156	2011

Harford County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Rick Blom	255	1999	Bill Hubick	188	2007	Dennis Kirkwood	162	1996
Matt Hafner	229	2012	Dennis Kirkwood	186	2012	Kevin Graff	159	2007
Matt Hafner	224	2011	Dave Webb	186	1991	Dave Powell	159	1998
Dave Webb	224	1995	John Wortman	185	1993	Bill Pfingsten	158	1990
Dave Webb	221	1994	Dave Webb	185	1992	John Wortman	158	1986
Matt Hafner	217	2000	Dennis Kirkwood	182	2011	Dennis Kirkwood	157	1997
Matt Hafner	216	1999	Dennis Kirkwood	182	1994	Dennis Kirkwood	157	1991
Matt Hafner	213	2005	Tim Carney	180	2012	John Cupp Sr.	155	1993
Dave Webb	209	2005	Jim Stasz	180	2011	Kevin Graff	153	2009
Dave Powell	209	2000	John Wortman	180	1988	Kevin Graff	153	2008
John Wortman	209	1995	Jim Stasz	178	2012	Dave Perry	153	2000
Dave Webb	208	1999	Les Eastman	177	1994	John Cupp Sr.	153	1991
Dave Webb	208	1998	Dennis Kirkwood	177	1992	Les Eastman	151	1987
Dave Webb	208	1993	John Wortman	177	1990	Jim Stasz	150	2003
Dave Webb	206	2004	Dennis Kirkwood	175	1990	Joe Hanfman	149	2012
Matt Hafner	201	2004	John Wortman	173	1991	Jim Green	149	2012
Matt Hafner	200	2006	John Cupp Sr.	172	1995	Ron Gutberlet	149	2011
Matt Hafner	200	2002	John Cupp Jr.	172	1994	Jim Stasz	147	2007
Dave Powell	196	2001	John Cupp Sr.	172	1994	John Cupp Sr.	146	1992
Dave Webb	195	1997	Jim Stasz	170	2006	Jim Stasz	143	2009
Dave Powell	194	1999	Bill Pfingsten	169	1989	Jim Green	143	2009
Dave Webb	192	1996	Jim Stasz	168	2004	Dennis Kirkwood	140	1998
Jim Stasz	191	2002	Jim Stasz	168	2008	Bill Hubick	139	2006
John Wortman	190	1997	Les Eastman	167	1989	Jim Green	138	2011
John Wortman	190	1992	John Cupp Sr.	166	1990	John Hubbell	137	2005
Jim Stasz	189	1999	Bill Pfingsten	165	1987	Kevin Graff	137	2005

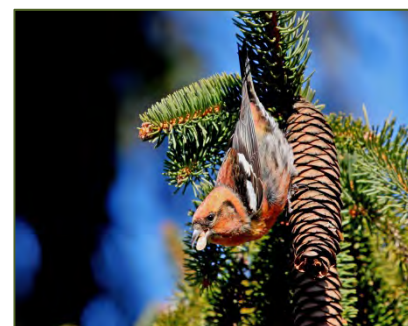
Cecil County

In Cecil County, 2012 will be a year that will be remembered and talked about by birders for many decades to come. It is believed that the drought that occurred to many parts of the nation caused a huge influx of bird species, bird numbers, altered ranges, and adjustments in migration patterns that delivered very well for Cecil County birders! As a result, many irruptive species made appearances in 2012, some of which hadn't been seen in the county for decades. One of the most defining moments was the fall-out from Hurricane Sandy. The late October storm hit slightly after peak migration but delivered some extraordinary species to Cecil County, many of which were first records for the county.

2012 started out like any other normal winter. There were a few good birds picked up here and there; for example, a **Red-necked Grebe** found January 10 by Mike Burchett was observed by many on the Sassafras River. A **Ross's Goose** was found by Mark Johnson on January 16 on New Cut Rd, and a **Common Redpoll** was spotted at the Stemmers Run Boat Ramp on February 28 (Sean McCandless). Was this Redpoll sighting an early sign of what was to come later in the year? Matt Hafner reported a **Black-headed Gull** near Port Deposit on March 6. A **Summer Tanager** was found near Elk Neck State Forest on June 7.

Fall migration started out early and on a high note. Good numbers of **Black Terns** were reported in Perryville Community Park by Lin Just on August 17. Jim Green found two **Stilt Sandpipers** at Bethel WMA on September 12. On August 26 an **Upland Sandpiper** appeared on a farm field near Cecilton (Sean McCandless). Warblers and many other passerines started moving through early at Turkey Point, which is one of the usual Hot Spots to find the goodies during fall migration. **Connecticut Warblers** were observed in several locations in September including Turkey Point (Lin Just) and Woodlawn WMA (Chris Startling). Some of the irruptive species started moving through in early October. **Pine Siskin's** came in record numbers with as many as 50-60 being seen regularly at feeding stations throughout the county. Large numbers of **Northern Saw-wet Owls** started pushing through Turkey Point in mid-October.

On Oct 24, 11 flyover **Evening Grosbeaks** were observed by Sean McCandless near Elkton. **Black-capped Chickadees** first arrived on October 25. On October 30, the fallout from Hurricane Sandy began, and the Susquehanna River was the place to be! Highlights included: **Red-throated Loon** (Marshall Iliff), **Northern Gannet** (Paul Dennehy), **Atlantic Brant**, all 3 species of **Scoter**, **Black Skimmers**, **Pomarine Jaeger** (Jim Stasz), **Parasitic Jaeger** (Marshall Iliff), **Leach's Storm-petrel** (Marshall Iliff), **Common Tern**, **Red-necked Phalarope**, and **Red Phalarope** (Matt Hafner). **White-winged Crossbills** were discovered at Bitter Sweet Golf Course in Elkton on November 17 (Sean McCandless). The same day was also a good day for Turkey Point which produced several views of **Cave Swallows** as well as a flight of **Red Crossbills** (Matt Hafner).



White-winged Crossbill – Bittersweet G.C.
Sean McCandless

In listing, Sean McCandless narrowly leads the Life List category with 278, one more than Jim Stasz. Sean also established a new all-time high Year List of 225, which is four more than the long-standing record of 221 set in 1999 by Leslie Fisher and Marcia Watson.

There are no Big Days in the database for Cecil County.

Cecil County Life Lists (322 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Sean McCandless	278	2012	Jim Green	208	2012	Dave Perry	168	2012
Jim Stasz	277	2012	Harvey Mudd	205	2011	Lou Nielsen	167	2012
Marcia Watson	265	2006	Marshall J. Iliff	203	2011	Kye Jenkins	164	2012
Gary Griffith	258	1997	Joe Hanfman	201	2012	Helen Patton	163	2012
Rick Blom	246	1999	Edward Boyd	197	2012	Dan Small	161	2012
Matt Hafner	242	2012	Hans Holbrook	195	2009	George Jett	161	2011
Parke John	241	2008	Stan Arnold	195	2011	Dave Harvey	160	2007
Leslie Fisher	241	2000	Elaine Hendricks	193	2012	Mike Ostrowski	154	2012
Bob Ringler	230	2012	Ron Gutberlet	183	2012	Dylan Griffith	154	1997
John Hubbell	225	2012	Steve Sanford	181	2007	John Gregoire	152	2005
Bill Hubick	223	2012	Marion Mudd	179	2011	David Holmes	151	1994
Kenneth Drier	217	2001	John Dennehy	177	2012	Rob Ostrowski	150	2012
Jim Brighton	214	2012	Walter Ellison	172	2010	Michele Morris	142	1992
Kevin Graff	212	2010	Kathy Calvert	169	2012	Herb Morris	139	1992
Dave Powell	210	2012	John Cupp Sr.	169	1995	Dan Haas	133	2012

Cecil County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Sean McCandless	225	2012	Gary Griffith	166	1993	Dave Perry	133	2001
Leslie Fisher	221	1999	Jim Stasz	165	2002	Stan Arnold	130	2005
Marcia Watson	221	1999	Marcia Watson	165	2002	Walter Ellison	130	2004
Sean McCandless	216	2007	Kevin Graff	164	2005	Jim Green	129	2012
Gary Griffith	216	1994	Kenneth Drier	164	1996	Dave Powell	129	2000
Gary Griffith	214	1996	Dave Powell	161	2001	Joe Hanfman	128	2011
Leslie Fisher	212	2000	Marcia Watson	161	2004	Timothy McNutt	126	1994
Marcia Watson	212	1998	Leslie Fisher	157	1994	Edward Boyd	125	2012
Gary Griffith	211	1995	Kenneth Drier	155	1995	Tim Carney	125	2012
Sean McCandless	208	2009	Jim Stasz	153	1992	Bill Hubick	125	2010
Marcia Watson	204	1997	Marcia Watson	150	2006	John Hubbell	124	2010
Parke John	202	2004	Hans Holbrook	148	2005	Jim Stasz	123	2009
Leslie Fisher	200	1998	Kenneth Drier	148	1994	John Hubbell	122	2005
Parke John	199	2007	Elaine Hendricks	145	2012	John Hubbell	120	2009
Marcia Watson	198	2001	Kevin Graff	143	2006	Jim Brighton	120	2010
Marcia Watson	197	2000	Joe Hanfman	142	2012	John Hubbell	119	2011
Sean McCandless	196	2010	Jim Stasz	142	2005	Stan Arnold	117	2009
Parke John	195	2003	Jim Green	140	2009	Kevin Graff	114	2007
Marcia Watson	195	1996	John Dennehy	140	2010	Bill Hubick	114	2008
Parke John	192	2001	Jim Green	139	2011	Rob Ostrowski	112	2011
Marcia Watson	187	2003	Ron Gutberlet	139	2011	Bill Hubick	111	2011
Parke John	186	2002	Parke John	138	2006	Mike Ostrowski	110	2011
Parke John	181	2000	John Cupp Sr.	138	1993	Jim Stasz	108	1998
Marcia Watson	173	1995	John Hubbell	137	2008	John Hubbell	107	2006
Marcia Watson	168	2005	Stan Arnold	137	2008	Bill Hubick	105	2007
Jim Stasz	167	1999	Marshall Iliff	136	1992	Kevin Graff	103	2008
Jim Stasz	166	2012	Jim Stasz	134	2011	Bill Hubick	101	2012
Parke John	166	2008	Jim Brighton	134	2005	Jim Stasz	101	2006

Anne Arundel County

In 2012, Anne Arundel County brought in more than its fair share of great birds. A diversity of habitat, coupled with a variety of well-birded hotspots helped birders find 275 species in our county. The BEST BIRD for Anne Arundel County in 2012 was a well-documented first county record **Cave Swallow**. Rob Ostrowski must have been ecstatic to watch this rarity fly from Governor Bridge Park into Anne Arundel County on November 6. Following are the other notables in taxonomic order.

55 **Snow Geese** were observed on November 9 by Marcy Stutzman at Oxbow Lake. On October 30, Dan Haas observed 89 **Brant** (post-Sandy) at Sandy Point State Park. Rob Ostrowski found five **Cackling Geese** at Wooten's Landing on February 29, Leap Day! No doubt he "leaped" when he saw them! Two **Harlequin Ducks** made appearances, at both ends of the county! Wendy Crowe found one at Fort Armistead on December 27, which Dan Haas observed a few hours later swimming far into Anne Arundel waters. On December 29, Jeff Shenot found another at Herrington Harbor in Rosehaven, and counted 135 **Black Scoters** at the same time. Three **White-Winged Scoters** were observed from Thomas Point Park on October 30. Twenty sometimes-difficult-to-find **Common Mergansers** were diving in Jug Bay on January 2.



Anhinga – Lake Waterford
Bill Hubick

Matt Grey might have found the last county **Northern Bobwhite** on June 22 along the Solley Road power line. The high-count for **Great Cormorant** was reached on March 11, when Dan Haas found 19 at Sandy Point SP. One of the best finds of the year for the state was Matt Grey's **Anhinga**, discovered at Lake Waterford Park in Pasadena on May 4. The post-Sandy bird distribution was evident with a count of 87 **Brown Pelicans** on and around the Bay Bridge on November 11.

A **Tricolored Heron** was found at Fort Smallwood on May 29, and Dan Haas found another on the beach at Herrington Harbor on September 7. Fred Shaffer's count of 92 **Cattle Egrets** on Rossback Road was a high-count for the county on August 14. Dan Haas found a young **Yellow-Crowned Night Heron**

feeding alongside a Black-Crowned Night Heron at Herrington Harbor in Rosehaven on July 24. Twenty-seven **Glossy Ibis** were found by Benjamin Wechsler in Patapsco Pond #10 on April 10.

Fort Smallwood's Hawk Watch had an interesting spring raptor migration in 2012. Notables included a **Golden Eagle** observed by Sue Ricciardi on March 7 and a **Mississippi Kite** on May 27. On April 8, Sue and the gang counted nine **Merlin** and 58 **American Kestrel**. As for **Peregrine Falcon**, the high-count of five came when the pair that nested on the Severn River Bridge had their three chicks banded on May 21.

For certain rarities, one can hardly beat Swan Creek. As in the past, 2012 was another banner year for this site. On April 16, Stan Arnold found a **Clapper Rail** in the wetlands. Usually found at Swan Creek, the county's lone **Common Gallinule** was found at Oxbow Lake on April 10, the same day that the **Sandhill Crane** high count of four was achieved there. But let's get back to Swan Creek...A **Black-Bellied Plover** was found by Warren Strobel on April 17. Tim Carney, who works at the site, located an **American Golden-Plover** on September 17; the high-count of five occurred two days later. A **Black-Necked Stilt** dropped by on April 29, as did an **American Avocet** found by Stan Arnold. A high-count of four **American Avocets** were observed by John Dennehy on July 11. Tim Carney photographed a **Willet** on August 31.

Two Godwit species visited Anne Arundel in 2012, which is quite exceptional. Danny Bystrak had a **Hudsonian Godwit** fly past his bucket over Jug Bay on October 2. Bill Hubick had 19(!) **Hudsonian Godwits** from Fort Smallwood on August 25. Two **Marbled Godwits** showed up at Swan Creek on August 16. Eventually, another **Hudsonian Godwit** arrived at Swan Creek on September 17. Rounding out the list of fantastic Swan Creek birds were five **White-rumped Sandpipers** on June 6. A **Baird's Sandpiper** arrived for Bill Hubick on August 24. Matt Hafner found a **Stilt Sandpiper** on July 19, but Stan Arnold nabbed the high-count with seven on July 28. A **Wilson's Phalarope** was present on May 9, and a **Red-Necked Phalarope** was discovered in the South Cell on June 6.

Other great shorebirds in the county included Jim Stasz's 27 **Purple Sandpipers** on the jetty at Herrington Harbor in Rosehaven on January 10. A **Ruff** was found by Fred Shaffer while he kayaked around Jug Bay on April 16. While Fred might have lost a camera in the process, he gained the thanks of a few lucky birders who chased and observed this rarity. Dan Haas found three **Buff-Breasted Sandpipers** working the mud at the Central Sod Farm on Swamp Circle Road. Post-Sandy, he counted 174 tired **Dunlin** on the beach at Sandy Point on October 30. That same morning, a **Red Phalarope** flew from the beach at Sandy Point after Hurricane Sandy had passed over, closing out Phalaropes for the county in 2012.

Matt Grey found a **Black Tern** near Riviera Beach on June 12. Bill Hubick was startled early on the morning of April 12 when he flushed a **Barn Owl** out of a tree in his yard! The high-count for **Eastern Whip-Poor-Will** was ONLY six at Patuxent North Tract on April 2. The high-count for **Chuck-Will's-Widow** was two in Weinberg Park on April 23. A *Selasphorus* Hummingbird was a one-day-wonder at Pat Tate's feeder on September 9 in Annapolis. But two **Rufous Humminbirds** have spent the winter at Dan Haas' home in Annapolis (St. Margaret's) since the Thanksgiving holiday. Another Rufous is wintering in Annapolis proper, arriving just off of Forest Drive in late November.

Rob Ostrowski found the **Olive-Sided Flycatcher** at Governor Bridge Park in PG County on September 16. For some patient birders, this flycatcher would often sally for insects and fly across the river into AA County. **Philadelphia Vireos** were found in good numbers throughout the county, the first being a bird located in Kinder Farm Park by Wendy Crowe on September 1. **Common Ravens** were almost regular at Swan Creek, But three observed on August 25 by Pat Tate perhaps offered up some proof of post-breeding success? But where are they nesting?

Stan Arnold found a **Sedge Wren** at Swan Creek on April 29. On May 9 at the same location, Bill Hubick, Joe Hanfman, and Matt Hafner had a **Sandhill Crane** fly over. Always a great yard bird, Bill Hubick heard a night-migrating **Bicknell's Thrush** over his home near Fort Smallwood on May 26. Matt Grey found an **Orange-crowned Warbler** on November 2 at Perryman Park, and Dan Haas found and photographed another at Kinder Farm Park on November 17. He also found three separate **Connecticut Warblers** in the fall of 2012 - one on an AA Bird Club trip to the (restricted access) USNA Dairy Farm on September 8, another at Kinder Farm Park on October 5, and yet another at Kinder (in another section of the park) on October 20. That said, Jim Stasz accomplished this same feat in one visit to Wooten's Landing on September 12, finding three! Matt Grey found the county's only **Mourning Warbler** on September 10 at Fort Smallwood.

Notable sparrow sightings included three **Vesper Sparrows** at Sandy Point on April 3 and two **Nelson's Sparrows** at Swan Creek on October 1. Marshall Iliff returned to Anne Arundel only to have a **Dickcissel** fly-over while he visited Swan Creek on August 14. As for winter finches, one of Maryland's first confirmed **Red Crossbill** observations of 2012 occurred when one flew by Todd Day's place on the bay in extreme Southern Anne Arundel on September 2. Bill Hubick also had two in September at Fort Mead on the 24th, and later recorded both Type 3 and Type 10 Red Crossbills over his house on the morning of November 12! AA's first **White-Winged Crossbill** of the year was photographed feeding in a Sweet Gum tree at Thomas Point Park by Virginia Smith on November 12. Lastly, Bill Hubick alerted the MD birding community of a Common Redpoll at Fort Smallwood on December 16.

In listing, Jim Stasz's Life List stands a full 10 species higher than anyone else, at 307 birds. Nobody else is over 300 for the county. Dan Haas made a valiant run in 2012 at Stan Arnold's one year old Year List record of 260, but fell two short at 258.

There are no Big Days in the database for Anne Arundel County.

Anne Arundel County Life Lists (355 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	307	2012	Elaine Hendricks	241	2012	Paul Nistico	194	2005
Stan Arnold	297	2011	Mikey Lutmerding	239	2012	Ross Geredien	193	2012
Dan Haas	292	2012	Dave Powell	239	2012	Kathy Calvert	192	2012
Bill Hubick	278	2012	Hans Holbrook	239	2009	Arlene Ripley	192	2006
Mark Hoffman	278	2011	J. Tyler Bell	231	2012	Leslie Starr	191	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	272	2011	Rob Ostrowski	230	2012	Kurt R. Schwarz	190	2012
Rod Burley	267	2012	Joel Martin	229	2012	David Kidwell	190	2012
Dave Perry	265	2012	Peter Osenton	228	2012	Mike Ostrowski	190	2012
Dotty Mumford	262	2006	Harvey Mudd	226	2011	Burton Alexander	190	2000
Lynn Davidson	260	1998	Kevin Graff	226	2010	Ron Gutberlet	188	2012
Rick Blom	258	1999	Phil Davis	224	2011	Shirley Geddes	188	2002
Matt Hafner	256	2012	John Gregoire	223	2005	Helen Patton	187	2012
Joe Hanfman	256	2012	Al Haury	223	2005	Michael O'Brien	187	1999
Bob Ringler	254	2012	Jim Green	220	2012	Mark Schilling	186	2012
John Hubbell	252	2012	Jim Brighton	216	2012	Dave Harvey	178	2007
Edward Boyd	244	2012	David Walbeck	216	2002	Larry Bonham	178	1995
Warren Strobel	243	2012	John Dennehy	206	2012	Marion Mudd	176	2011
Fred Shaffer	242	2012	Tim Carney	204	2012	Steve Sanford	176	2007
Fred Fallon	242	2012	Jane Fallon	199	2011	Tom Feild	175	2007

Anne Arundel County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Stan Arnold	260	2011	Dave Perry	205	1996	Kevin Graff	172	2009
Dan Haas	258	2012	Lynn Davidson	205	1991	Dave Perry	172	2006
Hal Wierenga	258	1976	Tim Carney	204	2012	Rod Burley	171	1997
Dan Haas	254	2011	Rod Burley	204	2001	Dotty Mumford	171	1988
Stan Arnold	248	2010	Bill Hubick	203	2010	Marshall Iliff	170	1991
Stan Arnold	246	2009	Rod Burley	203	1999	Edward Boyd	167	2012
Dan Haas	238	2009	Jim Stasz	198	2012	Rob Ostrowski	167	2010
Mark Hoffman	233	1976	Jim Stasz	196	2011	Joe Hanfman	165	2009
Mark Hoffman	231	1975	Dave Perry	196	1999	Stan Arnold	164	2005
Jim Stasz	229	1992	Rod Burley	196	1996	Stan Arnold	163	2004
Dan Haas	227	2010	Bill Hubick	195	2007	Kevin Graff	162	2008
Marshall Iliff	219	1992	Dotty Mumford	188	1994	Rob Ostrowski	161	2012
Bill Hubick	218	2011	Bill Hubick	187	2008	Joe Hanfman	161	2010
Rod Burley	218	2006	Stan Arnold	185	2008	Dave Perry	161	2000
Rod Burley	217	2012	Stan Arnold	185	2000	Fred Shaffer	158	2012
Rod Burley	217	2004	Warren Strobel	184	2012	John Hubbell	158	2010
Bill Hubick	213	2012	Dotty Mumford	184	1992	J. Tyler Bell	158	2009
Mikey Lutmerding	211	2008	Dotty Mumford	184	1990	Joe Hanfman	156	2011
Rod Burley	211	2005	Marshall Iliff	184	1989	Dave Perry	154	2001
Rod Burley	211	2003	Joe Hanfman	181	2012	Ron Gutberlet	150	2011
Rod Burley	209	2008	Rod Burley	181	1998	John Dennehy	150	2010
Rod Burley	209	2002	Dotty Mumford	180	1989	Jim Stasz	149	2008
Dan Haas	208	2008	Rod Burley	179	1995	Dave Perry	149	2004
Warren Strobel	207	2009	Rob Ostrowski	177	2011	Warren Strobel	149	2010
Rod Burley	206	2011	J. Tyler Bell	177	2008	J. Tyler Bell	147	2012
Rod Burley	206	2000	Warren Strobel	173	2011	Kevin Graff	147	2006
Dave Perry	206	1997	Jim Stasz	172	2002	Dave Perry	147	2002
Marshall Iliff	206	1990	Bill Hubick	172	2009	Jim Stasz	145	1999

Prince George's County

2012 was another great year for birding in Prince George's County. The most exciting find was a county first **Red Knot**, found by Mikey Lutmerding on August 17 near the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. According to eBird, 252 species were seen in the county in 2012.

In early January a **Northern Shrike** was found at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center by Richard Orr on the Bowie CBC; it stayed in the area for over a week and was seen by many observers the following weekend. A **Black-headed Gull** was found on January 6 by Fred Shaffer at Schoolhouse pond on one of his very productive lunch walks, and he found another while kayaking down the Patuxent River in November. **Lincoln's Sparrows** put on quite a show in the county with the first being detected by Mike Ostrowski in late January; another was seen in March at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (PWRC), and many were detected at more regular times of the year and another wintered (still present as of this writing) at PWRC. Jeff Shenot found an **Iceland Gull** at Brown Station Landfill on March 2.

The spring was notable for a heavy (and for some species record early) migration. A stalled frontal system produced fallouts of migrant land birds in the northern part of the county during the first couple of days of May, highlighted by a male **Cerulean Warbler** at PWRC. Walking the fields along Mellwood Road in late April yielded a surprise **Sedge Wren** for Mikey Lutmerding and Jim Green. This bird sang continuously from a damp meadow. Another Sedge was found at Saddlebrook Community Park East in mid-October. **Least Terns** were found at Bladensburg in late June by Rob Ostrowski and David Boltz; another two were spotted in late August by Jeff Shenot.

Shorebirds showed up in good numbers starting in late July with a total of 23 species including **Buff-breasted Sandpiper**, **American Golden-Plover**, **Black-bellied Plover**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Sanderling**, **Short-billed Dowitcher**, and **Upland Sandpiper**. A harbinger of things to come was a flyover **Red Crossbill** at Governor Bridge Natural area in early September, seen and audio recorded by Mikey Lutmerding. Another 25 Red Crossbills were found by Rod Burley and Derek Richardson on December 15 at Rocky Gorge Reservoir. Dave Mozurkewich found an immature **White Ibis** at Oxon Cove on August 9. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher** returned to a tree favored by the species at Governor Bridge Natural Area on September 15 (Warren Strobel and Michael Stewart). On the September 16 fall count, a **Western Kingbird** flew over and landed at Milltown Landing in front of Mikey Lutmerding and John Hubbell.

Fall sparrow highlights included two **Clay-colored Sparrows** in October, the first found by Michael Stewart at Milltown Landing on October 6, and another at PWRC in late October. A **Nelson's Sparrow** was found in a wet ditch at PWRC on October 9 by Mikey Lutmerding. On November 6, Danny Bystrak and Mikey Lutmerding heard single flyover **Evening Grosbeaks**. **White-winged Crossbills** were found by Fred Shaffer (Governor Bridge Natural Area) and Rob Ostrowski (Bladensburg Waterfront Park) in mid-November. A single **Rufous Hummingbird** stayed a couple of days at a house in Upper Marlboro before continuing on.

Hands down the most exciting PG birding of the year was when Hurricane Sandy hit on October 30, bringing many storm waifs with it. Observers (Lutmerding, Ostrowski, Suter) covering the Potomac were rewarded with some spectacular birds including **Pomarine Jaegers** (one flock totaling 31 birds!), multiple **Red Phalaropes** and **Red-necked Phalaropes**, 100+ **Atlantic Brant**, and impressive numbers of all three scoters with **Surf Scoter** being the most common. Rob Ostrowski also found a single **Cave Swallow** at Piscataway National Historic Park and another just a week later at Governor's Bridge Natural Area.

In listing, Fred Shaffer stands atop the county's Life List heap at 283, only three more than Jim Stasz. Mikey Lutmerding made a valiant try at John Gregoire's 28-year old(!) Year List record of 243, but fell three short of that lofty goal. There are two Big Days in the database for Prince George's County, both attempts in May.

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
120	05/05/10	Stan Arnold, Dave Mozurkewich, Rob Ostrowski, Fred Shaffer	No		
120	05/06/09	Dave Mozurkewich, Rob Ostrowski, Fred Shaffer	No	Chuck-will's Widow, Least Tern, Black Tern	Northern Flicker

Prince George's County Life Lists (335 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Fred Shaffer	283	2012	Mike Ostrowski	221	2012	Jim Brighton	194	2012
Jim Stasz	280	2012	Dave Perry	218	2012	Wain Barnes	192	2003
Jeff Shenot	273	2012	Hans Holbrook	218	2009	J.B. Churchill	189	2011
Mikey Lutmerding	273	2012	Dave Powell	214	2012	Kevin Graff	185	2010
Fred Fallon	272	2012	Jim Green	213	2012	Helen Patton	183	2012
John Gregoire	262	2005	Marshall J. Iliff	213	2011	Joel Martin	182	2012
Rob Ostrowski	260	2012	Greg Kearns	213	1990	Phil Davis	181	2012
Rod Burley	256	2012	George Jett	211	2012	Edward Boyd	179	2012
Jane Fallon	254	2012	Matt Hafner	210	2012	Warren Strobel	177	2012
David Mozurkewich	251	2004	Harvey Mudd	207	2011	David Kidwell	177	2012
Peter Osenton	245	2012	Dan Haas	205	2012	Steve Sanford	175	2007
Joe Hanfman	243	2012	Stan Arnold	205	2011	John Dennehy	174	2012
Elaine Hendricks	237	2012	Michael Donovan	201	1995	Dotty Mumford	172	2006
John Hubbell	237	2012	Derek Richardson	199	2012	Ron Gutberlet	170	2012
Rick Blom	237	1999	Lynn Davidson	199	1998	Leslie Starr	167	2012
Paul Nistico	233	2005	Tom Ostrowski	198	2009	Dave Harvey	167	2007
Bob Ringler	228	2012	Rob Hilton	196	2012	Tom Feild	166	2007
Bill Hubick	223	2012	Clifford Comeau	196	2011	Marion Mudd	163	2011

Prince George's County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
John Gregoire	243	1984	Rod Burley	205	2003	Bill Hubick	164	2009
Mikey Lutmerding	240	2012	Rod Burley	204	2011	Jim Stasz	162	2002
John Gregoire	238	1985	Fred Shaffer	204	2005	Jim Stasz	162	1999
Fred Shaffer	235	2010	Fred Shaffer	204	2001	Mike Ostrowski	161	2010
Jeff Shenot	229	2010	Fred Shaffer	202	2003	Rod Burley	161	1999
Rob Ostrowski	225	2010	Fred Shaffer	201	2012	Elaine Hendricks	159	2008
Rob Ostrowski	223	2011	Fred Shaffer	200	2007	Michael Donovan	159	1995
Jeff Shenot	223	2011	Fred Shaffer	197	2008	Peter Osenton	159	1995
Fred Shaffer	219	2004	Jeff Shenot	197	2008	Rod Burley	156	1997
Fred Shaffer	216	2011	Derek Richardson	196	2010	John Hubbell	154	2009
Rod Burley	214	2012	Fred Shaffer	190	2006	Wain Barnes	154	1996
Fred Shaffer	213	2009	Rod Burley	190	2001	Peter Osenton	153	1994
John Gregoire	212	1986	Tom Ostrowski	185	2009	Stan Arnold	152	2009
Jeff Shenot	211	2012	Rod Burley	183	2000	Rod Burley	152	1998
Rod Burley	211	2006	Jim Stasz	180	1992	Wain Barnes	151	1995
John Gregoire	211	1983	Fred Shaffer	179	2000	Jim Green	150	2010
Rob Ostrowski	210	2012	Mike Ostrowski	173	2007	Bill Hubick	150	2008
Fred Shaffer	210	2002	Mike Ostrowski	171	2009	Bill Hubick	148	2010
Rob Ostrowski	209	2009	Joe Hanfman	171	2010	Elaine Hendricks	146	2012
Rod Burley	208	2005	Rob Ostrowski	170	2008	Hans Holbrook	146	2004
Rod Burley	208	2002	Dave Perry	168	1999	John Hubbell	144	2010
Jeff Shenot	207	2009	Rob Ostrowski	165	2007	Bill Hubick	144	2007
Rod Burley	206	2004	Elaine Hendricks	165	2007	John Hubbell	141	2008
Rod Burley	205	2008	Mike Ostrowski	164	2011	Frank Fogarty	140	2012

Calvert County

Calvert lies off the main migrant routes, so migrant passerines do not figure largely among our exceptional birds. Nevertheless, 240 species appeared in the county according to eBird.

Sandhill Cranes provided maybe the most excitement, starting with one discovered on Yellow Bank Road by Mary Burton on Feb 16; its presence was sporadic and missed by more birders than saw it. Then around August 27, local residents in the Huntingtown area began reporting a strange bird in their yards, which by its description alerted Tyler Bell that we again had a Sandhill Crane. This one was elusive at first, but by December had settled down to within a small area along Deep Landing Road; it has been so cooperative it has now been seen by nearly all of Maryland's serious birders. The locals, proud to have him in their yards, have dubbed him "Oscar."

A **King Rail** first seen from the new Fishing Creek boardwalk on Dec 22, 2011 by Ron Gutberlet and subsequently by several others the next day, persisted until January 6. The presence of **Purple Sandpipers** in nearby Anne Arundel County at Rosehaven prompted searches by area birders along the Chesapeake Beach jetties, paying off for Jim Stasz on January 16. A number were present sporadically for the rest of the winter. Sixteen **Hudsonian Godwits** were observed at North Beach on August 25 by Todd Day. A **Sanderling** at Flag Ponds on November 4 was also a good county find, discovered by Frank Marengi.

Rufous Hummingbirds have been showing up regularly here in recent winters, and this year has been no exception, with one again at Jim Stasz' feeder starting on November 29 and persisting into March 2012. A **Sedge Wren** discovered April 29 by Jared Fisher at the Huntingtown WMA (aka "Smoky Rd") was a rarity for the county; it remained in the same spot for over a week and was seen (or at least heard) by many.

The county's only **Olive-sided Flycatcher** for the year was found by Todd Day at the North Beach Marsh on September 17. Calvert County shared in the odd flush of **Tennessee Warblers** noted all over Maryland around October 7, one even showing up in the Fallon's yard in Huntingtown.

The Pine Siskin invasion reached as far as Calvert County by October 13, with large numbers reported at many feeders. Nearly all disappeared at the coming of tropical storm "Sandy," then returned briefly in even larger numbers (100+ at one feeder) before vanishing again. Calvert also saw some of the winter finches that invaded Maryland in 2012, but had no **Red Crossbills** and only two **Common Redpolls**; these arrived just under the gun at Broome's Island Road on December 30, as found by Tom Harten.

The first **White-winged Crossbill** of the year was actually one at Scientist Cliffs on February 12 last winter. The first of the fall irruption were 12 found by James Tyler Bell at Twin Shields Golf Course on November 19. The only others were Sherman Suter's three at Mackall Road on December 25, and two on Broome's Island (Tyler Bell and Jane Kostenko). Only one **Evening Grosbeak** was found in the county, on December 11 at a private residence in Lusby.

In listing, it may be never before someone catches Jim Stasz's Life List in his home county of Calvert; he currently stands at 311. No one else is within 23 birds of 300! Jim also holds the top Year List of 233, achieved way back in 1992.

There are no Big Days in the database for Calvert County.

Calvert County Life Lists (326 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	311	2012	Stan Arnold	215	2011	Dan Haas	192	2012
J. Tyler Bell	277	2012	Rick Blom	214	1999	Kevin Graff	191	2010
Edward Boyd	250	2012	Matt Hafner	213	2012	Hans Holbrook	190	2009
Arlene Ripley	250	2006	Jim Brighton	212	2012	Rod Burley	189	2012
Sue Hamilton	243	2003	Mikey Lutmerding	210	2011	Dotty Mumford	183	2006
John Hubbell	233	2012	Kyle Rambo	210	2008	John Dennehy	179	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	233	2011	Joe Hanfman	207	2012	Phil Davis	177	2012
John Gregoire	233	2005	Dave Perry	206	2012	Rob Ostrowski	177	2012
Joe Turner	231	2011	Jim Green	206	2012	Ron Gutberlet	176	2012
Bill Hubick	229	2012	Dave Powell	206	2012	Paul Nistico	172	2005
Fred Fallon	227	2012	Patty Craig	206	2011	Kathy Calvert	169	2012
Leslie Starr	227	2012	Harvey Mudd	201	2011	Marion Mudd	165	2011
Jane Kostenko	222	2012	Helen Patton	195	2012	Mike Ostrowski	162	2012
Bob Ringler	222	2012	George Jett	194	2012	Steve Sanford	160	2007
Jane Fallon	221	2012	Elaine Hendricks	192	2012	Dave Harvey	158	2007

Calvert County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	233	1992	Dave Perry	164	2001	Jim Green	130	2011
Jim Stasz	231	1989	Stan Arnold	161	2008	Dave Powell	130	2007
John Gregoire	221	1984	John Hubbell	161	2007	George Jett	129	1992
Jim Stasz	218	1991	Rod Burley	161	2001	Ron Gutberlet	129	2010
Jim Stasz	212	1990	Bill Hubick	160	2008	Mike Ostrowski	129	2011
Jim Stasz	212	1987	J. Tyler Bell	158	2010	Joe Turner	129	2009
Jim Stasz	209	1986	Rod Burley	157	2002	Ron Gutberlet	128	2011
Jim Stasz	206	1988	Jim Stasz	155	2012	Leslie Starr	128	2009
Arlene Ripley	205	2004	Dave Perry	153	1999	Leslie Starr	127	2011
Arlene Ripley	202	2005	John Hubbell	152	2010	Rob Ostrowski	125	2010
Arlene Ripley	198	2000	Hans Holbrook	151	2005	J. Tyler Bell	124	2009
Arlene Ripley	196	2003	Jim Stasz	150	2007	Jim Stasz	120	2004
Sue Hamilton	193	2000	J. Tyler Bell	150	2011	Joe Hanfman	119	2010
Jim Stasz	192	1998	Bill Hubick	146	2011	Jim Green	118	2012
Arlene Ripley	186	2002	Bill Hubick	146	2007	John Hubbell	118	2008
Sue Hamilton	184	2003	Leslie Starr	145	2010	Jim Stasz	117	2005
J. Tyler Bell	182	2008	Kevin Graff	142	2008	Joe Hanfman	115	2009
J. Tyler Bell	182	2003	Jim Stasz	141	2000	Joe Hanfman	113	2012
Jim Stasz	180	2002	Jim Green	141	2008	George Jett	110	1998
Fred Fallon	180	2009	Joe Turner	138	2010	Jim Brighton	109	2010
Sue Hamilton	179	1999	Rob Ostrowski	137	2011	Bill Hubick	108	2010
Sue Hamilton	174	1998	John Hubbell	137	2011	Bill Hubick	108	2006
Jim Stasz	172	2011	John Hubbell	135	2004	Jim Green	104	2010
Jim Stasz	170	1999	Leslie Starr	134	2012	Bill Hubick	104	2009
Dave Perry	170	2011	Joe Hanfman	133	2011	Jim Stasz	104	2008
Sue Hamilton	170	1995	Joe Turner	132	2011	Stan Arnold	103	2009
J. Tyler Bell	169	2012	Jared Satchell	131	2011	George Jett	103	2005

Charles County

According to eBird, Charles County was host to at least 196 species in 2012. Perhaps the best (though never confirmed) sighting of the year was a **Swallow-tailed Kite** found by Carol Ghebelian and Lynne Wheeler while working on the December 30 Fort Belvoir CBC, Maryland side. Around 11 a.m., while staring over the Mattawoman Creek from Mattingly Road, Lynne spotted the bird. Unfortunately, this observation, which is quite bizarre given the time of year, was a one minute wonder and the bird was not relocated again unless the West Virginia report a few days later was the same bird. Swallow-tails are not a statewide review species, but the bird was reported to eBird; the record was not validated due to the extraordinary time of year and lack of photographic evidence.

On January 1, Beth and Jason Groth found a gold mine of **Red-headed Woodpeckers** on the Indian Head Rail Trail while assisting on the Fort Belvoir, Maryland side, Christmas Bird Count (CBC). They tallied 36 birds in a very short distance! Jim Stasz reported a **Black-headed Gull** on March 13 in Morgantown, and a **Little Gull** was found a month later by Jim Moore on April 14 at Port Tobacco Marina. A **Clapper/King Rail** (most likely a King) showed for Dan Haas on August 9 at Allen's Fresh. Later the same month, an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** was spotted by John Hubbell at Bumpy Oak Road on the 30th.

The next chase-able bird for Charles County listers was a **Clay-colored Sparrow** found by Jim Green on October 14 at the Indian Creek Wildlife Management area west of Benedict. In November, a hunter reported four **Snow Geese** on Mt. Victoria Road, but they did not stay around to be seen by birders.

Another highlight of the year was at Allen's Fresh. Tropical storm Sandy came through the state in late October and pushed a lot of water and carp up the Potomac River and Wicomico River and into Allen's Fresh. This resulted in a massive fish kill. What came next were the scavengers - **Black Vultures**, **Turkey Vultures**, **Bald Eagles**, and three **Golden Eagles**. The vultures and eagles were counted in huge numbers. One count at Allen's Fresh resulted in 132 Bald Eagles by Robert Lukinich. Jim Green, working on his county list, found one immature Golden, and Dave Henderson, helping on the Port Tobacco CBC, found two adult Golden Eagles.

Post-Hurricane Sandy on October 30, Rob Ostrowski reported nine **Brant** and 31 **Pomarine Jaegers** flying from PG into Charles south of Piscataway Park. In the first week of November, a **Rufous Hummingbird** appeared in La Plata, initially reported by Jan Ivie.

Pine Siskins came through in droves in November, filling platform feeders to capacity in many locations. A handful of **Purple Finches** also visited during that frantic period. **Red-breasted Nuthatches** also made a good showing this fall, similar to virtually every other county in Maryland.

Charles County was a poor host for winter finches in a year when they were irrupting into and throughout the state. There were no reports of **Evening Grosbeak**, **Common Redpoll**, or **Red Crossbills** in the county in 2012. This may have more to do with too few birders in the county rather than a true dearth of these species. On November 11, George Jett and Gwen Brewer decided to make a try for crossbills in the county; they were successful in finding two flyover **White-winged Crossbills** calling at Doncaster State Park.

In listing, George Jett's 277 Life List tops all, with the next highest total 17 birds behind. George also holds most of the top county Year Lists of all-time, with his 2004 record of 217 still standing the test of time. There have only been five other year lists that topped 200 in Charles County.

There are no Big Days in the database for Charles County.

Charles County Life Lists (303 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
George Jett	277	2012	Stan Arnold	192	2011	Helen Patton	164	2012
Jim Stasz	260	2012	Rod Burley	190	2012	Hans Holbrook	164	2009
Gwen Brewer	249	2012	Matt Hafner	189	2012	Fred Fallon	162	2012
Paul Nistico	234	2005	Joe Hanfman	189	2012	Michael Donovan	160	1995
John Hubbell	227	2012	Rick Blom	185	1999	Ron Gutberlet	159	2012
John Gregoire	217	2005	Patty Craig	184	2011	Mike Ostrowski	158	2012
Bill Hubick	210	2012	Rob Ostrowski	183	2012	Steve Sanford	157	2007
Jim Green	207	2012	Jim Brighton	177	2012	Dan Haas	153	2012
Bob Ringler	205	2012	Edward Boyd	177	2012	Michele Morris	153	1992
Kyle Rambo	202	2008	Dave Perry	176	2012	Herb Morris	153	1992
Harvey Mudd	201	2011	Elaine Hendricks	175	2012	Dave Harvey	150	2007
Marshall J. Iliff	201	2011	Mikey Lutmerding	169	2011	Tom Feild	150	2007
Dave Powell	195	2012	Marion Mudd	167	2011	Kathy Calvert	148	2012

Charles County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
George Jett	217	2004	Jim Stasz	160	2011	John Hubbell	134	2012
George Jett	212	1996	Jim Stasz	158	1992	Bill Hubick	134	2006
George Jett	207	1994	Jim Stasz	158	1998	John Hubbell	132	2008
George Jett	206	1995	Paul Nistico	157	1989	Dave Perry	132	2001
Gwen Brewer	203	2004	Jim Stasz	155	2002	Stan Arnold	130	2005
George Jett	200	2003	Dave Perry	155	1999	Bill Hubick	130	2007
George Jett	197	2005	John Hubbell	152	2009	Jim Green	128	2012
George Jett	194	1999	Rod Burley	151	2003	Ron Gutberlet	128	2011
George Jett	193	2006	Jim Stasz	150	1999	Bill Hubick	119	2008
John Gregoire	192	1984	Jim Stasz	148	2008	Mike Ostrowski	118	2011
George Jett	192	2001	Bill Hubick	147	2009	Bill Hubick	116	2011
George Jett	188	1997	Rod Burley	146	1999	Jim Stasz	116	2004
George Jett	188	1991	Rob Ostrowski	144	2011	Jared Satchell	115	2011
George Jett	187	2007	Rod Burley	144	2001	Jim Green	115	2009
George Jett	187	1992	Rob Ostrowski	143	2012	Bill Hubick	115	2010
George Jett	186	2008	John Hubbell	143	2005	Joe Hanfman	113	2012
George Jett	183	1993	Stan Arnold	141	2009	Stan Arnold	113	2008
George Jett	182	1998	Hans Holbrook	140	2005	Jim Stasz	113	2006
George Jett	180	2009	Rod Burley	140	2002	Dave Powell	113	2008
George Jett	178	2002	Joe Hanfman	139	2011	Dave Powell	110	2007
Hans Holbrook	174	2004	Rob Ostrowski	138	2010	Dan Haas	103	2011
John Hubbell	169	2011	Jim Green	135	2011	Jim Green	103	2008
Jim Stasz	160	2012	John Hubbell	135	2006	Dave Powell	99	2006

St. Mary's County

The total number of species seen in the county for 2012 was 240; 238 were reported to eBird.

The warm winter of 2011-2012 kept waterfowl around in above average numbers. Normally difficult to find in the county, **Northern Shovelers** were present at Beauvue Ponds until the usual duck departure in March. Also present were **Northern Pintail** and **Common Merganser**, also tough birds. Perhaps the star of the season was the drake **Barrow's Goldeneye** at the Elms Environmental Education Center found during the 2011 Pt. Lookout CBC by James Tyler Bell. That bird lingered through the end of February 2012, allowing many to tick a Barrow's in St. Mary's for the first time since the Pax NAS bird of the 1990s. Another Barrow's, perhaps the same bird, was relocated during the 2012 Pt. Lookout CBC in the same location.

The presence of Mikey Lutmerding cannot be denied. He singlehandedly dug up a number of rarities including a **Black-headed Gull** on March 24, a **Connecticut Warbler** (with Jon Hubbell) on September 15, a **Clay-colored Sparrow** on September 22, a **Pomarine Jaeger** and a **Cave Swallow** on November 3, and both a **Red Crossbill** and two **Evening Grosbeaks** on November 18. All of these birds were found at Point Lookout. Joe Hanfman turned up another of the winter finches, six **White-winged Crossbills**, also at Point Lookout on November 5.

The winter of 2012-2013 started out fairly warm but the unprecedented northern forest species irruption was felt in St. Mary's with the presence of Evening Grosbeaks and both crossbills mentioned above, plus **Red-breasted Nuthatches**, **Purple Finches** and **Pine Siskins**. St. Mary's was not one of the counties that partook of the **Common Redpoll** irruption, however. Will more species move into the county as winter progresses? Let's hope so!

In listing, Patty Craig's Life List of 323 is ten better than anyone else and a full 29 better than any other active lister. She also holds the top Year List total of 258, achieved 16 years ago in 1996. Only four other Year Lists have topped 250.

There are no Big Days in the database for St. Mary's County.

St. Mary's County Life Lists (334 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Patty Craig	323	2012	Matt Hafner	218	2012	Kevin Graff	188	2010
Kyle Rambo	313	2008	Rick Blom	212	1999	Elaine Hendricks	184	2012
J. Tyler Bell	294	2012	Harvey Mudd	212	2011	Sue Hamilton	184	2003
Jim Stasz	290	2012	Dave Powell	211	2012	Mike Ostrowski	183	2012
Jane Kostenko	286	2012	Jim Green	205	2012	Jeff Culler	183	2012
Mikey Lutmerding	259	2012	Edward Boyd	204	2012	Fred Fallon	182	2012
Martie Cribb	251	1996	Stan Arnold	204	2011	Dave Perry	179	2012
John Hubbell	248	2012	Hans Holbrook	202	2009	Matthew Anthony	177	2012
George Jett	237	2012	John Gregoire	202	2005	Rob Ostrowski	177	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	228	2011	Joe Hanfman	201	2012	Rod Burley	176	2012
Bill Hubick	226	2012	Erika Wilson	201	1991	Steve Sanford	176	2007
Michael O'Brien	226	1999	Matt Tillett	197	2010	John Dennehy	175	2012
Paul Nistico	222	2005	Matt Tillett	197	2010	Ron Gutberlet	174	2012
Greg Miller	222	2000	Paul O'Brien	190	2012	Helen Patton	171	2012
Bob Ringler	221	2012	Lynn Davidson	190	1998	Dave Harvey	170	2007
Jim Brighton	220	2012	Paul O'Brien	190	2010	Kathy Calvert	166	2012

St. Mary's County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Patty Craig	258	1996	Kyle Rambo	227	2004	Matt Tillett	172	2007
Kyle Rambo	254	1996	Kyle Rambo	225	2006	Bill Hubick	167	2010
Patty Craig	251	2000	Kyle Rambo	224	2002	Jim Stasz	166	2011
Patty Craig	251	1999	Kyle Rambo	222	2001	John Hubbell	166	2011
Martie Cribb	251	1996	Kyle Rambo	222	2001	John Hubbell	163	2012
Patty Craig	249	1998	Kyle Rambo	222	1995	Ron Gutberlet	161	2011
Kyle Rambo	247	2008	Patty Craig	220	2006	J. Tyler Bell	161	1999
Patty Craig	242	2003	Kyle Rambo	220	2005	Jane Kostenko	160	1999
Patty Craig	242	2001	Kyle Rambo	220	1997	Matthew Anthony	159	2012
Patty Craig	242	1997	Patty Craig	219	2010	Bill Hubick	158	2011
Patty Craig	238	2002	Martie Cribb	217	1995	Jim Stasz	157	1992
Kyle Rambo	238	2000	Kyle Rambo	215	1994	J. Tyler Bell	156	2010
Kyle Rambo	236	2007	J. Tyler Bell	212	1996	J. Tyler Bell	156	2008
Kyle Rambo	236	1999	Patty Craig	212	1993	Mike Ostrowski	155	2011
Patty Craig	236	1995	Jane Kostenko	211	1996	John Hubbell	154	2010
Patty Craig	234	2012	Jim Stasz	190	2012	J. Tyler Bell	154	2011
Kyle Rambo	234	2003	J. Tyler Bell	187	1997	Jane Kostenko	152	2012
Patty Craig	233	2004	Jane Kostenko	185	1997	Joe Hanfman	152	2011
Kyle Rambo	233	1998	J. Tyler Bell	180	1998	Jim Green	151	2011
Patty Craig	232	2011	Jim Stasz	179	2002	Jim Stasz	150	1998
Mikey Lutmerding	230	2012	Jim Stasz	177	1999	George Jett	150	1992
Mikey Lutmerding	230	2011	Jane Kostenko	175	1998	Jim Brighton	149	2005
Patty Craig	228	1994	J. Tyler Bell	173	2012	Dave Perry	149	1999

Kent County

Many good birds were found in Kent County in 2012. In total, birders and in one case a non-birder found 236 different species. Below are some of the highlights listed in order by date.

The year began with a great find by Jared and Zack Parks of a **Red-necked Grebe**. They found the bird swimming on the Sassafras River during the Chesterville CBC on January 1. John Hubbell had a good day of birding when he decided to spend some time walking around Sassafras NRMA. On January 2, he found a Nashville Warbler, always a great bird in the winter, and a **Clay-colored Sparrow**. Maren Gimpel and Dan Small found a **Barnacle Goose** on January 9 resting on the Chester River with several thousand Canada Geese. Many people over the next week or so were able to find the Barnacle as it moved between the river and the farm fields.

A great find by Nancy and Walter were 9 Glossy Ibis feeding in a farm pond along Flatland Rd on April 20. Just over a month later, on May 23 a lone individual flew into the large pond at Chesapeake Farms. Nancy and Walter along with Dan Small and Maren Gimpel were lucky enough to be there. A **Red-necked Phalarope** was found by Dan Small at Chesapeake Farms on May 21. Twelve **Upland Sandpipers** were a great find by Mark Johnson on August 17 along Sassafras Caldwell Road; luckily, they stayed around long enough to be enjoyed by a few birders. Most likely an annual species in Kent Co. but rarely reported are **Black-crowned Night Herons**. Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin found one individual on August 19 in Rock Hall Harbor, the only one reported in 2012 for Kent. During a national big sit competition on October 13, Walter, Nancy, Joe Hanfman and Bob Ringler found a **Nelson's Sparrow** in the marshes at Eastern Neck NWR.

A total of 20 **Atlantic Brant** were found by Dan Small the morning after super storm Sandy; several small groups flew south down the bay seen from Tolchester Beach. Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin found two **Brown Pelicans** while leading a bird walk on November 18; the birds were seen in the waters off Eastern

Neck NWR. They stayed in Kent waters at least until December 2 and were enjoyed by several observers. Two **Soras** were notable finds during the Chesterville CBC by Walter and Nancy on December 23 (note that due to adverse weather during the 2011-2012 CBC dates, the Chesterville CBC was conducted twice in 2012).

It was only a matter of time before **Rufous Hummingbirds** found their way to Kent County. During this year's large incursion a female Rufous frequented a private feeder during November and most of December. This is a first county record for Kent.

Five species of winter finches were reported during the fall in Kent, with **Pine Siskin** and **Purple Finches** being widely reported. There were two reports of a **Red Crossbill**, each from either end of the county. While participating in the Lower Kent CBC, Mikey and Joanna Lutmerding had one flyover while covering the Eastern Neck NWR portion of the circle and a week later while doing the Chesterville CBC Amanda Spears and Jim Gruber had a small group flyover Millington WMA. Three different sightings of **White-winged Crossbills** were reported, all in December. The largest group (16) was found by Ron Gutberlet and Dan Small on Eastern Neck NWR. The only report of a **Common Redpoll** came from Eastern Neck NWR when Dan Small found one bird on December 8.

Significant bird sightings were reported from all of the major non-private land holdings around the county in 2012, though Eastern Neck NWR probably still ranks as the best place to find interesting birds in county. Birders looking for a place to find rarities would be smart to send more time at Eastern Neck while birding Kent County in 2013.

In listing, Floyd Parks' 282 Life List from 2004 still leads the county and is six more than the nearest birder, Walter Ellison. However, Walter's seven different Year Lists of over 200, including his record 228 from 2004, are the only ones to ever top 200.

There are no Big Days in the database for Kent County.

Kent County Life Lists (315 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Floyd Parks	282	2004	Jim Green	203	2012	Steve Sanford	171	2007
Walter Ellison	276	2010	Rick Blom	201	1999	Kathy Calvert	167	2012
Jim Stasz	264	2012	Joe Hanfman	199	2012	Dan Haas	167	2012
Dan Small	243	2012	Dave Powell	197	2012	Mike Ostrowski	166	2012
Bob Ringer	234	2012	Stan Arnold	192	2011	Fred Fallon	164	2012
John Hubbell	231	2012	Maren Gimpel	191	2012	Dave Harvey	164	2007
Jim Brighton	230	2012	Ron Gutberlet	188	2012	Joel Martin	163	2012
Bill Hubick	230	2012	Kevin Graff	188	2010	Michael Bowen	161	2012
Matt Hafner	220	2012	Elaine Hendricks	184	2012	Rob Ostrowski	161	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	219	2011	Helen Patton	176	2012	Jeff Culler	159	2012
Dave Perry	211	2012	Edward Boyd	175	2012	Tom Feild	159	2007
Hans Holbrook	209	2009	John Dennehy	172	2012	Michael Bowen	155	2010
Harvey Mudd	204	2011	Marion Mudd	172	2011	John Gregoire	153	2005

Kent County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Walter Ellison	228	2004	John Hubbell	146	2010	Joe Hanfman	118	2012
Walter Ellison	228	2003	Jim Brighton	143	2010	Kevin Graff	117	2008
Walter Ellison	227	2006	Dave Perry	142	2001	Jim Green	116	2012
Walter Ellison	227	2005	Jim Green	140	2011	Rob Ostrowski	115	2011
Walter Ellison	223	2002	John Hubbell	140	2007	Bill Hubick	114	2006
Walter Ellison	215	2010	Jim Stasz	140	2009	Jim Green	114	2008
Walter Ellison	215	2007	Dave Perry	140	1999	Dave Powell	113	2006
Dave Perry	194	2002	Ron Gutberlet	138	2011	Jim Stasz	112	2011
Jim Stasz	192	2002	Hans Holbrook	135	2004	John Hubbell	111	2008
Dan Small	183	2010	Stan Arnold	134	2009	Ron Gutberlet	111	2010
Bill Hubick	158	2010	Joe Hanfman	133	2010	Jan Reese	107	1987
Jim Stasz	157	1999	Jim Green	133	2009	Hans Holbrook	106	2005
Bill Hubick	155	2007	Jim Brighton	131	2005	Kevin Graff	105	2007
Joe Hanfman	153	2011	John Hubbell	129	2009	Jim Stasz	104	1998
Jim Green	153	2010	Bill Hubick	128	2008	Michael Bowen	102	2010
Bill Hubick	152	2009	Jim Stasz	123	2000	Jim Stasz	101	2007
Jim Stasz	150	1992	John Hubbell	122	2011	Mike Ostrowski	100	2011
Jim Stasz	147	2012	Dave Powell	120	2004	Jim Stasz	100	2003

Queen Anne's County

Birders in Queen Anne's County had a good year in 2012 finding 251 species. There were many good sightings throughout the year, but most of the highlights came in the Fall and Winter months thanks to super storm Sandy and the very impressive irruption of northern finches.

The **Northern Shrike** on Chino Farms continued for a fifth winter on the farm and nearby roads. Rob Ostrowski found a **Eurasian Wigeon** on February 18 at Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. A **Clay-colored Sparrow** was found for the second winter in a row on the restored grasslands on Chino Farms. While certainly not a rare bird in the county, numbers of breeding **Dickcissels** seem to be on the rise. They made another strong push east this summer, many finding their way to the Eastern Shore and especially to Chino Farms. A record number of 25 (12 males and 13 females) spent the summer in the grasslands. Dickcissels were found at two additional locations in the county; Mark Schilling found a singing male on May 6 along Elevator Road; this location was checked by several other birders during May and eventually three birds were found. Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin found a male on June 7 along Greenville Rd towards the southern end of the county. Six **American White Pelican**, rarely seen this far north in the bay, were found by Maren Gimpel on May 12 from Route 50 on Kent Island. Two male **Sedge Wrens** found their way to Chino Farms this fall with the first being found on August 2 by Dan Small.

Starting off the highlights of the fall was a **Common Gallinule** at Tuckahoe State Park found on September 29 by James Moore and Anna Urciolo. Luckily for them the bird was seen in both QA and Caroline waters. A **Rufous Hummingbird**, a county first, was seen throughout the fall and winter at a private residence. Two notable birds were found in QA waters during and after super storm Sandy: three **Pomarine Jaegers** were seen during the storm and an incredible 70 to 80 **Brant** were seen on October 31 by Bill Hubick, Jim Stasz, Marshall Iliff and Joe Hanfman. The first of only two (unfortunately!) reports of **Evening Grosbeaks** came from Jim Wilson, who had four males and one female type on November 4. Danny Poet was the other only lucky person to have an **Evening Grosbeak** stop by his feeder when one showed up on December 12. **Red Crossbills** (type 3 and 10) and a **White-winged Crossbill** as well as a **Common Redpoll** were seen and recorded on Chino Farms from November 12 through the 21st by Dan Small and Maren Gimpel. Danny Poet and Tom field found a flock of 20 **White-winged Crossbills** on a private farm in QA while participating in the Lower Kent CBC on December 16. A **Ruff** was found by Harry Armistead in a flooded farm field along Damstown road in the southern end of the county on November 27. A great way to round out the year was

Mark Schilling's December 16 find of a female **Tufted Duck** on Kent Narrows at the very same cove where one was found in 2010. It was enjoyed by many observers through the end of the year and was being seen into March of 2013!

In listing, Jim Stasz enjoys a comfortable 10-bird lead in the Life List category at 284. Dan Small still has the top Year List of 229 from 2010.

There are no Big Days in the database for Queen Anne's County.

Queen Anne's County Life Lists (320 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	284	2012	Dave Powell	222	2012	Glenn Therres	185	1996
Dan Small	274	2012	Joe Hanfman	217	2012	Joel Martin	182	2012
Maren Gimpel	265	2012	Jim Green	216	2012	John Dennehy	181	2012
Danny Poet	262	2011	Rick Blom	214	1999	Rob Ostrowski	181	2012
Mark Schilling	259	2012	Dave Palmer	213	2012	Helen Patton	177	2012
Kevin Graff	253	2010	Dan Haas	213	2012	Michael Bowen	176	2012
John Hubbell	249	2012	Harvey Mudd	213	2011	Mike Ostrowski	171	2012
Bill Hubick	247	2012	Stan Arnold	210	2011	Marion Mudd	171	2011
Matt Hafner	246	2012	Edward Boyd	205	2012	Kathy Calvert	170	2012
Jim Brighton	243	2012	Elaine Hendricks	204	2012	Warren Strobel	166	2012
Bob Ringler	237	2012	Ron Gutberlet	201	2012	Dotty Mumford	165	2006
Marshall J. Iliff	233	2011	Walter Ellison	192	2010	Lynn Davidson	164	1998
Dave Perry	228	2012	John Gregoire	188	2005	David Holmes	162	1994
Hans Holbrook	227	2009	Fred Fallon	185	2012	Steve Sanford	161	2007

Queen Anne's County All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dan Small	229	2010	Danny Poet	192	2003	Ron Gutberlet	157	2011
Mark Schilling	226	2010	Danny Poet	191	2008	John Hubbell	154	2005
Mark Schilling	224	2012	Jim Stasz	188	1999	Jim Brighton	154	2005
Maren Gimpel	221	2012	Jim Stasz	187	2002	Jim Stasz	153	1992
Danny Poet	214	2010	John Hubbell	186	2010	Jim Green	153	2010
Dave Perry	210	2003	Dave Palmer	178	2012	Jim Stasz	153	2011
Danny Poet	206	2009	Danny Poet	178	2000	Kevin Graff	153	2005
Danny Poet	205	2004	Hans Holbrook	169	2004	Walter Ellison	153	2004
Danny Poet	203	2011	Danny Poet	167	1999	Dave Perry	152	2001
Maren Gimpel	202	2011	Bill Hubick	166	2010	Joe Hanfman	151	2011
Mark Schilling	201	2011	Danny Poet	162	1998	Walter Ellison	151	2003
Danny Poet	199	2005	Jim Stasz	160	2012	Danny Poet	150	1997
Danny Poet	198	2007	Jim Brighton	160	2010	Rob Ostrowski	149	2011
Danny Poet	192	2006	Kevin Graff	158	2004	Bill Hubick	148	2009

Caroline County

Caroline County is generally one of the least birded counties in Maryland. With few resident birders and even fewer birding hotspots, the county is generally overlooked. On occasion, a notable bird such as the late-2011 Black-headed Grosbeak will show up and attract birders from around the state. The landlocked county has only a few areas that attract birders and these are mostly en route to more attractive birding areas of the state or into Delaware. Overall for 2012, there were at least 220 species recorded in the county; 209 species were reported to eBird.

January started strong with rarities including a **Greater White-Fronted Goose** found by David Palmer on January 2, a **Black-headed Gull** found in Denton WWTP on January 9, an overwintering **Dickcissel** found by Joe Hanfman near Ridgely on January 24, and some nice gulls including **Iceland**, **Glaucous** and **Lesser Black-backed gulls** in the area around Choptank. Choptank is one of the few areas in the county where there is access to open water and it also gives the benefit of seeing gulls flying into both Dorchester and Talbot Counties.

The best bird of 2012 was an immature **White Ibis** found by Lisa and Warren Strobel on August 18 at the Tanyard Marsh along the Choptank River, another hot spot regularly visited by birders on their way to Ocean City. The Ibis stayed around for ten days and was seen and photographed by a large number of observers. Other good birds recorded at Tanyard Marsh included a **Barn Owl** and **King Rail**, heard by Matt Hafner, numerous observations of **Common Gallinules**, a regular breeder there, as well as many species of shorebirds and terns since this is about the only place in the county that has dependable (or any) mudflats.

Spring migration is generally slow in Caroline with few good migratory corridors. The only notable spring migrant was an extended view of a **Swallow-tailed Kite** reported by Kurt Plinke near Denton on April 23. Fall migration, however, can be much more interesting with good warbler fallouts at Adkins Arboretum, regularly birded by Karen and Bill Harris, and Tuckahoe State Park near Ridgely. This was the case in 2012 with a few sightings of **Connecticut Warblers** in September, a **Mourning Warbler** and 19 other species of warblers at Atkins.

One well-kept secret of Caroline County is that it can be a major migratory corridor for **Northern Saw-whet Owls** on the eastern shore. While there was only one e-Bird report for Saw-whets for 2012 (during the Christmas Count), volunteers at Tuckahoe State Park banded over 130 migrating birds from late October into late November. This was a big migration year for Saw-whets throughout eastern North America, so these high numbers will not be expected for another few years. The northern finch invasion was not big in Caroline, but there were a few reports of **White-winged Crossbills**, and **Pine Siskins** were seen throughout the county.

In listing, Jim Stasz's 261 Life List is almost 20 better than any other birder's. Dave Perry's 187 from 2010 is the best Year List reported for Caroline.

There are no Big Days in the database for Caroline County.

Caroline County Life Lists (298 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	261	2012	Danny Poet	206	2011	Elaine Hendricks	166	2012
Marvin Hewitt	243	1996	Jim Green	193	2012	Kathy Calvert	165	2012
Ethel Engle	240	2002	Stephen Ford	192	2012	Dan Small	162	2012
Roberta Fletcher	239	1994	Harvey Mudd	191	2011	Marion Mudd	162	2011
Jim Brighton	232	2012	Dave Powell	190	2012	John Gregoire	161	2005
Matt Hafner	222	2012	Ron Gutberlet	188	2012	Rob Ostrowski	158	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	222	2011	Stan Arnold	186	2011	John Dennehy	156	2012
John Hubbell	217	2012	Dave Palmer	178	2012	Steve Sanford	156	2007
Glen Lovelace	215	2009	Edward Boyd	178	2012	George Armistead	155	2003
Dave Perry	213	2012	Joe Hanfman	176	2012	Dave Harvey	149	2007
Bob Ringler	211	2012	Rick Blom	175	1999	Mike Ostrowski	142	2012
Bill Hubick	208	2012	Don Meritt	174	1996	Kevin Graff	141	2010
Hans Holbrook	208	2009	Michael O'Brien	172	1999	Michele Morris	136	1992

Caroline County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dave Perry	187	2010	Bill Hubick	137	2007	Roberta Fletcher	119	1993
Jim Stasz	183	1999	Jim Green	137	2009	John Hubbell	118	2011
Jim Brighton	179	2005	John Hubbell	137	2005	Jim Green	117	2010
Jim Stasz	171	2002	Danny Poet	136	2004	Jared Satchell	116	2011
Danny Poet	159	2007	Jim Stasz	136	2008	Joe Hanfman	115	2011
Jim Brighton	159	2010	Bill Hubick	133	2011	Jim Green	115	2011
Bill Hubick	158	2008	John Hubbell	133	2009	Edward Boyd	114	2011
Hans Holbrook	158	2005	Roberta Fletcher	132	1989	Jim Stasz	114	2005
Dave Perry	155	2000	Jim Stasz	131	2011	John Hubbell	111	2007
Dave Palmer	155	2012	Danny Poet	130	2003	Ron Gutberlet	110	2010
Hans Holbrook	153	2004	Ethel Engle	129	1993	Mike Ostrowski	109	2011
Danny Poet	151	2010	Jim Stasz	128	2006	John Hubbell	108	2008
Jim Stasz	151	1992	Dave Palmer	126	2011	Jim Stasz	106	1998
Jim Stasz	150	2012	Jim Green	126	2012	John Hubbell	106	2010
Dave Perry	148	2004	Danny Poet	125	2006	Jim Stasz	104	2003
Jim Stasz	147	2000	Ron Gutberlet	125	2009	Hans Holbrook	103	2007
Danny Poet	146	2011	Ethel Engle	124	1994	Roberta Fletcher	102	1992
Danny Poet	146	2009	Jim Green	124	2008	Stan Arnold	99	2009
Danny Poet	146	2008	Bill Hubick	123	2010	John Hubbell	98	2012
Ron Gutberlet	144	2011	Edward Boyd	123	2012	Bill Hubick	92	2006
Bill Hubick	144	2009	Rob Ostrowski	121	2011	Dave Powell	91	2008
Dave Perry	142	2001	Jim Stasz	121	2004	Dave Powell	90	2007
Marvin Hewitt	141	1989	Stan Arnold	121	2008	Jim Stasz	90	2009
Danny Poet	138	2005	Joe Hanfman	121	2012			

Talbot County

Birding in Talbot County attracted many participants in 2012, reflecting the growing recognition that the county carries quite a few species, if one knows where to look for them. eBird users reported 261 species in the county for the year, and there probably were a few more outside that listing.

Early in the year, an obvious choice for "Bird of the Year" showed up. This was a **Virginia's Warbler** at Pickering Creek, first found January 26 but later confirmed on February 15 by Jim Stasz and Ed Boyd. It stayed around until at least Mar 18. During the stay it was regularly re-found and greatly enjoyed by numerous birders from near and far. The Virginia's Warbler, a first for Maryland, put Pickering Creek onto the birder destination list for the year. With lots of birders on the grounds, **Golden Eagles** were often seen, all of the expected duck species were tallied, many warblers were found and scads of sparrows were present including both nesting and wintering species.

Another great birding site in the county is Poplar Island, and in 2012 many species turned up out there that would not be found elsewhere in Talbot. Highlights were ducks, waders and shorebirds in season. An example of Poplar Island use by late summer birds came on August 28 when a trip for birders to the island turned up 33 **Black-necked Stilts**, 110 **American Avocets**, 4 **Wilson's Phalaropes** and 60 **Black Terns** along with many other species.

During autumn migration many migrants converge on Black Walnut Point, Tilghman Island, to provide a mini-Cape May for local birders. The warbler pinch at that site was what allowed recording of a high percentage of the 32 warbler species that were found in the county in 2012. Throughout the year, Black Walnut Point is recognized as one of the best places in the county for viewing the full range of cormorants, grebes, ducks, geese and other waterfowl that are normally found on the Chesapeake Bay.

Private residences and small local hot spots provided numerous other happy birding experiences. Most county birders shared in the year's visits of **Pine Siskins** and **Red-breasted Nuthatches**. A few residents hosted **Evening Grosbeaks** and **White-winged Crossbills**. The sole county report of **Red Crossbills** came from Peter Kaestner who managed to find seven of them at his brother John's home in Trappe. Possibly the top residential visitor was a **Calliope Hummingbird** that stopped in at the home of Vince and Francine DeSanctis in Tilghman for the period of November 15-20. This was the second year in a row for the county to be graced by the presence of a Calliope Hummer.



Calliope Hummingbird – Tilghman Island
Mike Burchett

On Dec 11 a **Barrow's Goldeneye**, another county first, showed up on the Talbot County side of the Choptank River Bridge to cap off a year of fine birding. This bird was first spotted by Jeff Culler and Joe Hanfman, and it was reliably found at the same site for the remainder of the year.

In listing, Henry Armistead's impressive 295 Life List is tops. In 2012, Dave Palmer and Les Roslund both had impressive years, with Dave topping the previous all-time high of 233 for the county by three birds, while Les tied the record.

There is one Big Day in the database for Talbot County, from May.

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
110	05/12/12	Dave Palmer	Rails/Owls only	Warbling Vireo, Kentucky Warbler	House Wren, Fish Crow

Talbot County Life Lists (330 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Henry Armistead	295	2012	Stan Arnold	227	2011	Michael Bowen	183	2012
Les Roslund	289	2012	Dave Powell	222	2012	Dave Perry	182	2012
Dick Kleen	287	1996	Jared Satchell	221	2011	Steve Sanford	181	2007
Jim Stasz	283	2012	Mikey Lutmerding	219	2012	Jan Reese	180	1989
Don Meritt	272	1996	Hans Holbrook	218	2009	Dan Haas	179	2012
Jim Brighton	268	2012	Dan Small	216	2012	Phil Davis	177	2012
Stephen Ford	262	2012	Elaine Hendricks	216	2012	Fred Fallon	176	2012
Wayne Bell	262	2010	Kevin Graff	212	2010	Rob Ostrowski	176	2012
Dave Palmer	259	2012	Jeff Culler	209	2012	Edward Boyd	172	2012
Bob Ringler	256	2012	Kathy Calvert	204	2012	Walter Ellison	168	2010
Joe Hanfman	247	2012	Harvey Mudd	202	2011	Rod Burley	166	2012
John Hubbell	244	2012	Jan Reese	202	1989	Mark Schilling	165	2012
Danny Poet	242	2011	Joel Martin	201	2012	Mike Ostrowski	165	2012
Matt Hafner	240	2012	Marcia Balestri	200	2012	Tom Feild	164	2007
Marshall J. Iliff	238	2011	Helen Patton	199	2012	Marion Mudd	163	2011
Bill Hubick	232	2012	John Dennehy	196	2012	Rod Burley	163	2010
Jim Green	231	2012	Michael O'Brien	192	1999	John Gregoire	161	2005
Ron Gutberlet	229	2012	Leslie Starr	189	2012	Lynn Davidson	160	1998
George Armistead	229	2003	Carol McCollough	186	2012	Norm Saunders	160	2011
			Rick Blom	186	1999			

Talbot County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dave Palmer	236	2012	Wayne Bell	189	2002	Wayne Bell	170	1994
Les Roslund	233	2012	Danny Poet	187	2007	Wayne Bell	169	1997
Jim Brighton	233	2011	Danny Poet	187	2004	Henry Armistead	168	2006
Les Roslund	231	2011	Les Roslund	187	2002	Henry Armistead	168	2005
Dave Palmer	230	2011	Henry Armistead	185	2009	Henry Armistead	167	1998
Jared Satchell	219	2011	Wayne Bell	183	2005	Hans Holbrook	166	2004
Les Roslund	212	2010	Wayne Bell	183	2000	Wayne Bell	166	2009
Les Roslund	208	2009	Danny Poet	181	2003	Jim Brighton	165	2005
Les Roslund	208	2008	Wayne Bell	180	2006	Henry Armistead	165	1999
Joe Hanfman	206	2012	Jan Reese	180	1987	Henry Armistead	163	1992
Les Roslund	204	2005	Jim Stasz	179	2012	Henry Armistead	161	2012
Jan Reese	202	1989	Wayne Bell	179	2003	Jim Stasz	161	1999
Les Roslund	201	2007	Wayne Bell	179	2001	Bill Hubick	161	2008
Les Roslund	200	2003	Wayne Bell	178	1999	Henry Armistead	161	2003
Jim Stasz	199	2002	Jim Stasz	176	2011	Wayne Bell	161	1998
Wayne Bell	199	2010	Wayne Bell	176	2008	Wayne Bell	160	1996
Danny Poet	198	2011	Michael O'Brien	175	1990	Jeff Culler	159	2011
Ron Gutberlet	197	2011	Les Roslund	175	2001	Henry Armistead	159	2008
Les Roslund	197	2006	Jim Stasz	174	1992	Henry Armistead	159	2007
Danny Poet	197	2005	Wayne Bell	174	2007	Joe Hanfman	158	2009
Les Roslund	194	2004	Henry Armistead	174	2000	Wayne Bell	158	1993
Danny Poet	191	2009	Henry Armistead	174	1995	Stan Arnold	157	2008
Joe Hanfman	189	2011	Ron Gutberlet	173	2009	Henry Armistead	157	1997
Danny Poet	189	2010	Henry Armistead	173	1993	Jim Green	156	2008
Danny Poet	189	2008	Henry Armistead	172	1996	Henry Armistead	156	2011
Wayne Bell	189	2004	Danny Poet	170	2006	Henry Armistead	154	1994

Dorchester County

2012 was a great year to bird Dorchester County. According to eBird data, 264 birds were observed in the county for the year. Of the 264 species, a few birds really stand out. The first great bird of 2012 was a continuing **Western Kingbird** at the Hurlock WWTP. Originally found by Jonathon Willey during the last week of 2011, it stuck around for a few days into the new year. Amazingly, this wouldn't be the only Western Kingbird seen in Dorchester in 2012.

The winter months in Dorchester are known for a few specialties like **Golden Eagle**, **Rough-legged Hawks**, and **Short-eared Owls**. All three of these species were observed regularly throughout the winter with Blackwater NWR being the place to view Golden Eagles, Cedar Creek Road and Shorter's Wharf held Rough-legged Hawks, and Short-eared Owls were viewed in many of the lower county salt marshes. The **American White Pelicans** that have been present at Blackwater NWR since 2006 were once again present through most of the year with most observations (according to eBird) in the cooler months.

Along with warmer weather, spring brought back our breeding birds and one of Dorchester County's rarest breeders is the **Eastern Whip-poor-will**. Once fairly regular in the southern parts of the county, whip-poor-wills are now virtually gone as breeders from the county. The northeastern section of Dorchester still has breeding whips with North Tara Road being one of the better places to hear these nocturnal birds. David Palmer reported the first Eastern Whip-poor-will from North Tara Road on April 28. Another spring specialty in Dorchester is the **Black Rail**. Black Rails have seen a resurgence in the past few years. Driving the southern county salt marshes on still spring nights is the best way to hear their distinctive calls. **Dickcissels**, another uncommon breeding species in Dorchester County, were observed with regularity along Egypt Road.

On June 22, Gordon Dimmig took a photo of a **Wilson's Storm-Petrel** while on a boat in the Chesapeake Bay just north of Taylor's Island. **Yellow-crowned Night-Herons** are the bane of county listers in Dorchester County. Even though they are annual breeders on a few of the bay islands, they are almost non-existent on the mainland. On July 28, John Hubbel and Jim Brighton spooked a juvenile Yellow-crowned Night-Heron out of a ditch in far south Toddville. Luckily, Jared Satchell was able to chase the bird and even obtained photos. Only a couple rarities were observed in August. George Radcliff had his first of two **Olive-sided Flycatchers** on his farm in Lloyds on August 13. He would have another at the same location on September 24. Hurlock WWTP once again came through with a rarity on August 26 with Ed Boyd and Jim Stasz finding a **Wilson's Phalarope** that stayed for the day and allowed a few birders the opportunity for a successful chase.

September 15 might go down as the best birding day of the year in Dorchester County. During the annual fall count George and Harry Armistead found a juvenile dark morph **Swainson's Hawk** that was entering its second year. George got stellar photos that easily documented this stunning bird. Around the same time Jim Brighton found a **Clay-colored Sparrow** in a sunflower field off of Chapel of Ease Road in Vienna. The bird was feeding with large flock of American Goldfinches. Unfortunately, the two rarities were not found again.

Dorchester County's second **Western Kingbird** of the year was found on December 5 by Jeff Culler and Joe Hanfman. They observed the bird feeding along Key Wallace Drive. During the first week of December the unprecedented finch invasion hit. Once again, Jonathon Willey scored with the first sightings of **Red Crossbills** on December 4 along Decoursey Bridge Road. Jonathon would also find the first **White-winged Crossbills** on December 9 in Cambridge. Both species of crossbills would continue to be seen in various places throughout the county up through the new year. One of the last rarities of 2012 were three **Snow Buntings** observed at the Hooper's Island Bridge on December 24 by Chuck Parker and Joette Borzik.

In listing, Henry Armistead comfortably leads the Life List category by 19 birds, and owns 23 of the top 25 Year Lists ever reported for the county! His best year of 244 goes all the way back to 1967(!) and probably will never be approached. There is one March Big Day in the database for Dorchester County.

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
113	03/12/11	Jim Green, Bill Hubick, Mike Ostrowski, Rob Ostrowski	No		Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Fox Sparrow

Dorchester County Life Lists (334 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Henry Armistead	309	2012	Dan Small	229	2012	Larry Bonham	201	1995
Jim Stasz	290	2012	Kevin Graff	229	2010	Marcia Balestri	200	2012
Jim Brighton	286	2012	J.B. Churchill	227	2011	Fred Fallon	200	2012
Stephen Ford	267	2012	Harvey Mudd	220	2011	John Dennehy	197	2012
Bob Ringler	267	2012	Rick Blom	220	1999	Dick Homan	197	2004
John Hubbell	266	2012	Mary Ann Todd	218	2012	Mike Ostrowski	193	2012
Samuel H. Dyke	264	2012	Paul O'Brien	216	2012	Jared Satchell	193	2011
Hans Holbrook	259	2009	Rod Burley	216	2012	Dave Harvey	192	2007
George Armistead	257	2003	Helen Patton	215	2012	Rob Hilton	191	2012
Bill Hubick	256	2012	Rob Ostrowski	214	2012	Steve Sanford	189	2007
Matt Hafner	256	2012	Elaine Hendricks	214	2012	Peter Osenton	188	2012
Michael O'Brien	252	1999	Erika Wilson	214	1991	Jeff Culler	185	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	248	2011	Dave Perry	213	2012	Mikey Lutmerding	185	2011
Carol Broderick	246	2012	John Gregoire	213	2005	Marion Mudd	185	2011
Jim Green	246	2012	Mark Hoffman	212	2011	Clifford Comeau	185	2011
Joe Hanfman	240	2012	Norm Saunders	211	2011	George Jett	184	2012
Ron Gutberlet	240	2012	Lynn Davidson	205	1998	Tom Feild	180	2007
Stan Arnold	235	2011	Carol McCollough	204	2012	Leslie Starr	179	2012
Don Meritt	233	1996	Mike Burchett	204	2012	Dotty Mumford	179	2006
Don Broderick	232	2003	Dan Haas	204	2012	Kye Jenkins	173	2012
Dave Palmer	231	2012	Fran Saunders	204	2011	Joy Peters	172	2009
Dave Powell	231	2012	Kathy Calvert	203	2012	Jim Moore	170	2011
Mike Walsh	229	2012	Joel Martin	201	2012	David Holmes	169	1994
			Edward Boyd	201	2012			

Dorchester County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Henry Armistead	244	1967	Dave Palmer	201	2012	John Hubbell	163	2009
Henry Armistead	223	2006	Jim Stasz	196	2006	Jim Stasz	162	2012
Henry Armistead	220	2003	Hans Holbrook	195	2004	Dave Perry	162	2002
Henry Armistead	219	2007	Jared Satchell	193	2011	Dave Perry	160	1999
Henry Armistead	219	2000	George Armistead	190	1989	Mike Ostrowski	159	2011
Henry Armistead	218	1992	Jim Stasz	187	1999	Dave Perry	158	2001
Henry Armistead	217	2008	Dave Palmer	186	2011	Jim Green	158	2007
Henry Armistead	215	1998	Jim Green	183	2011	George Armistead	158	1990
Henry Armistead	215	1988	Ron Gutberlet	183	2009	Bill Hubick	157	2010
Jim Stasz	212	2002	John Hubbell	182	2011	Stan Arnold	156	2005
Henry Armistead	212	2005	Rob Ostrowski	177	2011	Jim Stasz	153	1998
Henry Armistead	212	2004	Ron Gutberlet	177	2011	Fran Saunders	153	2007
Henry Armistead	211	2009	Jim Brighton	177	2005	Jim Green	152	2009
Jim Brighton	210	2010	Jim Stasz	176	2011	Dave Powell	152	2004
Henry Armistead	209	1997	Jim Stasz	175	1992	Jim Green	151	2008
Henry Armistead	208	2011	Bill Hubick	174	2009	Dan Small	150	2010
Henry Armistead	208	1999	Bill Hubick	172	2006	Kevin Graff	149	2005
Henry Armistead	208	1996	Mike Walsh	170	2010	Joe Hanfman	148	2009
Henry Armistead	207	1995	Ron Gutberlet	170	2008	Bill Hubick	147	2011
Henry Armistead	205	2012	Norm Saunders	170	2007	Jim Stasz	147	2007
Henry Armistead	203	1993	Joe Hanfman	168	2011	Hans Holbrook	146	2005
Henry Armistead	202	2010	John Hubbell	167	2007	John Hubbell	146	2006
Henry Armistead	202	1994	Stan Arnold	165	2001	Kevin Graff	146	2007

Somerset County

Somerset County has a bit of everything except urban and mountain birding. In 2012, the county had at least 228 species of birds within its borders, per eBird.

The marshes of Deal Island WMA and Rumbly Point had nice surprises in 2012. Deal had an **American White Pelican** found by Ron Gutberlet on February 2 and subsequently seen by many, an **Orange-crowned Warbler** found by Jim Stasz on February 5, and a **King Rail** reported by Tom Feild and Geraldine King on March 4. A trip out to Smith Island in May turned up **Purple Sandpipers** and **Ruddy Turnstones**. Jim Stasz had a **Black Rail** at Rumbly Point on April 18, and Dave Yeany had a **Wilson's Phalarope** there on May 16.

Bob Ringler and Kevin Graff found **Black Skimmers** in Chance on the first of May, and Kathy Calvert had one at Rumbly Point in June. September was a good month for migrating warblers along Riley Roberts Road, although Somerset was not one of the Maryland counties that got in on the increased **Connecticut Warbler** action that seemed to evident in 2012. On November 3, Tom Feild reported a **Nelson's Sparrow** at Rumbly Point. **Common Redpolls** visited a feeder in the town of Rumbley and were first reported to eBird by Ron Gutberlet on December 19. Other than the Redpolls, Somerset essentially missed out on the winter finch invasion save for **Purple Finches** and **Pine Siskins** – there were no reports of **Evening Grosbeak** or either **Crossbill** species.

A good trend for the county is that several pairs of **Black-necked Stilts** bred successfully in Deal Island WMA. A bad trend is that **Mute Swans** were seen every month of 2012 within the county.

In listing, Jim Stasz has a whopping 26 bird lead in the Life List category, standing at 290 at the end of 2012. His 1982 Year List total of 245 is probably the highest relative differential between first and second place of any list in this report; the next-closest Year List, also Jim's is 191!

There are no Big Days in the database for Somerset County.

Somerset County Life Lists (319 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	290	2012	Dave Powell	216	2012	Kevin Graff	184	2010
Samuel H. Dyke	264	2012	Edward Boyd	215	2012	George Jett	181	2012
Carol Broderick	262	2012	Charlie Vaughn	214	2000	Rob Ostrowski	179	2012
Don Broderick	254	2003	Dave Perry	209	2012	Steve Sanford	176	2007
Jim Brighton	252	2012	Mark Hoffman	209	2011	John Dennehy	175	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	246	2011	Stan Arnold	208	2011	Dotty Mumford	175	2006
John Hubbell	245	2012	Gail Vaughn	206	2000	Helen Patton	173	2012
Mike Walsh	239	2012	John Gregoire	204	2005	Marion Mudd	172	2011
Bill Hubick	239	2012	Joe Hanfman	201	2012	Kathy Calvert	170	2012
Bob Ringler	235	2012	Jim Green	201	2012	Joel Martin	168	2012
Henry Armistead	232	2012	Lynn Davidson	201	1998	Jeff Culler	168	2012
Ron Gutberlet	230	2012	Carol McCollough	192	2012	Dave Harvey	168	2007
Eddie Slaughter	221	2000	Harvey Mudd	192	2011	Polly Batchelder	168	1990
Mikey Lutmerding	219	2011	Elaine Hendricks	188	2012	Phil Davis	167	2012
Matt Hafner	218	2012	Rick Blom	186	1999	Mike Ostrowski	167	2012
Hans Holbrook	217	2009	J.B. Churchill	185	2011	Larry Bonham	161	1995

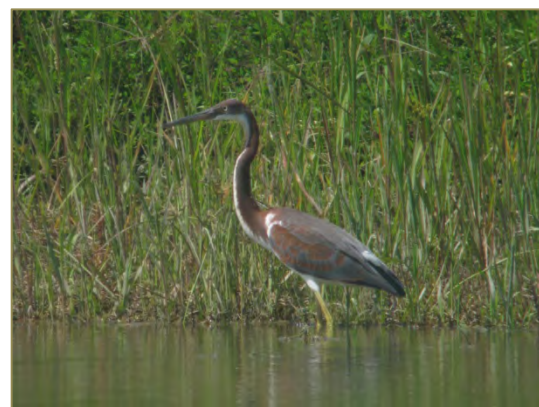
Somerset County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	245	1982	Stan Arnold	154	2005	Bill Hubick	137	2011
Jim Stasz	191	2002	Dave Perry	153	1999	John Hubbell	137	2004
Jim Stasz	189	1999	Jim Stasz	152	2005	Dave Powell	135	2008
Ron Gutberlet	187	2012	Jim Stasz	151	2009	Jim Green	133	2011
Bill Hubick	184	2009	Carol McCollough	150	2012	Stan Arnold	133	2009
Ron Gutberlet	184	2009	Jim Stasz	150	2007	Jim Stasz	129	2004
Jim Brighton	183	2010	Kevin Graff	150	2007	Jared Satchell	128	2011
Jim Stasz	179	2012	George Jett	149	1992	Carol McCollough	128	2007
Mike Walsh	178	2010	Bill Hubick	148	2010	Kevin Graff	126	2008
Jim Stasz	173	1992	Bill Hubick	148	2005	Bill Hubick	123	2007
Mike Walsh	172	2012	Mike Walsh	148	2009	Hans Holbrook	123	2005
John Hubbell	171	2008	Dave Weesner	148	1990	Mike Ostrowski	122	2011
Ron Gutberlet	171	2010	Joe Hanfman	147	2012	Kevin Graff	120	2009
Jim Stasz	170	2000	Jim Green	147	2012	John Hubbell	120	2006
Ron Gutberlet	169	2011	Hans Holbrook	145	2004	Jim Stasz	120	2008
Jim Stasz	168	2011	Bill Hubick	142	2008	Joe Hanfman	118	2010
John Hubbell	164	2009	Rob Ostrowski	141	2011	Carol McCollough	118	2011
Jim Brighton	161	2005	Joe Hanfman	140	2011	George Jett	117	1998
Mike Walsh	157	2008	Stan Arnold	140	2008	Jim Green	116	2010
Jim Stasz	156	1998	Jim Green	139	2008	Carol McCollough	115	2009
Dave Perry	155	2001	Dave Powell	139	2004	Elaine Hendricks	112	2012
John Hubbell	154	2012	Edward Boyd	137	2012	John Hubbell	112	2010

Wicomico County

A few unusual birds were found in Wicomico County during 2012, though missed birds (no **Crossbills**, **Redpolls**, or **Evening Grosbeaks**; no Hurricane Sandy birds) were also part of the story. The total number of bird species reported to eBird in Wicomico County in 2012 was 223, but eBird coverage in the county is notably light. The eBird Top 100 for Wicomico shows that only four residents of the county contributed eBird checklists in 2012. Furthermore, only two observers contributed over 100 checklists (and only one of them was a county resident!). Only 21 observers contributed more than ten checklists during the year. Who knows what other birds passed through Wicomico in 2012? Surely, many go undetected with this level of coverage. Thanks are due to the active county listers and other roving birders for generating much of the eBird data for Wicomico County, and of course to Sam Dyke for his indefatigable study of this region's birdlife.

While Wicomico did not produce any statewide rarities in 2012, two finds - **Wilson's Phalarope** and **Tricolored Heron** - were very exciting at the county level. The Wilson's Phalarope was found by Sam Dyke on August 26 at the Oakwood Turf Farm on Taylor Rd and continued through August 28 (multiple observers, photos). Soon after this, on August 31, a first-year Tricolored Heron was found and photographed by Jeff Culler and Joe Hanfman at the Plantations ponds (many additional observers through September 2). The strangest report in Wicomico this year was of a **Ruffed Grouse** (!) described well by Kim Check and Betty Pitney; they had a brief encounter with the bird during the Salisbury CBC on December 16, generating some lively discussion at the evening's tally. Wicomico has relatively few records of **Clay-colored Sparrow**, but two separate observations occurred this year (Walsh, Nanticoke WMA on Nutters Neck Rd, October 17; Gutberlet, Brick Kiln Rd, December 16, photos).



*Tricolored Heron – Plantations Ponds
Ron Gutberlet*

Other birds of note in Wicomico in 2012 included a **Ross's Goose** at the Hebron Woods pond (Dyke and Wilbur, November 24-December 5, photos, many observers); one **Common Merganser** (Dyke and Wilbur, Wetipquin Marsh, December 5; later found by Paul Bystrak on Wetipquin Creek near Nanticoke Rd on December 16); one **White-winged Scoter** (Stasz, Roaring Point, March 4); and separate first-year **Iceland Gulls** at the Salisbury Landfill at the beginning (Lutmerding, Stasz, and Boyd, January 7-17, many observers, photos) and end (Dyke, November 28-December 16, many observers) of the year. First-year **Glaucous Gulls** also appeared at the landfill at both ends of the year (Dyke, Burchett, Bangert, February 5; G. Armistead, December 31). On December 31, George Armistead also found a **Nelson's Gull (HERG x GLGU)** and recorded 8 **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** (the eBird high count in Wicomico in 2012) at the landfill.

Despite their common status in Dorchester and Worcester Counties, **Least Terns** are not often reported in Wicomico, so Joe Hanfman's observation of three at Sharptown on June 18 is noteworthy. Jim Stasz and Ed Boyd found a **Warbling Vireo** at Leonardtown Mill Park on August 26, and Bill Hubick was kind enough to find and photograph a **Philadelphia Vireo** in the Gutberlets' yard on September 9! The next day Mike Walsh had a **Philadelphia Vireo** at the Nanticoke WMA. An **Orange-crowned Warbler** was at Waterview on January 7 (Stasz and Boyd). Nesting of **Belted Kingfishers** and **Baltimore Orioles** was confirmed for the Delaware Breeding Bird Atlas in the Wicomico County portion of a "border block" (Gutberlet).

In listing, Sam Dyke has the high Life List at 303, and is the only birder over the 300 mark for the county. He also owns the top seven all-time high Year Lists for the county, with his 2011 mark of 224 at the top of the heap.

There are no Big Days in the database for Wicomico County.

Wicomico County Life Lists (309 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Samuel H. Dyke	303	2012	Marshall J. Iliff	214	2011	Edward Boyd	172	2012
Carol Broderick	296	2012	Hans Holbrook	212	2009	Rob Ostrowski	167	2012
Don Broderick	291	2003	Jim Green	205	2012	Dan Small	166	2012
Jim Stasz	270	2012	Ellen Lawler	203	2012	Mike Ostrowski	165	2012
Mike Walsh	255	2012	Dave Powell	203	2012	John Gregoire	164	2005
Jim Brighton	253	2012	Rick Blom	189	1999	Jeff Culler	161	2012
Ron Gutberlet	243	2012	Stan Arnold	188	2011	Kevin Graff	159	2010
John Hubbell	230	2012	Joe Hanfman	187	2012	Joel Martin	158	2012
Bill Hubick	226	2012	Harvey Mudd	179	2011	Marion Mudd	158	2011
Charlie Vaughn	225	2000	Dave Perry	177	2012	Tom Feild	158	2007
Gail Vaughn	225	2000	Eddie Slaughter	175	2000	Kathy Calvert	157	2012
Matt Hafner	224	2012	Elaine Hendricks	174	2012	Rod Burley	156	2012
Bob Ringler	217	2012	Mikey Lutmerding	173	2011	Norm Saunders	155	2011

Wicomico County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Samuel H. Dyke	224	2011	Carol Broderick	183	2001	Jim Green	135	2010
Samuel H. Dyke	223	2005	Don Broderick	183	2001	Dave Weesner	135	1990
Samuel H. Dyke	223	2003	Jim Stasz	177	2002	Hans Holbrook	134	2005
Samuel H. Dyke	218	2004	Jim Brighton	176	2010	Jim Green	133	2008
Samuel H. Dyke	216	2012	Jim Stasz	175	2011	Joe Hanfman	132	2011
Samuel H. Dyke	214	2006	Ron Gutberlet	175	2010	Rob Ostrowski	130	2011
Samuel H. Dyke	210	2009	Mike Walsh	170	2012	Jim Green	129	2009
Carol Broderick	210	2005	Ron Gutberlet	169	2008	Dave Powell	129	2007
Don Broderick	210	2005	Jim Stasz	164	2012	Jim Stasz	128	2005
Samuel H. Dyke	209	2010	Hans Holbrook	162	2004	John Hubbell	126	2009
Samuel H. Dyke	208	2007	Mike Walsh	162	2008	Mike Ostrowski	126	2011
Samuel H. Dyke	208	2000	Mike Walsh	161	2009	John Hubbell	126	2005
Samuel H. Dyke	207	2002	Jim Stasz	160	1992	John Hubbell	125	2010
Samuel H. Dyke	207	2001	Bill Hubick	156	2011	Jared Satchell	121	2011
Carol Broderick	201	2004	Jim Brighton	152	2005	Bill Hubick	120	2006
Don Broderick	201	2004	Jim Green	151	2011	Dave Powell	119	2008
Carol Broderick	200	2006	Jim Stasz	151	1999	Stan Arnold	118	2009
Don Broderick	200	2006	Bill Hubick	151	2008	Jim Stasz	118	2009
Samuel H. Dyke	200	1998	John Hubbell	149	2008	Jim Stasz	118	2007
Carol Broderick	199	2003	Bill Hubick	146	2007	Jim Stasz	115	2004
Don Broderick	199	2003	Mike Walsh	146	2010	Edward Boyd	113	2011
Carol Broderick	199	2002	Bill Hubick	145	2009	Jim Stasz	112	1998
Don Broderick	199	2002	Stan Arnold	145	2005	Hans Holbrook	109	2007
Samuel H. Dyke	198	1999	Joe Hanfman	143	2012	Jim Green	108	2012
Ron Gutberlet	192	2012	Bill Hubick	143	2010	Dave Powell	105	2004
Ron Gutberlet	192	2009	John Hubbell	143	2007	Fran Saunders	105	2007
Ron Gutberlet	189	2011	Jim Stasz	140	2000	Norm Saunders	105	2007
Carol Broderick	187	2000	Dave Perry	138	2001	Kevin Graff	102	2007
Don Broderick	187	2000	Edward Boyd	137	2012	Stan Arnold	100	2008

Worcester County

The eBird total for the county was a respectable 306 species, with at least one more not in yet (Eurasian Collared-Dove). Although a little distant for the bulk of MD's active birders, Worcester County received great coverage this year, in large part due to Mike Burchett and Besty Bangert taking up residence in Ocean Pines, plus Rob Ostrowski's frequent visits, not to mention the almost weekly cascade of folks from the Western Shore and Salisbury area. The real lynch-pin, however, was Scott Houston (a.k.a. Scotty Astro) and his uncovering of an amazing "new" birding spot – Sunset Park – within walking distance of the Inlet. Neat birds he found at Sunset this past fall included **Clay-colored Sparrow**, **Western Kingbird**, **Black-billed Cuckoo** and **Common Redpoll**!!

Clearly the birding event of the year was the August 25th SeeLife Paulagics trip. The overnigher left Lewes DE and we were just north of the MD-VA border at dawn. The large storm-petrel show was unprecedented for MD waters: **Leach's** (58) and **Band-rumped** (122). Then the roof blew off with a dark phase **Herald Petrel** (first record in "MD waters"), and then multiple **Black-capped Petrels** (final count 5). Two state birds for almost everyone on board! Then **Arctic Tern**. It didn't end there, however, as Ed Boyd came up with a **White-faced Storm-Petrel** on the way home. Some have claimed it was the best MD pelagic ever, and anyone would be hard pressed to disagree. There were also several very good pelagics out of MD on the Morningstar, with the highlights of state-record 112 **Manx Shearwaters** on 3/17 and 1,516 **Dovekies** on February 4.

Stand-out rarities include a **Western Grebe** in Sinepuxent Bay found on November 19 by Sam Dyke and lingering to the 24th to the delight of many, a **Yellow Rail** flushed from the Spartina on the north end of Assateague on November 24 (that then landed in the open sand!!) by Dave Czaplak and MaryAnn Todd (don't feel too sorry for them that they missed the Western Grebe), two **White-winged Doves** (one found May 24 along the Assateague Causeway by Rob Ostrowski, and a second near the West OC Pond on November 15 by Scott Houston), two **Sandhill Crane** records - a flock of four at Vaughn/North on May 12 (Jo Lutmerding), and a single fly-by at Assateague/Bayside Point on October 8 (Hafner, Houston) - and Worcester got its share of the winter finch invasion – county birds for many.

Other popular birds were two cooperative **Hudsonian Godwits** on Skimmer Island on August 27 thru September 1 by Burchett and Bangert, and an equally cooperative **Wilson's Phalarope** found by Jim Stasz and Ed Boyd at the Murray Sod Farms on August 26. Both have been hard to come by in Worcester in recent years.

Notable misses (per eBird) include Greater White-fronted Goose, Mute Swan, King Eider, Common Merganser (though frequently misreported in the county), Red-necked Grebe, Golden Eagle, American Avocet, Baird's Sandpiper, Ruff, Black-headed Gull, Franklin's Gull, Bridled Tern, Roseate Tern, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Northern Shrike, Lapland Longspur, Golden-winged Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, Morning Warbler, and American Tree Sparrow. Sometime what is not seen is as interesting as what is seen.

In listing, Mark Hoffman's 361 leads in the Life List category, while his 303 Year List total from 1994 is the only one that exceeds the magical 300 mark.

There are two Big Days in the database for Worcester County – one in May and one in January. The May Big Day is the highest single-county Big Day in the database.

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
158	05/14/11	Matt Hafner, Bill Hubick, Jim Brighton, Mikey Lutmerding	No	American Bittern, Warbling Vireo	Eastern Screech-Owl, American Woodcock, Belted Kingfisher
75	01/13/13	Tim Carney	Yes - minimal	NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL, RED CROSSBILL type 3; Brant, Long-tailed Duck, Purple Sandpiper, others	Harlequin Duck, Common Eider, Northern Gannet; Red-bellied Woodpecker, Fish Crow, House Sparrow.

Worcester County Life Lists (395 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Mark Hoffman	361	2012	Rob Ostrowski	292	2012	Kathy Calvert	236	2012
Jim Stasz	358	2012	Joe Hanfman	291	2012	Dotty Mumford	236	2006
Samuel H. Dyke	355	2012	Dan Small	289	2012	Jeff Shenot	236	2011
Jim Brighton	336	2012	Kathy Fleming	285	2012	Jim Moore	235	2011
Michael O'Brien	336	1999	Henry Armistead	282	2012	Peter Osenton	230	2012
Paul O'Brien	335	2012	Mike Ostrowski	279	2012	David Kidwell	229	2012
Matt Hafner	334	2012	Eddie Slaughter	277	2000	Helen Patton	229	2012
Mary Ann Todd	331	2012	John Gregoire	275	2005	Fred Fallon	227	2012
Edward Boyd	327	2012	Lynn Davidson	274	1998	Joe Turner	227	2011
Bill Hubick	323	2012	Jared Fisher	271	2012	Warren Strobel	223	2012
Mike Burchett	322	2012	Jane Coskren	270	2008	Jeff Culler	223	2012
John Hubbell	320	2012	Gail Vaughn	269	2000	Elliot Kirschbaum	220	2007
Marshall J. Iliff	320	2011	Charlie Vaughn	268	2000	Burton Alexander	215	2000
Kevin Graff	318	2011	Marcia Balestri	265	2012	Steve Sanford	213	2007
Mike Walsh	317	2012	David Holmes	261	1994	Michael Bowen	212	2012
Rick Blom	317	1999	Ottavio Janni	260	2001	Dave Perry	212	2012
Bob Ringler	313	2012	Dan Haas	256	2012	Nico Sarbanes	211	2009
Mikey Lutmerding	312	2011	John Dennehy	254	2012	Jared Satchell	209	2011
Ron Gutberlet	311	2012	Don Meritt	253	1996	Rod Burley	206	2012
Dave Powell	307	2012	Leslie Starr	250	2012	Dave Palmer	206	2012
Norm Saunders	305	2011	George Armistead	249	2003	Walter Ellison	206	2010
Hans Holbrook	303	2009	Joel Martin	246	2012	Greg Miller	206	2000
George Jett	300	2012	Tom Feild	246	2007	Michael Bowen	206	2010
Fran Saunders	298	2011	Larry Bonham	246	1995	Steve Collins	203	2012
Stan Arnold	296	2011	Elaine Hendricks	244	2012	Kye Jenkins	200	2012
J.B Churchill	295	2012	Harvey Mudd	243	2011	Chuck Stirrat	200	2012
Jim Green	294	2012	Dave Harvey	241	2007	Sue Hamilton	200	2003
Betsy Bangert	293	2012	Phil Davis	236	2012	Joy Bowen	199	2010

Worcester County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Mark Hoffman	303	1994	Ron Gutberlet	259	2011	Rob Ostrowski	240	2010
Mark Hoffman	300	1992	Bill Hubick	259	2011	Matt Hafner	240	2011
Michael O'Brien	298	1994	Mark Hoffman	259	2011	Jim Stasz	239	2004
Michael O'Brien	295	1995	Bill Hubick	258	2009	George Jett	239	1992
Mike Burchett	287	2012	Jim Stasz	256	2009	Stan Arnold	238	2009
Dave Czaplak	285	1994	Rob Ostrowski	255	2011	Jared Fisher	237	2012
Michael O'Brien	284	1991	Dan Small	255	2010	Mike Ostrowski	237	2011
Betsy Bangert	282	2012	Hans Holbrook	250	2004	Mike Ostrowski	237	2010
Matt Hafner	281	2003	Jim Stasz	249	1999	Fran Saunders	237	2004
Jim Brighton	273	2010	Jim Stasz	249	2003	Jim Stasz	234	2002
Bill Hubick	272	2010	Ron Gutberlet	247	2012	Ron Gutberlet	230	2008
Jim Stasz	269	2000	Ron Gutberlet	246	2010	Mike Walsh	228	2010
Jim Stasz	264	2011	Kevin Graff	245	2009	Norm Saunders	227	2005
Mark Hoffman	264	1991	Mark Hoffman	245	1995	Mike Walsh	226	2012
Ron Gutberlet	263	2009	John Hubbell	244	2010	Mike Walsh	224	2009
Jane Coskren	263	1994	Jim Stasz	244	2007	Edward Boyd	223	2012
Jim Stasz	262	2012	Norm Saunders	241	2004	Bill Hubick	223	2012
Mark Hoffman	260	2007	Rob Ostrowski	240	2012	Mary Ann Todd	223	1995
Mark Hoffman	260	1993	John Hubbell	240	2009	Jim Stasz	222	2008

District of Columbia

The District of Columbia continued to see increased interest from birders as a bunch of “new” birders discovered the fun in urban DC birding. At the end of 2012, 100+ DC birders recorded the second highest eBird tally in history with 228 species, and with 15 birders passing the 100 species bar and six birders over 150 species!

2012 started off slow with waterfowl diversity okay, but numbers were rather disappointing. Winter finch and irruptive species were pretty much absent – including a complete absence of **Red-breasted Nuthatches** and **Purple Finches**. Owl sightings were limited to a **Great Horned Owl**. That changed as spring brought more **Barred Owl** sightings including a nesting family at eye-level at the Rock Creek equestrian field!

Spring also brought what most felt was a rather weak warbler migration, but several days were hot and provided nice 12-18 warbler species mornings. Spring highlights included **Cerulean Warblers**, **Golden Eagle**, **Upland Sandpiper**, and **Chuck-wills-widow**. The summer had a number of fun species including breeding **Cliff Swallows**, **Brown Pelican**, **Yellow-breasted Chat** and **Willow Flycatchers**.

Fall 2012 treated DC to an average migration with warbler numbers and diversity surpassing spring migration. **Connecticut Warbler** was found at Rock Creek by Wallace Kornack on September 19. Other Fall highlights (augmented by Hurricane Sandy) included **Henslow's Sparrow** and **Sedge Wren** (Scott Loss at Kenilworth Gardens, both on October 21!), **Brant**, **Scoters**, **Short-eared Owl**, and **Dunlin**. Late Fall and early winter saw healthier waterfowl movements along with good numbers of **Red-breasted Nuthatches**, **Pine Siskins**, and the first time in many years that **Red Crossbills** and **White-winged Crossbills** were seen in the District. Chris Tonra reported Reds at the National Arboretum on December 10, while Hugh McGuinness found White-wingeds on the second-to-last day of the year (December 31) at 48th Street NW. No **Evening Grosbeaks** or **Common Redpolls** were observed in the District in 2012.

In listing, Paul Pisano's Life List of 280 is tops, but Dave Czaplak's 240 Year List from 1983 still leads in the Year List category.

There are no Big Days in the database for the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia Life Lists (330 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Paul Pisano	280	2012	Mary Ann Todd	232	2011	John Beetham	200	2007
Rob Hilton	275	2012	Jason Berry	232	2012	Michael Jennison	189	2006
Ottavio Janni	262	2001	Byron Swift	231	2010	Fred Fallon	182	2012
Gail Mackiernan	256	2012	John Hubbell	229	2012	Tony White	179	1994
Barry Cooper	252	2011	Gary Allport	225	2008	Joy Bowen	174	2010
Michael Bowen	246	2012	Jason Berry	220	2011	Norm Saunders	166	2011
Lisa Shannon	241	2012	Greg Butcher	206	2012	Fran Saunders	166	2011
John Gregoire	238	2005	Clifford Comeau	201	2011	Bob Ringler	158	2011

District of Columbia All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dave Czaplak	240	1983	Paul Pisano	184	2012	John Hubbell	157	2004
Dave Czaplak	236	1982	John Hubbell	183	2002	Rob Hilton	155	2007
Dave Czaplak	224	1988	Rob Hilton	182	1990	Rob Hilton	155	2006
Jason Berry	218	2011	Gary Allport	181	2007	Michael Bowen	154	2005
Ottavio Janni	217	1993	Paul Pisano	181	2004	Michael Bowen	151	2000
Dave Czaplak	217	1989	John Hubbell	180	2003	John Beetham	149	2007
Dave Czaplak	215	1987	Paul Pisano	179	2007	Michael Bowen	148	2012
Gary Allport	214	2008	Rob Hilton	178	2003	Michael Bowen	147	2010
Dave Czaplak	211	1991	Paul Pisano	177	2010	Michael Bowen	146	2006
Dave Czaplak	211	1986	Michael Bowen	176	2001	Michael Bowen	143	2007
Paul Pisano	210	2008	Ottavio Janni	175	1991	John Beetham	143	2005
Dave Czaplak	210	1993	John Beetham	172	2004	Rob Hilton	141	2005
Dave Czaplak	209	1990	Rob Hilton	172	2004	Michael Bowen	140	2011
Ottavio Janni	206	1992	Byron Swift	170	1982	Michael Bowen	139	2003
Paul Pisano	203	2011	John Beetham	168	2006	Michael Bowen	138	1998
Paul Pisano	202	2003	Rob Hilton	168	2002	Michael Bowen	137	2009
John Gregoire	201	1986	Michael Bowen	167	2008	Greg Butcher	136	2009
Paul Pisano	198	2006	Ottavio Janni	165	1989	Rob Hilton	135	2000
Dave Czaplak	198	1992	Byron Swift	164	1983	Michael Bowen	135	1999
Paul Pisano	197	2000	Rob Hilton	162	1991	John Hubbell	130	2005
Ottavio Janni	194	1991	Michael Bowen	161	2004	Dave Perry	123	2002
Jason Berry	192	2012	Rob Hilton	160	2001	Bob Ringler	123	2004
Dave Czaplak	192	1994	Byron Swift	159	1984	Rob Ostrowski	122	2012
Paul Pisano	190	2009	Greg Butcher	158	2008	Greg Butcher	119	2011
Paul Pisano	189	2002	Greg Butcher	158	2007	Joy Bowen	114	2008
Paul Pisano	186	2005	Michael Bowen	158	2002	Rob Hilton	105	1992

Major Regions - Life Lists			
Eastern Shore		Western Shore	
Name	Total	Name	Total
Jim Stasz	391	Jim Stasz	398
Samuel H. Dyke	377	Mark Hoffman	358
Mark Hoffman	376	Matt Hafner	348
Matt Hafner	360	Bill Hubick	345
Jim Brighton	357	Joe Hanfman	341
Bill Hubick	353	Patty Craig	339
John Hubbell	351	John Hubbell	337
Mike Burchett	350	Mikey Lutmerding	332
Marshall J. Iliff	345	Marshall J. Iliff	328
Ron Gutberlet	341	Dan Haas	327
Joe Hanfman	340	Jim Brighton	326
Mikey Lutmerding	336	Mike Burchett	325
Dave Powell	334	Dave Powell	325
Dan Small	330	Fred Fallon	323
Edward Boyd	326	Edward Boyd	316
Betsy Bangert	321	Chuck Stirrat	309
Rob Ostrowski	320	Rob Ostrowski	307
Dan Haas	319	Keith Eric Costley	303
Dave Palmer	312	Ron Gutberlet	301
Mike Ostrowski	304	Mike Ostrowski	290
Jared Fisher	297	Jared Fisher	288
Mark Schilling	294	Betsy Bangert	283
Fred Fallon	290	Russ Ruffing	270
Sean McCandless	287	Tim Carney	268
Jared Satchell	267	Steve Collins	261
David Kidwell	260	David Kidwell	251
Chuck Stirrat	248	Dan Small	232
Steve Collins	236	Sean McCandless	232
Patty Craig	236	Derek Hudgins	226
Russ Ruffing	206	Derek Richardson	218
Tim Carney	199	Jim Nelson	213
Keith Eric Costley	178	Jared Satchell	205

There are five Big Days in the database for the Eastern Shore, and none for the Western Shore.

Region	Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
Eastern Shore	157	08/27/06	Matt Hafner, Jim Brighton, Bill Hubick, Mike Parr	Yes	Brant, Merlin	Clapper Rail
Eastern Shore	152	08/25/01	Marshall Iliff, Matt Hafner, Todd Day, Andrew Gilbert	Yes	Black Rail, Lark Sparrow	Eastern Meadowlark
Eastern Shore	138	01/08/00	Marshall Iliff, Matt Hafner, Jim Stasz, George Armistead	Yes	Harris's Sparrow, Clay-colored Sparrow, Black-legged Kittiwake, Semipalmated Plover, Glossy Ibis	Cedar Waxwing, Black Scoter, Red-shouldered Hawk
Eastern Shore	123	05/05/12	Dave Palmer	No		American Black Duck, Black Vulture, House Finch, Baltimore oriole
Eastern Shore	92	01/07/13	Matt Hafner, Matt Anthony or Josh Emm?	Rails Only	Nashville Warbler, Palm Warbler, Red Crossbills	White-breasted Nuthatch, Ruddy Turnstone, American Robin, Owls, Woodpeckers

Maryland/District Yard Life Lists - recent updates only (last five years)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Henry Armistead	271	2012	Danny Poet	136	2011	Harvey Mudd	103	2011
Jeff Shenot	237	2012	Dave Webb	135	2010	Carol McCollough	102	2012
Jim Stasz	224	2012	Andy Wilson	130	2012	Ron Gutberlet	101	2012
Marshall J. Iliff	220	2011	J. Tyler Bell	129	2012	Duvall Sollers	99	2012
Patty Craig	217	2012	Jane Kostenko	129	2012	Joy Bowen	93	2010
Dennis Kirkwood	201	2012	Matt Hafner	129	2012	Michael Bowen	93	2010
Les Roslund	190	2012	Fred Fallon	127	2012	Elaine Hendricks	90	2012
Bonnie Ott	180	2011	Stephen Ford	126	2012	Tim Carney	88	2012
Wayne Bell	171	2010	Chuck Stirrat	126	2012	Joy Peters	87	2009
Rod Burley	168	2012	Andrew Wilson	126	2011	Diane Ford	80	2010
Samuel H. Dyke	167	2011	Jane Fallon	124	2012	Allen Lewis	76	2012
Carol Broderick	167	2011	J.B Churchill	122	2012	John Hubbell	76	2012
George Jett	166	2012	Joe Hanfman	121	2012	Warren Strobel	75	2011
Mark Schilling	165	2012	Kye Jenkins	120	2012	Leo Weigant	74	2012
Paul O'Brien	164	2012	Lou Nielsen	119	2012	Tomas Dahlen	74	2012
Walter Ellison	164	2010	Kurt R. Schwarz	119	2012	Derek Hudgins	74	2012
Sean McCandless	163	2012	Derek Richardson	118	2012	Jared Satchell	74	2011
Kyle Rambo	156	2008	Clifford Comeau	116	2011	Winger West	74	2010
Dan Haas	155	2012	Jim Nelson	115	2012	Ross Geredien	73	2012
Bill Hubick	153	2012	Norm Saunders	115	2011	Evelyn Ralston	69	2011
Russ Ruffing	152	2012	Fran Saunders	115	2011	Michael O'Sullivan	67	2012
Mikey Lutmerding	149	2012	Dan Small	115	2010	Rob Hilton	62	2012
Stan Arnold	148	2011	Phil Davis	113	2012	David Gersten	60	2008
Marcia Balestri	144	2012	Keith Eric Costley	112	2012	Sandra Byrd	60	2012
Parke John	144	2008	Byron Swift	112	2010	Hans Holbrook	59	2009
Don Simonson	140	2012	Andy Martin	111	2011	Helen Patton	52	2011
Jon Corcoran	140	2012	Barbara Gearhart	110	2009	Howard Patterson	51	2012
Jo Solem	140	2010	Ellen Lawler	109	2012	Ed Carlson	51	2009
Peter Osenton	139	2012	Bob Ringler	107	2012			

Yard Life Lists, by County			
Name	County	Total	Updated
<i>J.B Churchill</i>	<i>Allegany</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Marshall J. Iliff</i>	<i>Anne Arundel</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>2011</i>
Dan Haas	Anne Arundel	155	2012
Bill Hubick	Anne Arundel	153	2012
Stan Arnold	Anne Arundel	148	2011
Peter Osenton	Anne Arundel	139	2012
Phil Davis	Anne Arundel	113	2012
Warren Strobel	Anne Arundel	75	2011
Leo Weigant	Anne Arundel	74	2012
Winger West	Anne Arundel	74	2010
Ross Geredien	Anne Arundel	73	2012
Ed Carlson	Anne Arundel	51	2009
<i>Jon Corcoran</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>2012</i>
Kye Jenkins	Baltimore	120	2012
Lou Nielsen	Baltimore	119	2012
Keith Eric Costley	Baltimore	112	2012
Duvall Sollers	Baltimore	99	2012
Tim Carney	Baltimore	88	2012
Tomas Dahlen	Baltimore	74	2012
Derek Hudgins	Baltimore	74	2012
Saundra Byrd	Baltimore	60	2012
<i>Jim Stasz</i>	<i>Calvert</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>2012</i>
Fred Fallon	Calvert	127	2012
Jane Fallon	Calvert	124	2012
<i>Bob Ringler</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Sean McCandless</i>	<i>Cecil</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>2012</i>
Parke John	Cecil	144	2008
<i>George Jett</i>	<i>Charles</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Byron Swift</i>	<i>District of Col.</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>2010</i>
John Hubbell	District of Col.	76	2012
<i>Norm Saunders</i>	<i>Dorchester</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Fran Saunders</i>	<i>Dorchester</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Marcia Balestri</i>	<i>Frederick</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>2012</i>
Andy Wilson	Frederick	130	2012
Barbara Gearhart	Frederick	110	2009
<i>Dennis Kirkwood</i>	<i>Harford</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>2012</i>
Dave Webb	Harford	135	2010
Matt Hafner	Harford	129	2012

Yard Life Lists, by County			
Name	County	Total	Updated
<i>Bonnie Ott</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>2011</i>
Russ Ruffing	Howard	152	2012
Jo Solem	Howard	140	2010
Chuck Stirrat	Howard	126	2012
Joe Hanfman	Howard	121	2012
Kurt R. Schwarz	Howard	119	2012
Allen Lewis	Howard	76	2012
Michael O'Sullivan	Howard	67	2012
Howard Patterson	Howard	51	2012
<i>Walter Ellison</i>	<i>Kent</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>Paul O'Brien</i>	<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>2012</i>
Don Simonson	Montgomery	140	2012
Jim Nelson	Montgomery	115	2012
Andy Martin	Montgomery	111	2011
Harvey Mudd	Montgomery	103	2011
Rob Hilton	Montgomery	62	2012
Helen Patton	Montgomery	52	2011
<i>Jeff Shenot</i>	<i>Prince George's</i>	<i>237</i>	<i>2012</i>
Rod Burley	Prince George's	168	2012
Mikey Lutmerding	Prince George's	149	2012
Derek Richardson	Prince George's	118	2012
Clifford Comeau	Prince George's	116	2011
Elaine Hendricks	Prince George's	90	2012
<i>Mark Schilling</i>	<i>Queen Anne's</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>2012</i>
Danny Poet	Queen Anne's	136	2011
Dan Small	Queen Anne's	115	2010
<i>Patty Craig</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>217</i>	<i>2012</i>
Kyle Rambo	St. Mary's	156	2008
J. Tyler Bell	St. Mary's	129	2012
Jane Kostenko	St. Mary's	129	2012
<i>Henry Armistead</i>	<i>Talbot</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>2012</i>
Les Roslund	Talbot	190	2012
Wayne Bell	Talbot	171	2010
Stephen Ford	Talbot	126	2012
Carol McCollough	Talbot	102	2012
Jared Satchell	Talbot	74	2011
<i>Samuel H. Dyke</i>	<i>Wicomico</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Carol Broderick</i>	<i>Wicomico</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>2011</i>
Ron Gutberlet	Wicomico	101	2012
Ellen Lawler	Wicomico	109	2012

Only recent (within last five years) Yard Lists are shown. No recent Yard Lists exist in the database for Caroline, Garrett, Somerset, Washington, or Worcester Counties.

All-time High Yard Year Lists, Statewide

Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved
Jeff Shenot	PG	188	2007	Les Roslund	Talbot	125	08, 05	Marcia Watson	Cecil	107	2000
Jeff Shenot	PG	173	2008	Bonnie Ott	How	124	01, 99	Andy Wilson	Fred	107	unkown
Henry Armistead	Talbot	172	1996	Stan Arnold	AA	122	2008	Chan Robbins	PG	107	1996
Jeff Shenot	PG	171	2010	Bonnie Ott	How	122	2000	Wayne Bell	Talbot	107	2003
Henry Armistead	Talbot	171	1995	Walter Ellison	Kent	122	2004	Danny Poet	QA	106	2007
Jeff Shenot	PG	169	2009	Chan Robbins	PG	122	1994	Wayne Bell	Talbot	106	2002
Jeff Shenot	PG	168	2005	Les Roslund	Talbot	122	2006	Marcia Watson	Cecil	105	2003
Henry Armistead	Talbot	168	2006	Les Roslund	Talbot	121	2000	George Jett	Charl	105	2005
Jeff Shenot	PG	165	2012	Chan Robbins	PG	120	1995	Norm Saunders	Dorch	105	1991
Jeff Shenot	PG	164	2011	Rod Burley	PG	120	02, 01	Chan Robbins	PG	105	1998
Patty Craig	StMry	163	2001	Les Roslund	Talbot	120	2011	Wayne Bell	Talbot	105	2009
Henry Armistead	Talbot	163	1992	Marcia Watson	Cecil	119	1998	George Jett	Charl	104	2008
Henry Armistead	Talbot	162	1999	Matt Hafner	Harf	119	2012	Norm Saunders	Dorch	104	1990
Jeff Shenot	PG	160	2006	Walter Ellison	Kent	119	2006	Dave Webb	Harf	104	2000
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	93,03,04,05	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	07, 05, 03	Danny Poet	QA	104	2008
Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	00, 07, 08	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	12, 04	Greg Miller	StMry	104	1999
Patty Craig	StMry	158	2002	Stan Arnold	AA	118	2009	Peter Osenton	AA	103	1999
Henry Armistead	Talbot	157	98, 97	Jon Corcoran	Balt	117	2012	Dave Webb	Harf	103	2005
Henry Armistead	Talbot	156	2010	Marcia Watson	Cecil	117	1997	Ward Ebert	How	103	1996
Patty Craig	StMry	154	98, 96	George Jett	Charl	117	1992	Rod Burley	PG	103	2011
Henry Armistead	Talbot	154	1994	Les Roslund	Talbot	117	2007	Wayne Bell	Talbot	103	2000
Henry Armistead	Talbot	153	2009	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	10,07,06,01	Stan Arnold	AA	101	2011
Marshall Iliff	AA	152	1990	George Jett	Charl	116	2001	Peter Osenton	AA	101	10, 08
Henry Armistead	Talbot	152	2011	Les Roslund	Talbot	116	2010	Stan Arnold	AA	101	07, 06
Chan Robbins	PG	151	1954	Bill Hubick	AA	116	2008	Marcia Watson	Cecil	101	2004
Henry Armistead	Talbot	151	2012	George Jett	Charl	115	1995	Parke John	Cecil	101	2001
Patty Craig	StMry	149	2004	Russ Ruffing	How	115	2011	Norm Saunders	Dorch	101	1989
Patty Craig	StMry	147	1995	Mark Schilling	QA	115	2011	Peter Osenton	AA	100	2000
Dan Haas	AA	146	2012	Bonnie Ott	How	114	1992	George Jett	Charl	100	1993
Rod Burley	PG	143	2006	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	10, 02	Norm Saunders	Dorch	100	1988
Patty Craig	StMry	141	06, 94	Chan Robbins	PG	114	2001	David Wallace	Fred	100	2001
Patty Craig	StMry	140	99, 97	Les Roslund	Talbot	114	2002	Danny Poet	QA	100	2006
Marshall Iliff	AA	139	1992	Wayne Bell	Talbot	114	2008	Peter Osenton	AA	99	2005
Rod Burley	PG	139	2005	Les Roslund	Talbot	113	2009	George Jett	Charl	99	10, 07
Rod Burley	PG	138	2012	Bill Hubick	AA	113	2007	Bonnie Ott	How	99	1995
Russ Ruffing	How	137	2012	Bonnie Ott	How	112	1993	Danny Poet	QA	99	2009
Rod Burley	PG	137	2008	Wayne Bell	Talbot	112	2004	Shirley Geddes	Balt	98	1999
Parke John	Cecil	136	2003	Bill Hubick	AA	111	2011	Danny Poet	QA	98	2010
Rod Burley	PG	136	2004	Marcia Watson	Cecil	111	1996	Parke John	Cecil	97	2004
Mark Schilling	QA	135	2012	George Jett	Charl	111	2006	Paul O'Brien	Mont	97	1997
Patty Craig	StMry	133	2000	Sean McCandless	Cecil	110	2012	Fred Fallon	Calvert	96	2012
Bonnie Ott	How	130	1994	Barbara Gearhart	Fred	110	2009	Parke John	Cecil	96	2007
Marcia Watson	Cecil	129	1999	Bill Hubick	AA	110	2009	George Jett	Charl	96	2002
Patty Craig	StMry	129	2011	George Jett	Charl	109	2009	Norm Saunders	Dorch	96	1992
Les Roslund	Talbot	129	2003	Chan Robbins	PG	109	1997	David Wallace	Fred	96	2000
Rod Burley	PG	128	2003	Wayne Bell	Talbot	109	2005	Dave Webb	Harf	96	2002
Patty Craig	StMry	127	2012	George Jett	Charl	108	03, 94	Bonnie Ott	How	96	2002
George Jett	Charl	126	2004	George Jett	Charl	108	2003	Ward Ebert	How	96	2001
Les Roslund	Talbot	126	2001	Chan Robbins	PG	108	1999	Danny Poet	QA	96	2011

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J.B Churchill	All'y	67	2012	Marcia Watson	Cecil	117	1997	Bonnie Ott	How	112	1993
J.B. Churchill	All'y	66	2008	Marcia Watson	Cecil	111	1996	Ward Ebert	How	103	1996
J.B. Churchill	All'y	58	2006	Sean McCandless	Cecil	110	2012	Walter Ellison	Kent	122	2004
J.B. Churchill	All'y	57	2009	Marcia Watson	Cecil	107	2000	Walter Ellison	Kent	119	2006
Penny Knobel-Besa	All'y	52	1998	Marcia Watson	Cecil	105	2003	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2007
Marshall Iliff	AA	152	1990	Marcia Watson	Cecil	101	2004	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2005
Dan Haas	AA	146	2012	Parke John	Cecil	101	2001	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2003
Marshall Iliff	AA	139	1992	George Jett	Charls	126	2004	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2010
Stan Arnold	AA	122	2008	George Jett	Charls	117	1992	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2002
Stan Arnold	AA	118	2009	George Jett	Charls	116	2001	Paul O'Brien	Mont	97	1997
Bill Hubick	AA	116	2008	George Jett	Charls	115	1995	Paul O'Brien	Mont	95	2000
Bill Hubick	AA	113	2007	George Jett	Charls	111	2006	Paul O'Brien	Mont	95	1993
Bill Hubick	AA	111	2011	George Jett	Charls	109	2009	Paul O'Brien	Mont	92	1994
Bill Hubick	AA	110	2009	George Jett	Charls	108	1994	Paul O'Brien	Mont	91	1992
Peter Osenton	AA	103	1999	George Jett	Charls	108	2003	Paul O'Brien	Mont	90	2002
Stan Arnold	AA	101	2011	George Jett	Charls	105	2005	Andy Martin	Mont	87	2006
Peter Osenton	AA	101	2010	George Jett	Charls	104	2008	Paul O'Brien	Mont	87	1999
Peter Osenton	AA	101	2008	George Jett	Charls	100	1993	Jeff Shenot	PG	188	2007
Stan Arnold	AA	101	2007	John Hubbell	DC	27	2012	Jeff Shenot	PG	173	2008
Stan Arnold	AA	101	2006	Norm Saunders	Dorch	105	1991	Jeff Shenot	PG	171	2010
Peter Osenton	AA	100	2000	Norm Saunders	Dorch	104	1990	Jeff Shenot	PG	169	2009
Jon Corcoran	Balt	117	2012	Norm Saunders	Dorch	101	1989	Jeff Shenot	PG	168	2005
Shirley Geddes	Balt	98	1999	Norm Saunders	Dorch	100	1988	Jeff Shenot	PG	165	2012
Keith Eric Costley	Balt	86	2012	Norm Saunders	Dorch	96	1992	Jeff Shenot	PG	164	2011
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	70	1994	Fran Saunders	Dorch	91	2001	Jeff Shenot	PG	160	2006
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	67	1996	Norm Saunders	Dorch	90	2002	Chan Robbins	PG	151	1954
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	64	1993	Norm Saunders	Dorch	90	2001	Rod Burley	PG	143	2006
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	63	1995	Barbara Gearhart	Fred	110	2009	Rod Burley	PG	139	2005
Tim Carney	Balt	61	2012	Andy Wilson	Fred	107	unknown	Rod Burley	PG	138	2012
Jim Highsaw	Balt	61	1999	David Wallace	Fred	100	2001	Rod Burley	PG	137	2008
Linda Prentice	Balt	61	1999	David Wallace	Fred	96	2000	Rod Burley	PG	136	2004
Eddie Slaughter	Balt	57	1992	Marcia Balestri	Fred	93	2002	Rod Burley	PG	128	2003
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	56	1992	David Wallace	Fred	92	1995	Chan Robbins	PG	122	1994
Jim Highsaw	Balt	55	1997	Marcia Balestri	Fred	90	2008	Chan Robbins	PG	120	1995
Linda Prentice	Balt	55	1997	Matt Hafner	Harf	119	2012	Rod Burley	PG	120	2002
Lou Nielsen	Balt	54	2012	Dave Webb	Harf	104	2000	Rod Burley	PG	120	2001
Jim Highsaw	Balt	54	1996	Dave Webb	Harf	103	2005	Chan Robbins	PG	114	2001
Linda Prentice	Balt	54	1996	Dave Webb	Harf	96	2002	Chan Robbins	PG	109	1997
Jim Highsaw	Balt	50	1994	Dave Webb	Harf	95	1998	Chan Robbins	PG	108	1999
Linda Prentice	Balt	50	1994	Dave Webb	Harf	87	2001	Chan Robbins	PG	107	1996
Fred Fallon	Calvert	96	2012	Dave Webb	Harf	84	1999	Chan Robbins	PG	105	1998
Fred Fallon	Calvert	89	2009	Matt Hafner	Harf	84	2011	Rod Burley	PG	103	2011
Dave Harvey	Carroll	76	2000	Dave Webb	Harf	80	1997	Mark Schilling	QA	135	2012
Dave Harvey	Carroll	70	1994	Russ Ruffing	How	137	2012	Mark Schilling	QA	115	2011
Dave Harvey	Carroll	70	1992	Bonnie Ott	How	130	1994	Danny Poet	QA	106	2007
Dave Harvey	Carroll	67	2005	Bonnie Ott	How	124	2001	Danny Poet	QA	104	2008
Bob Ringler	Carroll	49	2003	Bonnie Ott	How	124	1999	Danny Poet	QA	100	2006
Parke John	Cecil	136	2003	Bonnie Ott	How	122	2000	Danny Poet	QA	99	2009
Marcia Watson	Cecil	129	1999	Russ Ruffing	How	115	2011	Danny Poet	QA	98	2010
Marcia Watson	Cecil	119	1998	Bonnie Ott	How	114	1992	Danny Poet	QA	96	2011

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Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved
Patty Craig	StMry	163	2001	Henry Armistead	Talbot	172	1996	Les Roslund	Talbot	126	2001
Patty Craig	StMry	158	2002	Henry Armistead	Talbot	171	1995	Les Roslund	Talbot	125	08, 05
Patty Craig	StMry	154	1998	Henry Armistead	Talbot	168	2006	Les Roslund	Talbot	122	2006
Patty Craig	StMry	154	1996	Henry Armistead	Talbot	163	1992	Les Roslund	Talbot	121	2000
Patty Craig	StMry	149	2004	Henry Armistead	Talbot	162	1999	Les Roslund	Talbot	120	2011
Patty Craig	StMry	147	1995	Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	2005	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	12, 04
Patty Craig	StMry	141	2006	Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	04, 03, 93	Les Roslund	Talbot	117	2007
Patty Craig	StMry	141	1994	Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	00	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	01
Patty Craig	StMry	140	1999	Henry Armistead	Talbot	157	98, 97	Hans Holbrook	Wash	59	2007
Patty Craig	StMry	140	1997	Henry Armistead	Talbot	156	2010	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	83	2012
Patty Craig	StMry	133	2000	Henry Armistead	Talbot	154	1994	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	67	2008
Patty Craig	StMry	129	2011	Henry Armistead	Talbot	153	2009	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	61	11, 09
Patty Craig	StMry	127	2012	Henry Armistead	Talbot	152	2011	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	55	2010
Greg Miller	StMry	104	1999	Henry Armistead	Talbot	151	2012	Mike Walsh	Wico	38	2010
				Les Roslund	Talbot	129	2003				

No Yard List Submissions exist in the database for Caroline, Garrett, Somerset, or Worcester Counties

Species Photographed in MD - Life Lists			Species Photographed in MD - Year Lists		
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Achieved
George Jett	394	2012	George Jett	307	2008
Jim Stasz	392	2012	Mike Burchett	303	2012
Mark Hoffman	388	2012	Joe Turner	284	2011
Bill Hubick	376	2012	George Jett	258	2005
Mike Burchett	366	2012	Jared Fisher	255	2012
Mikey Lutmerding	360	2012	Sean McCandless	247	2007
Jeff Culler	317	2012	Victoria Fisher	235	2012
Sean McCandless	313	2012	Sean McCandless	229	2012
Joe Turner	308	2011	Jon Corcoran	210	2012
Jared Fisher	308	2012	George Jett	210	2006
Dave Brenneman	306	2012	Joe Turner	201	2009
Rob Ostrowski	305	2012	George Jett	193	2007
Sean McCandless	271	2007	Keith Eric Costley	169	2012
Patty Craig	269	2011	Gary Smyle	158	2004
Jon Corcoran	255	2012	Evelyn Ralston	151	2011
Nico Sarbanes	253	2009	Evelyn Ralston	150	2012
Arlene Ripley	252	2006	Jeff Culler	142	2009
Victoria Fisher	235	2012	Joe Turner	139	2010
Paul Nistico	229	2005	Dave Brenneman	119	2008
J. Tyler Bell	225	2012	Evelyn Ralston	108	2010
Matt Tillett	219	2010	George Jett	107	2009
Evelyn Ralston	211	2012			
Bob Ringler	210	2011			
Danny Poet	207	2011			
John Hubbell	205	2012			
Keith Eric Costley	199	2012			
Fran Saunders	198	2011			
Warren Strobel	192	2012			
Fred Fallon	185	2012			
Ron Gutberlet	180	2012			

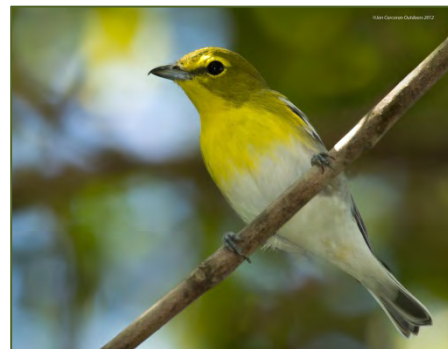
What Birders Had to Say About 2012!

This section includes the comments and/or new Maryland Life Birds that were submitted by many but not all participants, in alphabetical order by last name. When included, new Maryland Life Birds for the year are listed first.

Matt Anthony

Lesser Black-backed Gull, Common Eider, Iceland Gull, Greater White-fronted Goose, Barnacle Goose, Barrow's Goldeneye, Golden Eagle, Virginia's Warbler, Henslow's Sparrow, Sabine's Gull, Red Phalarope, Sandhill Crane, Tufted Duck

Seeing the Chestertown Barnacle Goose the day it was reported. We had been birding on the eastern shore without any luck, missing almost all of our target birds, and heard about this bird halfway through the day. We made it to the site near the end of the day and got to see the bird after missing almost all of the day's other targets. Virginia's Warbler was another fun one. I owe that bird to the charity of my girlfriend giving me a ride from St. Mary's College when I was stranded without transportation. We waited two hours for the bird and it finally popped up on literally 5 minutes before I had to leave.



Yellow-throated Vireo
Jon Corcoran

Harry Armistead

Northern Shrike, Virginia's Warbler, Swainson's Hawk

I spend 3-4 weeks each fall in Virginia so I miss many MD passerines/neotrops in the course of a year. I seldom chase rarities unless they are close to my normal routes. For instance, the Virginia's Warbler and Northern Shrike were less than 15 miles from my usual PA to MD Eastern Shore commute. The Swainson's Hawk was right on the usual bird count route that I do each September.

Marcia Balestri

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, White-faced Ibis, Sabine's Gull, Connecticut Warbler, Evening Grosbeak, Western Grebe



"Brewster's" Warbler – Old Legislative Road
Mike Burchett

Betsy Bangert

Barnacle Goose, Northern Fulmar, Atlantic Puffin, Pink-footed Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Manx Shearwater, Red Crossbill, Anhinga, Red Phalarope, Mourning Warbler, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Arctic Tern, Sabine's Gull, Connecticut Warbler, Evening Grosbeak, Cave Swallow, Western Grebe

Fun times and a great year birding with Mike. I added 20 birds to my Maryland life list and broke 340 species for the year. My favorite local birds of the year were the Western Grebe at Castaway's and the Western Kingbird at the OC Airport. My favorite experience of the year was the August pelagic which featured the Herald and Black-capped Petrels, and the White-faced Storm-Petrel. (Additional forms for 2012: American and

Eurasian Green-winged Teal, Great "White" Heron, Western and Eastern Willet, Atlantic and Prairie Short-billed Dowitcher, Nominate and Atlantic Song Sparrow, Types 2, 3, and 10 Red Crossbill)

James Tyler Bell

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Western Grebe

Finally ticked my state nemesis Olive-sided Flycatcher at its reliable dead snag at Governor Bridge Natural Area! Freezing was a big part of the other species as state lifers Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler and Western Grebe were all winter birds. Also, during the Pt. Lookout CBC, I relocated perhaps the same drake Barrow's Goldeneye in the same spot where I found it last year on the CBC at the Elms Environmental Education Center in St. Mary's. Will he be back next year? My only regret was that I had a work trip to NW Ontario which flew out the day of the Magic Pelagic. D'oh!

Jason Berry

DC Lifers: Upland Sandpiper, Cerulean Warbler, Brown Pelican, Brant, Cattle Egret, Pine Siskin, Horned Lark, Dunlin, Black-bellied Plover and Red-throated Loon! MD Lifers: Black-capped Petrel, Tufted Duck, and the infamous Black-headed Gull!

Another year of wringing out improbable species in the District of Columbia!

Mike Bowen

Pink-footed Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Sabine's Gull, LeConte's Sparrow, Eurasian Collared-Dove

We were over in Talbot County looking for the Virginia's Warbler at Pickering Creek when someone in the group received a text that said a Pink-footed Goose was being seen in Howard County. We high-tailed it from the Eastern Shore back to central Maryland. Thanks to regular phone contact with Joe Hanfman, we were guided to the cemetery in Howard where the Pink-footed Goose was being spotted through multiple scopes. Very exciting.

Ed Boyd

Pink-footed Goose, Barnacle Goose, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Sabine's Gull, Arctic Tern, Northern Wheatear, Virginia's Warbler

It was a fun year for me. It was great fun watching the chase that Mike Burchett and Betsy Bangert put on Jim Stasz this year. I congratulate the 3 of them for smashing the former state record of 333 by Jim Stasz in 2011. I think I did well in setting a personal best Maryland year list of 335 since I actually had a job that prevented me from spending as much time in the field as many of the retired and other deadbeats on this list (yeah, you all know who you are!). Actually I'm jealous of all the time that many of our top birders have and I look forward to getting the opportunity to do the same in the not too distant future.

My biggest misses of the year were Sooty Shearwater (numerous birds observed from shore for about a week in spring), Black Rail (not easy and not many reports this year), Glaucous Gull (again not many reports in 2012), Chuck-Will's-Widow (biggest OUCH - this one was a lock that I procrastinated too long on), Calliope Hummingbird (a very cooperative bird that I failed to run down), Bicknell's Thrush (VERY few reports this year - I tried on several nights listening to flight calls without any luck), and I never found a Common Redpoll until after December 31st.

I was pleased to add 9 species to my Maryland Life list this year and I thank everyone that found some of the great birds from this past year for the opportunity to be a "vulture" and feed on the carcasses of your finds. Although I received some of the credit for finding the Virginia's Warbler this year, I have to say that this was all Jim. We went out that day and I had left my binoculars at home and didn't realize it until we were on the east side of the Bay Bridge. Jim spotted the bird and told me that we needed to get on it again. I got a very brief look in which I too had the impression of the unthinkable but we then passed it off as a Western Palm Warbler as we saw a yellow-rumped bird fly away from us after a half hour of searching. Had Jim not gone back and relocated the bird a couple of weeks later we would have never known the story of this great find.

My highlights were from the unbelievable pelagic trip that we had in August. I thought Black-capped Petrel was a fantasy and never dreamed that a Herald Petrel would cruise our waters to be found inside of 100 miles from shore. Even with those great birds, the most satisfying part of the trip was my finding my formally nemesis White-faced Storm-Petrel on that trip. I had taken 7 trips trying for that bird and had failed each time except for a glimpse of a bird once that I did not add to my list. All of those birds sticking around and providing everyone with great looks made for a great trip for all onboard. My personal highlight of the year was seeing the Northern Wheatear try to land on the tower at BWI one day and then briefly fly down to land on the terminal roof before flying off to the east, never to be located again. It is with the guilt of no one else getting to share this bird that lowered the excitement of that find, making it third on my list of birds of the year.

Gwen Brewer

Pink-footed Goose, Sabine's Gull, Cave Swallow, Virginia's Warbler

I went to look for the Virginia's Warbler late in its stay and enjoyed the experience of being on my own looking for a rare bird. Not a soul in sight and it was all up to me to find it, if it was still there. After about an hour of searching, I was rewarded with several good looks as it flitted around in shrubs and small trees along a field

edge in the late afternoon light. Although it can be fun to be part of the intense group hunt for a rare bird, it was a treat to have this little gem all to myself!

Carol Broderick

Virginia's Warbler, Yellow Rail, Western Grebe



*Clapper Rail – Hooper's (Ocean City)
Mike Burchett*

Mike Burchett

Barnacle Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Evening Grosbeak, Western Grebe

It was an amazing year of birding with Betsy and many other great people. Maryland birding in 2012 could not have been much better: a sweep of the geese, insanely productive winter and summer pelagics, a finch "MEGA flight," more Red-breasted Nuthatches than anyone could ever want!, etc, etc. By far, my favorite sightings from the year were the Herald and Black-capped Petrels on the August pelagic. It is not very often that I am completely surprised when out birding, but the species composition that day was off the charts for a boat in MD waters! (Additional forms for 2012: American and Eurasian

Green-winged Teal, Great "White" Heron, Western and Eastern Willet, Atlantic and Prairie Short-billed Dowitcher, Nominate and Atlantic Song Sparrow, Types 2, 3, and 10 Red Crossbill)

Joe Byrnes

Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Western Grebe

Tim Carney

Gadwall, Virginia Rail, Greater Scaup, Wilson's Snipe, Rusty Blackbird, Le Conte's Sparrow, Red-breasted Merganser, Horned Grebe, Orange-crowned Warbler, Sora, Black-necked Stilt, Least Bittern, American Avocet, Anhinga, Wilson's Phalarope, Sandhill Crane, King Rail, Willow Flycatcher, Red-necked Phalarope, White-rumped Sandpiper, Henslow's Sparrow, Dickcissel, Vesper Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, American Oystercatcher, Saltmarsh Sparrow, Short-billed Dowitcher, Western Sandpiper, Black-bellied Plover, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Stilt Sandpiper, Marbled Godwit, Black Tern, Baird's Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Connecticut Warbler, Nelson's Sparrow, Pine Siskin, Pomarine Jaeger, Surf Scoter, Brant, Iceland Gull, Red Phalarope, Leach's Storm-Petrel, White-winged Scoter, Red Crossbill, Northern Gannet, Red-throated Loon, Black Scoter, Purple Sandpiper, Western Kingbird, Rufous Hummingbird, Cave Swallow, Cackling Goose, White-winged Crossbill, Long-eared Owl, Lapland Longspur, Common Goldeneye, Barrow's Goldeneye, Tufted Duck.

I've always been an avid birder, but never to the degree as I was in 2012. I attribute this to a job at Swan Creek and the discovery of eBird, both of which helped me tick off many lifers I still needed. Highlights at Swan Creek included Sandhill Crane, American Golden-Plover, Hudsonian Godwit, Baird's and Buff-breasted Sandpipers, Red-necked and Wilson's Phalaropes, and Nelson's Sparrow. Spring migration was spent mostly at Susquehanna, which also provided some great rarities later in the year during Hurricane Sandy, including Leach's Storm-Petrel, Red Phalarope, Iceland Gull, and Pomarine Jaeger. Trips to western Maryland and Ocean City soothed the post-migration lull. Fall migration was experienced at many locations, but Turkey Point and Patterson Park were most productive. A Connecticut Warbler at Southwest Area Park on 9/21 was not only a lifer, but the last species needed to see all regularly-occurring MD warblers this year. November saw me participate in my first-ever Rarity Roundup. Other highlights: Barrow's Goldeneye, Tufted Duck, Anhinga, Black-headed Gull, Short-eared and Long-eared Owls, Rufous Hummingbird, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Western Kingbird, Cave Swallow, Orange-crowned and Golden-winged Warblers, Henslow's and Le Conte's Sparrows, Lapland Longspur, Red and White-winged Crossbills, and Evening Grosbeak. Thanks to everyone who helped make 2012 such a great year.

J.B. Churchill

Common Murre, Virginia's Warbler, Anhinga, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Manx Shearwater, Band-rumped Storm Petrel, Sabine's Gull

Keith Eric Costley

Black-tailed Gull, Evening Grosbeak, Red Knot, King Rail, Le Conte's Sparrow, Lark Sparrow, Razorbill, Barrow's Goldeneye
Finding a Le Conte's Sparrow at Irvine Nature Center on March 11 was a huge thrill. The bird continued to be listed until March 17. When a Black-tailed Gull made an appearance at Fort Armistead Park (Baltimore City) I did not recognize it; but I identified it later at home. Unfortunately, it was not relocated (or validated). Thanks to Russ Ruffing I was able to see the Evening Grosbeak at his feeder. Big THANKS also to Rob Ostrowski and Tyler Bell, the finders of Assateague's Lark Sparrow (2011/12/24) and the Elms EEC's Barrow's Goldeneye (2011/12/18).



Black-capped Petrel
J.B. Churchill

Steve Collins

Loggerhead Shrike



White-winged Dove – Fort McHenry
Jeff Culler

Jeff Culler

Barnacle Goose, Thayer's Gull, Virginia Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Anhinga, Sabine's Gull, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red Crossbill

Thirty-three days of rounding up rarities in Maryland. Between November 9th and December 11th I had a great streak of birding, finding three rare birds in three counties. My streak of good fortune began at Fort McHenry on November 9th when I happened on a White-winged Dove lurking under a holly tree along the walkway above the wetlands. What a surprise and it turned out to be a new Baltimore County record. Unfortunately the bird was not relocated. I found my second rare bird on December 5th, while birding with my friend Joe Hanfman at Blackwater NWR. After driving the wildlife

loop we stopped to check some feeders at a house on the corner of Rt. 335 and Key Wallace Drive. As we scanned the feeders I picked up some movement in a field across the road. What did I see? It was a Western Kingbird hawking insects while perched on a down guy of an electric power pole. At least this time someone else got to view the bird. By far my most exciting rare find was a hen Barrow's Goldeneye at the Bill Burton Fishing Pier State Park in Talbot County on December 11th. I was with my friend Joe Hanfman when we stopped at the pier to scan the gulls. As we prepared to leave I decided to scope the Choptank River and some stone jetties where ducks were diving. That's where the goldeneye was feeding and the rest is history as the bird remained until the end of the year and has been observed by many. The Barrow's Goldeneye was a first Talbot County record. I wish everyone good birding in 2013.

David Cummings

Pink-footed Goose, Brant, White-winged Scoter, Mississippi Kite, Sandhill Crane, Sabine's Gull, Calliope Hummingbird, Sedge Wren, Orange-crowned Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Evening Grosbeak

Dave Czaplak (note, this writeup formed the basis of the Montgomery County Year Summary)

2012 was a great year for Montgomery County birds, with special birds turning up from April through December. It began on April 9, with a county first adult Franklin's Gull at Violette's Lock, well photographed, and also seen by Mary Ann Todd, Andy Martin, Mike Ostrowski, Jared Fisher and Dave Powell. April 15 brought an adult Little Gull at Violette's Lock, seen with Mary Ann Todd and Jim Moore. On April 28 Mary Ann and I had fabulous looks at a Yellow Rail at Hughes Hollow. We would see this species again on Assateague in the fall, and we are sure we will never see another! On May 4, Mary Ann and I photographed the breeding plumaged Long-billed Dowitcher that Andy Martin found at the Germantown Soccerplex. May 12 Mary Ann and

I were at Black Hill Regional Park. A brilliant male Western Tanager popped just long enough for photos. On May 21 an Arctic Tern shot by at Violette's Lock, allowing just one photo before it was gone. The next day at Violette's we saw the Red-necked Phalaropes that Jim Moore found. On August 24 I watched a Mississippi Kite cross over River Road. On September 9, Mary Ann and I, along with many others, watched the stunning Sabine's Gull found by Tom Feild at Triadlephia Reservoir.

Hurricanes that pass east of the county are unpredictable, usually bringing nothing, and sometimes big surprises. Sandy on October 30 began at Violette's Lock with the largest flock of Laughing Gulls that I have ever seen in the county. The next nine hours brought a Pomarine Jaeger that lingered for photos, Red Phalarope, Brant, more Brant, and a Black Scoter. The grand finale was late afternoon, when Tim Guida spotted a young Black Skimmer riding the flooding Potomac on a log. Andy Martin, Jared Fisher, Rob Hilton and Lisa Shannon were also there to see this county first. The year wrapped up with the female Rufous Hummer at the Kahn feeder on December 21, two White-winged Crossbills in the Virginia Pines at Boyds on December 28, and Greater White-fronted Goose, number 242 for the year for me, at Little Seneca Reservoir, on December 30. The total number of species seen in the county in 2012 was at least 258.

Tomas Dahlen

Pink-footed Goose, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Cory's Shearwater, Audubon's Shearwater, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Red-necked Phalarope, Black Tern, Rufous Hummingbird, Evening Grosbeak

Phil Davis

Barnacle Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Western Grebe

Samuel H. Dyke

Virginia's Warbler, Western Grebe

Fred Fallon

Pink-footed Goose, Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Red Phalarope

Jared Fisher

Another great year in Maryland. Victoria and I went crazy this year with a new camera and lens, cycling over our camera's photo counter once, or maybe twice. Together, we got photos of 293 species within Maryland in 2012. Now, we just have to go through them all and figure out which ones to put on the wall.

Kathy Fleming

Barnacle Goose, Razorbill, Pink-footed Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Anhinga, Pomarine Jaeger, Red Phalarope, Wilson's Phalarope, Sabine's Gull, Lincoln's Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow, Red Crossbill

Ross Geredien

Long-billed Dowitcher, Red Crossbill, LINCOLN'S SPARROW, Long-eared Owl, Anhinga, Virginia's Warbler, Barnacle Goose, Philadelphia Vireo

Another busy year commuting to DC and multiple family commitments left me with little time to chase birds in Maryland this year, so I took to yard-listing, with some nice additions to my 1/10-acre lot including Winter Wren and Pine Siskin. Finally found several nemesi, however, including Long-eared Owl (LIFER) and my state Lincoln's Sparrow and Philadelphia Vireo.

Maren Gimpel

Western Kingbird, Barnacle Goose, Red-necked Grebe, Black-headed Gull, Virginia's Warbler, King Rail, Piping Plover, Lark Sparrow, Anhinga, Sabine's Gull, White-winged Crossbill, Red Crossbill, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Cave Swallow

Jim Green

Barnacle Goose, Pomarine Jaeger, Franklin's Gull, Little Gull, Sabine's Gull, Anhinga, Virginia's Warbler

Ron Gutberlet

Barnacle Goose, Western Grebe, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Anhinga, Pomarine Jaeger, Sabine's Gull, Cave Swallow, Virginia's Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow, Evening Grosbeak
I'll never get this thing turned in on time if I fill out this section. Another great year! Congrats to all the MD Big Year record breakers and to others who had exceptional years.

Dan Haas

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Northern Fulmar, Manx Shearwater, Anhinga, Cave Swallow, Western Grebe

Not planning to have anything special in my home county of Anne Arundel, I found myself amazed in late November to be so close to my own personal best. With a little effort, I eclipsed my previous best and still kept my wife and kids happy by not being out all day and night looking for birds. Thanks Sandy *the storm*. Best bird for me in 2012 was not one, but two Rufous Hummingbirds that decided to drop by on Thanksgiving weekend and stay for the duration!

Matt Hafner

Allen's Hummingbird, Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Herald (Trindade) Petrel, Black-capped Petrel

My Maryland birding year was spectacular with 2 life birds (Barnacle and Pink-footed Goose), 6 state birds, and the best Maryland Pelagic ever! In addition, Harford County was again amazing, with 8 new county birds to follow up last year's 6. Our new house continued to produce great birds with the Henslow's Sparrows across the street being the obvious best. Hope they come back again this year!

Joe Hanfman

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Herald Petrel, Sabine's Gull, Red Crossbill

2012 was a year that new birds kept arriving. The Pink-footed Goose in Howard County and the pelagic of 8/25 with Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel, and a crazy number of Band-rumped Storm-Petrels were the highlights. I set personal highs with my Maryland year list of 335 and Howard County year list of 231. I ended up with my second highest MD County ticks at 3225 and still got 466 ABA birds.

Elaine Hendricks

Pink-footed Goose, Northern Fulmar, Anhinga, White-faced Ibis, Black-legged Kittiwake, Sabine's Gull, Dovekie, Razorbill, Barn Owl, Virginia's Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow, Yellow-headed Blackbird

Rob Hilton

Virginia's Warbler in Maryland; Common Raven in DC.

Mark Hoffman

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Herald Petrel

2012 continued to be a great year for MD state listers!! With three State birds in the first two months of the year (two within four days of each other), it continued the recent string of great rarities. Many thanks to the finders and reporters for each of these birds. My own highlight had to be the August pelagic, and although unlike most I only netted one new species, it was still one of (if not THE) best MD pelagic of all time. Also still chipping away at the photo list.

John Hubbell

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Evening Grosbeak, Western Grebe

Bill Hubick

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Anhinga, Western Grebe

2012 was simply a consistently awesome year. My major highlight was, of course, bringing our beautiful daughter Addy into the world. Also standing out among favorite things of 2012 has been the extremely fun and rewarding work on the Maryland Biodiversity Project. I could hardly be any more excited about the project and where it's going to go. Happy New Year, everyone! 2013 is looking like another great year!

Derek Hudgins

Cackling Goose, Horned Lark, Barnacle Goose, Virginia Rail, Fox Sparrow, Peregrine Falcon, Pink-footed Goose, Ring-necked Pheasant, Vesper Sparrow, Anhinga, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Sora, Dunlin, Caspian Tern, Marsh Wren, Blue Grosbeak, Bobolink, Least Tern, Bank Swallow, Willow Flycatcher, Lincoln's Sparrow, Yellow-breasted Chat, Upland Sandpiper, Sanderling, Eastern Screech-Owl, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Warbling Vireo, Tennessee Warbler, Blue-winged Warbler, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Royal Tern, Tricolored Heron, Common Tern, Sabine's Gull, Least Flycatcher, Baird's Sandpiper, Cape May Warbler, Philadelphia Vireo, Veery, Willet, Black-bellied Plover, American Golden-Plover, Long-billed Dowitcher, Pine Siskin, Hudsonian Godwit, Evening Grosbeak, Red Phalarope, Black Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Brant, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Brown Pelican, Northern Gannet, Tufted Duck, Barrow's Goldeneye

Highlights include spending a desperate two and half hours scouring the fields near Buckingham Public Landing in a borrowed car before connecting with the Barnacle Goose as my permitted time expired, going to the wrong graveyard on Jennings Chapel Rd before noting the mass of parked cars leading to Pink-footed Goose, an absolutely amazing day in early May at Swan Creek with Robin that had amazing birds at every turn, including a Sandhill Crane flying at eye-level over the marsh, watching the Sabine's Gull soar back and forth over the misty Triadelphia Reservoir at dawn, and my first and long-awaited Brant giving stunning views at Sandy Point.

George Jett

Herald's Petrel - 8/25/12; Black-capped Petrel - 8/25/12; Pink-footed Goose - 2/21/12; Barnacle Goose - 1/11/12; Sabine's Gull - 9/09/12; Cave Swallow - 11/23/12; Virginia Warbler - 2/26/12

See article I wrote for The Maryland Yellowthroat, Vol. 32, No. 5 entitled *The Seabird Trip to Die For*. It describes the See-life Paulagics trip of August 25 where I photographed two new state records for me - Herald and Black-capped Petrels, and many other hard to find seabirds.

David Kidwell

Pink-footed Goose, Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pomarine Jaeger, Wilson's Storm-petrel, Red Crossbill, Northern Saw-whet Owl, and several others!

Focused much of my attention to my ABA list, managing to break the 400 mark in 2012 for the first time. Still managed a respectable 2012 MD list, though.

Dennis Kirkwood

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Sabine's Gull, Cave Swallow

Jane Kostenko

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Western Grebe

Gail Mackiernan

Barnacle Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Western Grebe, Cory's Shearwater, Band-rumped Storm Petrel, Sabine's Gull, Virginia's Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow. In DC, I added Upland Sandpiper. In Montgomery County, Clay-colored Sparrow.

Nancy Magnusson

Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Anhinga, White-faced Ibis, Gull-billed Tern, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Sabine's Gull, Ruff

Joel Martin

Pink-footed Goose, Barnacle Goose, Manx Shearwater, Pomarine Jaeger, Virginia's Warbler, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Red Crossbill

2012 was a remarkable year that will long be remembered by Maryland birders. No season seemed to be lacking in surprises, and many new species were happily added to many birders' state lists. Kudos to Jim Stasz for shattering the old MD Year List record with a mark that will stand for a long, long time! Although I regret missing the fantastic pelagic trip that netted Maryland's first Herald Petrel, I had many personal highlights: the Pink-footed and Barnacle Geese, the unexpected Virginia's Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow and

Yellow-headed Blackbird in my home county, and to end the year, a finch invasion that finally produced my nemesis MD Red Crossbill. 2013 is already shaping up as another good year, but 2012 will be hard to beat.

Carol McCollough

Western Kingbird, Virginia's Warbler, Sandwich Tern, Upland Sandpiper, White Ibis

With the Virginia's Warbler hanging out 15 minutes from my home I knew I had no excuse to miss it. Multiple trips, several having to occur on weekdays and having to go to work late (and thus stay late with all the attendant annoyances of crossing the Bay Bridge in afternoon rush hour!). Repeated frustration, including being sucked in by one 'individual' who was playing a tape, grrrr. Finally, one morning in excellent company, I happened to be the first person of the day to perceive the bird. A sad event was losing the bottom out of our screech owl nest box and finding 2 unhatched eggs below it. It's repaired now and has an owl in residence. On a kayak trip down the Pocomoke in late April I was able to introduce 5 non-birding cousins to the golden swamp warbler up close and personal. Just past Dumpster Road in Deal Island WMA seeing a Least Bittern step out of the reeds and forage in plain sight. Having a private bird walk with Chris Wood and Jessie Barry (WOW) at Chino Farms (double WOW), and seeing many Dickcissels. Banding pelicans - again - with Dave Brinker and Harry Armistead. An American Bittern sloooooowly standing up right next to the car in Richardson's marsh.

Jim Nelson

Marsh Wren

Lou Nielsen

Le Conte's Sparrow, Virginia's Warbler

Paul O'Brien

Barnacle Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Virginia's Warbler

Peter Osenton

Barnacle Goose on 1/16/12, Virginia's Warbler on 2/19/12, Sabine's Gull on 9/9/12.

Rob Ostrowski

Barnacle Goose, Black-legged Kittiwake, Northern Fulmar, Atlantic Puffin, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Anhinga, Wilson's Phalarope, Sabine's Gull, Cave Swallow, Western Kingbird, Red Crossbill, Long-eared Owl

From the warm winter and early arrivals to Superstorm Sandy to a super irruption, there's no doubt that 2012 was one of the most exciting years in Maryland birding. My favorite birding experience was birding the Potomac during Sandy and seeing Pomarine Jaegers, Brant, scoters, and phalaropes flying in and out of Prince George's County. Incredible. Honorable mentions for bird of the year: Barnacle Goose, Western Grebe, and Sabine's Gull.

Dave Palmer

Lark Sparrow, Common Raven, Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Razorbill, Pink-footed Goose, White Ibis, Cape May Warbler, Rufous Hummingbird, Evening Grosbeak, White-winged Crossbill, Barrow's Goldeneye

Helen Patton

Pink-footed Goose, Barnacle Goose, Sabine's Gull, Virginia's Warbler, Lark Sparrow, Le Conte's Sparrow

Paul Pisano

Barnacle Goose, Herald (Trinidad) Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Virginia's Warbler

My favorite sighting for 2012 was of a Common Raven at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. This species has been high on my "want" list for DC since the number of sightings had greatly increased over the past few years. The best part about this one was how it was completely unexpected. It didn't happen in Rock Creek Park or upper NW DC. Instead, I was at the Aquatic Gardens on a cold March 31st with Rob Hilton & Lisa Shannon, and we were doing our usual birding/gabbing/birding/gabbing, when all of the sudden this raven flew up the tidal gut opposite the ponds, quite low and easily seen. It left as fast as it appeared, and we never saw it again. Our jaws dropped over the whole experience, being a DC bird for all 3 of us.

Dave Powell

Virginia Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Franklin's Gull, Anhinga, Sabine's Gull, Evening Grosbeak, Yellow-headed Blackbird

Awesome year! Finally able to see several species I missed in past years. Could have even been better as I missed Barnacle Goose and Western Grebe by a day.

Evelyn Ralston

Little Gull, Sabine's Gull, White Ibis, White-winged Scoter, Black-capped Chickadee, Philadelphia Vireo, Henslow's Sparrow

Derek Richardson

Virginia's Warbler, Brown Pelican, Baird's Sandpiper, Sabine's Gull, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill
It was cool to get an identifiable audio recording of Red Crossbill (Type 3) using my iPhone during the Triadelphia Christmas Bird Count.

Bob Ringler

Pink-footed Goose, Virginia's Warbler

Thanks to many friends who helped me to my biggest year in Maryland, surpassing my previous big year of 1976 by five.

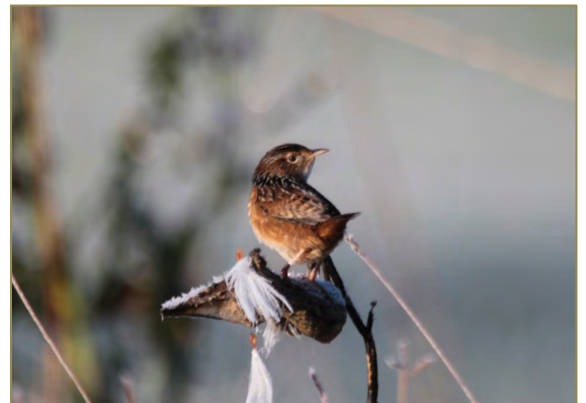
Les Roslund

Virginia's Warbler, Saw-whet Owl, White-winged Crossbill, Rufous Hummingbird

My most thrilling birding event of 2012 was getting to participate very early in the viewing and enjoying of the Virginia's Warbler that was found on the grounds of Pickering Creek Audubon Center. The bird was first located by Jim Stasz and Ed Boyd. They relayed their report of 'probable' Virginia's Warbler to Matt Hafner, who sent out the message to the birding community. Dan Haas spotted that message, and knowing that I lived near Pickering Creek, he called me with the report. In 7 minutes after receiving the call, I was standing on a Pickering Creek trail looking at the bird, and thereby becoming the first Talbot County birder to get to see it. Quite a thrilling experience for me - and my sincere thanks to the folks mentioned above, and especially Dan, who took the extra step of seeking me out and giving me the chance to promptly get over to see it.

Russ Ruffing

I added too many state birds (21) to list here, and also added 26 birds to my home (Howard) county list in 2012. I had a very nice year finding some great birds on my own. Easily one of the more unexpected birds was a Mourning Warbler that I found while birding in my yard with Harry Fink on the morning of May 5th. Then on May 18th, Harry and I were scoping Waverly Pond when I heard a clear Alder Flycatcher song coming from a wetland mitigation site across the street in the Howard County Conservancy. The bird only called a few times and was in the company of a Willow Flycatcher, leading me to doubt the ID (in fact, I wrongfully did not report the bird at the time), but thankfully it was later confirmed by Bonnie Ott a couple weeks later. Many birders got to see this little flycatcher. On May 25 I was pleased to find a lone Dunlin, a very tough bird in Howard County, also at Waverly Pond.



*Sedge Wren – Cavey Lane
Russ Ruffing*

October was just awesome, as I shockingly found a Sedge Wren – a life bird for me anywhere – while standing in my yard! The bird was sounding off just across the street in a field on Patapsco State Park property. I would have to say that this was probably the most excited I have ever been in my life over a bird sighting. To find a lifer as a yard bird was completely satisfying. Finding Howard County's 3rd Le Conte's Sparrow on October 25th at the Howard Conservancy, followed the next day by a male Evening Grosbeak at my feeder were just exceptional. At least 60 birders were able to tick the Grosbeak before it departed six days later. On October 31

I discovered that the Black-headed Gull had returned to the Hunt Valley Mall; this bird was still being seen as of March 2013. Like I said, what a great October!

I had a blast adding yard birds this year, and made it a focus to do full yard surveys as many days as I could. This produced a new all-time high yard year list (137) for Howard County, passing the 18-year old record of 130 – and this without seeing one lousy House Sparrow in the yard the entire year!! That's got to be a record in and of itself! Other great yard birds in 2012 included at least three Philadelphia Vireos in early September, a migrating male Prothonotary Warbler on September 8th, a flyover Peregrine Falcon on September 10th, and just in under the wire, a Red Crossbill on December 30th. Looking forward to what 2013 brings!

Mark Schilling

Barrow's Goldeneye, Vesper Sparrow, Upland Sandpiper, Sedge Wren, Anhinga, Sora, Common Gallinule, Red-headed Woodpecker, White Ibis, Lark Sparrow, Razorbill, Pink-footed Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Barnacle Goose, Western Kingbird

I have been trying to build my Kent Island life list, and this year I added Gadwall, Brown Pelican, Clapper Rail, Summer Tanager, Bank Swallow, Sora, Yellow-throated Warbler, Virginia Rail, Great Cormorant. The Sora and Gadwall were in my backyard/community pond/wetland. That eBird patch list now stands at 227. In my neighborhood community eBird patch, this year I added Gadwall, Ring-necked Duck, Brown Pelican, Peregrine Falcon, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Sora, Eastern Screech-Owl, American Pipit, all but the screech owl and pelican from my yard. That list stands at 185.

Kurt Schwarz

Pink-footed Goose, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Virginia's Warbler, Red Crossbill

Bestest was certainly adding Pink-footed Goose to state and county lists. How often do we get a first state record in Howard? Perhaps second was finding Howard's first Brant since 1959, and only two others got there in time to see it. Documented by photo, the day after Sandy, when I also found two other storm-blown species - Bonaparte's Gull and three female Black Scoters. Others new to my Howard County list, my only serious ones aside from the Brant, were Wilson's Phalarope, and Summer Tanager (twice!).

Fred Shaffer

Barnacle Goose, Virginia's Warbler, Pomarine Jaeger, White-faced Ibis, Herald Petrel (truly unexpected and spectacular!), Pink-footed Goose (overdue, but no less spectacular), Black-capped Petrel, White-faced Storm Petrel, Sabine's Gull (long staying and cooperative), Evening Grosbeak, Western Grebe

My Maryland highlights from 2012 include the August pelagic with its trio of spectacular birds: Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, and White-faced Storm Petrel. It is hard to imagine a better pelagic in Maryland waters, with the great birds starting right at dawn in the off-shore waters. And, I was grateful that the Pink-footed Goose hung around long enough for me to be able to see this first state record. The cooperative Howard County Evening Grosbeak was another fun bird and a long-overdue addition to my state list. And, kayaking on Triadelphia Reservoir to see the Sabine's Gull up close was a rare treat as well. Closer to home, I enjoyed seeing the Black-headed Gull in January at Schoolhouse Pond, enjoyed following the male Blue-winged Teal that summered at Schoolhouse Pond, and was excited to find another Black-headed Gull while kayaking on the Patuxent in November. Lastly, finding the Ruff at Jug Bay in April was another highlight, and kayaking up close to this bird was something that I won't soon forget.

Lisa Shannon

Evening Grosbeak, Red Phalarope, Virginia's Warbler

Jeff Shenot

Barnacle Goose, Pink-footed Goose, Western Grebe, Razorbill, Atlantic Puffin, Sabine's Gull, Western Kingbird, Virginia's Warbler

What a year! It will likely be many years before we see a year with so many firsts and "lifers" for MD birders, but we may need more than 3 species for "bird of the year" list!! Highlights: 1) the crossbill irruption - best show in town! I can't get enough of them. 2) Hurricane Sandy - gave many MD listers a bunch of awesome county birds but sadly, it dealt a cruel blow to much of our mid-Atlantic beloved coastal habitat (luckily MD fared better than NJ). My biggest surprise bird from that event was not a pelagic species but a pair of Common Ravens,

seen at my house at Jug Bay. 3) Finally, I got a Worm-eating Warbler at my house! 4) "Wish I could have a do-over" - I will never forgive myself for missing the best pelagic trip in history (we all know which one that was)!!!!

Don Simonson

Two additions to life Yard List on a single day 9/21/2012: Yellow-bellied Flycatcher and Common Raven.

Jo Solem

Pink-footed Goose, Sabine's Gull

Duvall Sollers

Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Tufted Duck, Barrow's Goldeneye, Red Phalarope, Western Grebe, Long-eared Owl

Leslie Starr

Barnacle Goose, Thayer's Gull, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Western Grebe, Ruff

Jim Stasz

Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Herald Petrel

Chuck Stirrat

Pink-footed Goose, Razorbill, Lark Sparrow, Virginia's Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Sabine's Gull
Great year of birding in Howard County with the "listers" help. Enjoyed the eruption of winter finches.

Warren Strobel

Barnacle Goose, Black-Legged Kittiwake, Thayer's Gull, Virginia's Warbler, Pink-Footed Goose, Orange-Crowned Warbler, Le Conte's Sparrow, Northern Fulmar, Sedge Wren, Manx Shearwater, Anhinga, Tennessee Warbler, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher, Herald Petrel, Black-Capped Petrel, White-Faced Storm Petrel, Arctic Tern, Sabine's Gull, Connecticut Warbler, Nelson's Sparrow, Red Phalarope, Red Crossbill, Western Kingbird
My big year - 316 species. Thanks to each and every one for the help, and good luck in 2013.

Mary Ann Todd

Pink-footed Goose, Barnacle Goose, Tufted Duck, Yellow Rail, Sabine's Gull, Franklin's Gull, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Virginia's Warbler

Anna Urciolo

Anhinga, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Sabine's Gull

Mike Walsh

Western Grebe, Common Redpoll, Red Crossbill

Leo Weigant

Virginia's Warbler, Pink-footed Goose, Anhinga, Herald Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Magnificent Hummingbird
The August overnight pelagic trip was a once-in-a-lifetime event, but I will also remember ambling along a path in Governor's Bridge Park and encountering, in bright sunshine, a Connecticut Warbler. This was a best-ever view (of 20+ years birding).

Andrew Wilson

Cattle Egret, Sabine's Gull, Barn Owl, Short-eared Owl, Loggerhead Shrike, Blue-winged Warbler, Common Redpoll
Rarely went birding outside of my home county. Lived in MD for 4 years. Enjoyed the Sabine's Gull at Triadelphia - my longest chase in 2013.

Appendices

Maryland 2012 Comprehensive List

Maryland eBird Report

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Species	First Reported	Location	Observer(s)
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck			
Fulvous Whistling-Duck			
Pink-footed Goose	2/20/12	Hipsley Mill Rd and Jones Rd - Howard County	N. Lund
Greater White-fronted Goose	1/2/12	Denton WWTP	D. Palmer
Snow Goose	1/1/12	Toal Park	R. Gutberlet
Ross's Goose	1/1/12	Kershner's Pond	J. Moore
Brant	1/1/12	Ocean City	D. Czaplak
Barnacle Goose	1/9/12	Chester River near Buckingham Landing	D. Small and M. Gimpel
Cackling Goose	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Canada Goose	1/1/12	Jug Bay	J. Shenot
Mute Swan	1/1/12	Arnold	D. Perry
Trumpeter Swan			
Tundra Swan	1/1/12	Hurlock WWTP	L. and W. Strobel
Wood Duck	1/1/12	Greenbelt Lake	E. Hendricks
Gadwall	1/1/12	Greenbury Point	L. Davidson
Eurasian Wigeon	2/18/12	Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center	R. Ostrowski
American Wigeon	1/1/12	Toal Park	R. Gutberlet
American Black Duck	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Mallard	1/1/12	Jug Bay	J. Shenot
Blue-winged Teal	1/1/12	Sassafras River - Shellcross Rd.	J. Parks, Z. Parks, and T. Holste
Cinnamon Teal			
Northern Shoveler	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Northern Pintail	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Green-winged Teal	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
- Common Teal	2/4/12	Riley Roberts Rd	J. Brighton & J. Hubbell
Canvasback	1/1/12	Black Hill Regional Park	W. & R. Dubois
Redhead	1/1/12	Loch Raven Reservoir	K. Graff
Ring-necked Duck	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Tufted Duck	12/16/12	Kent Narrows	M. Schilling
Greater Scaup	1/1/12	Tilghman on the Chesapeake	V. De Sanctis
Lesser Scaup	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
King Eider			
Common Eider	1/1/12	Ocean City - Inlet	N. Magnusson
Harlequin Duck	1/1/12	Ocean City - Inlet	N. Magnusson
Surf Scoter	1/1/12	Ocean City	D. Czaplak
White-winged Scoter	1/1/12	Ocean City - Inlet	N. Magnusson
Black Scoter	1/1/12	Ocean City - Inlet	B. Hubick
Long-tailed Duck	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Bufflehead	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Common Goldeneye	1/1/12	Black Walnut Point	V. De Sanctis
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/1/12	The Elms Environmental Education Center	J. Fisher
Hooded Merganser	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Common Merganser	1/1/12	Lake Needwood	R. Johnson
Red-breasted Merganser	1/1/12	Windemere Farms	G. Radcliffe
Masked Duck			
Ruddy Duck	1/1/12	Hurlock WWTP	J. Shenot
Ring-necked Pheasant	1/15/12	Southwest Area Park	K. Graff
Ruffed Grouse	3/19/12	Finzel Swamp	A. Drauglis
Wild Turkey	1/1/12	Black Walnut Point	V. De Sanctis
Northern Bobwhite	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Red-throated Loon	1/1/12	Ocean City	D. Czaplak
Pacific Loon	12/7/12	Fort Howard Park	J. Corcoran
Common Loon	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Pied-billed Grebe	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Horned Grebe	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Red-necked Grebe	1/1/12	Shellcross Wharf Rd.	J. Parks, Z. Parks, and T. Holste
Eared Grebe	1/30/12	Assateague NS - Life of the Marsh Trail	W. Strobel
<i>Aechmophorus</i> sp.*			
Western Grebe	11/19/12	Castaways Campground	S. Houston
Yellow-nosed Albatross			
Northern Fulmar	2/11/12	MD Pelagic	Many
Herald Petrel (Trindade)	8/25/12	MD Pelagic	SeaLife Paulagic Trip
Black-capped Petrel	8/25/12	MD Pelagic	SeaLife Paulagic Trip
Cory's Shearwater	6/2/12	MD Pelagic	T. Johnson
Cape Verde Shearwater			
Great Shearwater	8/25/12	MD Pelagic	SeaLife Paulagic Trip
Sooty Shearwater	5/21/12	Ocean City Inlet	D. Haas

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Manx Shearwater	3/17/12	MD Pelagic	Many (Reported by M. Hoffman)
shearwater sp.			
Audubon's Shearwater	8/25/12	MD Pelagic	SeaLife Paulagic Trip
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	5/12/12	MD Pelagic	Many
White-faced Storm-Petrel	8/25/12	MD Pelagic	SeaLife Paulagic Trip
Leach's Storm-Petrel	6/2/12	MD Pelagic	T. Johnson
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	8/25/12	MD Pelagic	SeaLife Paulagic Trip
Northern Gannet	1/1/12	Ocean City	D. Czaplak
American White Pelican	1/1/12	Blackwater NWR	R. Peterson
Brown Pelican	1/1/12	Hooper's Island Bridge	J. Francis
Neotropic Cormorant			
Double-crested Cormorant	1/1/12	Ocean City - Inlet	N. Magnusson
Great Cormorant	1/1/12	Elms Beach Park	E. Hendricks
Anhinga	5/3/12	Lake Waterford Park, AA Co.	Matt Grey
Magnificent Frigatebird			
American Bittern	1/5/12	Poplar Island	
Least Bittern	4/5/12	Point Lookout SP	M. Cribb
Great Blue Heron	1/1/12	Jug Bay	J. Shenot
- White form	6/30/12	Fort Frederick SP - Big Pool	M. Johnson
Great Egret	1/2/12	Ocean City	C. Starling
Snowy Egret	1/1/12	Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center	J. Dennehy
Little Blue Heron	1/25/12	Deal Island WMA - Riley Roberts Rd	W. Bell
Tricolored Heron	1/8/12	Deal Island WMA - Riley Roberts Rd	J. Stasz
Reddish Egret			
Cattle Egret	2/26/12	Parsonsbury	F. Shaffer
Green Heron	1/31/12	Smithsonian Environmental Research Center	T. Bell
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1/1/12	West Ocean City Pond	D. Palmer
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	3/17/12	Jones Falls Trail	C. Swenson
White Ibis	2/26/12	Riley Roberts Rd.	B. Ringler
Glossy Ibis	3/26/12	Truitts Landing	S. Houston
White-faced Ibis	4/20/12	Fairmount WMA (east impoundment)	M. Burchett and B. Bangert
Roseate Spoonbill			
Wood Stork			
Greater Flamingo			
Black Vulture	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Turkey Vulture	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Osprey	1/1/12	Hackett Point	B. Ringler
Swallow-tailed Kite	4/3/12	Seven Locks Rd and Falls Rd (Mont. Co.)	J. Jaffin
Mississippi Kite	5/1/12	Soldier's Delight	J. Corcoran
Bald Eagle	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Northern Harrier	1/1/12	Chester River Field Research Center	J. Stasz
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Cooper's Hawk	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Northern Goshawk			
Red-shouldered Hawk	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Broad-winged Hawk	3/30/12	Bowie	J. Shenot
Swainson's Hawk	9/15/12	Swan Harbor	G. and H. Armistead
Red-tailed Hawk	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Rough-legged Hawk	1/7/12	Blackwater NWR	R. Borchelt
Golden Eagle	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Yellow Rail	5/10/12	Somerset County	R. Gutberlet, C. Snow, J.
Black Rail	4/18/12	Dorchester Co.	J. Stasz
Corn Crake			
Clapper Rail	1/7/12	Ellis Bay WMA	J. Stasz
King Rail	1/5/12	Fishing Creek Marsh	J. Dennehy
Virginia Rail	1/1/12	Swan Creek Wetland	S. Arnold
Sora	1/1/12	Truitts Landing	D. Czaplak
Purple Gallinule			
Common Gallinule	1/1/12	Eastern Neck NWR	B. Peterjohn
American Coot	1/1/12	Arnold	D. Perry
Limpkin			
Sandhill Crane	1/3/12	Patuxent Wildlife Research Center	J. Chandler
Northern Lapwing			
Black-bellied Plover	1/1/12	Ocean City	J. Dunn
American Golden-Plover	4/8/12	Truitts Landing	J. Stasz
Wilson's Plover			
Semipalmated Plover	4/11/12	Poplar Island	Many (Talbot Co. bird club trip)

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Piping Plover	2/26/12	Castaways Campground	H. Armistead
Killdeer	1/1/12	Castaways Campground	N. Magnusson
American Oystercatcher	1/1/12	Ocean City	J. Dunn
Black-necked Stilt	4/6/12	Elliott Island Rd.	W. Strobel
American Avocet	4/29/12	Swan Creek Wetland	S. Arnold
Spotted Sandpiper	3/15/12	Patuxent River (AA County)	F. Shaffer
Solitary Sandpiper	3/30/12	Lilypons Water Gardens	M. Welch
Greater Yellowlegs	1/1/12	Fairmount WMA	M. Walsh
Willet	1/1/12	Castaways Campground	N. Magnusson
Lesser Yellowlegs	1/1/12	Truitts Landing	D. Czaplak
Upland Sandpiper	4/27/12	Oakland WWTP	D. Courtney
Whimbrel	4/23/12	Assateague Island NS - Bayside	S. Houston
Long-billed Curlew			
Hudsonian Godwit	8/25/12	Fort Smallwood Park	B. Hubick
Marbled Godwit	4/20/12	Ocean City - Skimmer Island	M. Burchett
Ruddy Turnstone	1/1/12	Ocean City - Inlet	D. Czaplak
Red Knot	1/1/12	Ocean City - Skimmer Island	B. Hubick
Sanderling	1/1/12	Castaways Campground	N. Magnusson
Semipalmated Sandpiper	4/11/12	Poplar Island	Many (Talbot Co. bird club trip
Western Sandpiper	2/18/12	Assateague SP - Causeway	D. Czaplak
Red-necked Stint			
Little Stint			
Least Sandpiper	1/15/12	Tilghman Back Creek Park	L. Roslund
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/11/12	Berlin WWTP	M. Hafner
Baird's Sandpiper	8/13/12	Poplar Island	Tri-county Bird Club Trip
Pectoral Sandpiper	3/10/12	Tanyard Marsh	R. Gutberlet
Purple Sandpiper	1/1/12	Ocean City - Inlet	D. Czaplak
Dunlin	1/1/12	Ocean City	J. Dunn
Curlew Sandpiper			
Stilt Sandpiper	4/15/12	Truitts Landing	M. Lutmerding
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	8/7/12	Murray Sod Farm	L. Starr
Ruff	4/2/12	Hart-Miller Island	B. Ringler and K. Graff
Short-billed Dowitcher	3/28/12	Poplar Island	Many
Long-billed Dowitcher	1/1/12	Truitts Landing	D. Czaplak
Wilson's Snipe	1/1/12	Tanyard Marsh	B. Hubick
American Woodcock	1/1/12	Pittsville Rd	D. Fees
Wilson's Phalarope	5/8/12	Fulton Pond	J. Green
Red-necked Phalarope	5/12/12	MD Pelagic	Many
Red Phalarope	5/12/12	MD Pelagic	Many
Laughing Gull	2/24/12	Salisbury Landfill	D. Haas
Franklin's Gull	4/9/12	Violette's Lock (Mont. Co.)	D. Czaplak
Little Gull	3/11/12	Lapidum	J. Stasz
Black-headed Gull	1/1/12	Hunt Valley Mall	M.A. Fluke
Bonaparte's Gull	1/1/12	Ocean City	D. Czaplak
Black-tailed Gull			
Mew Gull			
Ring-billed Gull	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
California Gull			
Herring Gull	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Yellow-legged Gull			
Thayer's Gull	2/11/12	MD Pelagic	M. Lutmerding
Iceland Gull	1/2/12	Beulah Landfill	L. Roslund
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/1/12	Choptank River - Caroline Co.	D. Palmer
Glaucous Gull	1/21/12	Choptank River - Caroline Co.	M. Lutmerding
Great Black-backed Gull	1/1/12	Ocean City	D. Czaplak
Kelp Gull			
Sabine's Gull	9/8/12	Tridelphia Reservoir - Howard Co.	T. Field and G. King
Black-legged Kittiwake	1/2/12	Ocean City	D. Czaplak
Ross's Gull			
Gull-billed Tern	5/25/12	Assateague NS	D. Yeany
Caspian Tern	3/30/12	Fort Foote Park (Potomac River)	R. Ostrowski
Royal Tern	3/25/12	Point Lookout SP	Craig Litteken
Sandwich Tern	6/23/12	Hooper's Resaurant (Worcester Co.; private)	D. Yeany
Roseate Tern			
Common Tern	4/4/12	Assateague Island NS - Bayside	L. Carpenter
Arctic Tern	5/21/12	Violette's Lock (Mont. Co.)	D. Czaplak
Forster's Tern	1/1/12	Castaways Campground	N. Magnusson

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Least Tern	4/11/12	Eastern Neck NWR	D. Small
Bridled Tern			
Sooty Tern			
Black Tern	5/12/12	MD Pelagic	Many
Black Skimmer	4/21/12	Ocean City Inlet	C. Litteken
South Polar Skua			
Pomarine Jaeger	2/18/12	Ocean City	D. Czaplak
Parasitic Jaeger	5/23/12	Assateague NS - South Ocean Beach	R. Ostrowski
Long-tailed Jaeger			
Dovekie	1/21/12	Ocean City - 33rd St.	J. Stasz
Common Murre	2/11/12	MD Pelagic	P. Guris
Thick-billed Murre			
Razorbill	1/16/12	Ocean City - Inlet	M. Burchett
Black Guillemot			
Atlantic Puffin	2/11/12	MD Pelagic	P. Guris
Rock Pigeon	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Eurasian Collared-Dove	6/14/12	Williamsport BBC - stop 42	M. Lutmerding
White-winged Dove	5/24/12	Assateague SP - Causeway	R. Ostrowski
Mourning Dove	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Inca Dove			
Common Ground-Dove			
Black-billed Cuckoo	4/29/12	Allegany Co.	J.B. Churchill
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4/28/12	Silver Spring, Mont. Co.	D. Hunter
Groove-billed Ani			
Barn Owl	1/12/12	Prince George's Co.	J. Stasz
Eastern Screech-Owl	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Great Horned Owl	1/1/12	Jug Bay	J. Shenot
Snowy Owl			
Burrowing Owl			
Barred Owl	1/1/12	Jug Bay	J. Shenot
Long-eared Owl	1/26/12	Howard Co.	J. Shephard
Short-eared Owl	1/1/12	Bull Frog Road, Taneytown	S. Lovell
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1/26/12	Howard Co.	J. Shephard
Common Nighthawk	4/17/12	Assateague SP	J. Stasz
Chuck-will's-widow	4/9/12	Newark, MD (Worcester Co.)	M. Hoffman
Whip-poor-will	4/2/12	Mt. Olive Church Rd. (Worcester County)	M. Hoffman
Chimney Swift	3/29/12	Fort Smallwood Park	S. Ricicardi and H. Wierenga
Green Violetear			
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4/10/12	Villas on waters edge	R. Edwards
Anna's Hummingbird			
Calliope Hummingbird	11/15/12	Tilghman Island	V. De Sanctis
Rufous Hummingbird	1/1/12	Silver Spring	Homeowner
Allen's Hummingbird	1/1/12	Sharpsburg	Homeowner
Belted Kingfisher	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Red-headed Woodpecker	1/1/12	Robert E. Lee Park	K. Jenkins
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Downy Woodpecker	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Hairy Woodpecker	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Red-cockaded Woodpecker			
Northern Flicker	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Pileated Woodpecker	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
American Kestrel	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Merlin	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Gyr Falcon			
Peregrine Falcon	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Olive-sided Flycatcher	5/12/12	Patuxent River SP - Annapolis Rock Rd.	T. Field
Eastern Wood-Pewee	5/1/12	Huntingtown WMA	N. Magnusson
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5/12/12	Huntingtown WMA	S. Suter
Acadian Flycatcher	4/21/12	Patuxent River Park - Jackson Landing	Several
Alder Flycatcher	5/12/12	Greenbury Point	L. Davidson
Willow Flycatcher	5/5/12	Blue Mash Trail	J. Pangborn
Least Flycatcher	4/29/12	Lilypons Water Gardens	A. Wilson
Hammond's Flycatcher			
Eastern Phoebe	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Say's Phoebe			
Vermilion Flycatcher			

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Ash-throated Flycatcher			
Great Crested Flycatcher	4/15/12	Fort Smallwood Park	M. Grey
Tropical Kingbird			
Western Kingbird	1/1/12	Hurlock WWTP	B. Hubick, J. Fisher, others
Eastern Kingbird	4/15/12	Fort Smallwood Park	B. Hubick
Gray Kingbird			
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			
Fork-tailed Flycatcher	9/19/12	Rt. 32 near Ft. Meade (AA Co.)	J. Stasz
Loggerhead Shrike	1/2/12	Hagerstown Mall	B. Hubick & S. Collins
Northern Shrike	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
White-eyed Vireo	3/30/12	Blades Rd. (Worcester Co.)	J. Satchell and J. Brighton
Bell's Vireo			
Yellow-throated Vireo	4/6/12	Porters Crossing (Worcester Co.)	W. Strobel
Blue-headed Vireo	3/23/12	Deep Creek Lake SP	C. Skipper
Warbling Vireo	4/15/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	D. Poet
Philadelphia Vireo	8/23/12	Wheaton Regional Park	J. Shenot
Red-eyed Vireo	4/15/12	American Chestnut Land Trust	S. Suter
Blue Jay	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
American Crow	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Fish Crow	1/1/12	Annapolis CBC	W. Strobel
Common Raven	1/2/12	Sugerloaf Count	M. Balestri
Horned Lark	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Purple Martin	2/25/12	Assateague	M. Lutmerding
Tree Swallow	1/1/12	Assateague SP	D. Czaplak
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3/11/12	Lapidum	J. Stasz
Bank Swallow	4/2/12	Easton WWTP	L. Roslund
Cliff Swallow	3/31/12	Centennial Lake	R. Ruffing
Cave Swallow	10/30/12	Potomac River - PG County	R. Ostrowski
Barn Swallow	1/1/12	Sandy Point SP	K. Costley
Carolina Chickadee	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Black-capped Chickadee	1/6/12	Finzel Swamp	J.B. Churchill
Boreal Chickadee			
Tufted Titmouse	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1/3/12	Loch Raven Reservoir - Skeet and Trap Center	K. Graff
White-breasted Nuthatch	1/1/12	Glenn Dale	D. Kidwell
Brown-headed Nuthatch	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Brown Creeper	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Rock Wren			
Carolina Wren	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Bewick's Wren			
House Wren	1/2/12	Ocean Pines	S. Deamond
Winter Wren	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Sedge Wren	1/7/12	Shorters Wharf	M. Lutmerding
Marsh Wren	1/1/12	Point Lookout SP	J. Fisher
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1/1/12	Annapolis CBC	W. Strobel
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3/17/12	Point Lookout SP	M. Liebermann
Northern Wheatear	10/9/12	BWI Airport	E. Boyd
Eastern Bluebird	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Mountain Bluebird			
Townsend's Solitaire			
Veery	4/18/12	Milford Mill Park	K. Costley
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/1/12	Annapolis, MD	D. Haas
Bicknell's Thrush	5/26/12	Anne Arundel County	B. Hubick
Swainson's Thrush	4/26/12	Oxbow Lake, A.A. Co.	J. Shephard (via M. Stutzman)
Hermit Thrush	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Wood Thrush	4/16/12	Patuxent Wildlife Research Center	T. Guida
American Robin	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Varied Thrush			
Gray Catbird	1/1/12	Annapolis Landfill	S. Arnold
Northern Mockingbird	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Sage Thrasher			
Brown Thrasher	1/1/12	Annapolis Landfill	S. Arnold
European Starling	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
American Pipit	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Bohemian Waxwing			
Cedar Waxwing	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears

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Species	First Reported	Location	Observer(s)
Blue-winged Warbler	4/25/12	Susquehanna SP	T. Houghton
Golden-winged Warbler	5/12/12	Aaron Run Rd.	R. Hoyer
Tennessee Warbler	5/4/12	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area	H. Fink
Orange-crowned Warbler	1/1/12	Waterview - Nanticoke rd	J. Stasz
Nashville Warbler	1/2/12	Sassafras WMA - Turners Creek Rd.	J. Hubbell
Virginia's Warbler	1/26/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	J. Stasz and E. Boyd
Northern Parula	1/14/12	W. Friendship, Howard Co.	R. Cullison (via J. Hanfman)
Yellow Warbler	1/7/12	Vienna - Chapel of Ease Rd.	J. Stasz
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4/28/12	Camp Pacomoth, Queen Anne's Co.	S. McCandless
Magnolia Warbler	4/18/12	David Force WMA	B. Ott
Cape May Warbler	4/20/12	Baker Park, Frederick	D. Wallace
Black-throated Blue Warbler	4/21/12	American Chestnut Land Trust	S. Suter
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
- Audubon's Warbler	10/11/12	Terrapin Park, QA County	H. Vandervort
Black-throated Gray Warbler			
Black-throated Green Warbler	4/17/12	Sandy Point SP	D. Haas
Townsend's Warbler			
Blackburnian Warbler	4/21/12	American Chestnut Land Trust	S. Suter
Yellow-throated Warbler	3/16/12	E.A. Vaughn WMA - North	J. Hanfman
Pine Warbler	1/7/12	Blackwater NWR	E. Carlson
Prairie Warbler	1/28/12	Assateague NS - Bayside Campground	R. Ostrowski
Palm Warbler	1/1/12	Brusca Nursery	D. Small
Bay-breasted Warbler	4/29/12	Pine Lake/Wheaton Regional Park, Mont. Co.	D. Ford
Blackpoll Warbler	4/28/12	Hartford Glen	T. Houghton
Cerulean Warbler	4/25/12	Susquehanna SP	T. Houghton
Black-and-white Warbler	3/22/12	Old Beech Road	M. Walsh
American Redstart	4/10/12	Whiton Crossing Rd. (Worcester Co.)	S. Housten
Prothonotary Warbler	4/10/12	Decoursey Bridge Rd. (Dorchester Co.)	J. Willey
Worm-eating Warbler	4/15/12	Pocomoke Swamp (Worcester Co.)	R. Gutberlet
Swainson's Warbler			
Ovenbird	4/3/12	Johnson Rd. TNC property	M. Walsh
Northern Waterthrush	4/15/12	Leakin Park	P. Kreiss
Louisiana Waterthrush	3/18/12	Struges Rd. and Nassawango Creek	M. Hoffman
Kentucky Warbler	4/16/12	Patuxent River Park (Prince George's Co.)	P. Kaestner
Connecticut Warbler	9/6/12	Elk Neck Sp	L. Just
Mourning Warbler	5/5/12	Woodstock, MD	R. Ruffing
Common Yellowthroat	1/2/12	Manor Woods Rd	R. Gutberlet
Hooded Warbler	4/15/12	Mallard Ln. (Anne Arundel Co.)	D. Bystrak
Wilson's Warbler	5/1/12	Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center	M. Gimpel
Canada Warbler	5/1/12	Milford Mill Park	J. Corcoran
Yellow-breasted Chat	4/22/12	Dry Seneca Creek Park	M. Bowen
Summer Tanager	4/19/12	Patuxent River Park (Prince George's Co.)	L. Starr
Scarlet Tanager	4/14/12	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area	K. Schwarz
Western Tanager	5/12/12	Black Hill Regional Park	D. Czaplak
Green-tailed Towhee			
Spotted Towhee			
Eastern Towhee	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Cassin's Sparrow			
Bachman's Sparrow			
American Tree Sparrow	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears and J. Gruber
Chipping Sparrow	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Clay-colored Sparrow	1/1/12	E.A. Vaughn WMA - North	D. Czaplak
Field Sparrow	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Vesper Sparrow	3/11/12	Irvine Nature Center	K. Graff
Lark Sparrow	1/1/12	Assateague SP	J. Fisher
Lark Bunting			
Savannah Sparrow	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Grasshopper Sparrow	4/10/12	Chino Farms	D. Small
Baird's Sparrow			
Henslow's Sparrow	4/19/12	Putnam House, Hartford Co. (private)	M. Hafner
Le Conte's Sparrow	3/11/12	Irvine Nature Center	K. Costley
Nelson's Sparrow	1/8/12	Truitts Landing	J. Stasz
Saltmarsh Sparrow	1/24/12	Taylors Landing	E. Boyd
Seaside Sparrow	1/7/12	Ellis Bay WMA	J. Stasz
Fox Sparrow	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Song Sparrow	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Lincoln's Sparrow	1/8/12	Mt. Pleasant Farm	B. Ott

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Species	First Reported	Location	Observer(s)
Swamp Sparrow	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
White-throated Sparrow	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Harris's Sparrow			
Golden-crowned Sparrow			
White-crowned Sparrow	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Dark-eyed Junco	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Lapland Longspur	1/2/12	New Design Rd.	G. Mackiernan
Smith's Longspur			
Chestnut-collared Longspur			
Snow Bunting	1/4/12	Chuck Wade Turf Farm	J. Hanfman
Northern Cardinal	1/1/12	Pickering Creek Audubon Center	L. Roslund
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4/15/12	American Chestnut Land Trust	S. Suter
Black-headed Grosbeak			
Blue Grosbeak	4/10/12	Chestertown, MD	N. Martin and W. Ellison
Lazuli Bunting			
Indigo Bunting	4/4/12	C&O Towpatch (Washington Co.)	W. Hale
Painted Bunting	3/2/12	Baltimore	S. Houston
Dickcissel	1/24/12	Ridgley - Dean Rd.	J. Hanfman
Bobolink	4/20/12	Putnam House, Hartford Co. (private)	C. Starling
Red-winged Blackbird	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Eastern Meadowlark	1/1/12	Windemere Farms	G. Radcliffe
Western Meadowlark			
Yellow-headed Blackbird	9/17/12	Hart-Miller Island	B. Ringler and K. Graff
Rusty Blackbird	1/1/12	Martinak SP	J. Dennehy
Brewer's Blackbird			
Common Grackle	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Boat-tailed Grackle	1/5/12	George Island Landing	W. Bell
Brown-headed Cowbird	1/1/12	Lloyd Bowen Rd.	T. Harten
Orchard Oriole	4/17/12	Riderwood, Prince George's Co.	A. Hedin
Bullock's Oriole			
Baltimore Oriole	4/16/12	Rockville, MD	J. Moore
Pine Grosbeak			
Purple Finch	1/4/12	Granite Ridge Dr.	E. Knight
House Finch	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
Red Crossbill	9/11/12	Governor's Bridge Natural Area	M. Lutmerding
- Type 10 Red Crossbill	11/1/12	Pasadena, MD	B. Hubick
White-winged Crossbill	1/25/12	Allegany Count	J. Biser
Common Redpoll	1/28/12	Assateague NSS - Bayside	R. Ostrowski
Hoary Redpoll			
Pine Siskin	1/14/12	Laurel, MD	D. Richardson
American Goldfinch	1/1/12	Chino Farms	J. Stasz
Evening Grosbeak	10/24/12	Turkey Point	S. McCandless
House Sparrow	1/1/12	Chesterville CBC - Millington	A. Spears
2012 Total Species:	356		

2012 Maryland eBird Stats

Distribution of species and checklists by county and month and change from 2011

Overall, ebirders submitted 58,180 checklists for 354 species in the state of Maryland in 2012.

County	Species (# Change)	Checklists (% Change)
Allegany	203 (4)	862 (19.6%)
Anne Arundel	275 (3)	5,073 (21.0%)
Baltimore	282 (20)	5,408 (23.4%)
Calvert	240 (-3)	972 (-14.6%)
Caroline	208 (4)	858 (-32.0%)
Carroll	196 (-8)	1,026 (-16.9%)
Cecil	245 (29)	1,029 (28.3%)
Charles	196 (-19)	445 (-34.7%)
Dorchester	264 (7)	2,237 (2.6%)
Frederick	221 (-4)	2,551 (14.3%)
Garrett	208 (0)	1,346 (-6.1%)
Harford	248 (8)	1,734 (27.8%)
Howard	241 (13)	5,974 (54.3%)
Kent	234 (-8)	1,901 (41.8%)
Montgomery	257 (10)	5,365 (24.8%)
Prince George's	251 (7)	3,019 (20.5%)
Queen Anne's	250 (7)	2,383 (25.0%)
Somerset	227 (-1)	1,394 (53.0%)
St Mary's	238 (-7)	1,715 (7.9%)
Talbot	261 (-6)	4,155 (46.1%)
Washington	189 (-13)	866 (-14.6%)
Wicomico	223 (-10)	1,527 (6.0%)
Worcester	306 (-10)	6,298 (1.0%)
Total	5,463 (23)	58,138 (17.8%)

Month	Species (# Change)	Checklists (% Change)
January	200 (14)	6,222 (15.6%)
February	202 (14)	5,767 (29.2%)
March	207 (22)	5,706 (3.8%)
April	257 (-8)	5,943 (2.1%)
May	274 (1)	6,033 (1.5%)
June	244 (-6)	3,760 (7.9%)
July	228 (-5)	2,848 (5.0%)
August	258 (18)	4,287 (32.9%)
September	267 (13)	4,522 (38.5%)
October	262 (2)	4,583 (57.9%)
November	235 (4)	4,468 (28.4%)
December	192 (-8)	4,041 (27.0%)
Total	2,826 (61)	58,180 (17.9%)

Year	Total Checklists	Complete Checklists	Percent Complete
2012	58,180	39,278	67.5%
2011	49,352	33,223	67.3%

Most and Least Observed – The following tables list the top 20 most and least observed species in Maryland during 2012 according to the percentage of checklists on which they appear.

20 Most Observed Birds of 2012	
Species	Checklist Percentage
Northern Cardinal	52.91%
Carolina Wren	45.63%
American Crow	43.23%
Carolina Chickadee	42.56%
Tufted Titmouse	39.63%
American Robin	38.76%
Blue Jay	38.63%
Mourning Dove	37.44%
Canada Goose	37.19%
American Goldfinch	36.49%
Red-bellied Woodpecker	36.37%
Turkey Vulture	34.82%
Downy Woodpecker	32.70%
European Starling	31.70%
Northern Mockingbird	30.13%
Red-winged Blackbird	29.76%
Song Sparrow	29.49%
Great Blue Heron	28.55%
Mallard	27.98%
White-throated Sparrow	24.33%

20 Least Observed Birds of 2012	
Species	Checklist Percentage
Swallow-tailed Kite	0.0018%
Western Tanager	0.0019%
Common Murre	0.0024%
Painted Bunting	0.0024%
Swainson's Hawk	0.0025%
Yellow Rail	0.0026%
Thayer's Gull	0.0029%
Allen's Hummingbird	0.0031%
Herald Petrel	0.0045%
Atlantic Puffin	0.0047%
Arctic Tern	0.0066%
Bicknell's Thrush	0.0095%
Mississippi Kite	0.0101%
White-winged Dove	0.0102%
Black Rail	0.0108%
Black-capped Petrel	0.0113%
Franklin's Gull	0.0129%
Audubon's Shearwater	0.0135%
Eared Grebe	0.0141%
Parasitic Jaeger	0.0152%

Species Frequency Changes – The following tables show species frequency data in Maryland and changes in frequency between 2011 and 2012 as defined by percentage of ebird checklists. The tables show checklist percentages for four time periods; the five-year average of 2005-2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. The sample size (# of complete checklists) is also listed for each time period. The final column represents the percentage difference in checklist frequency from 2011 to 2012. The first two tables show the largest increases and decreases in checklist frequency (top 40). These tables are limited to species that appear in at least 0.5% of ebird checklists. **Please note** – Care should be taken not to necessarily assign increases or decreases to changes in a species population. A shift in the pattern of eBird reporting (habitat, season, chasing) will also affect checklist frequencies.

Largest increases in species frequencies from 2011 to 2012 according to eBird data					
	2005-2009 (43,513)	2010 (25,759)	2011 (33,223)	2012 (39,278)	Change from 2011
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3.30%	3.31%	1.36%	6.99%	413.84%
Pine Siskin	2.41%	1.02%	0.60%	2.92%	387.34%
Purple Finch	2.19%	2.09%	0.70%	2.25%	221.25%
Blackburnian Warbler	0.57%	0.51%	0.57%	0.89%	56.69%
Swainson's Thrush	1.18%	1.09%	0.82%	1.27%	55.14%
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5.50%	4.78%	3.73%	5.66%	51.64%
Blue-headed Vireo	1.25%	1.24%	0.98%	1.38%	40.70%
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1.60%	1.12%	1.14%	1.55%	36.35%
Winter Wren	3.13%	2.49%	2.72%	3.69%	35.66%
Cedar Waxwing	11.18%	8.95%	9.06%	12.18%	34.48%
Magnolia Warbler	2.90%	3.48%	3.13%	4.20%	34.04%
Black-throated Green Warbler	2.36%	2.09%	2.07%	2.76%	33.48%
Carolina Wren	41.84%	31.76%	34.47%	45.63%	32.36%
Eastern Phoebe	12.32%	10.20%	9.27%	12.22%	31.85%
Yellow-throated Warbler	0.99%	1.12%	1.20%	1.58%	31.23%
Pine Warbler	3.39%	4.27%	3.96%	5.11%	28.93%
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1.73%	1.86%	1.84%	2.37%	28.67%
Field Sparrow	8.33%	6.31%	7.15%	9.19%	28.48%
Common Raven	1.40%	1.20%	1.17%	1.50%	28.26%
Blue-winged Teal	1.15%	1.10%	1.26%	1.61%	27.71%
Eastern Wood-Pewee	9.35%	9.70%	9.07%	11.51%	26.91%
Wilson's Snipe	1.42%	1.21%	1.41%	1.76%	24.71%
Eastern Towhee	15.51%	14.51%	12.42%	15.47%	24.54%
White-breasted Nuthatch	23.53%	21.38%	19.41%	24.09%	24.13%
Black-capped Chickadee	1.52%	1.74%	1.29%	1.59%	23.31%
Swamp Sparrow	6.69%	5.25%	6.33%	7.74%	22.34%
Baltimore Oriole	4.89%	4.03%	3.93%	4.79%	21.88%
Eastern Bluebird	20.74%	19.02%	19.43%	23.62%	21.58%
Louisiana Waterthrush	2.01%	1.80%	1.83%	2.22%	21.12%
Great Crested Flycatcher	5.98%	6.90%	7.25%	8.75%	20.68%
Red-bellied Woodpecker	32.84%	32.72%	30.31%	36.37%	20.00%
Blue Jay	41.38%	37.65%	32.27%	38.63%	19.71%
Ovenbird	4.66%	4.79%	4.49%	5.36%	19.36%
Tufted Titmouse	37.80%	37.44%	33.41%	39.63%	18.63%
Willow Flycatcher	0.94%	0.96%	0.73%	0.86%	18.28%
Brown Creeper	3.26%	2.69%	2.63%	3.10%	17.80%
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	7.83%	5.81%	5.31%	6.23%	17.40%
Belted Kingfisher	12.11%	10.76%	10.93%	12.80%	17.13%
Barred Owl	2.32%	2.21%	1.93%	2.26%	16.96%
Wood Thrush	7.48%	7.23%	5.75%	6.73%	16.95%

Largest declines in species frequencies from 2010 to 2011 according to eBird data					
	2005-2009 (43,513)	2010 (25,759)	2011 (33,223)	2012 (39,278)	Change from 2011
Canvasback	2.37%	2.25%	2.70%	1.23%	-54.60%
Redhead	1.20%	0.99%	1.62%	0.83%	-48.68%
Greater Scaup	2.13%	1.97%	2.29%	1.21%	-47.26%
Mute Swan	3.06%	2.17%	1.49%	0.84%	-43.39%
Black-bellied Plover	1.42%	1.13%	1.48%	0.96%	-35.27%
Sanderling	1.89%	1.38%	1.87%	1.24%	-33.86%
Snow Goose	1.77%	1.91%	1.49%	1.01%	-32.18%
Bank Swallow	1.21%	1.26%	1.43%	0.98%	-31.69%
Ruddy Turnstone	1.34%	1.06%	1.43%	0.99%	-31.13%
Common Goldeneye	2.63%	2.28%	2.28%	1.63%	-28.55%
Tundra Swan	3.43%	3.52%	3.58%	2.59%	-27.67%
Surf Scoter	2.62%	1.88%	1.87%	1.38%	-25.99%
Semipalmated Plover	1.67%	2.15%	2.28%	1.69%	-25.70%
Tricolored Heron	0.81%	1.26%	1.19%	0.91%	-23.92%
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1.82%	2.72%	2.98%	2.27%	-23.90%
Common Tern	1.58%	1.27%	1.83%	1.40%	-23.42%
Red-breasted Merganser	2.63%	1.94%	2.38%	1.84%	-22.72%
Least Sandpiper	3.23%	4.78%	4.22%	3.26%	-22.65%
Willet	1.30%	1.12%	1.48%	1.17%	-21.25%
Grasshopper Sparrow	1.65%	2.00%	2.66%	2.11%	-20.71%
Common Merganser	2.76%	3.24%	2.56%	2.03%	-20.58%
Royal Tern	2.45%	2.27%	3.09%	2.46%	-20.34%
Forster's Tern	4.51%	4.60%	5.98%	4.78%	-20.14%
Laughing Gull	8.33%	9.20%	11.03%	8.83%	-19.98%
Long-tailed Duck	2.57%	1.96%	1.77%	1.42%	-19.92%
Horned Grebe	2.70%	1.71%	3.16%	2.57%	-18.81%
Pectoral Sandpiper	1.27%	1.95%	1.47%	1.20%	-18.48%
Caspian Tern	2.50%	2.41%	3.40%	2.80%	-17.67%
Eastern Screech-Owl	1.01%	1.26%	1.10%	0.92%	-16.51%
Great Egret	6.55%	7.57%	8.57%	7.19%	-16.16%
American Black Duck	7.10%	7.38%	7.89%	6.64%	-15.91%
Northern Harrier	3.65%	3.91%	4.07%	3.45%	-15.23%
Ring-necked Duck	5.05%	4.58%	5.55%	4.73%	-14.84%
Spotted Sandpiper	3.23%	3.54%	3.71%	3.17%	-14.65%
Brown Pelican	1.69%	1.19%	2.10%	1.79%	-14.62%
Horned Lark	2.65%	3.40%	3.26%	2.79%	-14.50%
Bonaparte's Gull	1.87%	1.19%	1.84%	1.60%	-12.81%
Lesser Yellowlegs	2.82%	3.62%	3.48%	3.04%	-12.72%
Bufflehead	9.39%	8.26%	9.73%	8.51%	-12.59%
Green-winged Teal	3.69%	3.66%	4.54%	3.98%	-12.34%

TAXONOMIC ORDER – ALL SPECIES

Common Name	2005-2009 (43,513)	2010 (25,759)	2011 (33,223)	2012 (39,278)	% Change from 2011
Greater White-fronted Goose	0.16%	0.24%	0.14%	0.09%	-37.65%
Snow Goose	1.77%	1.91%	1.49%	1.01%	-32.18%
Ross's Goose	0.15%	0.11%	0.14%	0.08%	-39.41%
Brant	1.11%	1.09%	1.04%	1.12%	7.93%
Cackling Goose	0.67%	0.69%	0.49%	0.51%	3.25%
Canada Goose	37.71%	37.63%	36.89%	37.19%	0.83%
Mute Swan	3.06%	2.17%	1.49%	0.84%	-43.39%
Tundra Swan	3.43%	3.52%	3.58%	2.59%	-27.67%
Wood Duck	8.51%	8.62%	8.01%	7.93%	-0.96%
Gadwall	2.90%	3.02%	3.59%	3.48%	-3.16%
Eurasian Wigeon	0.18%	0.05%	0.11%	0.13%	21.36%
American Wigeon	3.11%	2.86%	3.25%	3.01%	-7.51%
American Black Duck	7.10%	7.38%	7.89%	6.63%	-15.91%
Mallard	29.54%	29.39%	29.32%	27.98%	-4.55%
Blue-winged Teal	1.15%	1.10%	1.26%	1.61%	27.71%
Northern Shoveler	2.50%	2.44%	3.13%	3.15%	0.78%
Northern Pintail	2.12%	1.66%	1.95%	1.95%	0.15%
Green-winged Teal	3.69%	3.66%	4.54%	3.98%	-12.34%
Canvasback	2.37%	2.25%	2.70%	1.23%	-54.60%
Redhead	1.20%	0.99%	1.62%	0.83%	-48.68%
Ring-necked Duck	5.05%	4.58%	5.55%	4.73%	-14.84%
Greater Scaup	2.13%	1.97%	2.29%	1.21%	-47.26%
Lesser Scaup	3.64%	3.00%	3.30%	3.20%	-3.17%
Common Eider	0.27%	0.41%	0.23%	0.17%	-27.39%
Harlequin Duck	0.16%	0.22%	0.36%	0.15%	-58.25%
Surf Scoter	2.62%	1.88%	1.87%	1.38%	-25.99%
White-winged Scoter	0.60%	0.49%	0.55%	0.31%	-43.73%
Black Scoter	0.97%	0.89%	0.96%	0.62%	-35.79%
Long-tailed Duck	2.57%	1.96%	1.77%	1.42%	-19.92%
Bufflehead	9.39%	8.26%	9.73%	8.51%	-12.59%
Common Goldeneye	2.63%	2.28%	2.28%	1.63%	-28.55%
Hooded Merganser	5.38%	4.97%	5.00%	4.48%	-10.38%
Common Merganser	2.76%	3.24%	2.56%	2.03%	-20.58%
Red-breasted Merganser	2.63%	1.94%	2.38%	1.84%	-22.72%
Ruddy Duck	6.12%	5.87%	5.04%	5.81%	15.19%
Northern Bobwhite	0.67%	0.55%	0.71%	0.64%	-9.42%
Ring-necked Pheasant	0.15%	0.14%	0.09%	0.08%	-6.86%
Ruffed Grouse	0.15%	0.14%	0.09%	0.11%	22.40%
Wild Turkey	1.30%	1.66%	1.73%	1.56%	-9.74%
Red-throated Loon	1.39%	0.88%	0.88%	1.02%	15.55%

Common Loon	4.45%	3.76%	3.62%	3.91%	8.06%
Pied-billed Grebe	4.56%	3.90%	5.64%	6.14%	8.85%
Horned Grebe	2.70%	1.71%	3.16%	2.57%	-18.81%
Red-necked Grebe	0.46%	0.08%	0.22%	0.04%	-81.46%
Eared Grebe	0.18%	0.07%	0.04%	0.01%	-64.86%
Cory's Shearwater	0.07%	0.03%	0.09%	0.02%	-74.69%
Great Shearwater	0.09%	0.03%	0.13%	0.03%	-78.70%
Audubon's Shearwater	0.05%	0.03%	0.05%	0.01%	-73.06%
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	0.16%	0.09%	0.28%	0.11%	-60.48%
Leach's Storm-Petrel	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%	0.05%	153.10%
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	0.00%	0.03%	0.01%	0.02%	80.38%
Northern Gannet	1.16%	0.76%	1.07%	1.19%	11.51%
Double-crested Cormorant	13.10%	13.22%	16.09%	15.57%	-3.21%
Great Cormorant	0.31%	0.22%	0.37%	0.26%	-29.47%
American White Pelican	0.34%	0.45%	0.30%	0.24%	-21.57%
Brown Pelican	1.69%	1.19%	2.10%	1.79%	-14.62%
American Bittern	0.28%	0.17%	0.22%	0.19%	-12.18%
Least Bittern	0.38%	0.25%	0.38%	0.20%	-47.88%
Great Blue Heron	25.53%	26.16%	26.45%	28.55%	7.94%
Great Egret	6.55%	7.57%	8.57%	7.18%	-16.16%
Snowy Egret	2.87%	3.58%	4.12%	3.72%	-9.77%
Little Blue Heron	1.75%	1.97%	2.73%	2.56%	-6.40%
Tricolored Heron	0.81%	1.26%	1.19%	0.91%	-23.92%
Cattle Egret	1.03%	1.19%	1.41%	1.46%	3.24%
Green Heron	6.09%	5.19%	5.70%	5.62%	-1.33%
Black-crowned Night-Heron	2.25%	1.97%	2.25%	2.45%	8.95%
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	0.50%	0.46%	0.43%	0.36%	-15.36%
White Ibis	0.10%	0.15%	0.16%	0.10%	-35.17%
Glossy Ibis	1.02%	0.92%	1.19%	1.10%	-7.97%
White-faced Ibis	0.03%	0.01%	0.04%	0.03%	-24.61%
Black Vulture	13.62%	14.10%	13.96%	14.08%	0.88%
Turkey Vulture	34.11%	34.81%	34.30%	34.82%	1.51%
Osprey	11.68%	14.29%	14.46%	13.48%	-6.79%
Mississippi Kite	0.04%	0.05%	0.12%	0.01%	-91.58%
Bald Eagle	12.71%	15.34%	15.64%	16.03%	2.51%
Northern Harrier	3.65%	3.91%	4.07%	3.45%	-15.23%
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4.95%	4.52%	4.13%	3.68%	-10.86%
Cooper's Hawk	6.90%	6.65%	5.40%	4.94%	-8.60%
Red-shouldered Hawk	12.02%	11.31%	10.66%	11.41%	6.99%
Broad-winged Hawk	1.12%	1.32%	0.92%	1.05%	14.65%
Red-tailed Hawk	13.63%	12.49%	11.07%	11.79%	6.47%
Rough-legged Hawk	0.11%	0.10%	0.09%	0.04%	-58.51%
Golden Eagle	0.20%	0.14%	0.12%	0.22%	79.91%
American Kestrel	4.54%	3.55%	3.83%	3.49%	-8.86%

Merlin	0.98%	1.08%	1.27%	1.14%	-10.24%
Peregrine Falcon	1.43%	1.27%	1.41%	1.33%	-5.65%
Black Rail	0.02%	0.06%	0.09%	0.01%	-88.03%
Clapper Rail	0.41%	0.41%	0.40%	0.47%	18.55%
King Rail	0.12%	0.14%	0.19%	0.16%	-13.52%
Virginia Rail	0.74%	0.65%	0.98%	1.05%	6.91%
Sora	0.37%	0.31%	0.45%	0.54%	19.15%
Common Gallinule	0.34%	0.37%	0.33%	0.14%	-57.88%
American Coot	3.58%	2.81%	4.83%	4.31%	-10.77%
Black-bellied Plover	1.42%	1.13%	1.48%	0.96%	-35.27%
American Golden-Plover	0.28%	0.27%	0.41%	0.24%	-41.29%
Semipalmated Plover	1.67%	2.15%	2.28%	1.69%	-25.70%
Piping Plover	0.17%	0.06%	0.15%	0.11%	-27.23%
Killdeer	11.28%	12.33%	9.97%	11.26%	12.94%
American Oystercatcher	1.15%	0.85%	1.26%	1.19%	-5.16%
Black-necked Stilt	0.37%	0.22%	0.39%	0.18%	-53.67%
American Avocet	0.47%	0.37%	0.22%	0.14%	-37.57%
Spotted Sandpiper	3.23%	3.54%	3.71%	3.17%	-14.65%
Solitary Sandpiper	1.99%	2.64%	1.98%	1.91%	-3.63%
Greater Yellowlegs	3.04%	3.73%	3.44%	3.41%	-0.93%
Willet	1.30%	1.12%	1.48%	1.17%	-21.25%
Lesser Yellowlegs	2.82%	3.62%	3.48%	3.04%	-12.72%
Upland Sandpiper	0.18%	0.15%	0.20%	0.14%	-32.20%
Whimbrel	0.21%	0.08%	0.15%	0.11%	-24.38%
Hudsonian Godwit	0.08%	0.04%	0.09%	0.06%	-28.38%
Marbled Godwit	0.18%	0.11%	0.20%	0.17%	-16.20%
Ruddy Turnstone	1.34%	1.06%	1.43%	0.98%	-31.13%
Red Knot	0.18%	0.22%	0.30%	0.16%	-47.82%
Sanderling	1.89%	1.38%	1.87%	1.24%	-33.86%
Semipalmated Sandpiper	1.82%	2.72%	2.98%	2.27%	-23.90%
Western Sandpiper	0.58%	0.52%	0.59%	0.40%	-32.73%
Least Sandpiper	3.23%	4.78%	4.22%	3.26%	-22.65%
White-rumped Sandpiper	0.55%	0.48%	0.64%	0.21%	-67.71%
Baird's Sandpiper	0.19%	0.17%	0.09%	0.16%	81.63%
Pectoral Sandpiper	1.27%	1.95%	1.47%	1.20%	-18.48%
Purple Sandpiper	0.60%	0.48%	0.48%	0.34%	-29.87%
Dunlin	1.59%	1.48%	1.44%	1.55%	7.48%
Stilt Sandpiper	0.56%	0.62%	0.45%	0.30%	-33.82%
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	0.16%	0.19%	0.18%	0.14%	-22.66%
Ruff	0.03%	0.05%	0.01%	0.02%	97.45%
Short-billed Dowitcher	1.20%	0.98%	0.94%	0.75%	-20.53%
Long-billed Dowitcher	0.16%	0.13%	0.07%	0.11%	50.14%
Wilson's Snipe	1.42%	1.21%	1.41%	1.76%	24.71%
American Woodcock	0.53%	0.37%	0.48%	0.52%	8.14%

Wilson's Phalarope	0.15%	0.18%	0.02%	0.08%	303.47%
Red-necked Phalarope	0.22%	0.06%	0.06%	0.10%	65.47%
Red Phalarope	0.03%	0.04%	0.05%	0.13%	162.47%
Black-legged Kittiwake	0.04%	0.01%	0.07%	0.05%	-25.68%
Bonaparte's Gull	1.87%	1.19%	1.84%	1.60%	-12.81%
Black-headed Gull	0.05%	0.13%	0.32%	0.22%	-30.11%
Little Gull	0.08%	0.03%	0.07%	0.02%	-76.95%
Laughing Gull	8.33%	9.20%	11.03%	8.83%	-19.98%
Franklin's Gull	0.05%	0.01%	0.02%	0.01%	-35.39%
Ring-billed Gull	22.77%	21.33%	22.47%	20.18%	-10.20%
Herring Gull	14.63%	15.37%	16.28%	14.57%	-10.48%
Thayer's Gull	0.04%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	#DIV/0!
Iceland Gull	0.13%	0.12%	0.17%	0.08%	-50.65%
Lesser Black-backed Gull	0.82%	0.63%	0.89%	0.58%	-34.51%
Glaucous Gull	0.10%	0.05%	0.06%	0.02%	-62.15%
Great Black-backed Gull	9.68%	9.47%	10.42%	9.50%	-8.86%
Least Tern	1.78%	1.71%	2.09%	2.09%	-0.14%
Gull-billed Tern	0.07%	0.03%	0.02%	0.04%	100.88%
Caspian Tern	2.50%	2.41%	3.40%	2.80%	-17.67%
Black Tern	0.47%	0.12%	0.57%	0.20%	-64.86%
Common Tern	1.58%	1.27%	1.83%	1.40%	-23.42%
Arctic Tern	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%	0.01%	#DIV/0!
Forster's Tern	4.51%	4.60%	5.98%	4.78%	-20.14%
Royal Tern	2.45%	2.27%	3.09%	2.46%	-20.34%
Sandwich Tern	0.21%	0.19%	0.31%	0.16%	-49.76%
Black Skimmer	0.34%	0.29%	0.34%	0.43%	26.65%
Pomarine Jaeger	0.02%	0.01%	0.01%	0.08%	664.57%
Parasitic Jaeger	0.04%	0.01%	0.04%	0.02%	-61.89%
Dovekie	0.07%	0.00%	0.03%	0.05%	65.64%
Razorbill	0.09%	0.02%	0.09%	0.15%	65.00%
Rock Pigeon	14.36%	12.07%	11.39%	10.92%	-4.15%
Eurasian Collared-Dove	0.12%	0.01%	0.01%	0.08%	686.81%
Mourning Dove	49.52%	40.34%	34.82%	37.44%	7.53%
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3.79%	4.31%	4.41%	4.08%	-7.46%
Black-billed Cuckoo	0.33%	0.25%	0.25%	0.20%	-21.63%
Barn Owl	0.14%	0.15%	0.08%	0.07%	-10.91%
Eastern Screech-Owl	1.01%	1.26%	1.10%	0.92%	-16.51%
Great Horned Owl	1.23%	1.15%	1.21%	1.30%	7.63%
Barred Owl	2.32%	2.21%	1.93%	2.26%	16.96%
Long-eared Owl	0.06%	0.01%	0.01%	0.04%	295.74%
Short-eared Owl	0.26%	0.14%	0.32%	0.13%	-59.99%
Northern Saw-whet Owl	0.09%	0.08%	0.05%	0.12%	143.10%
Common Nighthawk	0.69%	0.48%	0.52%	0.43%	-17.96%
Chuck-will's-widow	0.22%	0.29%	0.24%	0.26%	7.44%

Eastern Whip-poor-will	0.17%	0.25%	0.15%	0.16%	9.65%
Chimney Swift	11.03%	11.51%	11.22%	11.32%	0.93%
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	8.50%	7.24%	7.67%	7.20%	-6.18%
Rufous Hummingbird	0.07%	0.10%	0.07%	0.13%	88.51%
Belted Kingfisher	12.11%	10.76%	10.93%	12.80%	17.13%
Red-headed Woodpecker	1.66%	1.12%	1.32%	1.32%	0.26%
Red-bellied Woodpecker	32.84%	32.72%	30.31%	36.37%	20.00%
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4.64%	3.94%	3.16%	3.69%	16.80%
Downy Woodpecker	34.69%	30.08%	28.52%	32.70%	14.66%
Hairy Woodpecker	8.58%	7.48%	8.02%	8.32%	3.76%
Northern Flicker	21.21%	19.11%	18.38%	21.33%	16.03%
Pileated Woodpecker	10.35%	9.04%	9.81%	11.46%	16.79%
Olive-sided Flycatcher	0.13%	0.07%	0.13%	0.15%	16.00%
Eastern Wood-Pewee	9.35%	9.70%	9.07%	11.51%	26.91%
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	0.20%	0.29%	0.07%	0.10%	41.91%
Acadian Flycatcher	5.59%	5.48%	4.99%	5.67%	13.71%
Alder Flycatcher	0.19%	0.19%	0.11%	0.19%	71.72%
Willow Flycatcher	0.94%	0.96%	0.73%	0.86%	18.28%
Least Flycatcher	0.56%	0.52%	0.41%	0.62%	50.25%
Eastern Phoebe	12.32%	10.20%	9.27%	12.22%	31.85%
Great Crested Flycatcher	5.98%	6.90%	7.25%	8.75%	20.68%
Western Kingbird	0.06%	0.01%	0.03%	0.09%	195.86%
Eastern Kingbird	8.78%	8.74%	8.66%	8.53%	-1.52%
Loggerhead Shrike	0.06%	0.05%	0.08%	0.05%	-37.23%
Northern Shrike	0.11%	0.27%	0.12%	0.06%	-46.66%
White-eyed Vireo	5.51%	6.41%	4.77%	5.32%	11.52%
Yellow-throated Vireo	2.28%	2.12%	2.17%	2.15%	-1.06%
Blue-headed Vireo	1.25%	1.24%	0.98%	1.38%	40.70%
Warbling Vireo	1.37%	1.53%	1.34%	1.50%	11.59%
Philadelphia Vireo	0.22%	0.29%	0.20%	0.34%	71.84%
Red-eyed Vireo	10.86%	11.64%	11.56%	13.44%	16.25%
Blue Jay	41.38%	37.65%	32.27%	38.63%	19.71%
American Crow	43.95%	44.03%	43.34%	43.23%	-0.25%
Fish Crow	16.25%	16.20%	16.15%	16.16%	0.09%
Common Raven	1.40%	1.20%	1.17%	1.50%	28.26%
Horned Lark	2.65%	3.40%	3.26%	2.79%	-14.50%
Northern Rough-winged Sw	4.04%	3.65%	3.92%	4.32%	10.23%
Purple Martin	5.01%	4.78%	5.70%	5.83%	2.34%
Tree Swallow	11.08%	11.26%	12.31%	12.31%	-0.04%
Bank Swallow	1.21%	1.26%	1.43%	0.98%	-31.69%
Barn Swallow	14.55%	15.45%	17.21%	16.27%	-5.48%
Cliff Swallow	0.72%	0.77%	0.53%	0.57%	7.86%
Cave Swallow	0.02%	0.01%	0.01%	0.06%	486.09%
Carolina Chickadee	41.63%	38.57%	36.83%	42.56%	15.57%

Black-capped Chickadee	1.52%	1.74%	1.29%	1.59%	23.31%
Tufted Titmouse	37.80%	37.44%	33.41%	39.63%	18.63%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3.30%	3.31%	1.36%	6.99%	413.84%
White-breasted Nuthatch	23.53%	21.38%	19.41%	24.09%	24.13%
Brown-headed Nuthatch	1.40%	1.86%	2.23%	2.43%	9.00%
Brown Creeper	3.26%	2.69%	2.63%	3.10%	17.80%
Carolina Wren	41.84%	31.76%	34.47%	45.63%	32.36%
House Wren	9.17%	7.66%	6.57%	6.97%	6.12%
Winter Wren	3.13%	2.49%	2.72%	3.69%	35.66%
Sedge Wren	0.20%	0.10%	0.07%	0.12%	66.53%
Marsh Wren	1.61%	1.46%	1.19%	1.23%	3.28%
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	9.37%	9.92%	8.88%	10.02%	12.84%
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5.50%	4.78%	3.73%	5.66%	51.64%
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	7.83%	5.81%	5.31%	6.23%	17.40%
Eastern Bluebird	20.74%	19.02%	19.43%	23.62%	21.58%
Veery	1.51%	1.12%	1.06%	1.15%	8.67%
Gray-cheeked Thrush	0.31%	0.18%	0.22%	0.18%	-18.03%
Bicknell's Thrush	0.04%	0.02%	0.01%	0.01%	-5.26%
Swainson's Thrush	1.18%	1.09%	0.82%	1.27%	55.14%
Hermit Thrush	3.79%	3.43%	2.79%	3.22%	15.35%
Wood Thrush	7.48%	7.23%	5.75%	6.72%	16.95%
American Robin	41.81%	39.40%	35.78%	38.76%	8.33%
Gray Catbird	20.79%	18.70%	19.19%	19.51%	1.66%
Northern Mockingbird	33.87%	29.72%	28.81%	30.13%	4.57%
Brown Thrasher	7.21%	6.82%	6.42%	6.89%	7.33%
European Starling	40.01%	34.32%	32.41%	31.70%	-2.19%
American Pipit	1.06%	1.20%	0.95%	0.88%	-7.39%
Cedar Waxwing	11.18%	8.95%	9.06%	12.18%	34.48%
Lapland Longspur	0.11%	0.18%	0.09%	0.10%	9.53%
Snow Bunting	0.21%	0.22%	0.25%	0.20%	-19.41%
Ovenbird	4.66%	4.79%	4.49%	5.36%	19.36%
Worm-eating Warbler	1.15%	1.05%	1.16%	1.13%	-2.34%
Louisiana Waterthrush	2.01%	1.80%	1.83%	2.22%	21.12%
Northern Waterthrush	0.85%	0.97%	0.74%	0.84%	13.96%
Blue-winged Warbler	0.54%	0.37%	0.51%	0.74%	44.21%
Golden-winged Warbler	0.12%	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	13.87%
Black-and-white Warbler	3.67%	3.69%	3.87%	4.12%	6.47%
Prothonotary Warbler	1.65%	1.65%	1.71%	1.76%	2.95%
Tennessee Warbler	0.38%	0.47%	0.60%	0.83%	37.56%
Orange-crowned Warbler	0.09%	0.12%	0.19%	0.26%	37.84%
Nashville Warbler	0.61%	0.67%	0.70%	0.68%	-2.15%
Connecticut Warbler	0.08%	0.12%	0.08%	0.13%	60.50%
Mourning Warbler	0.10%	0.08%	0.06%	0.07%	23.12%
Kentucky Warbler	0.79%	0.66%	0.81%	0.76%	-6.21%

Common Yellowthroat	11.61%	12.58%	13.27%	14.54%	9.57%
Hooded Warbler	1.59%	1.22%	1.18%	1.18%	0.02%
American Redstart	4.80%	5.37%	5.09%	5.85%	14.84%
Cape May Warbler	0.37%	0.35%	0.63%	0.49%	-22.64%
Cerulean Warbler	0.33%	0.28%	0.21%	0.28%	31.48%
Northern Parula	5.69%	5.91%	6.02%	5.74%	-4.69%
Magnolia Warbler	2.90%	3.48%	3.13%	4.20%	34.04%
Bay-breasted Warbler	0.29%	0.36%	0.28%	0.37%	30.48%
Blackburnian Warbler	0.57%	0.51%	0.57%	0.89%	56.69%
Yellow Warbler	3.51%	2.96%	3.12%	3.14%	0.73%
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1.73%	1.86%	1.84%	2.37%	28.67%
Blackpoll Warbler	1.73%	2.31%	2.00%	2.02%	1.19%
Black-throated Blue Warbler	2.30%	2.09%	2.28%	2.42%	6.26%
Palm Warbler	2.67%	2.54%	2.53%	2.69%	6.38%
Pine Warbler	3.39%	4.27%	3.96%	5.11%	28.93%
Yellow-rumped Warbler	11.16%	11.43%	12.37%	11.86%	-4.16%
Yellow-throated Warbler	0.99%	1.12%	1.20%	1.57%	31.23%
Prairie Warbler	1.85%	1.82%	2.14%	2.07%	-3.14%
Black-throated Green Wa	2.36%	2.09%	2.07%	2.76%	33.48%
Canada Warbler	0.57%	0.79%	0.77%	0.77%	-0.10%
Wilson's Warbler	0.27%	0.29%	0.27%	0.30%	12.93%
Yellow-breasted Chat	1.77%	1.90%	2.05%	1.86%	-9.05%
Eastern Towhee	15.51%	14.51%	12.42%	15.47%	24.54%
American Tree Sparrow	0.64%	0.73%	0.53%	0.34%	-35.65%
Chipping Sparrow	13.83%	15.13%	15.20%	17.74%	16.74%
Clay-colored Sparrow	0.08%	0.03%	0.23%	0.13%	-45.44%
Field Sparrow	8.33%	6.31%	7.15%	9.19%	28.48%
Vesper Sparrow	0.36%	0.28%	0.28%	0.41%	46.70%
Lark Sparrow	0.06%	0.01%	0.16%	0.11%	-33.17%
Savannah Sparrow	3.25%	3.18%	3.24%	3.36%	3.62%
Grasshopper Sparrow	1.65%	2.00%	2.66%	2.11%	-20.71%
Henslow's Sparrow	0.21%	0.07%	0.12%	0.25%	107.46%
Nelson's Sparrow	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%	0.08%	-34.57%
Saltmarsh Sparrow	0.24%	0.21%	0.20%	0.17%	-14.10%
Seaside Sparrow	0.62%	0.63%	0.58%	0.57%	-1.85%
Fox Sparrow	2.09%	2.19%	1.60%	1.86%	16.24%
Song Sparrow	33.81%	27.63%	28.11%	29.49%	4.91%
Lincoln's Sparrow	0.58%	0.55%	0.44%	0.70%	59.79%
Swamp Sparrow	6.69%	5.25%	6.33%	7.74%	22.34%
White-throated Sparrow	25.44%	23.52%	21.14%	24.33%	15.09%
White-crowned Sparrow	2.19%	2.35%	1.77%	1.89%	6.87%
Dark-eyed Junco	19.84%	17.13%	16.06%	16.80%	4.62%
Summer Tanager	0.81%	1.05%	1.09%	1.08%	-1.35%
Scarlet Tanager	5.01%	5.04%	5.14%	5.83%	13.37%

Northern Cardinal	55.76%	52.04%	48.73%	52.91%	8.57%
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1.60%	1.12%	1.14%	1.55%	36.35%
Blue Grosbeak	3.30%	4.17%	5.20%	4.95%	-4.85%
Indigo Bunting	10.33%	11.94%	12.72%	13.39%	5.27%
Dickcissel	0.27%	0.23%	1.04%	0.48%	-54.09%
Bobolink	1.09%	1.20%	1.42%	1.26%	-11.39%
Red-winged Blackbird	29.00%	30.86%	30.01%	29.76%	-0.84%
Eastern Meadowlark	3.09%	2.63%	2.71%	2.61%	-3.80%
Yellow-headed Blackbird	0.01%	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%	60.89%
Rusty Blackbird	1.13%	0.83%	0.87%	0.81%	-6.40%
Common Grackle	28.66%	24.74%	21.16%	20.27%	-4.18%
Boat-tailed Grackle	1.16%	1.16%	1.55%	1.44%	-7.22%
Brown-headed Cowbird	15.23%	12.91%	11.67%	12.79%	9.63%
Orchard Oriole	3.95%	4.47%	4.61%	4.90%	6.34%
Baltimore Oriole	4.89%	4.03%	3.93%	4.79%	21.88%
Purple Finch	2.19%	2.09%	0.70%	2.25%	221.25%
House Finch	30.78%	24.44%	20.66%	21.62%	4.64%
White-winged Crossbill	0.39%	0.02%	0.00%	0.35%	12741.98%
Pine Siskin	2.41%	1.02%	0.60%	2.92%	387.34%
American Goldfinch	41.87%	38.31%	31.56%	36.49%	15.61%
Evening Grosbeak	0.03%	0.01%	0.00%	0.15%	15279.00%
House Sparrow	28.37%	21.56%	17.85%	16.04%	-10.13%

The above table is only for species appearing in all time points. Checklist percentage for all preceding tables is somewhat controlled for seasonal differences in checklist numbers by equally weighting the % in all of ebird's 48 time points. This might not be the best method, but it's the easiest.

Species Differences between 2011 and 2012

Birds Seen in 2011 but not in 2012	Birds Seen in 2012 but not in 2011
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck	Pink-footed Goose
King Eider	Barnacle Goose
White-tailed Tropicbird	Tufted Duck
Wood Stork	Western Grebe
Neotropic Cormorant	Swainson's Hawk
Northern Goshawk	Yellow Rail
Purple Gallinule	Sandhill Crane
Long-billed Curlew	Sabine's Gull
Sooty Tern	Atlantic Puffin
Bridled Tern	Virginia's Warbler
Roseate Tern	Western Tanager
South Polar Skua	Painted Bunting
Long-tailed Jaeger	Red Crossbill
Green Violetear	
Bell's Vireo	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	
Townsend's Warbler	
Golden-crowned Sparrow	
Black-headed Grosbeak	