

# Maryland Ornithological Society

## Annual Birding Report

### For

# 2014



*Red-necked Grebe – Port Deposit, Cecil County  
Sean McCandless*

## A Report of MD/DC Birding & Listing

Produced by Russ Ruffing

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## **What's The Purpose of This Report?**

This is the 29th 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 reins beginning with the 2011 Report.

This year's report is the fourth installment of the current format that began in 2011 – that is, a comprehensive report that includes a summary of the birding year for the state as a whole, plus one for each county and the District of Columbia. This report also includes all of the current Big Day data that is available for statewide, county, and major region Big Days.

## **Acknowledgements**

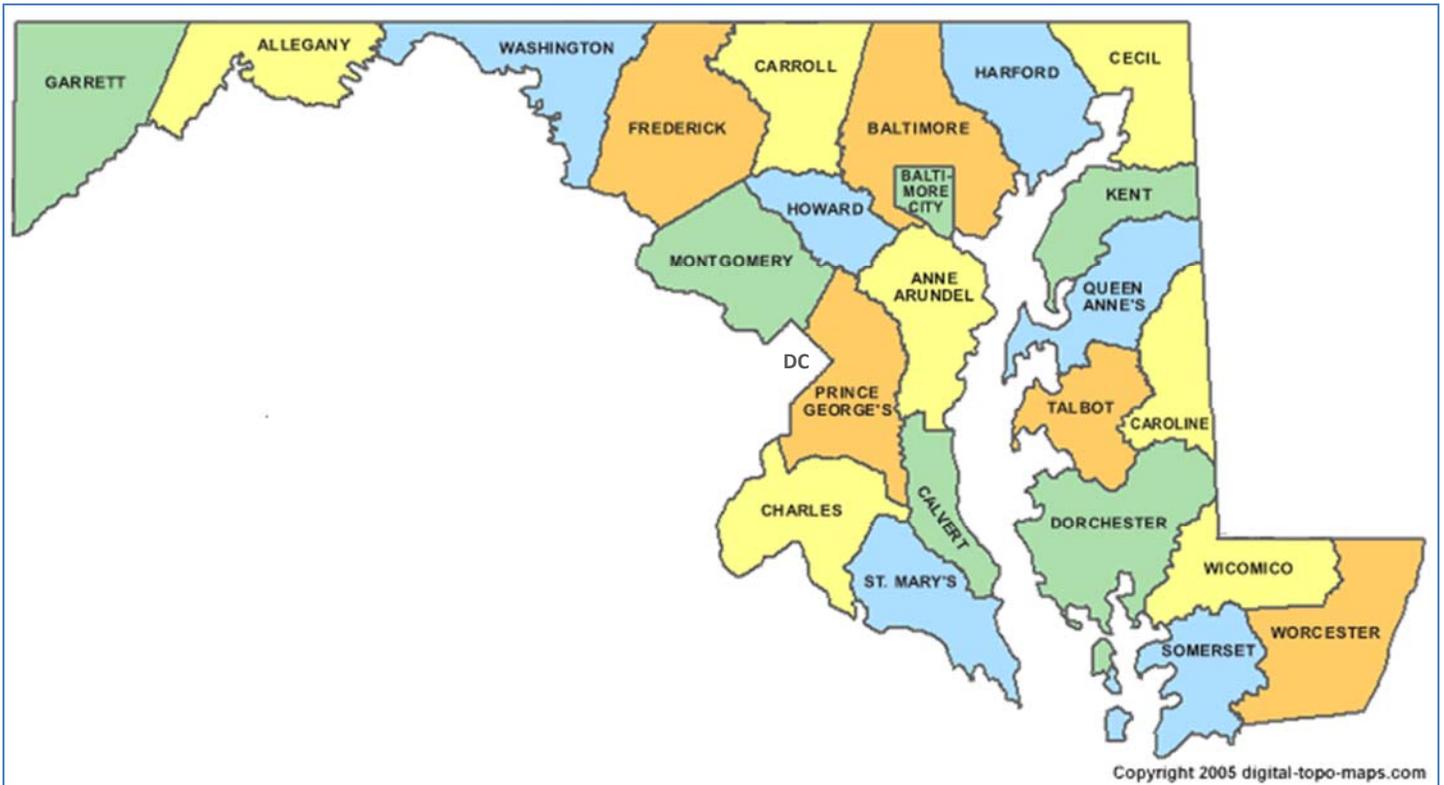
As in previous years, I want to make special mention of Bill Hubick and Joe Hanfman; both for providing valuable QA/QC reviews of the draft report, and Joe for providing information on the frequency of many rarities and for keeping up with all of the additions and subtractions to each county's list throughout the year. Joe's *Table of Species by County* is included as an appendix to this report.

Rob Ostrowski made many wonderful suggestions of major themes and trends that were included in the 2014 Summary of the Maryland/DC birding year. David Kidwell's Comprehensive List for 2014 is an invaluable tool for Maryland/DC birders, and is also included as an appendix to this report.

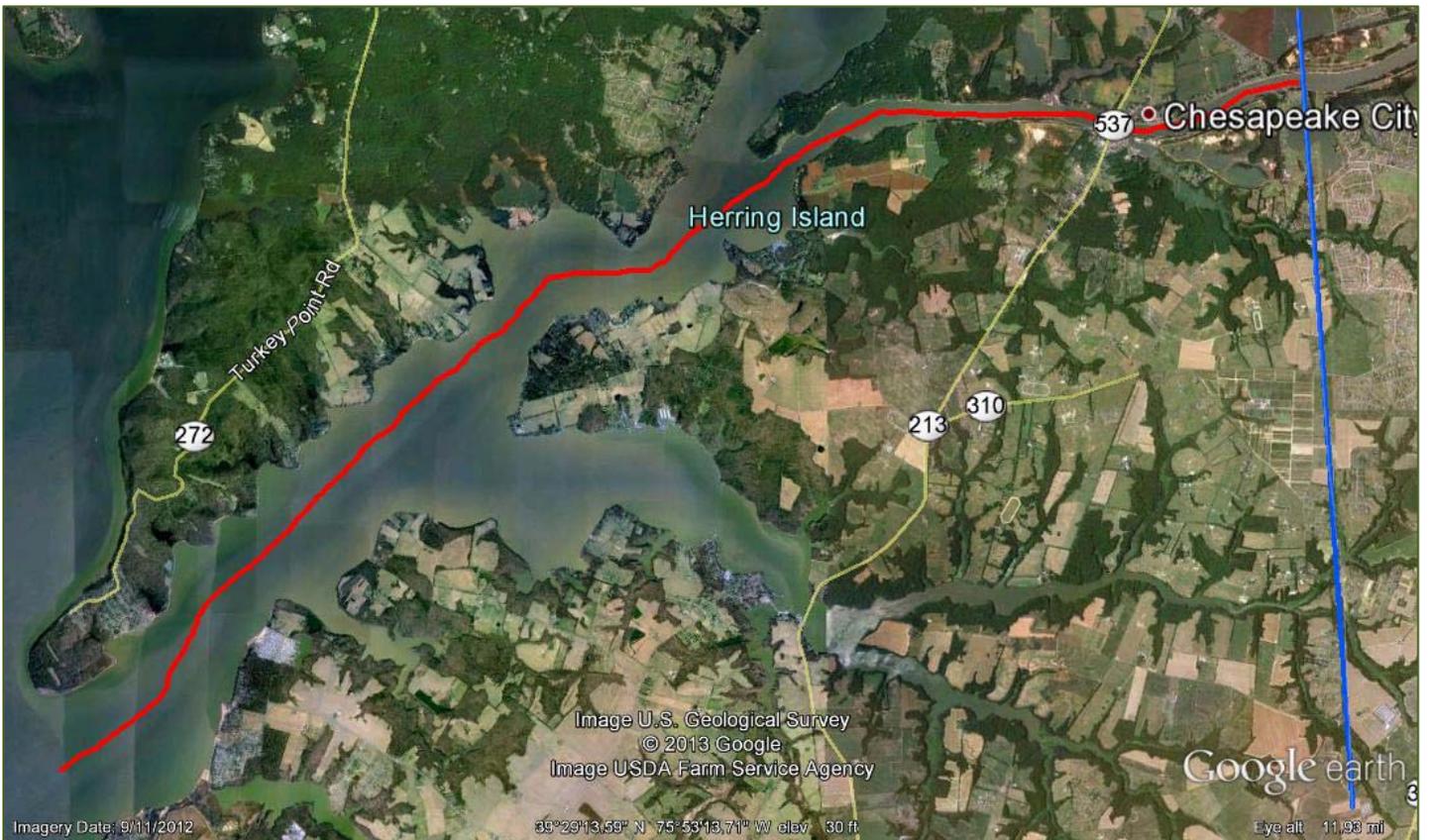
Many thanks to all the birders who provided material for the County and District summaries! Without their local knowledge it would have been impossible to include these summaries in the report. The names of each are shown at the top of their respective summaries.

## **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 (for the purposes of this report) 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 is 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

## 2014 Report Participants

Number reporting for 2014: 96  
 Number reporting for previous year: 107  
 Number in data base: 298  
 Number of new reporters for 2014: 9

Those reporting for 2014 (new participants in green font):

<b>2014 Report Participants</b>					
<u>Name/Home County</u>		<u>Name/Home County</u>		<u>Name/Home County</u>	
Matt Anthony	Harford	Elaine Hendricks	Prince George's	Dave Palmer	Talbot
Henry Armistead	Philadelphia	Bill Hill	Howard	Howard Patterson	Howard
Marcia Balestri	Worcester	Rob Hilton	Montgomery	Helen Patton	Montgomery
J. Tyler Bell	St. Mary's	Mark Hoffman	Worcester	Dave Perry	Anne Arundel
Dave Brenneman	Prince Georges	Emy Holdridge	Howard	Paul Pisano	Arlington, VA
Rod Burley	Prince George's	John Hubbell	DC	Dave Powell	Montgomery
Kathy Calvert	Frederick	Bill Hubick	Anne Arundel	Derek Richardson	Prince George's
Tim Carney	Baltimore	Derek Hudgins	DC/Baltimore	Gene Ricks	Baltimore
Karen Caruso	Anne Arundel	Kye Jenkins	Baltimore	Bob Ringle	Carroll
J.B. Churchill	Allegany	Ryan Johnson	Baltimore	Matt Rogosky	Howard
Travis Clemens	Wicomico	Mike Kerwin	Howard	Mark Rositol	Prince George's
Steve Collins	Howard	David Kidwell	Montgomery	Les Roslund	Talbot
Keith Costley	Baltimore	Dennis Kirkwood	Harford	Russ Ruffing	Howard
Jeff Culler	Howard	Elliot Kirschbaum	West Virginia	Mark Schilling	Queen Anne's
David Cummings	Howard	Kyle Klotz	Garrett	Kurt Schwarz	Howard
Barbara Davis	Anne Arundel	Jane Kostenko	St. Mary's	Fred Shaffer	Anne Arundel
Phil Davis	Anne Arundel	Ellen Lawler	Wicomico	Lisa Shannon	Montgomery
Joshua Emm	Harford	Allen Lewis	Howard	Jeff Shenot	Prince George's
Fred Fallon	Calvert	Gail Mackiernan	Montgomery	Dan Small	Queen Anne's
Jane Fallon	Calvert	Nancy Magnusson	Howard	Joanne Solem	Howard
Tom Feild	Howard	Joel Martin	Baltimore	Duvall Sollers	Baltimore
Jared Fisher	Montgomery	Carol McCollough	Talbot	Leslie Starr	Baltimore
Kathy Fleming	Anne Arundel	Sean McCandless	Cecil	Chuck Stirrat	Howard
Diane Ford	Montgomery	Hugh McGuinness	DC	Warren Strobel	Anne Arundel
Ross Geredien	Anne Arundel	Taylor McLean	Baltimore	Debbie Terry	Baltimore
Aaron Graham	Garrett	David Moulton	St. Mary's	Mary Ann Todd	Montgomery
Jim Green	Montgomery	Jim Nelson	Montgomery	Anna Urciolo	Montgomery
Ron Gutberlet	Wicomico	Lou Nielsen	Baltimore	Mike Walsh	Wicomico
Dan Haas	Anne Arundel	Paul O'Brien	Montgomery	Leo Weigant	Anne Arundel
Matt Hafner	Harford	Peter Osenton	Anne Arundel	Winger West	Anne Arundel
Joe Hanfman	Howard	Mike Ostrowski	Montgomery	Andy Wilson	Frederick
Karen Heffernan	Howard	Rob Ostrowski	Penobscot, Maine	Max Wilson	Montgomery

## Comments on the Lists

The number (96) of participants declined again this year, down 11 from 107 in 2013 and the first time under the current format that less than 100 participated. Other than one or two individuals that run Big Days every year, there just aren't any birders reporting them. I've added a few updates to the Big Day table, most of which were submitted for last year's report but were received too late to make it into that report. It's become clear that there just is no real interest in this aspect of listing in the MD/DC birding community despite my efforts to drum up support for it in the last four years via this platform.

The current maximum number of species reported for each locality is shown at the top of the respective life list tables. Joe Hanfman does a wonderful job of tracking and compiling the county lists every year, and readers will note a couple of changes in each locality thanks to his due diligence in keeping these numbers up to date. The report again includes a table of all of the 23 county lists, updated through 2014, as compiled by Joe. There is also a list of species additions/subtractions that were able to be verified for each county over the previous year.

**Life Lists** are indicated by the last year that they were updated. 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. **Green font indicates which Life Lists were updated in 2014.** All **Year Lists** are indicated by the year in which the total was achieved. **Green font indicates which Year Lists were achieved in 2014.** Space dictated how many Year Lists appear in the tables.

**Statewide and County Life Yard Lists** – the 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.

**Order of Counties** – 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.

## The Maryland/DC Birding Year in Review

Based on David Kidwell's excellent Comprehensive Summary (see appendices), a total of **354 species** and a dozen subspecies and/or distinct morphs were recorded in Maryland in 2014. This is the exact same number of species that were recorded in 2013.

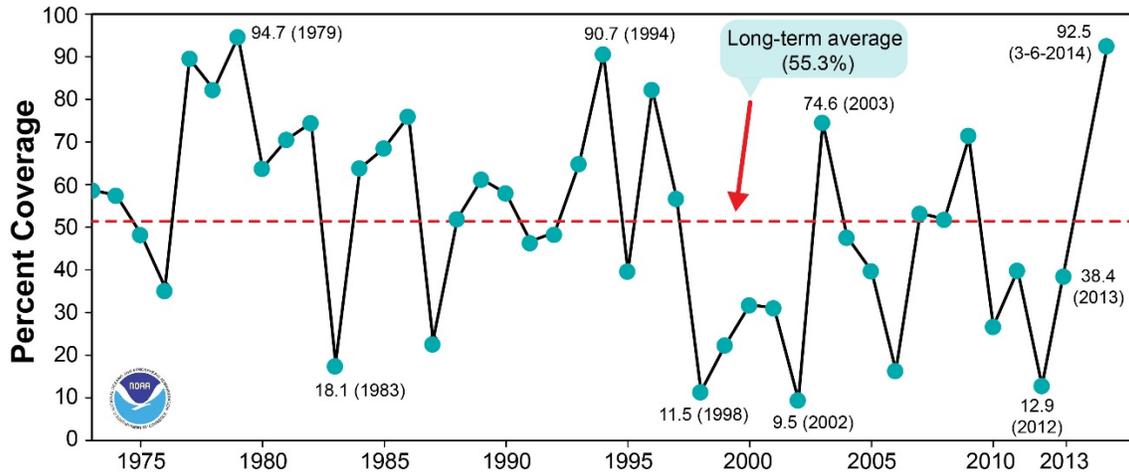
There was one new state record this year – the incredible **Couch's Kingbird** that was found by Kathy Calvert and Mike Welch at the Mason Road Pond in Allegany County on November 11th and last reported on the 24th of that month. This bird, only the third record in eBird anywhere north and/or east of its typical range in south Texas and a smattering of records in other Gulf Coast states, attracted birders from throughout Maryland and other mid-Atlantic states. Interestingly, the fourth northeastern record of this species in eBird appeared on southwestern Long Island just two days *after* the last known date of the Allegany bird! Was this the same bird? We'll never know but it sure is intriguing! As for other exciting birds and/or trends in 2014, a whopping **22** new first-county or first-District records were established in 2014.



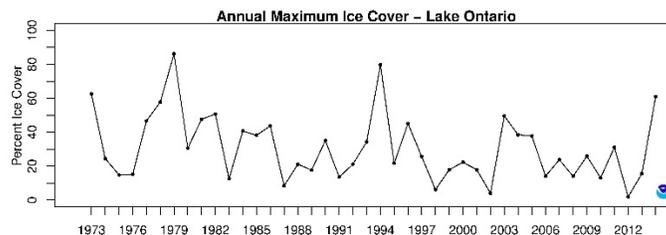
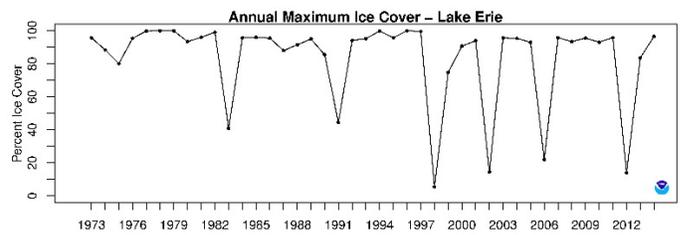
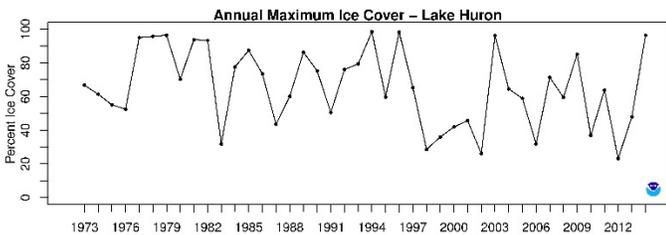
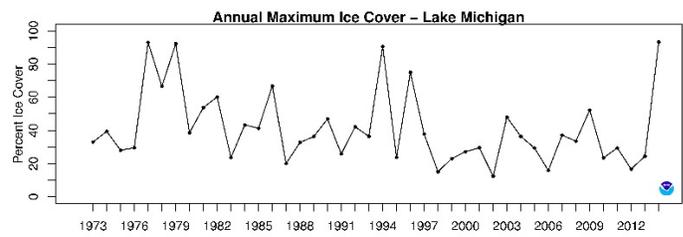
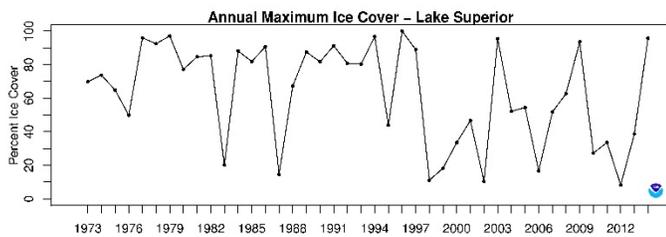
*Couch's Kingbird – Mason Road Pond  
Ryan Johnson*

Birders continued to enjoy the **Snowy Owl** invasion of the 2013-2014 winter well into the calendar year. This beautiful owl was reported in at least 12 counties plus the District in the 2014 portion of last winter. Another invasion occurred during the 2014 portion of last winter – **Red-necked Grebes** and, to a lesser extent, **White-winged Scoters** and high numbers of **Redheads**. Red-necked Grebes were reported in all 23 counties plus the District, offering closeout opportunities for many county listers. White-winged Scoters were reported in all but four counties (Allegany, Caroline, Carroll, and Howard). The most likely cause of the increased numbers of these species last winter was the exceptionally high percentage of ice coverage on the Great Lakes due to severe cold temperatures across the northeast. Historical records of ice coverage on the Lakes show that 2014 achieved the second highest percentage (92.5%) ever recorded on the Lakes and the highest recorded in 35 years. This is substantially higher than the long-term average of 55.3% in winter.

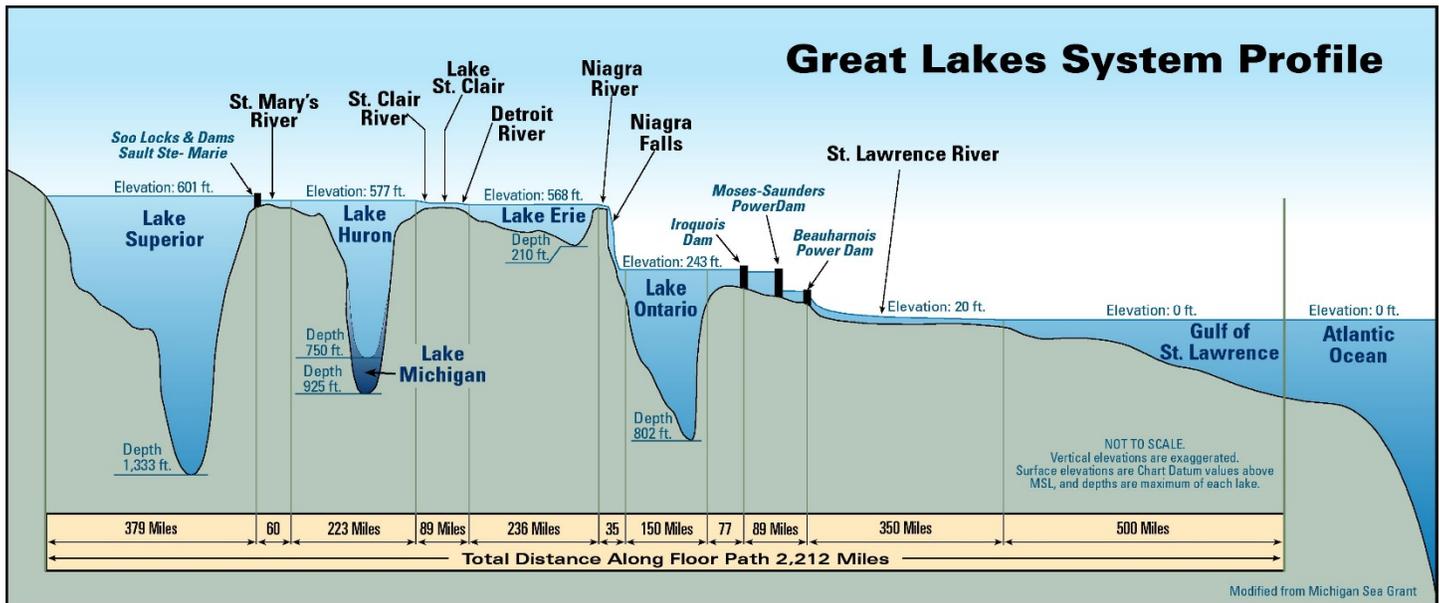
### Great Lakes Annual Maximum Ice Coverage 1973-2014



Below are shown the historical maximum ice cover percentages for each of the Great Lakes individually. Lake Erie, by far the most shallow of the Great Lakes, typically freezes over in winter but the charts show that the cold temps affected even the deepest of the Lakes (Superior, Michigan, and Ontario) to a high degree.



Source of historical ice coverage graphs: <http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/data/ic/>



Source: www.geosurvey.ohiodnr.gov

As for exceptional sightings, the year started out with a continuing **Western Tanager** that had been found late in December 2013 at the Deer Run Golf Course on the Ocean City CBC by Jen and Bob Elmer. This bird, the state's 8<sup>th</sup> and Worcester County's 2<sup>nd</sup> record and Worcester's first since 1962, only persisted through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, late in the year another Western was found at Assateague's Bayside Campground by Dave Czaplak and Mary Ann Todd on November 14<sup>th</sup>. This bird was last seen by many on the Rarity Roundup on November 16<sup>th</sup> and was recently accepted by the MD/DC Records Committee as the state's 9<sup>th</sup> record. Like the first Tanager of the year, another holdover from the Ocean City CBC was a **Western Kingbird** along Sinepuxent Road.



Western Tanager – Deer Run Golf Course  
Mark Hoffman

The Hunt Valley **Black-headed Gull** that had overwintered during the 2013/2014 winter almost through the end of March once again returned for its FIFTH known winter in the fall of 2014. This bird typically shows up every year within a few days of the first of November and was first spotted by Kye Jenkins at the Paper Mill Flats on that date this past fall. It continued there and at the Hunt Valley Towne Center parking lot well into 2015 but was much less reliable than in the previous four winters. Yet another bird that carried over from 2013 was Dennis Kirkwood's amazing **Bullock's Oriole** in Harford County. This bird, a full adult male originally found - and presumably the same individual discovered - at the Kirkwood's the previous winter as a sub-adult, was seen in January but was more sporadic and didn't stay as long as the previous year. This past winter's record is only the state's 4<sup>th</sup> record, with the previous year's showing being the 3<sup>rd</sup>!



Bullock's Oriole – Kirkwood Feeders  
Dennis Kirkwood

Maryland's second record of **Pink-footed Goose** (2) was found by Benjamin DeHaven on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Another birder apparently had them at the same location a week prior to that date but passed them off as geese of mixed heritage. This tandem, which was seen by scores of birders and photographers, persisted until at least February 4<sup>th</sup> at three locations, the other two being the grounds of Stevenson University and along Falls Road.



*Trumpeter Swan – Cumberland Terminus  
J.B. Churchill*

**Trumpeter Swans** showed up at a number of locations in early 2014. This included the single bird found in early January at, appropriately, Anne Arundel’s White Swan Community Park. This bird persisted until early March. Lake Artemesia in Prince George’s County hosted two from January 7<sup>th</sup> through about mid-February. Two more were staked out in Dorchester County from mid-February through early April. A single bird was photographed by Linda Davis on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. Another bird bounced around Montgomery County’s Black Hills Regional Park area from mid-November through mid-December. Finally, perhaps our most famous Trumpeter, wing-tag L55, was first spotted briefly in June at the Cumberland Terminus before apparently settling in for the winter at that location beginning around the end of November.

It seemed like quite a good year for **Ross’s Goose** in Maryland, with birds reported all over the state. Notable Ross’s included Howard County’s second record - four spotted by Russ Ruffing foraging among Canada Geese in a heavy snowstorm on January 2<sup>nd</sup> - and Harford County’s third record over Josh Emm’s yard on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Howard County added a few additional records of Ross’s throughout the remainder of 2014.



*Ross's Goose – Centennial Lake  
Jeff Culler*

**Little Gulls**, typically only seen reliably in Maryland on the Susquehanna and at Back River, showed up in two unexpected places in 2014. Howard County’s first record (and one long anticipated by some long-term Howard listers) was found on April 6<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Lake by Karen & Kevin Heffernan and Howard Patterson. This bird was in a large flock of Bonaparte’s Gulls that hung around all day, offering superb photo opportunities to many birders. Dan Haas also spotted two at Anne Arundel’s Jonas Green Park on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Thayer’s Gulls** showed up at three locations, including January 30<sup>th</sup> at Cecil’s North East Community Park (Sean McCandless). Sean also had a Thayer’s on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the nearby Cecil County Landfill; no doubt this could have been the same individual. The third bird was first spotted at the Ocean City Inlet on April 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Johnson.

**Painted Buntings** showed up at five locations in 2014. The first was a female that was originally found by Tom Ostrowski in December 2013 at the Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary in Prince George’s County. This individual was seen by a handful of birders on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the year but not thereafter. The second was at a private resident’s feeder in Anne Arundel County on January 20<sup>th</sup> (confirmed by Dan Haas). A few days later, Kent County hosted one and possibly two at the Inn at Mitchell House on January 25<sup>th</sup> (confirmed by Rebecca Murphy Flynn). A beautiful male showed up and was photographed at an Anne Arundel feeder on December 18-19, and apparently one also showed at a feeder near Point of Rocks in Frederick County, but the homeowner did not wish to have visitors.



*Scissor-tailed Flycatcher – Fort Smallwood  
Benjamin DeHaven*

Impressive records from spring migration included a beautiful **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher**, one of probably less than 10 state records, found at Fort Smallwood Park in Anne Arundel County by young Kojo Baidoo on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This was Anne Arundel's first county record. An exceptional record of **Yellow Rail** was found by David Littlepage at the Swan Harbor Farm Park in Harford County on May 6<sup>th</sup>. A few days later, equally exceptional and likely Maryland's first spring record of **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** was found at Figg's Landing in Worcester County by Tim Carney, Ryan Johnson, and Jared Fisher. This bird is only the fifth Atlantic Coast spring record in eBird. Other impressive sightings in May were the 13 total **Mississippi Kites** that passed over the Fort Smallwood

Hawkwatch throughout that month.

A **Neotropic Cormorant** was found by Dave Czaplak along the Potomac at Violette's Lock on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This bird, seen by many between Violette's and Riley's Locks through August 25<sup>th</sup>, was only the 4<sup>th</sup> record for Maryland. A few days later, on July 28<sup>th</sup>, Marshall Iliff reported a **Cave Swallow** at Crystal Spring Farm in Anne Arundel County. In the fall, Swan Harbor in Harford County produced nicely for Josh Emm on September 17<sup>th</sup> when he found a very cooperative **Western Kingbird**. Dan Haas got very distant photographs of a probable **Sabine's Gull** at Sandy Point on October 4<sup>th</sup>. On October 12<sup>th</sup>, a **Wood Stork** stunned three observers (Miles Marshall, Mike Hudson, and Holly Merker) when it flew over Baltimore's Cromwell Valley hawkwatch location. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Mikey Lutmerding found a **Black-legged Kittiwake** in both Prince George's and Anne Arundel waters from Jackson Landing. Was this the same cooperative bird found by Dan Haas at Sandy Point State Park on November 24<sup>th</sup> and observed by many birders thereafter? Highly likely! Also in November, Mark Johnson found a rare-in-the-east **Franklin's Gull** on November 19<sup>th</sup>; this bird, seen by many, continued into early January 2015.



*Neotropic Cormorant – Violette's Lock  
Jeff Culler*

**Evening Grosbeaks**, once common fall and winter visitors in Maryland, now rarely show up in the state. The only one reported in 2014 was Dan Small's female at Queen Anne's Terrapin Nature Park on November 8<sup>th</sup>. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Tim Carney pulled a **Tufted Duck** out of a large raft of ducks at Swan Creek. This bird, the 2<sup>nd</sup> county record for Anne Arundel and 7<sup>th</sup> state record, was seen by many over a three-day span. On December 21<sup>st</sup>, Maryland's fifth state record of **Say's Phoebe** was found along Quinn Road in Kent County by Trish and Jim Gruber, who were working the Chesterville CBC. Unfortunately, the landowner was not in favor of having birders camp out for this bird, and only a few initial responders got to see it.

On December 27<sup>th</sup>, Maryland's third (Worcester County's second, and first recorded anywhere in the state since 2001) **Vermilion Flycatcher** was found and photographed by Mark Hoffman along Hickory Point Road during the Crisfield CBC. The bird was only observed for ten minutes and could not be found thereafter. This was followed up shortly after by a spectacular record of **Common Ground-Dove** found on December 30<sup>th</sup> at Masonville by employee Bill Tittle. The bird was found in a restricted area and thus could not be effectively "chased." This is Baltimore County's first record and the state's second, if accepted. The last one reported in Maryland was 37 years ago (!) from Sandy Point State Park (November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1977). NOTE: There is also a record referenced by Stewart & Robbins from Fort Washington, Prince George's Co. in October 1888.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Maryland Biodiversity Project, marylandbiodiversity.com

## Listing

Seven birders exceeded the 300 mark in Maryland in 2014, with Ryan Johnson tops at 332 and a comfortable six birds ahead of Joe Hanfman in second place. By comparison, 18 birders exceeded 300 in 2012, while ten exceeded 300 in 2013.

Mark Hoffman remains in sole possession of first place in the State Life List category, adding the first-state record Couch's Kingbird to his list. Paul Pisano joined the tiny 400 club in 2014, with only Mark, Jim Stasz and Paul O'Brien as the other birders that are over 400 for the state.



*"Ipswich" Sparrow – Assateague*  
J.B. Churchill

Three birders – Jim Green, Joe Hanfman, and Dave Powell – entered the heady “200 Club” of birders that have ticked at least 200 species in every Maryland county. There are now seven birders in this club, as they have joined Jim Stasz, John Hubbell, Bob Ringler, and Bill Hubick.

New high marks were set in **16** year listing categories: Tim Carney now owns or is tied for the top April, May, June, July, September, and December year lists with new high marks for those months in 2014. This goes along with his top August list from 2013 for a total of seven top month year lists! Frankly, Tim blew away most of the six records by a wide margin, the largest of which was 17 birds better for the month of June. Ryan Johnson also set a new high bar for the month of November with his 171 in 2014.

Not surprisingly, Tim's Total Month Ticks (2,143) for the year destroyed the previous high by 50 ticks. Also, his Month Closeouts for the year (57) exceeded the previous high number held by Tim of 51 from 2013.

Dan Small blew away his Queen Anne's County year list record by seven species to finish at 236 for the year. Dave Palmer tied his previous high Talbert County year list of 236. Dave Perry and Dave Palmer both utterly annihilated the Caroline County year list record by a stunning 18 birds to finish at 206. Joe Hanfman had an impressive 111 species or more in every county in 2014, which destroyed the previous high “floor” total held by Joe by 19 species!

Four county/district Yard Year records were broken in 2014, including Calvert (Fred Fallon, 100), Harford (Matt Hafner, 129), Howard (Russ Ruffing, 149), and the District (Hugh McGuinness, 79).

### Maryland 2014 Year Lists

Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>332</b>	Leo Weigant	275	David Kidwell	231
Joe Hanfman	326	Dan Small	273	Warren Strobel	222
Fred Shaffer	318	Dave Palmer	272	J. Tyler Bell	220
Tim Carney	316	Karen Caruso	270	Dennis Kirkwood	220
Jared Fisher	305	Joshua Emm	269	Matt Anthony	213
Jeff Culler	303	Dan Haas	267	Diane Ford	208
Jeff Shenot	302	Howard Patterson	267	Gene Ricks	208
Marcia Balestri	295	Joel Martin	266	W. David Cummings	207
Tom Feild	293	Derek Hudgins	261	Chuck Stirrat	205
Kathy Calvert	289	Rob Ostrowski	260	Gail Mackiernan	200
Matt Hafner	286	Allen Lewis	256	Ross Geredien	199
John Hubbell	285	Mike Ostrowski	255	David Moulton	191
Leslie Starr	285	Mark Rositol	255	Carol McCollough	189
Kurt Schwarz	280	Mike Walsh	250	Ellen Lawler	185
Kye Jenkins	280	Les Roslund	247	Hugh McGuinness	180
Mary Ann Todd	279	Nancy Magnusson	246	Travis Clemens	175
Bill Hubick	279	Keith Eric Costley	244	Lou Nielsen	173
Bob Ringler	279	Mark Schilling	244	Max Wilson	170
Elaine Hendricks	276	Russ Ruffing	243	Jim Nelson	165

### Maryland Life Lists (448 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<i>Mark Hoffman</i>	414	2014	Jane Kostenko	365	2014	Elliot Kirschbaum	338	2014
Jim Stasz	410	2012	Jared Fisher	365	2014	Ryan Johnson	338	2014
Paul O'Brien	409	2014	Kurt Schwarz	365	2014	Rod Burley	337	2014
Paul Pisano	401	2014	Leslie Starr	365	2014	Dave Palmer	336	2014
George Jett	398	2013	Winger West	365	2014	Steve Sanford	336	2007
Mary Ann Todd	394	2014	Rob Hilton	364	2014	Dennis Coskren	335	2008
Bill Hubick	390	2014	Barry Cooper	363	2011	Zach Baer	335	2004
John Hubbell	390	2014	Elaine Hendricks	363	2014	Anna Urciolo	333	2014
Matt Hafner	390	2014	Kye Jenkins	362	2014	Lou Nielsen	332	2014
Joe Hanfman	389	2014	Rob Ostrowski	361	2014	Robert Dixon	331	1993
Kevin Graff	388	2012	Dan Small	360	2014	Wade Stephen	331	2004
Bob Ringler	387	2014	Kathy Fleming	360	2014	Gary Smyle	330	2004
Jim Brighton	387	2013	Mike Walsh	360	2014	Matt Grey	330	2008
Leo Weigant	387	2014	Rick Blom	360	1999	Maren Gimpel	326	2012
Mike Burchett	387	2013	Fred Fallon	359	2014	Ray Kiddy	326	2008
Phil Davis	387	2014	Helen Patton	359	2014	David Kidwell	325	2014
Edward Boyd	386	2012	Warren Strobel	359	2014	Dotty Mumford	325	2006
Fred Shaffer	386	2014	Dennis Kirkwood	358	2014	Joy Bowen	325	2010
J.B. Churchill	386	2014	Gwen Brewer	358	2013	Tony White	325	1994
Carol Broderick	384	2013	Henry Armistead	356	2014	Clifford Comeau	324	2011
Dave Powell	384	2014	Kathy Klimkiewicz	356	2003	Keith Eric Costley	323	2014
Harvey Mudd	384	2011	Fred Fallon	355	2013	Paul Nistico	322	2005
Mikey Lutmerding	384	2013	Jo Solem	355	2014	Peggy Bohanan	322	1991
Samuel H. Dyke	380	2013	Hal Wierenga	354	1992	Elaine Arnold	321	2008
Joe Byrnes	379	2013	Patty Craig	353	2013	Mark Schilling	321	2014
Stan Arnold	379	2011	Peter Osenton	353	2014	Bill Hill	320	2014
Jeff Culler	378	2014	Jane Coskren	352	2008	Carol McCollough	320	2014
Marcia Balestri	378	2014	Larry Bonham	352	1995	Steve Collins	320	2014
Gail Mackiernan	377	2014	Lynn Davidson	352	1998	Frank Schaff	319	2006
J. Tyler Bell	376	2014	Sean McCandless	352	2013	Lola Oberman	319	1999
Ron Gutberlet	376	2014	Dave Harvey	351	2007	Shirley Geddes	319	2002
Tom Feild	376	2014	Duvall Sollers	351	2014	Diane Ford	317	2014
Hans Holbrook	375	2009	Michael Bowen	350	2013	James Wilkinson	317	1990
Dan Haas	373	2014	Emy Holdridge	349	2012	Wayne Bell	317	2010
Hank Kaestner	373	2012	Dave Perry	348	2013	Al Haury	316	2005
Jeff Shenot	372	2014	John Dennehy	348	2012	Floyd Parks	316	2004
Jim Green	371	2014	Eddie Slaughter	345	2000	Ross Geredien	316	2014
Marion Mudd	371	2011	Jane Fallon	345	2014	Charlie Vaughn	315	2000
Michael O'Brien	371	1999	Joe Turner	345	2011	George Armistead	315	2003
Nancy Magnusson	370	2014	Barbara Gearhart	344	2009	Joy Wheeler	315	1995
Don Broderick	369	2003	David Holmes	344	1994	Michael Welch	315	2004
Joel Martin	369	2014	Dick Kleen	344	1996	Roger Eastman	315	1991
Norm Saunders	369	2011	Kyle Rambo	344	2008	Russ Ruffing	315	2014
Kathy Calvert	368	2014	Ottavio Janni	342	2001	Walter Ellison	315	2010
Fran Saunders	367	2011	Les Roslund	341	2014	Arlene Ripley	314	2006
Betsy Bangert	366	2013	Mike Ostrowski	340	2014	Bonnie Ott	314	2011
John Gregoire	366	2005	Tim Carney	339	2014	Hugh Mahanes	313	2003
Marshall Iliff	366	2013	Chuck Stirrat	338	2014	Taylor McLean	313	2014

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Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Amy Hoffman	311	2005	Matt Anthony	292	2014	Michele Morris	279	1992
Don Simonson	311	2012	Dick Homan	291	2004	Darius Ecker	277	1998
Stephen Simon	311	1992	Pat Nistico	291	2004	Thomas Valega	277	1993
Sue Hamilton	311	2003	Tomas Dahlen	290	2012	Victoria Fisher	273	2013
Danny Poet	310	2011	Helen Zeichner	289	2000	Mary-Jo Betts	272	2001
Gail Vaughn	310	2000	Michael O'Sullivan	289	2012	Bob Solem	270	2008
Joshua Emm	310	2014	David Moulton	288	2014	Max Wilson	269	2014
Parke John	310	2008	Karen Caruso	288	2014	Jeanne Woods	267	1992
John Wortman	308	1997	Burton Alexander	286	2000	Leslie Fisher	267	2000
Marcia Watson	308	2006	David Gersten	286	2008	Andy Wilson	266	2014
Stephen Ford	308	2012	Emily Joyce	286	1995	Gary Nelson	266	1993
Derek Hudgins	306	2014	Joy Peters	286	2009	David Wallace	263	2001
David Walbeck	305	2002	Marvin Hewitt	286	1996	Ellen Lawler	260	2014
Don Meritt	305	1996	Warren David Cumming	286	2014	Sandra Byrd	259	2013
Howard Patterson	305	2014	Ethel Engle	285	2002	Greg Butcher	258	2012
Nico Sarbanes	304	2009	John Collins	284	1996	Evelyn Ralston	257	2013
Andy Martin	303	2013	Jared Satchell	283	2011	Gail Martin	257	1997
John Cupp Sr.	303	1995	Jon Corcoran	282	2013	Mark Rositol	257	2014
Byron Swift	302	2010	Matt Tillett	282	2010	Rick Sussman	254	2007
Dave Webb	301	2010	Erika Wilson	281	1991	Hugh McGuinness	253	2014
Dave Weesner	301	2006	Wain Barnes	281	2003	Harry Fink	252	2013
David Yeany	301	2009	Connie Bockstie	280	1994	Bill Ellis	251	2004
Lisa Shannon	299	2014	Glenn Therres	280	1996	Jim Nelson	251	2014
Allen Lewis	298	2014	Michael Donovan	280	1995	Charles Finley	250	2000
Greg Miller	296	2000	Bill Pfingsten	279	1996	Clifton Barry	249	1990
Barbara Davis	295	2014	Edward DeMoll	279	1995	Greg Kearns	249	1990
Ron Kagarise	295	1997	Leanne Pemburn	279	1995	Robert Wood	248	1996
John Maloney	293	2001	Mark Pemburn	279	1995	Derek Richardson	247	2014

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Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>2012</b>	Warren Strobel	316	2012	Mikey Lutmerding	303	2007
Mike Burchett	342	2012	Dan Haas	315	2010	Stan Arnold	303	2001
Betsy Bangert	341	2012	Elaine Hendricks	315	2012	Zach Baer	303	2004
Jim Stasz	338	2009	Jim Brighton	315	2010	<b>Jeff Shenot</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>2014</b>
Stan Arnold	338	2009	Leslie Starr	315	2012	Edward Boyd	302	2011
Jim Brighton	337	2009	Matt Hafner	315	2012	Jim Stasz	302	1998
Edward Boyd	335	2012	Rob Ostrowski	315	2011	Marshall Iliff	302	1999
Joe Hanfman	335	2012	Zach Baer	315	2003	Mary Ann Todd	302	1995
Nancy Magnusson	334	2012	Jim Stasz	314	2002	Matt Hafner	302	2011
Jim Stasz	333	2011	Tim Carney	314	2013	Bill Hubick	301	2008
<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>2014</b>	Hans Holbrook	312	2005	Dan Small	301	2010
Kevin Graff	331	2009	Jeff Culler	312	2012	Jim Brighton	301	2008
Jim Stasz	330	2008	Jim Stasz	312	1994	Kevin Graff	301	2005
Jim Stasz	330	2000	John Hubbell	312	2009	Kye Jenkins	301	2013
Mark Hoffman	329	1994	Dan Haas	311	2008	Matt Hafner	301	2006
Mike Burchett	329	2004	George Jett	311	1994	Matt Hafner	301	2005
Mikey Lutmerding	328	2012	Jeff Culler	311	2011	Betsy Bangert	300	2013
Ron Gutberlet	328	2009	Jeff Shenot	311	2011	Kathy Calvert	300	2012
Hans Holbrook	327	2004	Ron Gutberlet	311	2012	Leslie Starr	300	2010
Joe Hanfman	327	2011	Bill Hubick	310	2010	Matt Hafner	300	2000
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>2014</b>	Jim Stasz	310	2005	Paul O'Brien	300	1991
Dan Haas	326	2011	Mark Hoffman	310	1992	Ron Gutberlet	300	2010
Mike Burchett	326	2011	Elaine Hendricks	308	2011	Stan Arnold	300	2005
Mikey Lutmerding	326	2008	Jim Brighton	308	2011	Jeff Shenot	299	2012
Betsy Bangert	324	2011	Jim Stasz	308	2006	Jim Green	299	2011
Mikey Lutmerding	323	2011	Rob Ostrowski	308	2010	John Hubbell	298	2011
Jim Stasz	322	2007	Bill Hubick	307	2005	Marcia Balestri	298	2011
Jim Stasz	322	1999	Jim Brighton	307	2005	Barbara Gearhart	297	2009
Bill Hubick	321	2009	John Hubbell	307	2012	Mark Hoffman	297	2013
J.B. Churchill	321	2008	Marcia Balestri	307	2013	Dan Small	296	2011
Jared Fisher	321	2012	Mike Burchett	306	2013	Jim Brighton	296	2007
Kevin Graff	320	2012	John Gregoire	306	1985	Jim Stasz	296	1997
Jim Stasz	320	2004	John Hubbell	306	2010	John Hubbell	296	2013
Joe Hanfman	320	2013	Kathy Calvert	306	2013	Leslie Starr	296	2009
Joe Hanfman	320	2010	Kevin Graff	306	2008	Michael O'Brien	296	1990
Kevin Graff	320	2011	Mary Ann Todd	306	1994	<b>Marcia Balestri</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>2014</b>
Leslie Starr	320	2011	<b>Jared Fisher</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>2014</b>	Jared Fisher	295	2011
Marshall Iliff	320	2000	Joe Turner	305	2011	John Hubbell	295	2008
Matt Hafner	320	2004	Bill Hubick	305	2012	Matt Hafner	295	2002
Michael O'Brien	320	1991	Elaine Hendricks	305	2013	Matt Hafner	295	2001
Ron Gutberlet	320	2011	Jeff Culler	305	2013	Hans Holbrook	294	2003
Bill Hubick	319	2011	Jim Stasz	305	2003	Kathy Fleming	294	2013
Dave Powell	319	2004	Jim Stasz	305	1992	Mark Hoffman	294	1995
Joe Hanfman	319	2009	Kevin Graff	305	2007	<b>Tom Feild</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Fred Shaffer</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>2014</b>	Jane Coskren	304	1994	J.B. Churchill	293	2000
Dave Czaplak	318	1994	Mark Hoffman	304	1976	Jim Green	293	2010
Matt Hafner	318	2003	Mike Ostrowski	304	2011	Marcia Balestri	293	2012
Michael O'Brien	317	1994	<b>Jeff Culler</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>2014</b>	Mike Ostrowski	293	2010
Mikey Lutmerding	316	2013	Dan Haas	303	2009	Bill Hubick	292	2013
<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>2014</b>	George Jett	303	1992	Dave Powell	292	2007
George Jett	316	2008	Kevin Graff	303	2010	Jim Green	292	2012

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Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
Kevin Graff	292	2006	Paul O'Brien	284	1989	Paul O'Brien	275	1994
Leslie Starr	292	2013	Jared Satchell	283	2011	Leo Weigant	274	2009
Rob Ostrowski	292	2012	J.B. Churchill	283	2007	Leo Weigant	274	2007
Dave Perry	291	1999	Jim Green	283	2009	Mary Ann Todd	274	2001
Matt Hafner	291	2013	Marcia Balestri	283	2009	Mike Walsh	274	2010
Mike Burchett	291	2005	Ron Gutberlet	283	2008	Dan Small	273	2014
Paul O'Brien	291	1988	Marshall Iliff	282	1997	Fred Shaffer	273	2013
Bill Hubick	290	2007	Paul O'Brien	282	1987	Joe Turner	273	2009
Bill Hubick	290	2006	Rob Ostrowski	282	2009	Leo Weigant	273	2011
Bob Ringler	290	2012	J.B. Churchill	281	2004	Mary Ann Todd	273	2013
Kathy Calvert	289	2014	Marshall Iliff	281	1992	Mike Walsh	273	2009
Dan Haas	289	2012	Michael O'Brien	281	1989	Dave Palmer	272	2014
Jared Fisher	289	2013	Kurt Schwarz	280	2014	Bob Ringler	271	2010
Jeff Shenot	289	2010	Kye Jenkins	280	2014	David Yeany	271	2009
Lynn Davidson	289	1986	Dan Small	280	2012	Fred Shaffer	271	2012
Marshall Iliff	289	2001	Joshua Emm	280	2013	Jeff Shenot	271	2013
Jim Green	288	2008	Mary Ann Todd	279	2014	Jim Green	271	2007
Jim Stasz	288	2001	Bill Hubick	279	2014	Jim Stasz	271	1991
John Dennehy	288	2011	Bob Ringler	279	2014	Kurt Schwarz	271	2013
Michael O'Brien	288	1984	John Dennehy	279	2012	Leo Weigant	271	2012
Parke John	288	2003	Bob Ringler	279	2004	Karen Caruso	270	2014
Barbara Gearhart	287	2004	Dave Powell	279	2006	Barbara Gearhart	270	2008
Joe Turner	287	2010	Fred Shaffer	279	2004	Barbara Gearhart	270	2005
Ottavio Janni	287	1992	Gary Smyle	279	2002	Dave Palmer	270	2013
Paul O'Brien	287	1986	Joe Hanfman	279	2008	Dave Palmer	270	2012
Paul O'Brien	287	1984	Joel Martin	279	2012	Dave Powell	270	2000
Matt Hafner	286	2014	Matt Hafner	279	1999	Fred Shaffer	270	2011
Dave Palmer	286	2011	Bob Ringler	278	1986	George Armistead	270	2000
Fred Shaffer	286	2009	George Jett	278	2005	Joel Martin	270	2013
George Jett	286	1999	Jeff Culler	278	2009	Leo Weigant	270	2013
John Gregoire	286	1984	Lynn Davidson	278	1991	Leo Weigant	270	2004
John Hubbell	285	2014	Lynn Davidson	278	1988	Joshua Emm	269	2014
Leslie Starr	285	2014	Tim Carney	278	2012	Howard Patterson	269	2013
Bob Ringler	285	1976	Hans Holbrook	277	2007	Nancy Magnusson	269	2010
Dave Powell	285	2008	John Gregoire	277	1983	Rod Burley	269	2006
John Dennehy	285	2010	Leo Weigant	277	2000	Sean McCandless	269	2007
John Hubbell	285	2007	Michael O'Brien	277	1987	Barbara Gearhart	268	2006
John Maloney	285	2001	Jim Brighton	276	2013	Bob Ringler	268	2011
Marcia Balestri	285	2010	Elaine Hendricks	276	2014	Bob Ringler	268	2007
Michael O'Brien	285	1988	Bob Ringler	276	2013	Elaine Hendricks	268	2009
Nico Sarbanes	285	2009	Dan Haas	276	2013	J.B. Churchill	268	2003
Stan Arnold	285	2008	Jeff Shenot	276	2009	John Hubbell	268	2006
Stan Arnold	285	2004	Leo Weigant	275	2014	Mike Ostrowski	268	2012
Stan Arnold	285	2000	Barbara Gearhart	275	2007	Mike Ostrowski	268	2009
Warren Strobel	285	2011	J.B. Churchill	275	2009	Ron Gutberlet	268	2013
Jeff Culler	284	2010	John Hubbell	275	2005	Dan Haas	267	2014
Kevin Graff	284	2004	John Hubbell	275	2004	Howard Patterson	267	2014
Larry Bonham	284	1991	Larry Bonham	275	1980	Dave Powell	267	2012
Mary Ann Todd	284	2012	Nancy Magnusson	275	2011	Elaine Hendricks	267	2010

## Bird of the Year

61 birders participated in the 2014 Bird of the Year vote, down from the 65 that voted last year and the 74 that participated in 2012. With one new state bird in 2014, was the outcome ever in any doubt? A few second- and third-state records were quite impressive (*Pink-footed Goose*, *Common Ground-Dove*, *Vermilion Flycatcher*), but when there is only one first state record in any given year, it is hard to top for most votes. Of course, that bird - the Allegany County *Couch's Kingbird* - was the clear winner in the Bird of the Year vote.

Really, it was the votes for second and third place that were perhaps most interesting this year. The 2013/14 winter invasion of Snowy Owls continued to impress voters in 2014, a year after that species won this vote. In addition to the three species mentioned above, a western shore Black-legged Kittiwake from Anne Arundel County also garnered quite a few votes, as this bird was seen at close range by many observers. Oddly, the Common Ground-Dove only received six total votes and placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall – perhaps this was due to its complete lack of chase-ability and its late showing in December, thus it “flew” under the radar?

A total of 27 species received votes. From the list, it is clear that some voters did not notice that voting directions were changed this year – birders were asked to vote for the top three *most significant* sightings in the MD/DC region in 2014, not necessarily their personal favorites. Thus, a number of less-significant species still made the final list. All species receiving votes are shown in the table, below, along with their respective number of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place votes. Each 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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	Couch's Kingbird	50	7	2	166
2	Snowy Owl	6	4	10	36
3	Pink-footed Goose	2	9	4	28
4	Vermilion Flycatcher		9	9	27
5	Black-legged Kittiwake	1	5	5	18
6	Franklin's Gull		4	3	11
6	Neotropical Cormorant		4	3	11
8	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher		4	2	10
8	Common Ground-Dove		4	2	10
10	Red-necked Grebe		4	1	9
11	Western Tanager		2	4	8
12	Little Gull	1	1	1	6
13	Yellow Rail		1	3	5
14	Bullock's Oriole	1			3
14	Henslow's Sparrow		1	1	3
16	Long-tailed Jaeger			2	2
16	Gull-billed Tern		1		2
16	Trumpeter Swan		1		2
19	White Ibis			1	1
19	Band-rumped Storm-petrel			1	1
19	Wood Stork			1	1
19	Loggerhead Shrike			1	1
19	Ruff			1	1
19	Sandhill Crane			1	1
19	King Eider			1	1
19	Barnacle Goose			1	1
19	Cape May Warbler			1	1

## Month Listing Categories

<b>Maryland Months - Life Lists</b>							
<b>January</b>		<b>February</b>		<b>March</b>		<b>April</b>	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
<i>Jim Stasz</i>	237	<i>Jim Stasz</i>	<b>224</b>	<i>Jim Stasz</i>	215	<i>Jim Stasz</i>	264
Matt Hafner	216	Jim Brighton	204	Ron Gutberlet	209	Matt Hafner	258
Joe Hanfman	212	Matt Hafner	203	Matt Hafner	205	Joe Hanfman	251
Ron Gutberlet	209	Joe Hanfman	199	Jim Brighton	202	Mark Hoffman	248
Jim Brighton	208	Bill Hubick	194	Joe Hanfman	198	Bill Hubick	248
Bill Hubick	206	Ron Gutberlet	189	Mark Hoffman	198	John Hubbell	246
Marshall Iliff	206	John Hubbell	189	Marshall Iliff	193	Jim Brighton	240
Dave Powell	205	Mike Burchett	181	Bill Hubick	192	Norm Saunders	237
John Hubbell	191	Mark Hoffman	178	Dan Haas	190	Dan Haas	235
Mike Burchett	191	Fred Fallon	177	John Hubbell	182	Fred Fallon	234
Edward Boyd	190	Norm Saunders	176	Jared Fisher	182	Jared Fisher	229
Fred Fallon	185	Rob Ostrowski	174	Mike Burchett	179	Ron Gutberlet	227
Dan Haas	183	Dan Haas	172	Norm Saunders	177	Mike Burchett	226
Dan Small	182	Fran Saunders	169	Dan Small	176	Rob Ostrowski	225
Jared Fisher	178	Chuck Stirrat	169	Rob Ostrowski	174	Dan Small	224
Norm Saunders	177	Dan Small	168	Fred Fallon	172	Fran Saunders	222
Michael Bowen	177	Jared Fisher	162	Fran Saunders	171	Marshall Iliff	221
Fran Saunders	174	Mike Ostrowski	159	Mike Ostrowski	171	Tim Carney	221
Mark Hoffman	173	Marshall Iliff	158	Michael Bowen	165	Dave Powell	216
Tim Carney	172	Dave Powell	157	Keith Eric Costley	164	Mike Ostrowski	214
Rob Ostrowski	171	Betsy Bangert	157	Edward Boyd	162	Chuck Stirrat	214
Ryan Johnson	163	Keith Eric Costley	151	Betsy Bangert	161	Edward Boyd	213
Betsy Bangert	160	Elliot Kirschbaum	151	Tim Carney	160	Elliot Kirschbaum	207
Keith Eric Costley	151	Michael Bowen	150	Dave Powell	158	Keith Eric Costley	203
Dave Palmer	151	Tim Carney	150	Elliot Kirschbaum	152	Michael Bowen	193
Mike Ostrowski	146	Edward Boyd	143	Chuck Stirrat	148	Mark Schilling	192
Elliot Kirschbaum	144	Dave Palmer	138	Ryan Johnson	147	Russ Ruffing	191
David Kidwell	142	Sean McCandless	134	Mark Schilling	144	Ryan Johnson	189
Sean McCandless	141	Ryan Johnson	132	David Kidwell	143	Dave Palmer	186
Mark Schilling	139	Steve Collins	129	Dave Palmer	133	Betsy Bangert	183
Chuck Stirrat	134	David Kidwell	127	Sean McCandless	133	David Kidwell	181
Matt Anthony	134	Mark Schilling	127	Russ Ruffing	124	Sean McCandless	173
Steve Collins	124	Matt Anthony	121	Matt Anthony	119	Steve Collins	166
Russ Ruffing	121	Mark Schilling	119	Andy Wilson	115	Derek Hudgins	164
Jim Nelson	109	Russ Ruffing	115	Derek Richardson	114	Matt Anthony	159
Wayne Baumgartner	105	Rob Hilton	110	Derek Hudgins	113	Andy Wilson	154
Derek Hudgins	104	Andy Wilson	100	Jim Nelson	110	Derek Richardson	143
Travis Clemens	104	Derek Richardson	96	Steve Collins	102	Rob Hilton	140
Derek Richardson	103	Derek Hudgins	95	Wayne Baumgartner	98	Jim Nelson	135
Andy Wilson	94	Mark Rositol	92	Mark Rositol	97	Mark Rositol	127
Benjamin DeHaven	85	Travis Clemens	87	Gene Ricks	88	Gene Ricks	91
Mark Rositol	84	Wayne Baumgartner	86	Benjamin DeHaven	83		
Rob Hilton	83	Jim Nelson	82				
Gene Ricks	65	Gene Ricks	59				

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May		June		July		August	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>268</b>
Matt Hafner	291	Matt Hafner	246	Matt Hafner	242	Matt Hafner	259
Bill Hubick	280	Joe Hanfman	237	Marshall Iliff	230	Joe Hanfman	256
John Hubbell	279	Marshall Iliff	231	Bill Hubick	221	John Hubbell	242
Jim Brighton	271	John Hubbell	229	Joe Hanfman	219	Bill Hubick	236
Joe Hanfman	269	Bill Hubick	226	John Hubbell	214	Jim Brighton	232
Marshall Iliff	268	Tim Carney	218	Tim Carney	208	Tim Carney	231
Mark Hoffman	260	Mike Burchett	217	Ron Gutberlet	208	Ron Gutberlet	227
Mike Burchett	260	Jim Brighton	216	Rob Ostrowski	189	Marshall Iliff	226
Dan Haas	258	Fred Fallon	214	Fred Fallon	187	Mark Hoffman	223
Rob Ostrowski	256	Norm Saunders	211	Mark Hoffman	186	Dave Powell	212
Ron Gutberlet	252	Fred Fallon	208	Mike Ostrowski	186	Dan Haas	208
Norm Saunders	250	Ron Gutberlet	206	Jim Brighton	184	Mike Burchett	207
Jared Fisher	249	Gene Ricks	200	Mike Burchett	181	Edward Boyd	204
Dave Powell	249	Fran Saunders	199	Jared Fisher	177	Mike Ostrowski	200
Mike Ostrowski	244	Mark Hoffman	198	Norm Saunders	174	Jared Fisher	200
Tim Carney	240	Rob Ostrowski	197	Fran Saunders	170	Rob Ostrowski	199
Fran Saunders	237	Dave Powell	194	Dan Haas	169	Fred Fallon	199
Chuck Stirrat	234	Michael Bowen	194	Michael Bowen	168	Dan Small	197
Edward Boyd	234	Chuck Stirrat	187	Dave Powell	167	Norm Saunders	190
Fred Fallon	233	Jared Fisher	181	Gene Ricks	164	Michael Bowen	189
Dan Small	233	Betsy Bangert	180	Keith Eric Costley	161	Keith Eric Costley	183
Elliot Kirschbaum	233	Dan Haas	177	Dan Small	156	Fran Saunders	182
Michael Bowen	231	Mike Ostrowski	176	Chuck Stirrat	149	Ryan Johnson	178
Keith Eric Costley	230	Dan Small	176	Edward Boyd	147	Russ Ruffing	175
Gene Ricks	226	Elliot Kirschbaum	169	Russ Ruffing	142	Mark Schilling	174
Ryan Johnson	222	Ryan Johnson	166	Dave Palmer	139	Betsy Bangert	172
David Kidwell	220	Sean McCandless	165	Elliot Kirschbaum	138	Sean McCandless	167
Betsy Bangert	217	Edward Boyd	155	Betsy Bangert	134	Dave Palmer	163
Sean McCandless	202	Mark Schilling	155	Derek Hudgins	134	Chuck Stirrat	155
Rob Hilton	199	Keith Eric Costley	152	Ryan Johnson	132	Gene Ricks	154
Mark Schilling	181	Russ Ruffing	140	Sean McCandless	132	David Kidwell	137
Russ Ruffing	175	Steve Collins	139	Matt Anthony	124	Steve Collins	137
Dave Palmer	173	Dave Palmer	135	Mark Schilling	122	Elliot Kirschbaum	130
Andy Wilson	172	Rob Hilton	114	Andy Wilson	119	Matt Anthony	126
Steve Collins	168	Andy Wilson	113	David Kidwell	117	Wayne Baumgartner	111
Derek Richardson	168	David Kidwell	99	Mark Rositol	111	Andy Wilson	108
Derek Hudgins	157	Jim Nelson	99	Rob Hilton	108	Mark Rositol	106
Jim Nelson	156	Derek Hudgins	77	Derek Richardson	102	Derek Hudgins	88
Matt Anthony	149	Mark Rositol	76	Steve Collins	98	Jim Nelson	86
Mark Rositol	123			Jim Nelson	76		

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September		October		November		December	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>227</b>
Matt Hafner	266	Matt Hafner	266	Bill Hubick	235	Jim Stasz	215
John Hubbell	257	Mark Hoffman	245	Jim Stasz	229	Bill Hubick	211
Joe Hanfman	243	Bill Hubick	245	Jim Brighton	219	Jim Brighton	211
Mark Hoffman	243	John Hubbell	243	Mark Hoffman	218	John Hubbell	207
Bill Hubick	238	Joe Hanfman	241	Ron Gutberlet	218	Marshall Iliff	204
Marshall Iliff	234	Rob Ostrowski	240	Joe Hanfman	217	Dave Powell	197
Dan Haas	233	Jim Brighton	237	John Hubbell	213	Mark Hoffman	196
Ron Gutberlet	231	Dan Small	237	Dave Powell	211	Ron Gutberlet	194
Jim Brighton	226	Dan Haas	233	Dan Small	201	Joe Hanfman	191
Fred Fallon	219	Mike Burchett	228	Rob Ostrowski	198	Norm Saunders	182
Tim Carney	218	Marshall Iliff	220	Mike Ostrowski	198	Dan Haas	181
Dave Powell	218	Mike Ostrowski	217	Norm Saunders	197	Fran Saunders	178
Mike Ostrowski	216	Norm Saunders	217	Tim Carney	196	Rob Ostrowski	176
Mike Burchett	215	Ron Gutberlet	216	Mike Burchett	195	Dan Small	174
Elliot Kirschbaum	211	Tim Carney	213	Fran Saunders	194	Michael Bowen	174
Michael Bowen	205	Dave Powell	210	Marshall Iliff	193	Fred Fallon	172
Jared Fisher	204	Fred Fallon	205	Jared Fisher	192	Mike Burchett	171
Dan Small	204	Edward Boyd	193	Dan Haas	191	Tim Carney	167
Edward Boyd	202	Elliot Kirschbaum	191	Ryan Johnson	182	Mike Ostrowski	163
Rob Ostrowski	199	Fran Saunders	190	Fred Fallon	175	Edward Boyd	161
Norm Saunders	198	Jared Fisher	187	Betsy Bangert	172	Ryan Johnson	153
Chuck Stirrat	191	Betsy Bangert	186	Michael Bowen	164	Jared Fisher	151
Fran Saunders	190	Ryan Johnson	179	Edward Boyd	159	Dave Palmer	149
Gene Ricks	190	Michael Bowen	178	Sean McCandless	159	Steve Collins	149
Betsy Bangert	188	Chuck Stirrat	176	Keith Eric Costley	156	Chuck Stirrat	144
Ryan Johnson	182	Sean McCandless	168	Russ Ruffing	152	Elliot Kirschbaum	143
Keith Eric Costley	176	Keith Eric Costley	167	Elliot Kirschbaum	147	Keith Eric Costley	142
Sean McCandless	172	Mark Schilling	158	Matt Anthony	146	Mark Schilling	142
Mark Schilling	171	David Kidwell	148	Chuck Stirrat	144	Russ Ruffing	141
Dave Palmer	163	Russ Ruffing	146	Mark Schilling	139	Sean McCandless	139
Russ Ruffing	162	Andy Wilson	142	Derek Hudgins	139	Betsy Bangert	137
David Kidwell	160	Derek Hudgins	139	Dave Palmer	135	Matt Anthony	134
Derek Hudgins	159	Dave Palmer	134	Steve Collins	135	Matt Anthony	128
Jim Nelson	152	Steve Collins	133	David Kidwell	130	David Kidwell	123
Rob Hilton	151	Gene Ricks	126	Andy Wilson	119	Mark Rositol	117
Steve Collins	151	Mark Rositol	123	Mark Rositol	114	Derek Richardson	116
Matt Anthony	136	Benjamin DeHaven	123	Gene Ricks	111	Derek Hudgins	114
Andy Wilson	133	Jim Nelson	115	Jim Nelson	72	Gene Ricks	110
Derek Richardson	129	Derek Richardson	112			Andy Wilson	106
Mark Rositol	122					Jim Nelson	89
Benjamin DeHaven	107						

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January			February			March		
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>2012</b>
Jim Brighton	188	2009	Joe Hanfman	152	2012	Ron Gutberlet	151	2013
Jim Stasz	187	2012	Rob Ostrowski	144	2011	Rob Ostrowski	149	2011
Ron Gutberlet	184	2009	Mike Ostrowski	142	2011	Ron Gutberlet	149	2009
Matt Hafner	177	2003	Mike Burchett	141	2012	Ron Gutberlet	147	2011
Edward Boyd	176	2012	Betsy Bangert	140	2012	Joe Hanfman	147	2011
Ron Gutberlet	164	2011	Bill Hubick	139	2011	Bill Hubick	146	2011
<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2014</b>	Ron Gutberlet	138	2011	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>2014</b>
Joe Hanfman	156	2013	Joe Hanfman	135	2011	Joe Hanfman	145	2012
<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joe Hanfman	134	2013	Mike Ostrowski	145	2011
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>2014</b>	Mike Burchett	145	2012
<b>Jared Fisher</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Palmer	130	2012	Betsy Bangert	145	2012
Joe Hanfman	142	2012	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2014</b>
Ron Gutberlet	140	2013	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>2014</b>	Ron Gutberlet	141	2012
Ron Gutberlet	139	2012	John Hubbell	126	2007	Dan Haas	141	2011
Joe Hanfman	138	2011	<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2014</b>	Edward Boyd	138	2012
Rob Ostrowski	138	2012	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dan Haas	136	2012
Rob Ostrowski	138	2011	Dan Haas	120	2012	<b>Jared Fisher</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dave Palmer	135	2013	John Hubbell	120	2011	John Hubbell	131	2012
Dan Haas	134	2011	Dan Haas	119	2009	John Hubbell	130	2011
Bill Hubick	132	2011	Rob Ostrowski	118	2012	Dan Haas	127	2008
John Hubbell	132	2009	<b>Dan Haas</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2014</b>	Edward Boyd	127	2011
Tim Carney	132	2013	Edward Boyd	114	2012	Dan Haas	125	2010
Dave Palmer	131	2012	Tim Carney	114	2013	Joe Hanfman	124	2013
<b>Dan Haas</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>2014</b>	Jared Fisher	113	2011	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2014</b>
Mike Ostrowski	126	2011	Ron Gutberlet	112	2012	Mark Schilling	122	2012
Edward Boyd	121	2011	John Hubbell	112	2012	Dave Palmer	121	2012
Michael Bowen	121	2011	Keith Eric Costley	106	2012	Tim Carney	120	2013
Dave Palmer	119	2011	Dan Haas	106	2008	Dave Palmer	117	2013
<b>David Kidwell</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2014</b>	Edward Boyd	105	2010	<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>2014</b>
Mike Burchett	118	2012	Ron Gutberlet	104	2013	Keith Eric Costley	114	2012
Betsy Bangert	117	2012	Dave Palmer	103	2013	Jared Fisher	113	2012
Dan Haas	116	2012	Mark Schilling	102	2012	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2014</b>
Keith Eric Costley	116	2013	Dan Haas	102	2010	Jared Fisher	112	2011
Dan Haas	115	2009	Dan Haas	101	2011	Sean McCandless	112	2013
Jared Fisher	115	2012	<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2014</b>
Matt Anthony	113	2013	Sean McCandless	99	2013	Rob Ostrowski	109	2012
Sean McCandless	112	2013	Jared Fisher	98	2012	<b>Dan Haas</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2014</b>
Sean McCandless	111	2010	<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dan Haas	107	2009
John Hubbell	109	2011	Keith Eric Costley	96	2013	Dave Palmer	107	2011
John Hubbell	108	2013	David Kidwell	95	2011	<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2014</b>
Keith Eric Costley	108	2012	Matt Anthony	93	2013	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2014</b>	Sean McCandless	93	2012	David Kidwell	104	2012
<b>Travis Clemens</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Mark Rositol</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2014</b>	Michael Bowen	100	2011
<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Hubbell	91	2013	Matt Anthony	99	2012
Russ Ruffing	103	2013	<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2014</b>	Howard Patterson	97	2013
Mark Schilling	101	2012	<b>David Kidwell</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Diane Ford</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2014</b>
Matt Anthony	100	2012	Rob Ostrowski	90	2013	John Hubbell	96	2013
<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Travis Clemens</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2014</b>	David Kidwell	96	2013
John Hubbell	99	2012	Russ Ruffing	87	2013	<b>Mark Rositol</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2014</b>

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April			May			June		
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2014</b>
Bill Hubick	199	2011	<b>Ron Gutberlet</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2009</b>	Ron Gutberlet	183	2009
Joe Hanfman	196	2012	<b>Jared Fisher</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>2014</b>	Bill Hubick	179	2011
<b>Jared Fisher</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2014</b>	Bill Hubick	215	2011	Joe Hanfman	177	2012
Rob Ostrowski	188	2011	Joe Hanfman	215	2012	Tim Carney	175	2013
Dan Haas	185	2011	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2014</b>	Mike Burchett	172	2012
<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>2014</b>	Rob Ostrowski	212	2011	Joe Hanfman	168	2011
Ron Gutberlet	182	2011	Mike Ostrowski	207	2011	Joe Hanfman	167	2013
Jared Fisher	180	2011	Dan Haas	205	2009	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2014</b>
Joe Hanfman	179	2011	John Hubbell	205	2010	Betsy Bangert	162	2012
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dan Haas	203	2008	Tim Carney	160	2012
<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>2014</b>	Rob Ostrowski	145	2011
Tim Carney	173	2013	Rob Ostrowski	200	2012	Dan Haas	145	2011
Mike Ostrowski	172	2011	Ron Gutberlet	193	2011	Ron Gutberlet	144	2011
John Hubbell	172	2009	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Hubbell	142	2009
Dan Haas	170	2010	Joe Hanfman	190	2009	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>2014</b>
Edward Boyd	169	2012	Jared Fisher	189	2012	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dave Palmer	169	2012	<b>Dan Haas</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2014</b>	Mike Ostrowski	134	2011
Ron Gutberlet	168	2012	Dan Haas	186	2010	Rob Ostrowski	131	2013
Joe Hanfman	168	2013	Tim Carney	185	2013	<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2014</b>
John Hubbell	167	2011	Mike Burchett	184	2012	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dan Haas	167	2008	Edward Boyd	183	2012	Ron Gutberlet	128	2013
Edward Boyd	167	2011	Dan Haas	182	2011	John Hubbell	124	2011
Howard Patterson	167	2013	John Hubbell	182	2013	Jared Fisher	120	2012
<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>2014</b>	Russ Ruffing	118	2012
John Hubbell	164	2012	Dan Haas	179	2012	John Hubbell	117	2013
Dan Haas	162	2012	Ron Gutberlet	177	2012	Edward Boyd	116	2011
Jared Fisher	162	2012	Betsy Bangert	175	2012	Dan Haas	112	2008
Dan Haas	161	2009	John Hubbell	174	2012	Jared Fisher	112	2011
Mike Burchett	160	2012	Joe Hanfman	171	2011	Keith Eric Costley	111	2013
Russ Ruffing	160	2012	<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2014</b>	Sean McCandless	109	2010
Dave Palmer	155	2011	<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2014</b>	Rob Ostrowski	107	2012
Betsy Bangert	153	2012	Edward Boyd	166	1991	<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dave Palmer	152	2013	Joe Hanfman	165	2013	Dave Palmer	104	2013
<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>2014</b>	Keith Eric Costley	164	2012	Dave Palmer	103	2010
Mark Schilling	150	2012	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Palmer	102	2011
<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Palmer	160	2012	<b>Jared Fisher</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2014</b>
Matt Anthony	144	2013	Tim Carney	159	2012	Russ Ruffing	99	2011
Keith Eric Costley	143	2012	David Kidwell	157	2012	<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2014</b>
John Hubbell	143	2013	<b>Diane Ford</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>2014</b>	Keith Eric Costley	97	2012
Rob Ostrowski	142	2012	Dave Palmer	153	2011	Ron Gutberlet	96	2012
<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dan Haas	95	2009
Mark Schilling	141	2013	Sean McCandless	149	2012	Dan Haas	95	2010
<b>Dan Haas</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>David Kidwell</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2014</b>	Howard Patterson	94	2013
Ron Gutberlet	138	2013	Russ Ruffing	148	2013	Dave Palmer	90	2012
Sean McCandless	136	2009	John Hubbell	147	2011	<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2014</b>	Ron Gutberlet	147	2013	<b>Dan Haas</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2014</b>
Sean McCandless	129	2013	Rob Ostrowski	147	2013	Dan Haas	86	2012
Russ Ruffing	129	2011	Dave Palmer	146	2013	Michael Bowen	85	2011
<b>Chuck Stirrat</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>2014</b>	Sean McCandless	144	2010	<b>Gene Ricks</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2014</b>

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July			August			September		
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2014</b>
Joe Hanfman	180	2009	Tim Carney	198	2014	Ron Gutberlet	189	2009
Ron Gutberlet	175	2009	Joe Hanfman	184	2010	John Hubbell	188	2009
Rob Ostrowski	170	2011	Joe Hanfman	181	2012	Mike Ostrowski	184	2010
Mike Ostrowski	165	2011	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joe Hanfman	183	2012
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joe Hanfman	178	2011	Ron Gutberlet	181	2011
Bill Hubick	157	2011	Joe Hanfman	178	2013	Tim Carney	177	2013
Joe Hanfman	150	2011	Ron Gutberlet	176	2009	Joe Hanfman	174	2009
Joe Hanfman	149	2012	Tim Carney	170	2012	Dan Haas	173	2011
Ron Gutberlet	146	2011	Mike Burchett	170	2012	Mike Burchett	170	2012
Jared Fisher	146	2011	<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2014</b>	Bill Hubick	170	2011
<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Hubbell	163	2012	Dan Haas	170	2010
Tim Carney	144	2013	Ron Gutberlet	163	2012	Joe Hanfman	167	2011
John Hubbell	144	2010	John Hubbell	163	2009	<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dan Haas	139	2009	Dan Haas	162	2008	Dan Haas	161	2008
Rob Ostrowski	130	2013	Bill Hubick	160	2011	Betsy Bangert	161	2012
John Hubbell	128	2011	Edward Boyd	159	2012	John Hubbell	161	2011
Dave Palmer	128	2013	Betsy Bangert	159	2012	Joe Hanfman	160	2013
Dan Haas	123	2011	John Hubbell	156	2013	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>2014</b>
Rob Ostrowski	123	2012	Mike Ostrowski	153	2010	John Hubbell	157	2012
Dave Palmer	120	2011	Ron Gutberlet	152	2011	Dan Haas	157	2009
Russ Ruffing	120	2011	Dave Palmer	148	2012	Rob Ostrowski	156	2011
<b>Derek Hudgins</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Palmer	147	2013	Jared Fisher	156	2012
Dave Palmer	115	2012	Dave Palmer	146	2011	Mike Ostrowski	156	2011
Keith Eric Costley	111	2013	John Hubbell	145	2011	Jared Fisher	156	2011
<b>Mark Rositol</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>2014</b>
Joe Hanfman	110	2013	<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>2014</b>	Tim Carney	154	2012
Tim Carney	109	2012	Edward Boyd	144	2010	Ron Gutberlet	154	2012
<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2014</b>	Rob Ostrowski	140	2011	Dan Haas	154	2012
Edward Boyd	105	2012	Dan Haas	139	2009	Dave Palmer	152	2013
John Hubbell	103	2013	Russ Ruffing	139	2012	Dave Palmer	151	2012
Dan Haas	102	2010	Dan Haas	135	2012	Edward Boyd	147	2011
Matt Anthony	102	2013	Rob Ostrowski	134	2012	Sean McCandless	144	2012
John Hubbell	97	2012	Edward Boyd	133	2011	John Hubbell	140	2013
Russ Ruffing	96	2013	Howard Patterson	131	2013	Sean McCandless	140	2013
Howard Patterson	93	2013	Sean McCandless	130	2013	Howard Patterson	138	2013
Keith Eric Costley	92	2012	Ron Gutberlet	129	2013	Ron Gutberlet	138	2013
Dan Haas	92	2012	Keith Eric Costley	128	2013	Rob Ostrowski	138	2013
<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dan Haas	127	2011	Russ Ruffing	134	2012
<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2014</b>	Jared Fisher	127	2012	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dan Haas	89	2008	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Palmer	127	2011
<b>Gene Ricks</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Jared Fisher</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2014</b>
Mike Burchett	87	2012	Mike Ostrowski	121	2011	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dan Haas	121	2010	<b>Derek Hudgins</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2014</b>
Sean McCandless	84	2010	Sean McCandless	121	2012	Rob Ostrowski	125	2012
<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Mark Rositol</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2014</b>
Derek Hudgins	84	2013	Keith Eric Costley	116	2012	Russ Ruffing	122	2013
Sean McCandless	82	2012	Matt Anthony	115	2013	David Kidwell	121	2013
Mark Schilling	81	2013	David Kidwell	109	2013	Sean McCandless	121	2009
Betsy Bangert	80	2012	Jared Fisher	108	2011	Edward Boyd	120	2012

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October			November			December		
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>2014</b>
Ron Gutberlet	183	2011	Tim Carney	168	2014	<b>Ron Gutberlet</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>2012</b>
Joe Hanfman	181	2011	Mike Ostrowski	158	2010	Joe Hanfman	143	2008
Tim Carney	180	2014	Ron Gutberlet	157	2008	Ron Gutberlet	141	2008
Mike Burchett	178	2012	Joe Hanfman	156	2011	Rob Ostrowski	136	2011
Rob Ostrowski	173	2012	Rob Ostrowski	154	2011	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2014</b>
Mike Ostrowski	168	2010	Tim Carney	152	2013	Tim Carney	132	2013
Tim Carney	168	2013	Bill Hubick	151	2011	Joe Hanfman	132	2012
Mike Ostrowski	165	2011	Ron Gutberlet	149	2011	Dan Haas	129	2008
Joe Hanfman	162	2012	Mike Burchett	148	2012	John Hubbell	129	2009
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2014</b>	Ron Gutberlet	146	2012	Matt Anthony	128	2011
Tim Carney	162	2012	John Hubbell	144	2012	Ron Gutberlet	127	2011
<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2014</b>	Tim Carney	139	2012	Bill Hubick	124	2011
Betsy Bangert	159	2012	Betsy Bangert	139	2012	Mike Ostrowski	123	2010
John Hubbell	156	2009	Dan Haas	139	2008	Dave Palmer	123	2011
Dan Haas	155	2012	Sean McCandless	136	2012	Edward Boyd	123	2010
Dan Haas	154	2011	John Hubbell	135	2009	Dan Haas	122	2010
Joe Hanfman	153	2013	<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joe Hanfman	121	2011
Dan Haas	150	2009	<b>Jared Fisher</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joe Hanfman	121	2013
Dan Haas	148	2010	Joe Hanfman	133	2012	John Hubbell	120	2012
Jared Fisher	148	2012	Mike Ostrowski	132	2011	Dan Haas	120	2009
Bill Hubick	146	2011	<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>2014</b>	Rob Ostrowski	131	2012	Mike Ostrowski	118	2011
Ron Gutberlet	141	2012	Dan Haas	129	2012	Dave Palmer	118	2012
Dave Palmer	139	2013	John Hubbell	129	2011	John Hubbell	117	2011
<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>2014</b>	Jared Fisher	127	2012	Tim Carney	114	2012
<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Derek Hudgins</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>2014</b>
Sean McCandless	137	2012	Dan Haas	124	2014	Rob Ostrowski	113	2012
John Hubbell	133	2011	Edward Boyd	123	2012	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dave Palmer	130	2012	Dave Palmer	122	2012	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Palmer	121	2013	Dan Haas	109	2014
Edward Boyd	128	2011	<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Mark Rositol</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dan Haas	127	2008	Dave Palmer	121	2011	Dan Haas	109	2011
John Hubbell	124	2012	Jared Fisher	121	2011	Edward Boyd	109	2011
<b>Mark Rositol</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2014</b>	Sean McCandless	106	2013
Ron Gutberlet	121	2013	Dan Haas	120	2010	Sean McCandless	105	2010
Rob Ostrowski	118	2013	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>2014</b>	Russ Ruffing	104	2012
Howard Patterson	115	2013	Joe Hanfman	118	2013	John Hubbell	102	2013
Sean McCandless	110	2009	Dan Haas	115	2009	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2014</b>
Keith Eric Costley	110	2012	Howard Patterson	111	2013	<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>2014</b>	Keith Eric Costley	108	2012	Dave Palmer	98	2013
Russ Ruffing	108	2012	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2014</b>	Howard Patterson	98	2013
Dan Haas	108	2014	Rob Ostrowski	105	2013	Dan Haas	97	2012
<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Mark Rositol</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2014</b>	Rob Ostrowski	97	2013
Mark Schilling	107	2012	Matt Anthony	104	2013	Ron Gutberlet	96	2013
John Hubbell	106	2013	<b>Matt Anthony</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2014</b>	Russ Ruffing	96	2011
Sean McCandless	106	2013	Ron Gutberlet	103	2013	Jared Fisher	94	2011
Dave Palmer	106	2010	Dan Haas	99	2011	Edward Boyd	93	2012
David Kidwell	103	2013	Michael Bowen	99	2011	Keith Eric Costley	92	2012
Derek Hudgins	103	2012	Mark Schilling	98	2012	<b>Matt Anthony</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2014</b>

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Month Closeouts - Life		Total Month Ticks - Life		Total Month Ticks - Highest Years		
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Year
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>3005</b>	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>2143</b>	<b>2014</b>
Matt Hafner	103	Marshall Iliff	2948	Ron Gutberlet	1993	2009
John Hubbell	86	Matt Hafner	2922	Joe Hanfman	1967	2012
Jim Brighton	85	Joe Hanfman	2733	Rob Ostrowski	1928	2011
Ron Gutberlet	85	Bill Hubick	2732	Bill Hubick	1918	2011
Joe Hanfman	84	John Hubbell	2692	Ron Gutberlet	1906	2011
Bill Hubick	83	Jim Brighton	2650	Joe Hanfman	1891	2011
Mark Hoffman	81	Ron Gutberlet	2586	Tim Carney	1871	2013
Helen Patton	78	Mark Hoffman	2566	Joe Hanfman	1821	2014
Edward Boyd	77	Mike Burchett	2451	Mike Ostrowski	1783	2011
Tim Carney	74	Dan Haas	2430	Mike Burchett	1759	2012
Mike Burchett	71	Rob Ostrowski	2398	Joe Hanfman	1754	2013
Dan Haas	70	Dave Powell	2394	Ryan Johnson	1743	2014
Dave Powell	68	Tim Carney	2394	John Hubbell	1729	2009
Rob Ostrowski	67	Fred Fallon	2372	Betsy Bangert	1673	2012
Mike Ostrowski	63	Dan Small	2328	Dan Haas	1673	2011
Fred Fallon	62	Jared Fisher	2292	Ron Gutberlet	1635	2012
Elaine Hendricks	59	Mike Ostrowski	2290	Dave Palmer	1630	2014
Keith Eric Costley	59	Michael Bowen	2188	Dan Haas	1621	2009
Leslie Starr	56	Edward Boyd	2163	Rob Ostrowski	1613	2012
Jared Fisher	54	Betsy Bangert	2047	John Hubbell	1610	2011
Mark Schilling	54	Chuck Stirrat	2045	Dan Haas	1601	2008
Duvall Sollers	51	Keith Eric Costley	2036	Dave Palmer	1585	2012
Ryan Johnson	47	Ryan Johnson	2025	Dan Haas	1561	2012
Russ Ruffing	47	Elliot Kirschbaum	2016	John Hubbell	1543	2012
Elliot Kirschbaum	46	Sean McCandless	1885	Dave Palmer	1542	2013
Betsy Bangert	45	Mark Schilling	1844	Edward Boyd	1530	2012
Sean McCandless	43	Russ Ruffing	1784	Dan Haas	1523	2010
Derek Richardson	43	David Kidwell	1727	Jared Fisher	1507	2012
Andy Wilson	42	Dave Palmer	1699	Tim Carney	1497	2012
Steve Collins	41	Steve Collins	1631	Ron Gutberlet	1467	2013
Jim Nelson	37	Gene Ricks	1584	Dave Palmer	1456	2011
Derek Hudgins	34	Derek Hudgins	1483	John Hubbell	1439	2013
Mark Rositol	34	Andy Wilson	1475	Jared Fisher	1434	2011
Rob Hilton	25	Matt Anthony	1348	Mike Ostrowski	1411	2014
Gene Ricks	20	Mark Rositol	1292	Mark Schilling	1390	2014
Frank Fogarty	13	Jim Nelson	1281	Edward Boyd	1371	2011
Wayne Baumgartner	4			Keith Eric Costley	1364	2012

### Month Closeouts - All-time High Years

Name - Total - Year	Name - Total - Year	Name - Total - Year
<b>Tim Carney</b> 57 2014	Tim Carney 36 2012	Mike Burchett 25 2012
Tim Carney 51 2013	Russ Ruffing 36 2014	Betsy Bangert 20 2012
Joe Hanfman 49 2012	Rob Ostrowski 35 2013	John Hubbell 20 2012
Joe Hanfman 44 2014	Russ Ruffing 34 2013	Gene Ricks 20 2014
Joe Hanfman 40 2013	Mike Ostrowski 33 2014	Jim Nelson 20 2014
Dan Haas 39 2011	Mark Rositol 31 2014	Jim Nelson 20 2013
Rob Ostrowski 39 2012	Russ Ruffing 30 2012	Ryan Johnson 19 2014
Dan Haas 38 2009	Dan Haas 27 2010	Matt Anthony 18 2013
Dan Haas 36 2008	John Hubbell 27 2013	David Kidwell 18 2013

District of Columbia Months - Life Lists							
January		February		March		April	
<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>122</b>	<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>119</b>	<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>131</b>	<i>Rob Hilton</i>	<b>184</b>
Michael Bowen	106	Hugh McGuinness	93	Rob Hilton	117	Paul Pisano	181
Rob Hilton	102	Rob Hilton	86	John Hubbell	110	John Hubbell	151
Hugh McGuinness	95	Michael Bowen	85	Michael Bowen	104	Jason Berry	151
John Hubbell	89	John Hubbell	85	Jason Berry	94	Michael Bowen	148
Jason Berry	39	Jason Berry	80	Hugh McGuinness	92	Hugh McGuinness	143
May		June		July		August	
<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>205</b>	<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>127</b>	<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>113</b>	<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>153</b>
Rob Hilton	184	Rob Hilton	103	Rob Hilton	103	Rob Hilton	139
Michael Bowen	171	John Hubbell	96	John Hubbell	97	John Hubbell	123
Hugh McGuinness	149	Michael Bowen	80	Jason Berry	85	Michael Bowen	120
Jason Berry	148	Hugh McGuinness	76	Michael Bowen	84	Jason Berry	119
John Hubbell	147	Jason Berry	70	Hugh McGuinness	27	Hugh McGuinness	113
September		October		November		December	
<i>Rob Hilton</i>	<b>172</b>	<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>163</b>	<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>138</b>	<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>125</b>
Paul Pisano	165	Rob Hilton	153	Rob Hilton	124	Rob Hilton	108
Jason Berry	136	Jason Berry	145	Michael Bowen	106	Michael Bowen	108
Michael Bowen	133	Hugh McGuinness	123	John Hubbell	101	John Hubbell	101
John Hubbell	123	Michael Bowen	119	Hugh McGuinness	100	Hugh McGuinness	95
Hugh McGuinness	116	John Hubbell	113	Jason Berry	89	Jason Berry	67

District of Columbia Months - Total Month Ticks	
<i>Paul Pisano</i>	<b>1750</b>
Rob Hilton	1565
Hugh McGuinness	1222

## Table of Big Day Records

It was up to the birding community to fill in this table somewhat over the past year. However, only seven new Big Days were conducted in 2014, five involving the author in Howard County, one by the Ostrowski brothers in Prince George's County, and one statewide "noon-to-noon" (not ABA rules) by Dave Curson, Bill Hubick, Matt Hafner, and Mikey Lutmerding. The latter Big Day netted 213 species! One 2015 March Big Day in DC that was conducted prior to printing was added to the table. There was also the addition of some previously undisclosed prior year Big Days from Cecil, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties that were received too late to make it into last year's report. Additions/new records are shown in **green font**.

As you can see, there are still a lot of gaps in Big Days across the MD/DC region. Twelve counties still have NO Big Days on record, nor have any multi-county Big Days been conducted on the western shore. By the time you read this, you will still have time to plan for spring Big Days, typically the best time in our region for doing one. Just think, on a Big Day, even a Downy Woodpecker is exciting! Get out there! Just remember to play by the ABA Big Day rules!

By definition, Eastern and Western Shore Big Days must have been conducted in two or more counties.

	All-time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>214</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>214</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Eastern Shore</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>138</b>	-	<b>136</b>	-	<b>123</b>	-	-	<b>157</b>	-	-	-	<b>130</b>
<b>Western Shore</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Garrett</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Allegany</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Washington</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Frederick</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Carroll</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Howard</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>106</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>106</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Baltimore</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Harford</b>	<b>138</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>138</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cecil</b>	<b>136</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>136</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Anne Arundel</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Prince George's</b>	<b>120</b>	-	-	-	<b>114</b>	<b>120</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Calvert</b>	<b>134</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>134</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Charles</b>	<b>140</b>	-	-	-	<b>105</b>	<b>140</b>	-	-	-	<b>89</b>	-	-	-
<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>144</b>	-	<b>85</b>	-	-	<b>144</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Kent</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Queen Anne's</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Caroline</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Talbot</b>	<b>110</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>110</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>113</b>	-	-	<b>113</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Somerset</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Wicomico</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Worcester</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>75</b>	-	-	-	<b>158</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>90</b>	-	-	<b>90</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## Maryland Big Days

214 is the all-time high Big Day for Maryland. Only six official plus two unofficial “noon-to-noon” Big Days (shown in **red font**) have exceeded 200 species. No new official statewide Big Days were reported in 2014, but the team of Matt Hafner, Bill Hubick, Mikey Lutmerding, and Dave Curson ran an impressive noon-to-noon big day to raise funds for the Important Bird Area program, netting 213 species during their efforts. Individual county Big Days are discussed in each county summary.

Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses	Comments
214	05/22/02	Marshall Iliff, Matt Hafner, Jim Stasz, Andrew Farnsworth	No	Eared Grebe, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Sedge Wren, Sooty Shearwater,	Brown-headed Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Swainson's Thrush	
<b>213</b>	<b>May 9-10, 2014</b>	<b>Matt Hafner, Bill Hubick, Mikey Lutmerding, Dave Curson</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Red-necked Grebe, Common Goldeneye, 3 scoters</b>	<b>Great Horned Owl</b>	<b>24-hour, Noon-Noon Big Day</b>
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	This day tied the previous Big Day record for MD set on 5/18/96
<b>206</b>	<b>May 10-11, 2013</b>	<b>Matt Hafner, Bill Hubick, Mikey Lutmerding, Dave Curson</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Red-necked Phalarope, Arctic Tern, Clay-colored Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow</b>	<b>Cedar Waxwing</b>	<b>24-hour, Noon-Noon Big Day</b>
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	55% heard first. Marshall had Long-eared Owl nest scouted. We ran the owls; remarkable!
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	Too early for some Garrett breeders
185	05/08/93	Michael & Paul O'Brien, Paul Pisano, anybody else?	No	7 thrushes, 27 warblers	Black-capped Chickadee	Early for Garrett breeders
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	Couldn't count Wilson's Warbler found during a timeout
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	

## County Listing Categories

### County Closeouts - Life (245 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2012</b>	Rob Ostrowski	77	2014	Paul Nistico	36	2005
John Hubbell	167	2014	John Dennehy	76	2012	Lou Nielsen	33	2014
Gene Ricks	158	2014	Marcia Balestri	67	2014	Fran Saunders	32	2011
Bob Ringler	148	2014	Mike Ostrowski	67	2014	Norm Saunders	32	2011
Bill Hubick	139	2014	Jeff Culler	66	2014	Chuck Stirrat	29	2014
Jim Green	137	2014	Phil Davis	63	2014	Mike Burchett	27	2013
Dave Powell	134	2014	Dave Harvey	62	2007	Rob Hilton	25	2014
Joe Hanfman	129	2014	Kevin Graff	60	2010	Burton Alexander	24	2000
Marshall Iliff	121	2011	John Gregoire	59	2005	Dan Haas	24	2014
Elaine Hendricks	119	2014	Larry Bonham	57	1995	Sue Hamilton	24	2003
Kathy Calvert	116	2014	J.B. Churchill	51	2014	David Holmes	22	1994
Matt Hafner	116	2014	Michele Morris	51	1992	Michael Bowen	17	2011
Stan Arnold	110	2011	Dotty Mumford	50	2006	Matt Tillett	16	2010
Dave Perry	102	2011	George Jett	50	2013	Tim Carney	10	2014
Hans Holbrook	102	2009	Anna Urciolo	49	2014	Russ Ruffing	9	2014
Rick Blom	99	1999	Fred Fallon	48	2014	Derek Hudgins	8	2014
Steve Sanford	93	2007	Leslie Starr	47	2014	Jared Satchell	7	2011
Harvey Mudd	88	2011	David Walbeck	42	2002	Joy Peters	7	2009
Ron Gutberlet	88	2014	Leslie Starr	42	2011	Ross Geredien	7	2014
Joel Martin	85	2014	Lynn Davidson	40	1998	Clifton Barry	6	1990
Edward Boyd	77	2012	Marion Mudd	40	2011			

### County Floor List (total of one's lowest county) - Life

Name	#	Year	Name	#	Year	Name	#	Year
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>2012</b>	Harvey Mudd	160	2011	Chuck Stirrat	94	2014
John Hubbell	215	2014	Ron Gutberlet	157	2014	Fran Saunders	87	2011
Bob Ringler	206	2014	Helen Patton	154	2014	Norm Saunders	87	2011
Bill Hubick	202	2014	Rob Ostrowski	154	2014	Dan Haas	84	2014
Jim Green	201	2014	Jeff Culler	154	2014	Mike Burchett	77	2013
Dave Powell	201	2014	Marcia Balestri	150	2014	Lou Nielsen	75	2014
Joe Hanfman	200	2014	John Dennehy	148	2012	Dan Haas	72	2011
Marshall Iliff	190	2011	Dave Perry	147	2013	Michael Bowen	65	2012
Kathy Calvert	189	2014	Mike Ostrowski	142	2014	Rob Hilton	59	2014
Matt Hafner	189	2014	Marion Mudd	136	2011	Warren Strobel	54	2014
Tom Feild	186	2014	Fred Fallon	129	2014	Russ Ruffing	52	2014
Elaine Hendricks	183	2014	Rod Burley	126	2014	Ross Geredien	51	2014
Edward Boyd	177	2012	Anna Urciolo	123	2014	Tim Carney	43	2014
Jim Brighton	165	2013	George Jett	116	2013	Derek Hudgins	33	2014
Joel Martin	161	2014	Leslie Starr	110	2014			

### County Floor List (total of one's lowest county) - Year

Name	#	Year	Name	#	Year	Name	#	Year
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joe Hanfman	83	2012	Ron Gutberlet	29	2012
Elaine Hendricks	97	2014	John Hubbell	59	2013	Derek Hudgins	25	2014
Joe Hanfman	92	2013	John Hubbell	56	2014	Edward Boyd	19	2012
Jim Green	88	2012	Chuck Stirrat	53	2014	Tim Carney	15	2014
Jim Stasz	87	2012	John Hubbell	46	2012	Ron Gutberlet	12	2013
Elaine Hendricks	87	2013	Joel Martin	29	2014	Ryan Johnson	7	2014

### County Closeouts - All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total Achieved		Name	Total Achieved		Name	Total Achieved	
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2002</b>	Joe Hanfman	24	2011	Rob Ostrowski	11	2009
Dave Perry	80	2001	Joe Hanfman	24	2010	Anna Urciolo	10	2012
Jim Stasz	65	1999	Jim Green	23	2008	Joe Hanfman	10	2013
John Hubbell	59	2003	Hans Holbrook	22	2005	John Hubbell	10	2009
Ron Gutberlet	51	2011	Joe Hanfman	21	2012	Ron Gutberlet	10	2008
Dave Perry	48	1999	George Jett	21	1995	John Hubbell	9	2004
Leslie Starr	45	2013	Jim Green	21	2011	Dave Powell	8	2012
Phil Davis	44	1995	Jim Green	21	2009	John Hubbell	8	2014
Jim Green	43	2007	Dave Powell	20	2007	Jim Stasz	8	2004
Rob Ostrowski	40	2010	Joe Hanfman	18	2014	Jeff Culler	7	2014
Stan Arnold	39	2005	Dave Powell	18	2006	John Hubbell	7	2013
Bill Hubick	36	2008	Dave Powell	16	2008	Jared Satchell	7	2011
Bill Hubick	35	2007	Hans Holbrook	15	2004	John Hubbell	7	2011
Ron Gutberlet	34	2009	Jeff Culler	14	2013	John Hubbell	7	2008
Bill Hubick	30	2011	Anna Urciolo	14	2011	Jim Green	6	2014
John Dennehy	30	2010	Jim Green	14	2010	Jim Green	6	2013
Leslie Starr	30	2010	Jim Stasz	14	2008	Marcia Balestri	6	2013
Bill Hubick	29	2005	Jim Stasz	14	2007	Matt Tillett	5	2010
Rob Ostrowski	29	2011	Leslie Starr	12	2011	John Hubbell	4	2012
Jim Stasz	28	1998	Dave Powell	12	2004	Tim Carney	3	2014
Bill Hubick	27	2009	Jim Stasz	12	2005	Ron Gutberlet	3	2013
Mike Ostrowski	26	2011	Jim Stasz	12	2000	Ron Gutberlet	2	2012
J.B. Churchill	25	2000	Anna Urciolo	11	2014	Derek Hudgins	2	2014
Ron Gutberlet	25	2010	Anna Urciolo	11	2013	Dave Powell	2	2003
Bill Hubick	24	2006	Dave Powell	11	2005	Dave Powell	2	2001
Jim Brighton	24	2005	Jeff Culler	11	2011			

### Total County Ticks - Life (7,414 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>6409</b>	<b>2012</b>	Rob Ostrowski	4308	2014	Tim Carney	3267	2014
John Hubbell	5676	2014	George Jett	4237	2013	David Walbeck	3210	2002
Bob Ringler	5651	2014	Helen Patton	4207	2014	Joe Turner	3195	2011
Bill Hubick	5397	2014	Mike Ostrowski	4125	2014	Dan Small	3164	2014
Joe Hanfman	5373	2014	John Dennehy	4116	2012	Joy Bowen	2869	2010
Matt Hafner	5306	2014	Steve Sanford	4087	2007	Warren Strobel	2865	2014
Dave Powell	5199	2014	J.B. Churchill	4078	2014	Elliot Kirschbaum	2850	2014
Jim Brighton	5182	2013	Marion Mudd	4072	2011	Sue Hamilton	2794	2003
Jim Green	5167	2014	Mikey Lutmerding	4071	2013	Rob Hilton	2776	2014
Marshall Iliff	5136	2011	Dave Harvey	3972	2007	Ryan Johnson	2548	2014
Hans Holbrook	5063	2009	Leslie Starr	3831	2014	Betsy Bangert	2524	2013
Elaine Hendricks	4900	2014	Dan Haas	3813	2014	Jared Satchell	2431	2011
Tom Feild	4899	2014	Phil Davis	3641	2014	Derek Hudgins	2412	2014
Stan Arnold	4898	2011	Anna Urciolo	3571	2014	Matt Tillett	2367	2010
Kathy Calvert	4874	2014	Norm Saunders	3502	2011	Russ Ruffing	2366	2014
Edward Boyd	4829	2012	Michael Bowen	3486	2012	Ray Kiddy	2306	2008
Harvey Mudd	4802	2011	Mike Burchett	3483	2013	Ross Geredien	2240	2014
Ron Gutberlet	4582	2014	Rod Burley	3436	2014	Steve Collins	2206	2014
Joel Martin	4558	2014	Keith Eric Costley	3394	2014	Matt Anthony	1401	2014
Kevin Graff	4533	2010	Kye Jenkins	3308	2014	J. Tyler Bell	1371	2012
Dave Perry	4498	2013	Fran Saunders	3306	2011	Andy Wilson	1175	2014
Jeff Culler	4350	2014	Lou Nielsen	3297	2014	Mark Rositol	1169	2014
Fred Fallon	4344	2014	Paul Nistico	3273	2005	Jim Nelson	1149	2014

### Total County Ticks - All-time High Years

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>4086</b>	<b>2002</b>	Jim Green	2964	2008	Elaine Hendricks	2563	2014
Jim Stasz	3738	2012	Jim Green	2913	2009	Kevin Graff	2541	2006
Ron Gutberlet	3408	2011	John Hubbell	2892	2009	Kevin Graff	2538	2005
Joe Hanfman	3360	2011	John Hubbell	2877	2007	Dave Powell	2528	2004
Dave Perry	3322	2001	Kevin Graff	2853	2007	Elaine Hendricks	2497	2013
Jim Green	3306	2011	Jim Green	2806	2010	Jim Green	2490	2013
Hans Holbrook	3244	2005	Joe Hanfman	2801	2009	John Hubbell	2472	2005
Bill Hubick	3233	2008	Bill Hubick	2770	2005	Jim Stasz	2457	2004
Joe Hanfman	3225	2012	Jim Stasz	2759	2005	John Hubbell	2452	2012
Bill Hubick	3200	2010	Stan Arnold	2746	2008	John Hubbell	2452	2006
Bill Hubick	3193	2009	Ron Gutberlet	2741	2010	Jeff Culler	2450	2014
Stan Arnold	3185	2005	Jim Stasz	2727	2009	John Hubbell	2442	2013
Rob Ostrowski	3173	2010	Jim Stasz	2717	2007	Jared Satchell	2429	2011
Jim Stasz	3159	2011	John Hubbell	2702	2011	John Hubbell	2426	2003
Ron Gutberlet	3147	2009	Jeff Culler	2686	2011	Dave Powell	2390	2006
Joe Hanfman	3144	2014	John Hubbell	2662	2008	Jeff Culler	2379	2013
Rob Ostrowski	3126	2011	Tim Carney	2660	2014	John Hubbell	2352	2014
Jim Brighton	3126	2005	Jim Brighton	2657	2010	Dave Powell	2328	2008
Mike Ostrowski	3109	2011	Dave Powell	2655	2007	Edward Boyd	2323	2012
Stan Arnold	3099	2009	Kevin Graff	2621	2008	John Hubbell	2316	2004
Bill Hubick	3095	2011	Jim Green	2616	2007	Ryan Johnson	2241	2014
Joe Hanfman	3049	2010	John Hubbell	2616	2010	Jeff Culler	2157	2010
Bill Hubick	3037	2007	Kevin Graff	2613	2009	Ron Gutberlet	2150	2012
Hans Holbrook	3021	2004	Bill Hubick	2604	2006	Hans Holbrook	2142	2007
Mike Ostrowski	3017	2010	John Dennehy	2571	2010	Dave Powell	2131	2005
Joe Hanfman	2972	2013	Jim Stasz	2566	2008	Leslie Starr	2111	2011

## Garrett & Allegany Counties

*Material contributed by J.B. Churchill*

There were a lot of great birds found in Garrett and Allegany Counties in 2014. There were **Ross's Geese**, a **Trumpeter Swan**, **Greater White-fronted Geese**, and a couple **Orange-crowned Warblers** (and that was just the Cumberland Terminus!), There was also a **Snowy Owl** in Garrett County. However, the best bird by far in Western MD and throughout the state was the first state record **Couch's Kingbird** found by Kathy Calvert and Mike Welch at the Mason Road Pond on November 11<sup>th</sup> and last reported on the 24<sup>th</sup> of that month. This bird remained for almost two weeks and was chased by most of Maryland's active birders and a few from surrounding states. There were **226** species tallied in Garrett and **209** in Allegany during 2014, based on eBird reports.

A **Snowy Owl** was located by Fran Pope in Garrett County after she received reports from local residents (January 1st and possibly before that at a nearby location). It was often difficult to relocate. This bird continued through January 8<sup>th</sup> and was seen only a handful of times. Joe Hanfman reported a **Red-necked Grebe** at the Cumberland Terminus on February 19th. Fred Fallon reported another **Red-necked Grebe** to the MDBIRDING mailing list from North Branch on March 22nd. This was probably the same bird seen by Joe Hanfman and Jeff Culler there on March 24th. A **Cackling Goose** was at Mountain Lake in Garrett County March 1st (Aaron Graham). A **White-winged Scoter** was at Broadford Lake (Chad Fike) on January 19 and 20 (Aaron Graham, Jessica Klotz). Another was at Little Meadows Lake April 3rd (Joe Hanfman and Jeff Culler) through April 6th.

A **Common Gallinule** was found by Jim Green at Finzel on May 6th. It was also seen by Kyle Klotz on May 9th. A **Red-necked Grebe** was seen April 10 - 12 first found by Joe Hanfman, Bob Ringler, and Jeff Culler at Cherry Creek Cove (Deep Creek Lake). It was found later that same day by others. On May 3rd, Kyle Klotz and Aaron Graham found another at Broadford Lake that was enjoyed through May 18th. It was also seen on the May Count (May 10). Yet another was at Lake Habeeb (Rocky Gap SP) on May 17th (Mike & Rob Ostrowski).

Somewhat of a "MEGA" (for Western MD) was 15 **Willetts** found on May 4th by Tom Feild at North Branch (also enjoyed by J.B. Churchill and Kathy Calvert on that same day). There were 3 **Red-necked Phalaropes** at North Branch on May 18th. They were found by Mike & Rob Ostrowski (MO on the same day). **Forster's Terns** were found April 13th at Deep Creek Lake (Aaron Graham and Kyle Klotz). There was a **Common Tern** at Little Meadows Lake on May 3rd and two on May 8<sup>th</sup> (J.B. Churchill). Aaron Graham saw also one there on May 7th. A single **Caspian Tern** was at Piney Reservoir April 4th (Jessica Klotz) with up to three being seen later in the day (Drew Miller Klotz) and one seen again on April 5th (Roy Boyle).

A **Marsh Wren** was found at Finzel Swamp on May 6th by Jim Green and also seen May 9th (Kyle Klotz) and 10th (Dave Curson, Matt Hafner, Bill Hubick, & Mikey Lutmerding). Old Legislative Road remains a reasonable place to find **Golden-winged Warblers**. This year **Brewster's Warbler** Hybrids were found June 2nd (Tim Houghton) through June 15th and a **Lawrence's Warbler** Hybrid was there on June 11th (Tim Ludwick). Another **Lawrence's Warbler** (female) was found by Mike and Robert Ostrowski (May 17th) at Cunningham Swamp WMA. **Prothonotary Warbler** has been difficult to find in Western MD so one at Big Run State Park May 30th was notable (Matt Tillett). It was seen through June 4th. Another was seen at Dan's Mountain State Park on May 25th by Timothy Reichard.

A **Trumpeter Swan** (wing tag - L55) was found June 5th by Mikey Lutmerding at the Cumberland Terminus and seen by a few others (June 7, 9, and 11). Mikey reported, after some research, that it was banded on Christmas day 2012 in Ontario and was the same bird found at Cheat Lake, WV Dec. 17, 2013 (Terry Bronson) and at Petersburg, WV Jan. 19, 2014 (Frederick Atwood). It started being reported regularly at the Terminus again around Nov. 27 (Melissa Hensel) and was being seen well into 2015. A **Western Sandpiper** was reported from North Branch on August 18th (Joe Hanfman and Jeff Culler). A **Baird's Sandpiper** was reported September 1st by Kyle Klotz. Another **Baird's Sandpiper** found August 31st by J.B. Churchill was possibly but not necessarily the same one seen September 6th (Tim Carney) and through the 10<sup>th</sup> by others. A **White-rumped Sandpiper**

was found at Piney Reservoir September 28th by Mikey and Jo Anna Lutmerding and then re-located by Tim Carney, Ryan Johnson, and J.B. Churchill. It (or another) was at Piney Reservoir on October 4th after a bird-club field trip (MO).

There was a **Clay-colored Sparrow** at Courtney Englar's House near Accident, Maryland on June 15th. Another was at Old Legislative Road (Allegany) on July 5th found by Josh Emm, Matt Addicks, and Matt Anthony and then later that same day by others. On June 2nd, Tim Houghton had four **Blue Grosbeaks** at Russell Road. Those birds were seen there through July 20th (Mark Johnson). Others were at Finzel Swamp June 16th (Patrick Newcombe) and at Jennings Randolph Reservoir on May 21st (Karen Caruso), and three birds on May 26th (Kyle Klotz).

The low water levels at the Youghiougheny Reservoir in August produced some exceptional shorebird viewing for western Maryland throughout the month and into September. On August 12<sup>th</sup>, a **Short-billed Dowitcher** was found by Russ Ruffing. While chasing that bird later in the day, Aaron Graham, Jessica Klotz, and Kyle Klotz found difficult-for-the-county **Forster's Tern** and **Black Tern**. A **Red-necked Phalarope** was found there by J.B. Churchill on August 16th and was enjoyed through August 18<sup>th</sup>. On August 28<sup>th</sup>, an **American Golden Plover** (Kyle Klotz) was found at the same location and stuck around until September 10th. Another **Short-billed Dowitcher** appeared at Trout Run WWTP (Aaron Graham) on Aug. 26.

J.B. Churchill had a **Connecticut Warbler** at Mt. Nebo WMA on September 24th. Mikey Lutmerding had one on September 27th at the Youghiougheny Reservoir and Tim Carney and Ryan Johnson had two there the following day. Tim and Ryan also had one at Finzel Swamp Field and Pond on the same day (September 28th). Aaron Graham had another at Broadford Lake on October 3rd.

As mentioned previously in this report, the **Couch's Kingbird** at the Mason Road Pond was first found on November 11 by Kathy Calvert and Mike Welch. It was enjoyed by many through November 24. Chad Fike found two **Greater White-fronted Geese** at Broadford Lake (November 23rd). Allegany County's first-record **Ross's Goose** was found at the Cumberland Terminus by Tim Carney on November 29th and was seen by multiple observers that day and in the days to follow. Later it was apparent that there were two Ross's (Mary Huebner December 4th). The last sighting was of two on December 20th on the Allegany CBC. Three **White-winged Scoters** were at Piney Reservoir on November 5th (Mark Eanes). Mark also had a **Surf Scoter** at Broadford Lake on December 3rd. A **Black Scoter** was at Rocky Gap State Park November 15th (Joe Hanfman) and 16th (Paul Pisano and Hugh McGuinness). To close out the excitement in 2014, Tim Carney found two **Orange-crowned Warblers** at the Cumberland Terminus on November 29th. They continued through December and on into early 2015.

Listing In Garrett County, Mikey Lutmerding (254) still leads in the Life List category but J.B. Churchill has closed the gap to three birds. Mikey's all-time high Year List of 229, achieved in 2007, is not likely to fall anytime soon, although Kyle Klotz (214) and Aaron Graham (207) had very nice years, becoming the only other birders besides Mikey to top 200 in Garrett in any year.

In Allegany County, Jim Paulus (273) remains atop the Life List category even though his total is now 14 years old. J.B. Churchill has narrowed the gap to ten birds. Mikey Lutmerding also holds the all-time high Year List (213 in 2007) for Allegany County; J.B.'s 172 was the top year list in 2014.

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

### Garrett County Life Lists (289 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Mikey Lutmerding</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>2013</b>	Joe Hanfman	200	2014	Rob Ostrowski	171	2014
J.B. Churchill	251	2014	Ron Gutberlet	199	2014	Paul O'Brien	170	2014
Jim Stasz	246	2012	Kathy Calvert	196	2014	Steve Sanford	168	2007
Jim Brighton	232	2013	Stan Arnold	194	2011	Teresa Simons	166	1994
John Hubbell	231	2014	Mike Ostrowski	186	2014	Dave Harvey	165	2007
Bill Hubick	227	2014	Tim Carney	185	2014	Joel Martin	161	2014
Hans Holbrook	226	2009	Elaine Hendricks	183	2014	Dotty Mumford	161	2006
Kyle Klotz	224	2014	David Walbeck	183	2002	Harvey Mudd	160	2011
Marshall Iliff	224	2011	Ray Kiddy	181	2008	Mary Ann Todd	160	2011
Matt Hafner	223	2014	Edward Boyd	179	2012	John Dennehy	157	2012
Mike Burchett	220	2013	Michael O'Brien	179	1999	Marcia Balestri	154	2014
Aaron Graham	216	2014	Jeff Culler	175	2014	John Gregoire	152	2005
Bob Ringler	215	2014	Fred Fallon	175	2014	Betsy Bangert	151	2013
Jim Green	210	2014	George Jett	175	2013	Kevin Graff	151	2010
Tom Feild	206	2014	Helen Patton	174	2014	Rod Burley	149	2014
David Yeany	205	2009	Rick Blom	174	1999	Dave Perry	147	2013
Dave Powell	202	2014	Gwen Brewer	171	2013	Leslie Starr	146	2014

### Garrett County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Mikey Lutmerding</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2007</b>	Jim Stasz	153	1992	Marshall Iliff	136	1992
Mikey Lutmerding	216	2008	Bill Hubick	153	2007	Tim Carney	134	2013
Kyle Klotz	214	2014	Joe Hanfman	149	2011	Jim Stasz	132	2008
Aaron Graham	207	2014	Hans Holbrook	149	2007	Bill Hubick	131	2014
Jim Stasz	198	2002	Bill Hubick	149	2006	Mike Ostrowski	131	2010
J.B. Churchill	192	2014	Jim Stasz	148	2004	Dave Powell	129	2004
Jim Stasz	191	2012	Joe Hanfman	147	2014	Dave Perry	129	2001
Jim Stasz	184	1999	J.B. Churchill	147	2006	Jim Stasz	129	1998
J.B. Churchill	178	2009	J.B. Churchill	147	2005	John Hubbell	125	2007
Jim Stasz	176	2003	Bill Hubick	146	2011	Rob Ostrowski	124	2012
Jim Stasz	176	2006	Jim Stasz	145	2009	Jim Green	121	2012
J.B. Churchill	176	2008	Hans Holbrook	144	2005	Jim Green	121	2010
J.B. Churchill	176	2007	Ron Gutberlet	144	2011	Bill Hubick	121	2013
Jim Stasz	172	2000	John Hubbell	144	2005	Ryan Johnson	120	2014
Tim Carney	171	2014	Marshall Iliff	144	1999	Dave Powell	120	2008
Bill Hubick	171	2005	John Hubbell	142	2008	Dave Powell	117	2007
Ron Gutberlet	170	2009	John Hubbell	139	2006	Joe Hanfman	116	2010
J.B. Churchill	168	2000	Jim Green	139	2009	Michael Bowen	116	2011
J.B. Churchill	166	2003	Edward Boyd	138	2012	John Hubbell	115	2014
J.B. Churchill	161	1999	Bill Hubick	138	2008	Joe Hanfman	114	2012
Jim Stasz	159	2007	Jim Green	138	2008	Stan Arnold	113	2008
J.B. Churchill	157	2004	Bill Hubick	137	2009	Ray Kiddy	112	2008
Jim Stasz	155	2005	Dave Powell	137	2006	Jim Green	111	2013
J.B. Churchill	154	2001	Jim Green	136	2011	Leslie Starr	111	2011
Mike Ostrowski	153	2011	Stan Arnold	136	2005	Ron Gutberlet	110	2010

### Allegany County Life Lists (304 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Jim Paulus</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>2000</b>	Jim Brighton	205	2013	Harvey Mudd	170	2011
J.B. Churchill	263	2014	Joe Hanfman	203	2014	Jeff Culler	169	2014
Ray Kiddy	261	2008	Marshall Iliff	202	2011	Helen Patton	168	2014
Teresa Simons	260	1994	Hans Holbrook	202	2009	Steve Sanford	166	2007
Mikey Lutmerding	248	2013	Kathy Calvert	198	2014	Dave Harvey	165	2007
Jim Stasz	245	2012	Tom Feild	195	2014	Michael O'Brien	164	1999
Bob Ringler	229	2014	John Gregoire	190	2005	Mike Burchett	163	2013
Phil Davis	224	2012	Stan Arnold	184	2011	Joel Martin	162	2014
John Hubbell	224	2014	Elaine Hendricks	184	2014	Rob Ostrowski	162	2014
David Yeany	217	2009	Edward Boyd	180	2012	Marion Mudd	159	2011
Jim Green	215	2014	Ron Gutberlet	179	2014	Rod Burley	159	2014
Bill Hubick	210	2014	James Wilkinson	179	1990	Marcia Balestri	158	2014
Dave Powell	209	2014	Tim Carney	175	2014	David Walbeck	158	2002
Gwen Brewer	205	2013	Rick Blom	171	1999	Fred Fallon	157	2014
Matt Hafner	205	2014	Mike Ostrowski	170	2014	Rob Ostrowski	155	2013

### Allegany County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Mikey Lutmerding</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2007</b>	Jim Stasz	167	2002	Tim Carney	122	2013
Teresa Simons	212	1994	Jim Stasz	167	1999	Ron Gutberlet	121	2011
J.B. Churchill	211	2004	Tim Carney	162	2014	John Hubbell	121	2008
Teresa Simons	211	1993	J.B. Churchill	162	1999	Jim Stasz	120	2004
J.B. Churchill	202	2007	Joe Hanfman	153	2014	Dave Powell	119	2004
J.B. Churchill	200	2002	Jim Brighton	148	2005	Jim Stasz	115	2009
J.B. Churchill	200	2000	Jim Stasz	148	2007	Ryan Johnson	113	2014
J.B. Churchill	197	2008	Jim Stasz	144	2012	Jim Stasz	113	1998
Ray Kiddy	194	2003	Jim Stasz	143	2008	Stan Arnold	111	2009
Ray Kiddy	194	2002	Jim Stasz	142	2005	Joe Hanfman	111	2012
Ray Kiddy	190	2007	Jim Green	141	2011	Joe Hanfman	110	2011
J.B. Churchill	189	2005	Jim Stasz	139	2000	Dave Powell	110	2006
Ray Kiddy	189	2004	Bill Hubick	133	2008	Jim Brighton	110	2010
J.B. Churchill	186	2003	Jim Green	133	2007	Elaine Hendricks	109	2014
Mikey Lutmerding	185	2008	Jim Stasz	130	2006	Bill Hubick	109	2011
Ray Kiddy	185	2005	Dave Perry	129	2001	Mike Ostrowski	109	2011
Ray Kiddy	182	1999	John Hubbell	129	2007	John Hubbell	108	2011
J.B. Churchill	181	2006	Jim Green	127	2012	Elaine Hendricks	106	2012
J.B. Churchill	181	2001	Jim Green	127	2008	John Hubbell	106	2004
Ray Kiddy	181	2000	Hans Holbrook	126	2005	Jim Stasz	104	2011
Ray Kiddy	180	2001	Jim Stasz	126	2003	Joe Hanfman	101	2013
J.B. Churchill	179	2009	Marshall Iliff	126	1992	Bill Hubick	101	2006
Ray Kiddy	173	2008	Joel Martin	124	2014	Rob Ostrowski	100	2011
J.B. Churchill	172	2014	John Hubbell	123	2014	Ron Gutberlet	100	2012
Jim Stasz	171	1992	Bill Hubick	123	2009			
Ray Kiddy	171	2006	Stan Arnold	123	2005			

## Washington County

*Material contributed by Kathy Calvert*

Birders in Washington County reported a total 199 species in 2014. There were a few special highlights during the year. On a drizzly, miserable day on Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, Dave Powell found a female **Surf Scoter** at Dam #3 on the Potomac River. This bird, the sixth county record, only lingered until the following morning when it flew upriver and out of sight. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie Ott discovered a **Common Gallinule** in the swampy pond adjacent to Big Pool. This is the fourth county record for this bird, which was last reported 30 years ago almost to the day. The 2014 bird lingered at least six days, attracting a good number of birders. A male **Lawrence's Warbler** was found by Jim Green on Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the end of Shanktown Road. This bird stayed around for 12 days. Although a hybrid, the bird was unusual because it seemed to associate at different times with both a Blue-winged and a Prairie Warbler, and Mark Johnson reported that he heard it vocalize the songs of both species. A **Eurasian Collared-Dove** was found on Jun. 3<sup>rd</sup> by Mikey Lutmerding near Marsh Pike and Reidtown Road, in about the same location where he found one in 2012. This bird continued to be reported through Jun. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Wintering waterfowl arrived a bit slowly in Washington County, with only four species reported on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (**Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Mallard, and American Black Duck**), but over the next couple of weeks the total rose to 14 species of ducks and grebes for the month. More arrived in February and March, bringing the total to 22 species. A high count of 62 **Common Mergansers** were seen by Elliot Kirschbaum at Mile 72 and 25 **Redheads** were reported by Bob Ringler at Mile 106 during the C&O Canal Midwinter Count on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Also on this count, the single **Snow Goose** reported in the county for the year was found at Mile 84. By Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, things were really busy on the Potomac and Deb Hale saw 80 **Common Goldeneyes** on the river near Harper's Ferry.

Although **Horned Larks** were fairly common in the winter, on Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Wilkinson reported the only **Lapland Longspur** of the year in the county, on Rinehart Road. Waterfowl numbers continued to grow in February, and, like in many counties in Maryland during this winter, **White-winged Scoters** were present (Deb Hale at Dam #3 on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>). A high count of this species was reported by Chuck Parker at Dam #3 on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> when another high count of 32 **Red-breasted Mergansers** were found by Tom Feild. **Red-necked Grebes** first showed up on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at the C&O Canal at Conococheague Creek (David Zmoda), and by Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> a high count of nine Red-necked Grebes were reported by Deb Hale at Dam #3.

Big Pool in Fort Frederick was the big draw for waterfowl in March, with high counts of **Ring-necked Ducks** (108 on Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Gutberlet), **Lesser Scaup** (31 on Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> by Joel Martin), **Green-winged Teal** (64 on Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> by Jeff Culler and Joe Hanfman), and **Canvasback** (40 on Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> by Jeff Culler and Joe Hanfman).

Washington County is a reliable location for nesting **Cliff Swallows**. The earliest birds seen in the county in 2014 were reported by Steve Back on Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> at Lock 38 on the Potomac. The well-known nesting colony under Burnside Bridge at Antietam National Battlefield reached a total of 75 by mid-May (Chuck Parker *et.al.*). Antietam Battlefield is also a good spot for **Vesper Sparrows** (first reported Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> by Wil Hershberger on Smoketown Road) and **Grasshopper Sparrows** (with the earliest report Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> by Steve Back). Only one **American Bittern** was reported during the year. Joe Hanfman was fortunate to see one in flight early in the morning of May 6<sup>th</sup> at Little Pool.

During the spring, 32 species of warbler were found in the county. Among the best of these (aside from the above-mentioned Lawrence's Warbler) were a **Mourning Warbler** found on May 7<sup>th</sup> by Steve Back near his home on Moser Road, three **Cape May Warblers** found on May 7<sup>th</sup> by Jim Green on Henline Road, and a **Wilson's Warbler** that Tom Feild found near Little Pool on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Tom also reported the only **Olive-sided Flycatcher** of the year at Little Pool on the same day.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Calvert and Jim Green heard the first **Eastern Whip-poor-wills** (2) of the year in the county on Woodmont Road. By Jun. 7<sup>th</sup> the numbers had increased and Joe and Jane Hanfman reported eight birds in the area of Sideling Hill WMA. Also on May 14<sup>th</sup>, the first **Common Nighthawks** of the year were reported by Kathy Calvert and Jim Green, seen from Taylor's Landing on the Potomac River. Only three other reports were made of Common Nighthawks in the county during the year. Mark Johnson found the only **Least Flycatcher** reported in the county on May 25<sup>th</sup> on Big Pool Road.

**Merlins** were only reported from the Washington Monument Hawk Watch in 2014. Three reports were made in October, with the first from Fred Shaffer on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two **Golden Eagles** were reported from that location, the first by John Hubbell on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The only **Red-breasted Nuthatch** for the year was reported by Elaine Hendricks on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at Big Pool. On Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, Jim Green reported a **Red-necked Grebe** at Big Pool. On the Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> Christmas Bird Count, a **Ring-necked Pheasant** was a surprise find for Pol Heiney and Eric Hastings near Benevola Church Road.

Listing Jim Stasz (246) maintains a comfortable lead in the Life List category, with nine other birders now over the 200 species mark. It's doubtful anyone will ever top Hans Holbrook's all-time high Year List of 205 from 2008, the only Year List in excess of 200 ever reported for the county. The highest year list for 2014 was John Hubbell's 120. There are no Big Days in the database for Washington County.

Washington County Life Lists (283 Max)					
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>2012</b>	Tom Feild	186	2014
Hans Holbrook	227	2009	Rick Blom	186	1999
Bob Ringler	219	2014	Harvey Mudd	184	2011
John Hubbell	217	2014	J.B. Churchill	183	2014
Dave Weesner	215	2006	Edward Boyd	179	2012
Jim Green	214	2014	Ron Gutberlet	177	2014
Kathy Calvert	210	2014	Joel Martin	177	2014
Bill Hubick	204	2014	Rod Burley	176	2014
Dave Powell	202	2014	Stan Arnold	174	2011
Joe Hanfman	202	2014	Marion Mudd	173	2011
Matt Hafner	193	2014	Mikey Lutmerding	171	2013
Jim Brighton	192	2013	Elliot Kirschbaum	165	2014
Dave Perry	191	2013	Mike Ostrowski	165	2014
Marshall Iliff	190	2011	Helen Patton	162	2014
Elaine Hendricks	187	2014	Kevin Graff	161	2010
			Steve Sanford	158	2007
			Jeff Culler	154	2014
			Rob Ostrowski	154	2014
			Marcia Balestri	151	2014
			John Gregoire	150	2005
			John Dennehy	149	2012
			Lynn Davidson	148	1998
			Fred Fallon	147	2014
			Michele Morris	147	1992
			Herb Morris	147	1992
			Leslie Starr	145	2014
			Dave Harvey	145	2007
			Anna Urciolo	144	2014
			George Jett	140	2011
			Mark Hoffman	137	2010

### Washington County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Hans Holbrook</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2008</b>	Jim Green	143	2010	Jim Green	126	2012
Hans Holbrook	197	2007	Jim Stasz	143	2005	Joe Hanfman	124	2013
Dave Perry	176	2004	Mike Ostrowski	140	2010	Dave Perry	122	1999
Dave Weesner	170	1998	Bill Hubick	139	2008	Dave Perry	121	2001
Jim Green	162	2011	Jim Green	139	2009	Bill Hubick	121	2011
Dave Perry	157	2003	Bill Hubick	139	2007	John Hubbell	120	2014
Hans Holbrook	155	2005	Jim Stasz	136	2006	John Hubbell	119	2008
Jim Stasz	153	1999	Jim Stasz	132	2012	Dave Powell	116	2007
Jim Stasz	152	2008	Jim Brighton	132	2005	Joe Hanfman	114	2014
Jim Stasz	151	1992	Jim Green	132	2008	Joel Martin	114	2014
Jim Stasz	149	2002	Ron Gutberlet	131	2011	Jim Green	114	2007
Dave Weesner	147	1993	Jim Stasz	130	2011	John Hubbell	114	2009
Joe Hanfman	143	2009	Bill Hubick	129	2010	John Hubbell	114	2007
Jim Green	143	2013	Bill Hubick	128	2009	Jim Stasz	113	2003

### Frederick County

*Material contributed by Kathy Calvert*

In 2014, a total of 219 species were reported in Frederick County. Rarities were few and far between in the county, and several really good birds were one-day-one-observer events. Perhaps the best bird of the year was a first-county record **Painted Bunting** that appeared at a feeder (date unknown) near Point of Rocks in Frederick County. Unfortunately, the homeowners did not wish to have any visitors. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Carol and Bill Hipp reported and photographed a pair of **Sandhill Cranes** in a field between Woodsboro and Walkersville off Rt. 194. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Andy Wilson saw a **Mississippi Kite** fly over his house in the northwestern part of the city of Frederick. The only other known reports of this bird in the county date back to 2004. Andy also reported an **Alder Flycatcher** in the same area of Frederick on Jun. 7<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps both most exciting and most frustrating was a reported **Ash-throated Flycatcher** (Mary Ann Beverly, Linda Keller, and Beth Zang) found on Stull Road early in the day on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> during the Catoctin Christmas Count. This bird was not seen again either later in the day or on subsequent days.

All 23 counties in the state saw good numbers of **Red-necked Grebes** in the winter of 2014, and Frederick was no exception. The first bird was reported by Mike Welch on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> (none had been seen in the county in 2013), and the latest was found by Bonnie Ott on Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>, setting a late date record for this bird in the county. Open water through the winter led to all-time record high counts of waterfowl species, including 11 species of ducks.

True diversity and number of shorebird species in Frederick continue to be difficult to assess because of the loss of birder access to the ponds at Mason-Dixon Farms in late 2005. Unfortunately, the status of our remaining best shorebird habitat and our continuing access to Lilypons Water Gardens is uncertain because the property is up for sale. In addition, Willow Road Pond, another decent shorebird spot for the county, was drained late this year for future development. By comparison, in 2005, 20 species of shorebird were reported in Frederick County, whereas in 2014, the total shorebird species found was 14.

The **Greater White-fronted Geese** and **Snow Goose** found, respectively, in late 2013 by Chuck Parker at Kershners Pond and Andy Wilson on Rocky Springs Road continued and were seen by multiple birders during the month. On Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, Glenn Koppel reported a **Rough-legged Hawk** west of Harmony Rd on I-70. However, this bird was not seen again until Adam Griggs spotted it on Fox Gap Road on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and it was enjoyed in this

area by several observers for the next two weeks. Paul O'Brien found a **Short-eared Owl** near Mt. St. Mary's College on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

The finch invasion in the winter of 2012-2013 was not repeated in 2013-2014, and no crossbills or Pine Siskins were reported in January or February. While **Horned Larks** were frequently seen in fields in the county during the winter, only two **Lapland Longspurs** were reported, the first by Jim Wilkinson on Rinehart Road on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. On Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mouth of the Monocacy, David Kidwell found the first **White-winged Scoters** seen in the county in 11 years (!), and this is the only location in the county where they were seen this year, drawing birders to the spot for the next two weeks. Chuck Parker found the only **Snow Bunting** of the winter on Cap Stine Rd. on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.

February brought all-time high count numbers of some waterfowl species in the county at the Mouth of the Monocacy. Joe Hanfman reported five **Long-tailed Ducks** on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, and on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Field counted 30 **Greater Scaup** and Jim Green reported 120 **Canvasback** and 24 **Red-breasted Mergansers**. Andy Wilson reported 87 **Lesser Scaup** at this location on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. Mike Ostrowski found a **Red-throated Loon** on Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mouth of the Monocacy, which was only the third time one has been seen in Frederick in the past ten years.

Continuing the all-time high counts in March, on the 7<sup>th</sup> Mike Ostrowski saw 60 **Common Goldeneye** at the Mouth of the Monocacy. In other parts of the county, high count numbers were recorded on Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> with Andy Wilson's report of 20 **American Wigeon** at Emmitsburg WWTP (permission required to access), on Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> with Chuck Parker's count of 725 **Tundra Swans** at Kershner's Pond, and on Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> when Jim Green counted 445 **Ring-necked Ducks** at Kershner's Pond. Russell Hillsley broke the high count record with his report of 21 **Redheads** at Wedgewood Rd. Pond on Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Early **Northern Rough-winged Swallows** were seen Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> by Jim Green at the Mouth of the Monocacy, along with the first **Purple Martins** of the year. An early **Yellow-throated Warbler** was reported by Steve Back at the Mouth of the Monocacy on Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>. It took another few weeks before these were being reported regularly in the county. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, an **American Bittern** was seen by Lynn Kieffer at the Monocacy Battlefield Park, tying the previous early first arrival date in the county. During the May Count on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Dave Wallace reported 19 **Black-crowned Night-Herons**, the highest count for that species at the rookery in 10 years.

Although the long-term trend with this species is grim, **Cerulean Warblers** were present in fair numbers in the county in May. During the May Count on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Calvert found four singing males in one sector (primarily on Manahan Road) and three males in another (in the Frederick Watershed). The May 10<sup>th</sup> county-wide census also provided more evidence for the disturbing downward trend in **Worm-eating Warblers** since 2005 (22 reported) to 2014 (only 2 found). In the spring, 31 species of warbler were found in Frederick County.

**Dunlin** is not an easy bird to find in Frederick County, and eBird records only include seven observations in the past 20 years. The only Dunlin seen in the county in 2014 were reported on May 15<sup>th</sup> by Andy Wilson, who saw two at Willow Road Pond both in the morning and evening, but they were gone by the next day. Willow Road Pond also produced a **White-rumped Sandpiper** (Andy Wilson, May 15<sup>th</sup>). **Soras** occur in one's or two's in many but not all years in Frederick County. This year, the first was found by Andy Wilson on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Emmitsburg WWTP (permission required to access). The only **Yellow-crowned Night-Herons** reported in the county during the year were single birds seen by Dave Wallace in Baker Park: an immature on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, and one adult seen on and off there through August.

A record May bird was found on the 27<sup>th</sup> by Andy Wilson when he noticed a male **Lesser Scaup** on Mt. St. Mary's University Pond. This bird continued in the area into July. An immature **White Ibis** was found by Mike Welch at Lilypons Water Gardens on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, which continued for two more days. A worrisome lack of **Upland Sandpipers** in the county ended on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> when Kathy Calvert spotted two at the traditional spot on Oland Road. Up to four were seen for the next couple of days, and then they were gone.

Tim Carney reported the only **Philadelphia Vireo** in the county on Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> at Lilypons Water Gardens. Sadly, no Connecticut Warblers were found in Frederick during the fall (or Mourning Warblers in either the spring or fall). The fall season did bring a nice mix of warblers in the county and 26 species were reported. Notably, the only record for the year of a **Blue-winged Warbler** in the county was made on Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> by Elaine Hendricks, who saw one on Gambrell Mill Trail.

A **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** seen by Dave Wallace in Baker Park on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> was the latest date ever documented by eBird in this county. Dave also found a late **Red-eyed Vireo** at this location on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Hopes began to rise for an influx of winter finches with the reports of 67 **Pine Siskins** by Bonnie Ott in the Frederick Municipal Forest on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, but, typical of this species, only smaller and erratic flocks were normally reported until the Catoctin Christmas Count (see below).

The winter brought a few nice birds into the county. On Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, Cal Thompson spotted the first **Greater White-fronted Goose (Greenland)** of the season at Culler Lake. John Hubbell watched a **Golden Eagle** cross from Washington County into Frederick County at the Washington Monument Hawk Watch on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Andy Wilson found a **Ross's Goose** at Whittier Lake on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Whittier Lake also hosted Greater White-fronted Geese and up to six **Cackling Geese** (Andy Wilson, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>) many days through the rest of the year.



Ross's and Cackling Goose – Hansonville Road Poad  
Andy Wilson

An adult **Black-crowned Night-Heron** lingered as late as Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> in Baker Park in Dave Wallace's patch, and a juvenile Black-crowned Night-Heron was reported by Nikki DeBraccio on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at Whittier Lake. This latter bird was observed almost daily through the end of the year and is the first eBird winter record in Frederick County.

The Catoctin Christmas Count on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> had the highest ever recorded number of **Common Ravens** (27, breaking the old record of 19) continuing the long-term growth rate of this species in the county. During this count the highest number of **Pine Siskins** reported in ten years was found, including one flock of 50 birds. A single Lapland Longspur found during this count was only the 9<sup>th</sup> time in 66 years in the count circle.

The first winter **Snow Goose** was found on Rocky Springs Road by Andy Wilson on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. During the Sugarloaf Christmas Count, Bob Ringler came upon a **Blue-headed Vireo** on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at the Monocacy Natural Resources Management Area. The best closing bird of the year was a juvenile **Golden Eagle** spotted by Rick Keyser at Point of Rocks on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Listing Marcia Balestri (277) leads the Life List parade by five birds, having added one species in 2014. In Year Lists, Stauffer Miller's incredible 231 total from 1993 has withstood all challengers for now 21 straight years. A year total of 200 or higher has been achieved in 14 other instances, but no serious efforts were made in 2014.

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

### Frederick County Life Lists (307 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Marcia Balestri</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>2014</b>	Ian Cornelius	221	1996	Hugh Mahanes	189	2003
Kathy Calvert	272	2014	Hans Holbrook	220	2009	Dave Perry	188	2013
Paul O'Brien	271	2014	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Anna Urciolo</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>2014</b>
Barbara Gearhart	267	2009	Stan Arnold	213	2011	Lynn Davidson	187	1998
Michael Welch	260	2004	Rick Blom	213	1999	Kevin Graff	183	2010
Jim Stasz	259	2012	Jim Brighton	210	2013	Steve Sanford	182	2007
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Joel Martin</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Kurt Schwarz</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>2014</b>
Gary Smyle	254	2004	Michael Bowen	208	2013	Larry Bonham	177	1995
Stauffer Miller	253	1995	Ottavio Janni	208	2001	Lola Oberman	177	1999
Frank Schaff	245	2006	Marion Mudd	207	2011	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2014</b>
Harvey Mudd	242	2011	<b>Elaine Hendricks</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Jeff Culler</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tom Feild</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Fred Fallon</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Jim Green</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Helen Patton</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Kye Jenkins</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Dave Powell</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Rod Burley</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joy Bowen	167	2010
David Wallace	233	2001	John Gregoire	196	2005	Gary Nelson	164	1993
Charles Finley	232	2000	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Ron Gutberlet</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Gail Mackiernan</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>J.B. Churchill</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Lou Nielsen</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>2014</b>
Michael O'Brien	225	1999	Michele Morris	193	1992	George Jett	161	2013
<b>Andy Wilson</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2014</b>	Edward Boyd	192	2012	<b>Chuck Stirrat</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2014</b>	Marshall Iliff	191	2011	Dick Homan	160	2004
<b>Bill Hubick</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Rob Hilton</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Dennehy	158	2012
Dave Harvey	221	2007	Herb Morris	189	1992	Joy Peters	157	2009

### Frederick County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Stauffer Miller</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1993</b>	Marcia Balestri	194	2008	Jim Stasz	160	2002
Barbara Gearhart	230	2009	Marcia Balestri	193	2012	<b>Andy Wilson</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2014</b>
Barbara Gearhart	224	2007	Marcia Balestri	190	2009	Gary Smyle	155	2001
Barbara Gearhart	224	2005	Ian Cornelius	189	1996	Jim Stasz	154	1999
Barbara Gearhart	223	2006	Marcia Balestri	189	2003	Rod Burley	153	2003
Barbara Gearhart	222	2008	Michael Welch	189	1995	Marcia Balestri	152	2001
Barbara Gearhart	220	2004	Marcia Balestri	185	2004	Ottavio Janni	152	1993
Barbara Gearhart	217	2003	Marcia Balestri	184	2010	Bill Hubick	148	2008
Stauffer Miller	217	1992	Andy Wilson	182	2012	Dave Perry	147	1999
Stauffer Miller	215	1991	Michael Welch	182	1997	Dave Powell	146	2003
Stauffer Miller	215	1990	Michael Welch	181	1994	Michael Welch	146	1990
Gary Smyle	207	2002	Marcia Balestri	180	2006	Paul O'Brien	146	1951
Marcia Balestri	203	2011	Marcia Balestri	175	2005	John Hubbell	142	2008
Andy Wilson	201	2011	Michael Welch	175	2002	Mike Ostrowski	141	2011
Marcia Balestri	200	2013	Paul O'Brien	175	1953	Rod Burley	140	2000
Michael Welch	199	2000	Ian Cornelius	174	1995	Hans Holbrook	139	2005
Michael Welch	198	1999	Michael Welch	168	1992	Dave Powell	138	2004
Marcia Balestri	196	2007	Michael Welch	166	1991	Jim Stasz	136	1992
Marcia Balestri	196	2002	Paul O'Brien	166	1952	Jim Green	134	2011
Michael Welch	196	2004	Paul O'Brien	163	1954	Joe Hanfman	133	2009

## Carroll County

There is no summary for Carroll County this year. Birders reported 205 species for the County via eBird in 2014, down eight from 2013. There was one first-county record for Carroll County in 2014, that being a group of four **Ross's Geese** that were seen by Dave and Maureen Harvey at Piney Run Park on Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>. These were no doubt the same birds that had been found a few days earlier just across the Howard County line.

Listing Bob Ringler added one species to his county Life List total which now stands at 280 and which is likely forever out of reach of being matched. Bob continues to hold the top Year List of 204 from 1995, and has topped 200 four different times. His 174 was again tops for the year in the county. There are no Big Days in the database for Carroll County.



*American Avocet – Hampstead  
Jeff Culler*

<b>Carroll County Life Lists (290 Max)</b>					
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>2014</b>	Matt Hafner	194	2014
Edward Boyd	252	2012	Joel Martin	194	2014
Dave Harvey	252	2007	Stan Arnold	193	2011
Jim Stasz	251	2012	Kathy Calvert	192	2014
Rick Blom	250	1999	Tom Feild	189	2014
Mark Hoffman	217	2011	Elaine Hendricks	187	2014
John Hubbell	215	2014	Chuck Stirrat	186	2014
Joe Hanfman	206	2014	Rod Burley	185	2014
Jim Green	203	2014	Kevin Graff	185	2010
Dave Powell	202	2014	Steve Sanford	184	2007
Bill Hubick	202	2014	Marion Mudd	176	2011
Marshall Iliff	198	2011	Dave Perry	176	2013
Harvey Mudd	197	2011	Bill Ellis	174	2004
Hans Holbrook	196	2009	Jeff Culler	170	2014
Lou Nielsen	195	2014	Burton Alexander	170	2000
			Elliot Kirschbaum	166	2014
			Keith Eric Costley	166	2014
			Kye Jenkins	165	2014
			Jim Brighton	165	2013
			John Dennehy	163	2012
			John Gregoire	161	2005
			Rob Ostrowski	159	2014
			Ron Gutberlet	157	2014
			Helen Patton	157	2014
			Mike Ostrowski	155	2014
			Michele Morris	153	1992
			Marcia Balestri	150	2014
			Fred Fallon	148	2014
			George Jett	148	2011
			David Holmes	147	1994

### Carroll County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>1995</b>	Bill Ellis	167	2004	Bill Hubick	121	2010
Bob Ringler	202	2008	Jim Stasz	157	2002	John Hubbell	120	2004
Bob Ringler	202	2007	Kevin Graff	154	2007	John Hubbell	120	2008
Bob Ringler	201	1992	Joe Hanfman	145	2010	Jim Stasz	120	2005
Bob Ringler	199	1994	Jim Stasz	142	1992	Jim Stasz	119	2007
Bob Ringler	198	1993	Joe Hanfman	137	2009	Mike Ostrowski	117	2011
Bob Ringler	195	1988	Jim Green	136	2010	Bill Hubick	114	2007
Bob Ringler	191	2010	John Hubbell	136	2009	Jeff Culler	114	2011
Bob Ringler	189	2009	Joe Hanfman	135	2013	Jim Green	113	2013
Bob Ringler	188	2002	Jim Green	135	2011	John Hubbell	113	2007
Mark Hoffman	187	1995	Dave Perry	133	2000	Bill Hubick	113	2006
Bob Ringler	186	2012	Rod Burley	133	2002	Jim Stasz	111	1998
Bob Ringler	186	1989	Rob Ostrowski	132	2010	Jim Green	110	2008
Bob Ringler	185	2011	Rod Burley	131	2001	Bill Hubick	109	2011
Bob Ringler	185	2004	Hans Holbrook	130	2005	Jim Stasz	109	2004
Bob Ringler	183	2013	Jim Stasz	128	1999	Hans Holbrook	109	2007
Bob Ringler	181	2003	Joe Hanfman	127	2011	Kevin Graff	107	2009
Bob Ringler	181	1990	Ron Gutberlet	127	2011	Bill Hubick	105	2009
Bob Ringler	180	2006	Dave Perry	125	2001	Kevin Graff	104	2008
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joe Hanfman	103	2012
Dave Harvey	174	1994	Bill Hubick	123	2008	Jim Green	102	2012
Dave Harvey	172	1996	Dave Powell	123	2007	John Hubbell	101	2006

### Howard County

*Material contributed by Russ Ruffing and Jo Solem*

The total number of species reported in the county in 2014 was 226, two more than what is displayed in eBird (see text below for explanation) and a number down considerably from last year and other high recent years. The county had two new first-county records and several species with few previous records. This was the first full year that county birders did not have access to the wonderful University of Maryland Farm, and perhaps this was one of the causes of the low total, although it is noted that shorebird diversity in 2014 was quite low (11 total species) in contrast with the 19 found just two years ago in 2012.



*Little Gull – Centennial Lake  
Russ Ruffing*

Before getting to the good memories, Howard birders have a sad memory, as longtime county birder and Bird Club Treasurer Emy Holdridge passed away in early January 2015. Emy's life list for the county stands at a whopping 277, fourth all time. It is wonderful that Emy was able to share in the thrilling appearance of the county's first-ever **Little Gull**, found by Karen & Kevin Heffernan and Howard Patterson at Centennial Lake on Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>. This bird, long-anticipated by the many veteran birders in the county, finally showed up and was found in with a flock of around 100 Bonaparte's Gulls. It stayed around throughout the day and gave wonderful photo opportunities to scores of birders from both inside and outside of the county. After so many years of anticipation, who would have predicted that the

county's first Little Gull would be so cooperative and would be seen by almost anyone who was interested?

In sharp contrast, the county's first record of **Swallow-tailed Kite** was seen by only one person, Harry Fink. Harry, a veteran of many hawk watches in his birding career, casually looked up as he opened his front door on the late afternoon of Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> and just happened to spy this magnificent raptor moving lazily over his house. What an incredible yard bird for any birder! Similarly, the county's second-ever record of **Eared Grebe** was found and documented by a photographer at Lake Elkhorn on Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> – and not a single “birder” knew about it until a few days later. Sadly, this bird was long gone and not seen by anyone else. It would have been a county “lifer” for scores of us. On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Matt Rogosky found the county's fourth record of **Tricolored Heron** at the west end of Centennial Lake. Though he put the word out quickly, only one other birder (Russ Ruffing) arrived in time to see it. A handful of others got there too late – in some cases literally less than one minute after the bird departed – as the bird was spooked by a dog on a leash, lifted off and flew south towards Columbia, never to be relocated again.

Thankfully, the county's second record of **Ross's Goose** – a group of four – were seen by many. This group was found by Russ Ruffing on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> in a blinding snow storm along Daisy Road in the western part of the county, and remained through at least the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. These birds were found because Russ had been searching for Bob Ringle's blue-phase **Snow Goose** seen nearby the day before. Snows are typically only seen a couple times in the county in any given year, and a blue-phase almost never. It was a good year for **Ross's Goose** in the county, as perhaps remnants of the early January flock dispersed and appeared elsewhere throughout the next couple of months. Single birds appeared intermittently along Daisy Road and also at Fulton Pond to the south through Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> (Joe Hanfman). And then in the fall, a single bird showed up at Centennial on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and stayed for over a week. This bird was widely seen and photographed at close range by many. Finally, on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, Russ Ruffing had a single Ross's in with a flock of 36 Snow Geese during a skywatch over his yard in Woodstock.

Though Howard did not have an exceptional year in terms of total species seen, there were quite a few special sightings in addition to those already described. There was also a total of 11 new early or late dates set in Howard County in 2014. These are outlined in the discussion below.

On Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, Russ Ruffing noticed a very obvious **Black-capped Chickadee** on his feeders. This bird, strikingly marked for a Black-capped, left little doubt as to its identity and was seen and photographed by any who wished to stop by for it. It stayed all winter and finally departed sometime after Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>. Harry Fink had a beautiful adult **Red-headed Woodpecker** on his feeders in early January as well, and this bird (difficult in Howard) stayed off and on throughout the summer and into the fall months. It was still being seen into the early part of 2015.

On Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jim Wilkinson found a **Lapland Longspur** along Underwood Road, the county's only reliable spot for this species in the winter. Russ Ruffing had what is thought to be a separate Lapland at the same location the next day. Jim found and photographed another Lapland at the same location on Mar. 4<sup>th</sup>. A **Baltimore Oriole** spent Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> to Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at a feeder in W. Columbia

Howard was not left out of the **Red-necked Grebe** derby, as the first one in the county in quite some time literally fell out of the sky...and onto a roof in suburban Columbia on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. This bird, no doubt confused during a rain storm and mistook the roof for water, was injured and taken to a rehabilitation specialist who successfully reintroduced the bird back into the wild after it recovered. Birders eventually uncovered some free-flying individuals in the county, the first being at Centennial on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. This bird stayed at least until Apr. 20<sup>th</sup>. Others were observed at Triadelphia Reservoir and at Springdale Pond into early May. However, the big shock was an individual located at Triadelphia Reservoir by Dave Holyoke on June 21<sup>st</sup>! In the fall, two birds were seen at Lake Elkhorn by Allen Lewis on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie Ott found the county's second-earliest spring **American Bittern** at the Howard County Conservancy. Interestingly, Bonnie had an exceptionally close encounter with another one on the last day of the year at the Fox Chase Wetlands. The latter record is the county's first-ever for December and only our second-ever winter record. On Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>, Jim Wilkinson reported a male and female **Brewer's Blackbird** along Daisy Road. Joe Hanfman arrived in time to see the birds as well. Both submitted write-ups but the record was not accepted by the MD/DC Records Committee and was thus not validated in eBird. This would have been only the fifth accepted record of Brewer's for the county.



*American Bittern – Fox Chase Wetlands  
Bonnie Ott*

On Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>, Kurt Schwarz found a new county early record **Solitary Sandpiper** at Fulton Pond. This beat the previous county early date of April 1<sup>st</sup> by eight days! On Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tom Feild found a tough-to-get **Red-throated Loon** in our land-locked county, at Triadelphia Reservoir. A few days later, on the evening of Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>, Karen and Kevin Heffernan were treated to a calling **Eastern Whip-poor-will** literally right outside their kitchen window near Patapsco SP! This species has all but disappeared as a breeder in the county and is rarely detected more than once or twice a year, if that.

Kurt Schwarz found a new county early record **Yellow Warbler** on Apr. 13<sup>th</sup> at Centennial. He wasn't done yet, though...he set yet another new county early date with a **Red-eyed Vireo** on tax day, Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>. Three new early dates by one birder in less than a month...impressive!

As spring migration got going in earnest, some other decent sightings were reported in the county. Another new county early date, this one a **Cape May Warbler**, was found by Bonnie Ott on Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> at Meadowbrook Park. On Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>, during a Big Day attempt by Russ Ruffing, Harry Fink, and Allen Lewis, a singing **Cerulean Warbler** was found at the Henryton area of Patapsco SP. This bird was detected for weeks similar to last year at this location and it is hoped that there is at least one successful breeding pair in the area. The Cerulean attracted the attention of many county birders and as a result, the location produced a rare spring **Olive-sided Flycatcher** on May 4<sup>th</sup> and a **Mourning Warbler** (Chuck Stirrat) on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Another Olive-sided was found by Nancy Magnusson on May 7<sup>th</sup> at MPEA. Between May 21<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, **Alder Flycatchers** were reported at four locations, including the exact same spot at the Conservancy that held one last May/June. The onslaught of Olive-sided Flycatchers continued late into May as Bonnie Ott hosted one at her famous yard "snag tree" on May 27<sup>th</sup> and Joe Hanfman reported one from the Howard Landfill (restricted access only) on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Wilson's Warblers** had an unusually strong spring showing in the county, with multiple records from Henryton, Woodstock, MPEA, Waterford Farm, the Conservancy, Centennial, Lake Elkhorn, and others. Nancy Magnusson's **Gray-cheeked Thrush** at MPEA on May 26<sup>th</sup> set a new late spring date for the county.

Moving into June, Kurt Schwarz found a **Dickcissel** at Western Regional Park on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Many chased this bird but to no avail. A second Dickcissel was reported twice in June along Roxbury Road by Mark Wallace. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Russ Ruffing was stunned to find a very late **Dark-eyed Junco** searching his feeders. This was only the county's second-ever June record and second-latest record of this species. Not to be out-done in the "summer" winter birds category, Bonnie Ott and Richard Orr spotted a shocking **White-throated Sparrow** at Fox Chase on July 7<sup>th</sup>! Jeff Culler presumably saw this same bird in the same general area on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. On Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>,



White Ibis – Rockburn Branch Park  
Bonnie Ott

the county's seventh record of **White Ibis** both surprised and was photographed by Bonnie Ott as it flew over Rockburn Branch Park. This species had not been recorded in Howard since 2008.

During fall migration, Joe Hanfman recorded a new county early fall date for **Rose-breasted Grosbeak** on Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> at MPEA. Conversely, Russ Ruffing had a new county late record of **Yellow-throated Warbler** in his yard on Sep. 27<sup>th</sup>. Connecticut Warblers were only seen on three occasions, and only between the dates of Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. On Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, Russ also found a **Semipalmated Plover** while kayaking the upper Triadelphia Reservoir; this bird set a new late date for the county. Bonnie Ott found a **Nelson's Sparrow** at the Howard County Conservancy on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. The interest from the birding

community over the next few days also produced what is thought to be a second Nelson's (brighter coloration, photo'd by Nancy Magnusson) as well as a **Marsh Wren** (Russ Ruffing), **Sedge Wren** (Howard Patterson), and an **Orange-crowned Warbler** (Kurt Schwarz) in the same general vicinity. Without the access to the U. of Maryland Central Farm any longer, records of Nelson's and Marsh and Sedge Wrens are likely going to be very hard to come by in the future.

On a Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> skywatch at Russ Ruffing's yard in Woodstock, he and Harry Fink were hoping to see a rare migrant (for the county) **Golden Eagle** because the conditions and timing (first week of November) were exceptional. The winds were brisk out of the north and full sun had the thermals rising. Buteos were everywhere that morning, and around 11:00 a.m. a young Golden flew straight over the house and northeast into Baltimore County on the other side of the Patapsco. This was preceded by a lone **Sandhill Crane** that flew from Baltimore into Howard and straight over the house. The Sandhill set off a cascade of that species as later that month, Mike Kerwin had a whopping eight Sandhills fly over his house in Ellicott City, and David Cummings found five at Triadelphia Reservoir on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. Even with these records, there are still less than a dozen Sandhill Crane records in the county.

On Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Steve Collins had a new county late date for **Marsh Wren** at Lake Elkhorn. On Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Mike Kerwin had a **Black-throated Blue Warbler** at his home feeders. This bird exceeded the county's previous late date by almost a week! Two **Surf Scoters** were found at Centennial by Rob Hilton on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> as he was searching for the continuing Ross's Goose at that location. These birds, with only around a dozen previous county records, stayed into early December. Later in the month, on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Joe Hanfman had the year's only **Lesser Black-backed Gull** for the county across the county line from the Anne Arundel Trash Transfer Station in Jessup. In December, county birders were stunned by Tim Houghton's discovery of a late **Nashville Warbler** at the Howard Conservancy on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. This hardy individual, a new late date for the county, was seen throughout the remainder of the month and into the first week of 2015. Not to be outdone, a late **House Wren** was spotted at the Hanover Road Marsh on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> and continued until at least Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2015 (Russ Ruffing).



Surf Scoter – Centennial Lake  
Bonnie Ott

Sadly, despite the impressive Snowy Owl irruption that continued into the 2014 winter and with dozens of county birders looking diligently for one, Howard County was one of only a few counties to not have a Snowy Owl reported during the winter of 2013/14, as no credible reports surfaced.

Listing For the last half dozen years, Howard birders have become used to yearly individual totals of at least 220 (2012's top list was a remarkable 231). It was a shock to see that 2014's two top listers shared a modest total of

211. Joe Hanfman shared the top spot once again--this year with Russ Ruffing (Joe has claimed or shared the top spot for the last six years). Jo Solem still has a comfortable lead in the Life List category, with a total of 289, though the gap to second place was closed by one bird and is now four.

There are now Big Days in every month for Howard County; all are shown in the Big Day table earlier in the report. All are owned by the Ruffing/Fink/Rogosky team with the exception of April (Ruffing, Fink, Allen Lewis), June (Ruffing), and November (Ruffing). In 2014, Ruffing and Tim Carney tied the Ruffing/Fink/Rogosky August record for the county.

From a historical perspective, 2014 was a special year, for 200 as a benchmark for the county in a single year was first achieved in Howard County in 1984--30 years ago!--by Jon K. Boone, an avid teenage birder. Of the years since then, eight of the years had no 200+ totals. Today, with the ease of instant communication and eBird, it may be difficult to imagine how much harder it was to reach that goal even a decade ago. For example, Bonnie Ott's 224 in 2001 was exceptional at the time. Likewise, Nancy Magnusson's 210 in 1990 was truly remarkable for that pre-cellular time. Birders could only communicate by landline then - some, like Nancy, knew the location of every coin-operated phone within several miles of good birding sites. Many's the good bird that was missed by being in the field when another birder found something!

Howard County Life Lists (305 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<i>Jo Solem</i>	<i>289</i>	<i>2014</i>	Howard Patterson	242	2014	Michael Bowen	199	2013
Bonnie Ott	285	2014	Allen Lewis	238	2014	Dave Perry	193	2013
Nancy Magnusson	280	2014	Mike Kerwin	238	2014	Paul Zucker	185	1993
Emy Holdridge	277	2014	Joel Martin	235	2014	<i>Helen Patton</i>	<i>182</i>	<i>2014</i>
Joe Hanfman	274	2014	Bill Hubick	235	2014	Steve Sanford	180	2007
Kurt Schwarz	273	2014	Bob Solem	234	2008	Norm Saunders	180	2011
Chuck Stirrat	272	2014	Michael O'Sullivan	233	2012	John Dennehy	179	2012
Karen Heffernan	270	2014	Harry Fink	232	2013	John Gregoire	178	2005
Bill Hill	269	2014	Elaine Hendricks	229	2014	Jim Brighton	177	2013
Jane Coskren	265	2011	Matt Rogosky	224	2014	Steve Collins	175	2014
Jeff Culler	264	2014	Dave Powell	224	2014	Fred Fallon	174	2014
Warren David Cummings	263	2014	Darius Ecker	223	1998	Carol Newman	174	2005
Joe Byrnes	262	2013	David Holmes	220	1994	James Wilkinson	172	1990
Jim Stasz	259	2012	Kathy Calvert	216	2014	Ron Gutberlet	171	2014
Helen Zeichner	257	2000	Kevin Heffernan	215	2003	Marion Mudd	171	2011
Bob Ringler	256	2014	Harvey Mudd	214	2011	Kevin Graff	169	2010
Russ Ruffing	254	2014	Jim Green	213	2014	Kye Jenkins	168	2014
Rod Burley	252	2014	Scott Atkinson	213	1990	Marcia Balestri	168	2014
Tom Feild	251	2014	Burton Alexander	210	2000	Rob Ostrowski	168	2014
Dave Harvey	249	2007	Marshall Illiff	207	2011	Mike Ostrowski	164	2014
Peter Osenton	247	2014	Phil Davis	206	2014	Michele Morris	159	1992
Connie Bockstie	244	1994	Rick Blom	205	1999	Stephen Simon	157	1992
Mary-Jo Betts	244	2001	John Maloney	205	2001	Leslie Starr	156	2014
John Hubbell	243	2014	Matt Hafner	202	2014	Herb Morris	156	1992
Stan Arnold	243	2011	Dennis Coskren	201	2008	Jon Corcoran	154	2012
Hans Holbrook	243	2009	Edward Boyd	199	2012	Derek Hudgins	153	2014

### Howard County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>2012</b>	Nancy Magnusson	216	2009	Stan Arnold	209	2001
<b>Warren David Cummings</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>2012</b>	Russ Ruffing	215	2013	Connie Bockstie	209	1994
Jeff Culler	226	2012	Bonnie Ott	215	2003	Jane Coskren	209	1994
Joe Hanfman	226	2013	Jo Solem	215	2010	Jane Coskren	209	1990
Joe Hanfman	226	2010	Howard Patterson	213	2012	Nancy Magnusson	209	2010
Joe Hanfman	225	2009	Jo Solem	213	2011	Karen Heffernan	208	2014
Bonnie Ott	224	2001	Jo Solem	213	2001	Emy Holdridge	208	2011
Nancy Magnusson	222	2012	Karen Heffernan	212	2013	Warren David Cumming	207	2014
Harry Fink	222	2012	Chuck Stirrat	212	2012	Russ Ruffing	207	2011
Bonnie Ott	222	1994	Emy Holdridge	212	2009	Jo Solem	207	1989
Joe Hanfman	221	2011	Jeff Culler	212	2010	Howard Patterson	206	2014
Jo Solem	221	2009	Jo Solem	212	2007	Jo Solem	206	2013
Russ Ruffing	220	2012	Joe Hanfman	211	2014	Emy Holdridge	206	2003
Jeff Culler	220	2011	Russ Ruffing	211	2014	Rod Burley	206	2002
Jo Solem	220	1994	Jeff Culler	211	2009	Bonnie Ott	205	2000
Karen Heffernan	218	2012	Jo Solem	211	2003	Jo Solem	205	2008
Warren David Cummings	218	2011	Karen Heffernan	210	2011	Jo Solem	204	2014
Warren David Cummings	217	2013	Nancy Magnusson	210	1990	Jo Solem	204	2005
Emy Holdridge	217	2012	Allen Lewis	209	2013	Kurt Schwarz	203	2014
Howard Patterson	217	2013	Allen Lewis	209	2012	Chuck Stirrat	202	2014
Jo Solem	216	2012	Kurt Schwarz	209	2013	Mike Kerwin	201	2014

### Montgomery County

*Material contributed by David Kidwell*

Overall, Montgomery County finished 2014 with 249 species, an average number on par with the last several years. The first several months, Montgomery County benefited from deep cold and extensive ice cover to the north with an excellent influx of waterfowl. All three scoters, **Long-tailed Duck**, and **Red-throated Loon** were all found at Riley's Lock and Violette's Lock along the Potomac River. The stars of the winter waterfowl show, however, were **Red-necked Grebes**. A number of locations around the county hosted good numbers of these birds well into May and a single bird was reported in mid-July at Violette's Lock! Tom and Kelly Kimbis had an excellent high count of 38 in March at Riley's Lock. Montgomery County also joined in the **Snowy Owl** invasion that was enjoyed in many other Maryland counties, with one seen from Don Simpson's yard and another that was videotaped near a Gaithersburg McDonald's restaurant.

Jason Berry reported a likely overwinter **Summer Tanager** in Bethesda in January. Rounding out notable passerines for the winter, Dave Czaplak found a **Lapland Longspur** at Patton Turf Farm and Woody and Rae Dubois found an **Orange-crowned Warbler** visiting their yard.

As winter transitioned to spring in the County, the Potomac River was punctuated by a suite of good gull and tern sightings. Dave Czaplak found a **Lesser Black-backed Gull** at Violette's Lock in March and Chandler Weigand picked out the season's first **Common Terns** at Riley's lock to close out April. The next day, Dave Czaplak and Mary Ann Todd started off May with an awesome count of 35 Common Terns. Several days later, on May 6, Dave Czaplak also spotted a **Franklin's Gull** in a flock of Ring-billed Gulls.

The summer "doldrums" of Montgomery County birding was interrupted by a number of great sightings for both the County and the state. The summer's only **Dickcissel's** were found along River Road near Patton Turf Farm

in June. Notable waders in July and August included **Snowy Egrets** and **Little Blue Herons**, while Hughes Hollow and Lake Churchill hosted a single **White Ibis** in July and August, respectively. The highlight of the summer was a **Neotropic Cormorant** spotted by Dave Czaplak among the usual double-crested's on July 22. This was the state's fourth record of this species. The cormorant provided excellent views for many birders from both Violette's Lock and Riley's Lock through August 25.

Though technically still in summer, fall migration was hitting its stride in late-August when Dave Czaplak photographed the county's first record of a **Gull-billed Tern** on August 27. Unfortunately, the bird was racing downstream and did not allow for chasing by other birders. Among the annual fall shorebirds that pass through the County, notable species included **American Golden-Plover**, **Stilt Sandpiper**, **Buff-breasted Sandpiper**, and **Short-billed Dowitcher**.

Late 2014 brought the return of several notable waterfowl sightings. Jeff Scepura spotted two flocks of **Snow Geese** in eastern Montgomery County for a total of 52 birds in early November. Little Seneca Lake hosted a **Trumpeter Swan** that was first reported on November 15 by Robin Skinner. Sporting a bright yellow wing tag, M78 hatched in 2013 at Tommy Thompson Park in Toronto, Ontario and continued well into 2015.

Listing Paul O'Brien still sits atop the Life List board with 303 species, but his lead has dropped by four birds to 14 over Mary Ann Todd. Paul still is the only birder to have reported in excess of 300 for the county. Mary Ann Todd reported the highest year total of 224, a very solid number. There is one Big Day in the database for Montgomery County, an August foray by Rob and Mike Ostrowski in which they tallied 106 species.

Montgomery County Life Lists (342 Max)					
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Paul O'Brien</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>2014</b>	Fran Saunders	232	2011
Mary Ann Todd	289	2014	Elaine Hendricks	231	2014
Michael O'Brien	281	1999	Joy Bowen	231	2010
Rob Hilton	278	2014	Diane Ford	230	2014
Dave Powell	275	2014	Michael Welch	228	2004
Harvey Mudd	275	2011	Bill Hubick	226	2014
Jim Stasz	270	2012	Clifford Comeau	226	2011
Gail Mackiernan	270	2014	Kathy Calvert	225	2014
Andy Martin	269	2013	Dick Homan	222	2004
Jim Green	267	2014	Anna Urciolo	221	2014
Larry Bonham	267	1995	Stan Arnold	219	2011
John Hubbell	263	2014	Frank Schaff	218	2006
Joe Hanfman	259	2014	David Gersten	216	2008
Marion Mudd	258	2011	Fred Fallon	214	2014
Michael Bowen	257	2013	Jim Nelson	213	2014
Lola Oberman	256	1999	Ottavio Janni	213	2001
Rick Sussman	254	2007	Tom Feild	211	2014
Bob Ringler	252	2014	Kurt Schwarz	211	2014
Jared Fisher	252	2014	Andy Rabin	211	2003
Rod Burley	245	2014	Edward DeMoll	211	1995
Norm Saunders	244	2011	Gary Nelson	210	1993
Mike Ostrowski	240	2014	Jim Brighton	209	2013
Hans Holbrook	240	2009	Rick Blom	209	1999
Helen Patton	238	2014	Matt Hafner	208	2014
James Wilkinson	237	1990	Joel Martin	207	2014
Rob Ostrowski	235	2014	Marcia Balestri	206	2014
Hugh Mahanes	235	2003	Byron Swift	205	2010
			John Gregoire	204	2005
			Dave Perry	201	2013
			Edward Boyd	201	2012
			Joy Peters	201	2009
			Marshall Iliff	200	2011
			George Jett	197	2013
			David Kidwell	197	2014
			Michele Morris	195	1992
			Herb Morris	194	1992
			Steve Sanford	193	2007
			Tom Marko	193	2007
			Kevin Graff	191	2010
			Lisa Shannon	188	2014
			John Dennehy	185	2012
			Lynn Davidson	185	1998
			Ron Gutberlet	182	2014
			Wain Barnes	182	2003
			Dave Harvey	181	2007
			Max Wilson	180	2014
			Jeff Culler	179	2014
			Paul Nistico	178	2005
			Thomas Valega	178	1993
			Kye Jenkins	177	2014
			J.B. Churchill	176	2011
			Erika Wilson	175	1991
			Matt Wlasniewski	175	2000
			Paul Zucker	164	1993

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Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Dave Czaplak</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>2012</b>	Andy Martin	198	2006	Larry Bonham	184	1995
Paul O'Brien	229	1991	Mike Ostrowski	196	2010	Michael Bowen	184	2010
Jared Fisher	225	2011	Hugh Mahanes	195	2005	Michael Bowen	181	2013
<b>Mary Ann Todd</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2014</b>	Larry Bonham	192	1989	Larry Bonham	181	1992
Michael O'Brien	221	1991	Paul O'Brien	190	1989	Larry Bonham	181	1990
Mary Ann Todd	219	2013	Rob Ostrowski	190	2009	Larry Bonham	181	1987
Andy Martin	219	2009	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>David Kidwell</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>2014</b>
Paul O'Brien	214	1990	Michael Bowen	189	2011	Diane Ford	180	2010
Jim Moore	213	2010	Rod Burley	189	2012	Dave Powell	180	2003
Andy Martin	211	2005	Michael O'Brien	189	1986	Hans Holbrook	180	2004
Michael O'Brien	208	1990	Rob Hilton	188	1991	Jim Green	180	2007
Andy Martin	207	2007	Larry Bonham	187	1991	Michael Bowen	180	2008
Mary Ann Todd	206	2012	Larry Bonham	187	1986	Dave Powell	179	2005
Mary Ann Todd	203	2011	Paul O'Brien	187	1994	Dave Powell	179	2002
Mike Ostrowski	203	2009	Dave Powell	185	2004	Rod Burley	178	2011
Jared Fisher	202	2012	Mike Ostrowski	184	2011	Jim Green	178	2009
Andy Martin	199	2011	Edward DeMoll	184	1986			

### Baltimore County

*Material contributed by Jon Corcoran*

With the amount of birders out actively searching for birds and the quality finds of 2013, it would have seemed impossible to match that same excitement in Baltimore for 2014. This, however, is exactly what happened. In 2014, the total number of species reported to eBird was 277, seven species over the number reported in 2013. Many exciting rarities helped boost the species total in 2014.

Several species continued from 2013 and were seen, in some cases, into the early spring. At least two drake **Eurasian Wigeons** carried over from 2013 on Loch Raven Reservoir. The birds were seen at various locations, from the dams of the south to the coves of the northern end of the impoundment. This species seems to be occurring annually at the reservoir now. The drake **Harlequin Duck** at Fort Armistead Park showed well in early 2014, and was last reported on April 8<sup>th</sup>. The **Sandhill Cranes** around Bradshaw Road were seen into April. Tenacity proved to be the key for some birders in the search for these cranes. The traffic of the area made pulling over and birding from the road challenging, and the birds move around frequently, often to areas not visible to the public. The birds were re-found wintering in the same location by David Littlepage on December 8<sup>th</sup> and continued into 2015.

The Hunt Valley **Black-headed Gull** continued until the early spring and was last reported March 26<sup>th</sup>. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, Kye Jenkins re-found the bird at nearby Paper Mill Flats as it returned for yet another winter in the vicinity. The bird showed very sporadically in the late-Fall, but continues into 2015. This species is also a rare but regular migrant at Back River in the spring. Gail Mackierman reported the first at Back River on March 27<sup>th</sup>.



*Pink-footed Goose (1 of 2) – Baltimore  
Jared Fisher*

While these continuing rarities kept birders excited into the New Year, it didn't take long for new exceptional finds to begin in 2014. Of these many exceptional birds, several deserve special mention. One of the earlier finds, and perhaps the most exciting, was the county 1<sup>st</sup> and the state's 2<sup>nd</sup> **Pink-footed Goose** record, two found by Benjamin DeHaven. Benjamin reported the birds on January 31st at Quarry Lake, and the birds were seen by many over the next few days at several locations, including Quarry Lake, Falls Rd, and the Stevenson University Campus. There is evidence that these birds were actually present several days in advance of Benjamin's ID. The 1<sup>st</sup> county record **Henslow's Sparrow** (found by Keith Costley) at Hanlan Park

on November 4<sup>th</sup> was only seen by a lucky few, but needs to be noted as it is an exceptional record for Maryland anywhere off the remnant breeding grounds in the western part of the State. A **Common Ground-Dove** was found at Masonville by employee Bill Tittle. The bird was found in a restricted area and constitutes a 1<sup>st</sup>-county record and one of only a very small number to have ever been recorded in the state.

The next two species are county rarities, but the highlight of their presence is in the way they invaded the area. The first is **Red-necked Grebe**. Generally a semi-annual occurring bird in the county, the species was seen in great numbers and could reliably be found on every branch, cove and river off the Chesapeake Bay and in all inland lakes of the county from February through early April. The one-acre Lost Lake, within Patapsco Valley State Park, was undoubtedly the most odd of locations in which this (generally) big-water wintering bird was found. Found by Emily Carter Mitchell, the bird provided a unique opportunity to study a species that is usually only found on small bodies of water while breeding. The second sea-invader was **White-winged Scoter**. While not as prolific as the Red-necked Grebes, White-wings could be found reliably throughout the Patapsco River, from Middle Branch Park (where the first was reported by Matt Hafner) to the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay off Fort Howard Park. The birds showed reliably from late-January through March. These two species have large wintering populations on the Great Lakes. A highly unusual Great Lakes freeze is what forced the birds to evacuate and migrate in large numbers to our area.



*Henslow's Sparrow – Hanlan Park  
Keith Costley*

The diligent Cromwell Valley Park hawk watch participants were rewarded in a big way on October 12th, when a **Wood Stork** was observed migrating north. This statewide mega rarity was seen by all participants and was photo-documented by Holly Merker and Mike Hudson. Four **Long-eared Owls**, found on January 1<sup>st</sup> by Steve Mickletz at Irvine Nature Center, were apparently a one-day wonder. To the delight of many birders, they were re-found in the same location by Timothy Houghton in the Fall, and continue into 2015. In the songbird category, one of the big hits was the **Loggerhead Shrike**, found at Irvine Nature Center by Keith Costley on September 28<sup>th</sup>. The bird only stayed for one day, but was chased successfully by many birders. Another one-day wonder was the **Lark Sparrow** found by Mike Hudson at Patterson Park, on May 4th. This bird was seen by a number of birders, and showed spectacularly for those that got to chase it in time.



*Wood Stork – Cromwell Valley  
Mike Hudson*

There were many other exceptional sightings that helped boost the county total. They are discussed in taxonomic order below. Hart-Miller Island sightings are summarized separately afterward.

On January 1st, Daniel Kraushaar found three **Greater White-fronted Geese** while scanning a Canada Geese flock off North Point Road. The birds were seen by a number of birders, and continued until the 2<sup>nd</sup>. On February 21st, a Greater White-fronted Goose was observed by Matt Hafner at Loch Raven Reservoir. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, Russ Ruffing observed a fly-over **Ross's Goose** in with a flock of Snow Geese from his home hawk watch in Howard County near the Patapsco River. Russ watched this flock as it traveled northeast into Baltimore County airspace. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, a **Trumpeter Swan** was photographed by Linda Davis at the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Keith Costley found four **Surf Scoters** at the lake in Hanlan Park. The birds were chased successfully by a number of birders. Three one-day observations of **Black Scoters** were recorded throughout the year. The first was by Emily Carter Mitchell at Fort McHenry on February 26th. On March 7<sup>th</sup>, Fred Schaffer had one at Fort Armistead Park. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Ryan Johnson, Leslie Starr, Joe Turner, and Heidi Trasatti observed one in the Chesapeake off North Point SP.

The regularly occurring range of **Wild Turkeys** seems to be expanding throughout the county. Sightings are now occurring in the central, south, and east of the county more frequently. Some areas where they are now being observed are Loch Raven, White Marsh, Marshy Point, and even the coastal Chesapeake and Southwest Area Park. **Tricolored Herons** were found at the North Point Black Marsh area again in 2014. The first of the Spring was reported by Steve Mickletz on April 28<sup>th</sup>; the first Summer sighting was by Joe Halloren on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The first **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was reported at the rookery by Tim Carney on March 23rd. By the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, at least 12 birds were present (with 15 birds being the highest reported total). At least five active nests were observed, and by July 5th, the birds had fledged and completely dispersed from the rookery.

Interesting raptors included a migrant **Mississippi Kite** observed moving past Leakin Park on May 11<sup>th</sup> by Frode Jacobsen. **Golden Eagles** were reported at several locations in the county. Frode Jacobsen had Spring and Fall sightings at his home hawk watch. Tim Carney and Ryan Johnson observed one on March 1st at Black Marsh (North point SP). Migrants were observed at the Cromwell Valley hawk watch on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and in November, migrant sightings were recorded around Loch Raven by Debbie Terry as well as by Kevin Graff.

A **Clapper Rail** was found on May 1st at Patterson Park by Richard Edden. The bird was observed by a number of birders. This sighting occurred on a day where many unusually sightings of the species were recorded across Maryland. On August 14th, a **Ruddy Turnstone** was found at Masonville by Kevin Graff. On November 2nd, four **Stilt Sandpipers** were observed at Paper Mill Flats by Ryan Johnson. **Dunlin** were observed at Diamond Point Flats on Back River on April 25th by Kevin Graff and John Dennehy, and at Masonville by Tim Carney on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Fall-migrant **Short-billed Dowitchers** were observed by Tim Carney at Masonville on July 16th and by Gene Ricks at Paper Mill Flats on September 13th.

As always, **Little Gulls** were reported sporadically during the mass Bonaparte's Gull migration at Back River. The first was reported by Kevin Graff on March 24th. The last sighting was reported on May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Bonaparte's Gull** numbers at Back River peaked around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April, with numbers in the 200s to 600 reported. An **Iceland Gull** was reported by Kevin Graff on January 9th at the Eastern Sanitary Landfill. **Forster's Terns** were alarmingly scarce throughout 2014 in the region. This is likely a regional occurrence caused by movements and decreases in forage fish abundance. On September 20th, three **Royal Terns** were observed and photographed by Heidi Trasatti on Back River.

**Snowy Owls** were observed by Masonville employees in January and February, and Gretchen Test photographed a Snowy Owl on in early December at a private area of Child's Street, in the southeast portion of the county. **Short-eared Owls** were observed at several locations in 2014. The first was a migrant, observed by Frode Jacobsen at his Home hawk watch on April 3rd. The second was on December 14th at Girst Rd. The bird was found by Ryan Johnson and continued at the location until the 15th when it was observed by a number of birders. **Eastern Whip-poor-wills** were found breeding at Soldier's Delight again. That is a relief, considering this species is in severe decline throughout its range in the Mid-Atlantic. Several perched migrants were also found, allowing for a rare close study. On May 2nd, Susie Creamer found one perched on a birdwalk at Patterson Park. This bird was seen and photographed by several lucky birders. Wendy Alexander photographed a roosting bird at Fort McHenry on September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 1st. In addition, breeders were found on night surveys by Keith Costley, and migrants were observed by Frode Jacobsen and Miles Marshall.

**Red-headed Woodpeckers** are always a scarce migrant in the county. In 2014, birders were lucky to have both wintering and breeding birds to compliment the migrants. The Dover Road birds continued into the Spring, and were re-found in the late-fall by John Boo. A breeding pair was found at Soldier's Delight by Motty Rabinowitz and was reported into late-June. **Common Raven** sightings are expanding in both area and frequency of occurrence. The sightings have historically occurred from a breeding colony northwest of the I-695 beltway, but are now occurring to the south and even towards the Chesapeake Bay.

Only one **Lapland Longspur** was found on the mainland, by John Dennehy on March 5th at Gorsuch Road. The bird was chased successfully by a number of birders. Sporadic sightings of **Snow Buntings** occurred around the Patapsco Harbor. The first was by Jon Corcoran on January 9th, scoped from Ferry Bar Park. Tim Carney observed one from Masonville on January 30th. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wendy Alexander, Keith Costley, and Josh Jones observed one at Fort McHenry.

Sightings of migrant **Golden-winged Warblers** are becoming more frequent in the county. This is likely due to breeding habitat restoration efforts in the Poconos points north. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Motty Rabinowitz observed a migrant at Milford Mill Park. Tim Carney observed one at Holt Park on August 24<sup>th</sup>, and Keith Costley had a migrant at Irvine Nature Center on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Later in the fall, Jared Fisher found a bird at Patterson Park on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Scarce migrant **Orange-crowned Warblers** were found at a number of localities. One location that seems to be reliable for them is Southwest Area Park, at the south-easternmost portion of Patapsco State Park. Kye Jenkins found one there on March 16<sup>th</sup> and it continued until the 24th. Another consistent locale is Carroll Park, in the same region. Matt Hafner observed them at the urban park in both spring and fall. Jared Fisher found an Orange-crown at Patterson Park on October 10th on a day in which he tallied 78 species. Other notable finds on that day included an American Bittern, American Woodcock, late-Yellow-throated Vireo, Gray-cheeked Thrush, eight Wood Thrushes, and many additional warbler species. **Connecticut Warblers** were only observed at a few locales in 2014. They were seen at Cromwell Valley Park again, with the first sighting by Andy Beiberman on September 16th. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, Lynn Parks observed a single bird at Wyman Park. Jon Corcoran observed an adult male in his yard bordering lower Patapsco Valley SP on October 1st, and Miles Marshall observed one bird at the entrance of Double Rock Park on October 4th.

Cromwell Valley Park proved to be bountiful yet again for the scarce migrant **Mourning Warblers**. Mark Johnson reported the first bird on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the park, and the last sighting occurred on September 17<sup>th</sup>. In the spring Kevin Graff reported a male at Robert E Lee Park on May 13<sup>th</sup>, while Tim Carney found a male on the roadside in Kingsville on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and Claire Wayner and Miles Marshall found a late migrant near Prettyboy Reservoir on May 31<sup>st</sup>. **Cerulean Warbler**, a species that is nearly extirpated as a breeder from Central Maryland, has been verified breeding in very-low densities again at the Old Court area of Patapsco Valley SP. Keith Costley had the first sighting in the area on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Timothy Houghton observed a male on June 10<sup>th</sup> during a breeding survey. Ramsey Kourny observed a migrant male at Leakin Park on May 6<sup>th</sup> and Gene Ricks observed a migrant on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Millford Mill. While not a migrant rarity, a wintering **Cape May Warbler** was an exceptional find by Edwin Smith at the Essex Park-N-Ride during the CBC on December 20<sup>th</sup>. The bird continued into 2015, and was seen frequenting sapsucker wells. Subsequently, a wintering **Nashville Warbler** was found at the same location. These are two exceptional wintering species that surviving many harsh winter nights thanks to the help of our Yellow-bellied friend.



late Cape May Warbler – Essex Park-N-Ride  
Mark Johnson

A **Clay-colored Sparrow** was found and photographed at Patterson Park by Tim Carney on October 16<sup>th</sup>. This sighting added to the impressive list of birds found by thorough birders at the park throughout the 2014 birding year. Hydes Road Park produced the goods yet again for fall sparrows. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Matt Hafner and Jeff Shenot found a **LeConte's Sparrow**. That same day, Timothy Houghton found a **Nelson's Sparrow**. The LeConte's was only seen for one day. The Nelson's was seen sporadically until the 12<sup>th</sup>. Both species were found at this location in 2013 as well. **Summer Tanagers** were not observed in the county during the breeding season in 2014, though there was a flurry of spring migration sightings. In May, individual migrants were spotted by Tim Carney at Holt Park, Leakin Park by Ramsey Kourny, Double Rock Park and Cromwell by Miles Marshall, and Lake Roland by Claire Wayner. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, a male **Painted Bunting** was a surprise visitor to the feeders of John Boo. The bird only stayed a brief visit. A 1<sup>st</sup>-winter female **Dickcissel** was reported by John Dennehy at a private feeder in Dixon Hill on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Off the mainland, Kevin Graff and Bob Ringler conducted weekly surveys at Hart-Miller Island. Birds that are generally considered to be exceptional finds on the Western Shore of Maryland seek refuge on the island on a regular basis. A visit to the Island in May, late-Summer, or Fall is a great way for listing birders to “pad” their county stats, as they are guaranteed shorebirds or water birds that would otherwise be considered exceptional finds in the county and the western shore in general. The regularly-occurring notable species for the island include **Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Stilt Sandpiper, Sanderling, Dunlin, White-rumped Sandpiper, Royal Tern, and Snow Bunting**. An exceptional tally of 30 shorebird species was observed on the island throughout the 2014 season. These sightings greatly helped add to the county totals.

In addition to these regularly occurring notable species, some individual 2014 highlights warrant being mentioned. These sightings included a **Eurasian Wigeon** drake in late October; two spring records of **Black-necked Stilt; American Avocets** (high count up to 15) were a weekly treat from late-July through mid-October; **American Golden-Plovers** (high count of 2) were observed on the September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup> surveys; a late August **Willet, Whimbrel** sightings in May, August, and September; A **Marbled Godwit** on September 15<sup>th</sup>; a rare **Red Knot** sighting on September 29<sup>th</sup>; an exceptional inland sighting of **Purple Sandpiper** on November 20<sup>th</sup>; multiple **Baird's Sandpipers** in the fall; a single **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** on September 22<sup>nd</sup>; **Long-billed Dowitchers** (with a high count of 12) on multiple fall counts; and single **Wilson's Phalaropes** on May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup>. Exotic Tern species observed included a rare **Gull-billed Tern** on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; a very rare **Sandwich Tern** on August 4<sup>th</sup>; and a surprise adult **Black Skimmer** on July 8<sup>th</sup>. In total, nine species of terns (including skimmer) were observed on the island throughout 2014.

**Snowy Owls** were seen in numbers up to four into the late-winter. This occurrence was part of a historic irruption into the Eastern US all the way down to northern Florida! Notable songbirds on the island included four **Lapland Longspurs** on October 27<sup>th</sup> and two on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. A long-staying **Le Conte's Sparrow** was seen from October 13<sup>th</sup> through November 20<sup>th</sup>, and a **Seaside Sparrow** was found on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Listing Hank Kaestner's 333 sits atop the Life List category, 10 ahead of Bob Ringler's 323. The best Year List reported in 2014 was Tim Carney's 244. There are no Big Days in the database for Baltimore County.

Baltimore County Life Lists (359 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Hank Kaestner</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>2012</b>	Stan Arnold	257	2011	Nico Sarbanes	214	2009
Bob Ringler	323	2014	Harvey Mudd	253	2011	Jeff Shenot	213	2013
Jim Stasz	320	2012	Steve Sanford	252	2007	Burton Alexander	212	2000
Kevin Graff	319	2013	John Dennehy	251	2012	Ron Gutberlet	210	2014
Edward Boyd	315	2012	Elaine Hendricks	251	2014	Mark Hoffman	210	2011
Rick Blom	308	1999	Jon Corcoran	250	2013	Steve Collins	208	2014
Debbie Terry	308	2014	Ryan Johnson	248	2014	Dave Perry	207	2013
Keith Eric Costley	297	2014	David Walbeck	246	2002	Pete Webb	207	1989
Kye Jenkins	295	2014	James Wilkinson	246	1990	Marcia Balestri	206	2014
Robert Dixon	295	1993	Jim Green	245	2014	Leanne Pemburn	205	1995
Joel Martin	289	2014	Dave Powell	242	2014	Mark Pemburn	205	1995
Joe Hanfman	286	2014	Hans Holbrook	238	2009	J.B. Churchill	201	2014
Peggy Bohanan	285	1991	Marshall Iliff	236	2011	Diane Ford	197	2014
Stephen Simon	277	1992	Joe Turner	233	2011	Fred Fallon	195	2014
Taylor McLean	273	2014	Derek Hudgins	230	2014	Mike Burchett	194	2013
John Hubbell	272	2014	Dave Harvey	230	2007	Marcia Watson	193	2006
Leslie Starr	272	2014	Jeff Culler	229	2014	George Jett	192	2013
David Holmes	271	1994	Dan Haas	228	2014	Clifton Barry	189	1990
Shirley Geddes	270	2002	Marion Mudd	226	2011	Rod Burley	188	2014
Eddie Slaughter	265	2000	Kathy Calvert	225	2014	Gene Ricks	186	2014
Elliot Kirschbaum	263	2014	Tomas Dahlen	224	2012	Kurt Schwarz	183	2014
Tim Carney	263	2014	Tom Feild	220	2014	Lynn Davidson	183	1998
Matt Hafner	260	2014	Jim Brighton	219	2013	Rob Ostrowski	181	2014
Lou Nielsen	258	2014	Fred Shaffer	218	2014			
Bill Hubick	258	2014	Michael O'Brien	218	1999			

Baltimore County All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Kevin Graff</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>2012</b>	Keith Eric Costley	223	2013	<b>Leslie Starr</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2014</b>
Kevin Graff	271	2013	Bob Ringler	220	2012	Shirley Geddes	194	1989
Rick Blom	265	1977	Kevin Graff	219	2005	Leslie Starr	192	2012
Kevin Graff	253	2009	<b>Kye Jenkins</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2014</b>	Joe Hanfman	191	2012
Kevin Graff	253	2011	Bob Ringler	218	2013	Joe Hanfman	189	2010
Kevin Graff	251	2010	Peggy Bohanan	215	1989	Jim Stasz	189	2005
<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>2014</b>	Kye Jenkins	212	2012	Clifton Barry	189	1990
Kevin Graff	243	2008	Kevin Graff	212	2004	Leslie Starr	188	2013
Kevin Graff	241	2007	Kye Jenkins	207	2011	Kye Jenkins	188	2006
<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>2014</b>	Pete Webb	207	1989	Stephen Simon	188	1986
Kevin Graff	235	2006	Robert Dixon	205	1993	David Walbeck	186	1990
<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>2014</b>	Bob Ringler	203	1987	Leslie Starr	185	2011
Jon Corcoran	230	2012	Tim Carney	202	2012	Bob Ringler	185	2006
Keith Eric Costley	230	2012	Keith Eric Costley	200	2008	Stan Arnold	184	2005
Tim Carney	227	2013	Bob Ringler	197	2007	Jim Stasz	183	2012
Bob Ringler	226	1986	David Walbeck	195	1991	Stan Arnold	183	2004
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2014</b>	Peggy Bohanan	195	1990	Leslie Starr	183	2010

## Cecil County

*Material contributed by Sean McCandless*

The year started off extremely cold and very snowy in Cecil County. When all was said and done, 232 species were reported in 2014, the numbers slightly increased from 229 species observed in 2013. Unlike 2013, there were very few winter finches down in the first part of 2014; however, the fall had some promising signs of finch activity. With the cold winter months in early 2014, many of the waterways in the Northern US froze over which provided Cecil County open waters with a diverse variety of diving ducks, grebes and loons. This may be one of the reasons for the increase in species found. Another reason could be attributed to the amount of birders seeing over 100 species within 2014, which increased by 30% from 2013. The more people out birding, the more birds are being found!



*Dickcissel – McCandless Residence  
Sean McCandless*

A **Dickcissel** was being seen on a regular basis by many different observers at the home of Sean McCandless though the early part of the winter. The arrival of winter ducks and grebes made up for the lack of winter finches in 2014. The first **Red-necked Grebe** was found by Jim Green in Port Deposit on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. This was just the beginning of one of the best winters in Cecil County for Red-necked Grebe observations. Soon after the Red-necked Grebes started showing up, **Long-tailed Ducks** started making a regular

appearance on the Cecil County side of the Susquehanna River (Josh Emm Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>). An adult **Thayer's Gull** was observed and photographed at North East Community Park on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> by Sean McCandless. A first cycle **Glaucous Gull** was observed by Sean at the Cecil County Landfill on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. **White-winged Scoters** started making a regular appearance near Port Deposit (Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Sean McCandless). Jim Stasz located a single **Surf Scoter** the next day in the same area.



*Thayer's Gull – Cecil County Landfill  
Sean McCandless*

Only a couple winter finch reports came in the winter/spring. A lone **Pine Siskin** was seen at Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area by Jerry Henshaw Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, while Chris Starling reported five **Purple Finches** in Charlestown on Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>. A **Ross's Goose** was found by Joe Funk mixed in with a flock of Snow Geese near Elkton on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two first cycle **Iceland Gulls** were located at North East Community Park on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> by Sean McCandless. An unexpected **Snow Bunting** showed up and was photographed on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cecil County Landfill (Tim Schreckengost/Sean McCandless). A **Yellow-headed Blackbird** made a one-time visit at a bird feeder station near Elkton on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> (Sean McCandless). A **Merlin** kept making a regular appearance around the Appleton Road area of Elkton starting on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> (Tim Schreckengost). Tim also discovered a **Common Raven** near Elkton which had been relocated several times near the Elk Mills Quarry.

A **Black-headed Gull** was observed and photographed at Marina Park in Port Deposit on Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> (Sean McCandless). **Blue-winged Teal** didn't seem to come through in good numbers this year; Mark Johnson located the first one of the season at Elkton Marsh. A couple days later Mark observed the first **Little Gull** of 2014 on Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> in Port Deposit. Five very early **Pectoral Sandpipers** were located in a flooded farm field south of Elkton on April 1<sup>st</sup> (Sean McCandless). Nine **Glossy Ibis** were found in a field south of Elkton by Marshall McSorley on April 18<sup>th</sup>. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, Lin Just found a **Black-billed Cuckoo** at Woodlawn WMA. Brian Moyer located a **Summer Tanager** near his home south of Elkton on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

One of the great finds of the year in the county was a **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** discovered by Vicki Bennett in a private stormwater pond in Rising Sun on July 5<sup>th</sup>. Woodlawn WMA has been really turning people's heads as a birding location. This season the habitat restoration area produced many good species in late summer. On Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, Russell Hillsley found a **Mourning Warbler**, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mark Johnson located a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** and on the 25<sup>th</sup> Kathy Calvert located an **Olive-sided Flycatcher**. Kye Jenkins found four **Black Terns** at Perryville Community Park on Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> and a **Lawrence's Warbler** (hybrid) at Woodlawn WMA on Sep. 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark also found a **Lincoln's Sparrow** near the same location on Sep. 19<sup>th</sup>.

Another great find was a **Barn Owl** discovered by Michael Bowen near Warwick on Sep. 21<sup>st</sup>. Kathy Calvert had a **Golden-winged Warbler** at Turkey Point on Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>. and on the 27<sup>th</sup>, Tom Feild had a **Sora** at Elkton Marsh. Woodlawn WMA strikes again with the season's first **Connecticut Warbler** found by Gina Sheridan on Sep. 28<sup>th</sup>. On Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, Mark Johnson found a **Vesper Sparrow** at Chesland Park south of Elkton. Pat Valdata had a **Golden Eagle** pass over the Hawk Watch at Turkey Point on the last day of October.



Common Raven with Vultures – North East  
Sean McCandless

Tim Carney located five **Brant** and four **Long-tailed Ducks** at North East Community Park on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Moyer had two **Rusty Blackbirds** show up at his residence on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. On the same day, Parke John had a single **Laughing Gull** south of North East. On Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, a one-day-wonder first cycle **Thayer's Gull** was found at the Cecil County Landfill by Sean McCandless. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, Tim Carney and Ryan Johnson photographed two **Ross's Geese** flying over Woodlawn WMA. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, Mark Johnson found a very late **Eastern Phoebe** at the same location. On Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, Tim Carney and Ryan Johnson relocated the **Common Raven** that was seen the week before near North East.

Spring Count - A big thanks to Richard Dunham for compiling and organizing this count which has been absent for a while here in Cecil County. A total of 109 species were counted (not including five warbler sp.), and a total of 1,009 individual birds were seen. High numbers included 37 **Great Blue Heron**, 57 **Least Sandpiper**, 38 **Red-eyed Vireo**, 42 **Wood Thrush**, 48 **Ovenbird**, 20 **Northern Parula**, & 15 **Bobolink**. Sean McCandless picked up a **Great-horned Owl** and two **Barred Owls** for his early morning rising. Surprisingly low numbers were seen of **Killdeer**, **Ruby-throated Hummingbird**, **Belted Kingfisher**, **Pileated Woodpecker**, **Brown Thrasher**, **Chestnut-sided Warbler** & **Song Sparrow**. For all of the efforts, only one individual **Song Sparrow** was counted. One Song Sparrow! And, there were some absences that we need to target for next year....Prairie Warbler, House Finch, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Purple Martin, American Coot, for example. But, all in all, it was a good day, and it should be possible to improve the numbers of both species and individuals for next year.

Christmas Count - As usual, Laura Balascio continues to do a fantastic job compiling the Elkton Christmas Count results. We are very grateful for the years of service she has put forth as this is her last year compiling the Elkton Count. She reports 19 participants but a non-impressive count of 84 species on December 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the fourth year in a row that the total species count was below 90 species.

Listing Sean McCandless increased his narrow lead in the Life List category to four birds at 281. Sean's 213 was tops for the year. There are four Big Days in the database for Cecil County, all in May, with the highest of 136 from 1998 (Marcia Watson, Leslie Fisher).

Cecil County Life Lists (322 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Sean McCandless</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>2014</b>	Kevin Graff	212	2010	John Dennehy	177	2012
Jim Stasz	277	2012	<b>Dave Powell</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>2014</b>	Walter Ellison	172	2010
Marcia Watson	265	2006	<b>Elaine Hendricks</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Kye Jenkins</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2014</b>
Gary Griffith	258	1997	Harvey Mudd	205	2011	John Cupp Sr.	169	1995
Rick Blom	246	1999	Marshall Iliff	203	2011	<b>Lou Nielsen</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Kathy Calvert</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Perry	168	2013
Leslie Fisher	241	2000	Edward Boyd	197	2012	<b>Dan Small</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2014</b>
Parke John	241	2008	Hans Holbrook	195	2009	<b>Jeff Culler</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>2014</b>	Stan Arnold	195	2011	Mike Burchett	163	2013
<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tom Feild</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Helen Patton</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Bill Hubick</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Ron Gutberlet</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Fred Fallon</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2014</b>
Kenneth Drier	217	2001	Steve Sanford	181	2007	George Jett	161	2011
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Harvey	160	2007
<b>Jim Green</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>2014</b>	Marion Mudd	179	2011	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2014</b>
Jim Brighton	214	2013	<b>Joel Martin</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2014</b>

### Cecil County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Sean McCandless</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2012</b>	Jim Stasz	167	1999	John Hubbell	137	2008
Sean McCandless	222	2013	Jim Stasz	166	2012	Stan Arnold	137	2008
Leslie Fisher	221	1999	Gary Griffith	166	1993	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2014</b>
Marcia Watson	221	1999	Parke John	166	2008	Marshall Iliff	136	1992
Sean McCandless	216	2007	Jim Stasz	165	2002	Jim Stasz	134	2011
Gary Griffith	216	1994	Marcia Watson	165	2002	Jim Brighton	134	2005
Gary Griffith	214	1996	Kevin Graff	164	2005	Dave Perry	133	2001
<b>Sean McCandless</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2014</b>	Kenneth Drier	164	1996	Stan Arnold	130	2005
Leslie Fisher	212	2000	Dave Powell	161	2001	Walter Ellison	130	2004
Marcia Watson	212	1998	Marcia Watson	161	2004	Jim Green	129	2012
Gary Griffith	211	1995	Leslie Fisher	157	1994	Dave Powell	129	2000
Sean McCandless	208	2009	Kenneth Drier	155	1995	Joe Hanfman	128	2011
Marcia Watson	204	1997	Jim Stasz	153	1992	Timothy McNutt	126	1994
Parke John	202	2004	Marcia Watson	150	2006	Edward Boyd	125	2012
Leslie Fisher	200	1998	Hans Holbrook	148	2005	Bill Hubick	125	2010
Parke John	199	2007	Kenneth Drier	148	1994	Tim Carney	125	2012
Marcia Watson	198	2001	Elaine Hendricks	145	2012	John Hubbell	124	2010
Marcia Watson	197	2000	Kevin Graff	143	2006	Jim Stasz	123	2009
Sean McCandless	196	2010	Jim Stasz	142	2005	John Hubbell	122	2005
Marcia Watson	195	1996	Joe Hanfman	142	2012	<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>2014</b>
Parke John	195	2003	<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Hubbell	120	2009
Parke John	192	2001	Jim Green	140	2009	Jim Brighton	120	2010
Marcia Watson	187	2003	John Dennehy	140	2010	John Hubbell	119	2011
Parke John	186	2002	Jim Green	139	2011	Stan Arnold	117	2009
Parke John	181	2000	Ron Gutberlet	139	2011	Kevin Graff	114	2007
Marcia Watson	173	1995	John Cupp Sr.	138	1993	Bill Hubick	114	2008
Marcia Watson	168	2005	Parke John	138	2006	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2014</b>

### Harford County

*Material contributed by Matt Hafner*

A total of 255 species were reported in Harford this year, much better than last year's 243.

While the long staying **Snowy Owl** at Hopkins Farm didn't stay around for 2014, Barry Marsh saw one on the Edgewood section of APG on January 3rd. The Kirkwood's **Bullock's Oriole** from 2013 returned in January as a full adult male, but was more sporadic and didn't stay as long as the previous year. The rest of the winter and early spring was most notable for waterfowl. **White-winged Scoters**, **Red-necked Grebes**, and **Long-tailed Ducks** were present on Susquehanna from January to March in well above average numbers. A bonus **Surf Scoter** joined the group for a few days in early February. The county's 2nd and 3rd **Ross's Geese** were well seen flyovers with large Snow Goose flocks migrating north in late February and early March. Single **Greater White-fronted Geese** in March, in Havre de Grace and Bradenbaugh, were the first seen in the counties in over 10 years. **Black-headed** and **Little Gulls** have become a staple of Susquehanna River birding in March and they were present again this year. A couple very cooperative **Yellow-headed Blackbirds** were found, one at Edgewood on February 5th and another for a couple weeks at Swan Harbor in late February and early March.

Colleen Webster had a **Eurasian Collared-Dove** in her Havre de Grace backyard on April 26th. Swan Harbor Farm was the place to be in May to see rails. **Soras** and **Virginia Rails** were walking out in the open all over the marshy impoundment and Dave Littlepage found a 2nd county record **Yellow Rail** on May 6th. Mark Johnson found the first county record of **Clapper Rail** on May 1st and it was present until at least the 16th. An **Upland Sandpiper** was also present there on May 1st. Other interesting May reports were a **Mississippi Kite** at Harford Glen on the 17th, an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** at the Steppingstone Museum on the 24th and 25th, a **Golden-winged Warbler** at Susquehanna on May 8th, and a **Dickcissel** at Swan Harbor on May 23rd.

**Hooded Mergansers** are very sporadic breeders in the county, but a pair nested at Swan Harbor this summer. **Common Mergansers** were present throughout the summer on the Susquehanna, but we are still waiting for the first breeding confirmation. There were lots of unusual summer duck records from the Havre de Grace area this year with **Gadwall**, **American Wigeon**, **Canvasback**, **Greater Scaup**, **Lesser Scaup**, **Bufflehead**, and **Red-necked Grebe** all making appearances in June with some birds staying the whole summer. A **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** was at Harford Glen on July 17th. This year saw more **Cattle Egret** reports than the last several years combined, but there was only a single **Snowy Egret** report for the year.



Western Kingbird – Swan Harbor Farm Park  
Josh Emm

In fall, Swan Harbor continued to be the county hotspot with a **Western Kingbird** (Josh Emm) on September 17th, a **Red-necked Phalarope** on September 27th, **Nelson's Sparrow** on October 10th, **American Avocet** on October 27th and a long-staying **Greater White-fronted Goose** December 10-29. Ever increasing **Common Ravens** were reported sporadically throughout the year, but they were consistently reported at Swan Harbor in September and October. A **Clay-colored Sparrow** survived a window strike at C. Milton Wright High School on October 10th. The first **Brown Pelican** in many years in the county was below Conowingo Dam on November 30th and December 1st.

Listing Matt Hafner added five species to his county Life List to move up to 297. Rick Blom's astounding 1999 year total of 255 year birds may never be broken. Josh Emm's 231 was tops for the year. There is one Big Day in the database for Harford County, a May attempt by Matt Hafner, Jim Stasz, and Dave Webb totaling 138 species.

### Harford County Life Lists (319 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>2014</b>	Kevin Graff	227	2010	Marion Mudd	190	2011
Jim Stasz	288	2012	Bill Pfungsten	226	1996	<b>Helen Patton</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dave Webb	284	2013	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Fred Fallon</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>2014</b>
Rick Blom	284	1999	Jim Brighton	224	2013	John Dennehy	182	2012
<b>Dennis Kirkwood</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Jim Green</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>2014</b>	Steve Sanford	181	2007
John Wortman	273	1997	<b>Matt Anthony</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Gregoire	181	2005
<b>Joshua Emm</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>2014</b>	Harvey Mudd	211	2011	<b>Fred Shaffer</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Dave Powell</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Lou Nielsen</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Marcia Balestri</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Kathy Calvert</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Perry	178	2013
Mike Burchett	244	2013	Betsy Bangert	208	2013	<b>Steve Collins</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Joel Martin</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Cupp Jr.	172	1994
<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Tom Feild</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2014</b>	Mikey Lutmerding	171	2013
Edward Boyd	236	2012	Marshall Iliff	199	2011	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Leslie Starr</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Kurt Schwarz</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Elaine Hendricks</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>2014</b>	Stan Arnold	196	2011	<b>Derek Hudgins</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Kye Jenkins</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Jeff Culler</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2014</b>	Norm Saunders	164	2011
<b>Bill Hubick</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Ron Gutberlet</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Mike Ostrowski</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>2014</b>
John Cupp Sr.	228	1995	Hans Holbrook	192	2009	Fran Saunders	156	2011

### Harford County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Rick Blom</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>1999</b>	Matt Hafner	200	2002	John Wortman	177	1990
Joshua Emm	232	2013	Dave Powell	196	2001	Les Eastman	177	1994
<b>Joshua Emm</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Dennis Kirkwood</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dennis Kirkwood	175	1990
Matt Hafner	229	2012	Dave Webb	195	1997	John Wortman	173	1991
Matt Hafner	224	2011	Dave Powell	194	1999	John Cupp Jr.	172	1994
Dave Webb	224	1995	Dave Webb	192	1996	John Cupp Sr.	172	1995
Matt Hafner	221	2013	Dennis Kirkwood	191	2013	John Cupp Sr.	172	1994
Dave Webb	221	1994	Jim Stasz	191	2002	Jim Stasz	170	2006
<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Wortman	190	1997	Bill Pfungsten	169	1989
Matt Hafner	217	2000	John Wortman	190	1992	Jim Stasz	168	2004
Matt Hafner	216	1999	Jim Stasz	189	1999	Jim Stasz	168	2008
Matt Hafner	213	2005	Bill Hubick	188	2007	Les Eastman	167	1989
Dave Powell	209	2000	Dennis Kirkwood	186	2012	John Cupp Sr.	166	1990
Dave Webb	209	2005	Matt Anthony	186	2013	Bill Pfungsten	165	1987
John Wortman	209	1995	Dave Webb	186	1991	Dennis Kirkwood	162	1996
Dave Webb	208	1999	Dave Webb	185	1992	Joe Hanfman	161	2013
Dave Webb	208	1998	John Wortman	185	1993	Kevin Graff	159	2007
Dave Webb	208	1993	Dennis Kirkwood	182	2011	Dave Powell	159	1998
Dave Webb	206	2004	Dennis Kirkwood	182	1994	Bill Pfungsten	158	1990
<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>2014</b>	Jim Stasz	180	2011	John Wortman	158	1986
Tim Carney	204	2013	Tim Carney	180	2012	Dennis Kirkwood	157	1997
<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Wortman	180	1988	Dennis Kirkwood	157	1991
Matt Hafner	201	2004	Jim Stasz	178	2012	<b>Matt Anthony</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>2014</b>
Matt Hafner	200	2006	Dennis Kirkwood	177	1992	John Cupp Sr.	155	1993

## Anne Arundel County

*Material contributed by Dan Haas*

The total number of species that birder's observed, entered and had accepted in eBird in 2014 was an outstanding 277! This is a new county record! With our county's diverse habitat and several devoted, keen observers, there are plenty of amazing birds to discuss for this year-end report. While many notable birds were happily observed by dozens of birders, some rarities were slightly less-than-cooperative. Overall, it was an incredible year of birding in Anne Arundel County. Here are the highlights:

A **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** was present at Dan Haas's feeder at his home in St. Margaret's from New Year's Day until the arrival of the famous polar vortex, on the evening of the 6th. A **Rufous Hummingbird** was also present at a feeder at a private residence in the Severna Park neighborhood of Chartridge. It was also not observed after the arrival of that brutally-cold arctic air. An excellent find for the Annapolis Audubon Christmas Bird Count was a **Trumpeter Swan** found on the Magothy River in the community of Ulmstead Estates. The swan spent most of the winter around the park at the end of White Swan Drive. An **Iceland Gull** was observed flying up the Severn River early on the morning of January 1<sup>st</sup>. It was an epic winter for **Snowy Owls** in the region, and thankfully, Leslie Starr found one in Anne Arundel at the Swan Creek Dredged Materials Facility on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. A drake **Wood Duck** was first observed by James Reinig on New Year's Day. This was that drake's 3<sup>rd</sup> winter in a row at Thomas Point Park, keeping company the Canvasback, Scaup, Mallards and Tundra Swans. Frank Marengi observed **Great Cormorants** on one of their regular winter hangouts, atop Thomas Point Lighthouse, on the 1<sup>st</sup>. On January 4<sup>th</sup> Kathy Isaacs' observation of an **Osprey** from her home on Bodkin Creek in Pasadena, was certainly notable. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Donna Macauley Shoemaker had a **Pine Warbler** literally eating out of her hands and enjoying her feeders at her private residence in Pasadena. **Common Ravens** continue to be observed in all sorts of surprising places around the county. Pate Tate's January 5<sup>th</sup> **Common Raven** in Riva was the first of many sightings for the year. **Purple Sandpipers** wintered again on the jetties at Herrington Harbor, at the Southeastern corner of our county. Mike Burchett noted three birds on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Also on the 5<sup>th</sup>, a very late **Spotted Sandpiper** was observed at Hillsmere Beach on the South River. A surprising **Yellow-breasted Chat** was found by David Mozurkewich on the Annapolis CBC. Matt Grey found the county's first **Snow Bunting** of the year at Fort Smallwood on January 13<sup>th</sup>. A female **Painted Bunting** spent some time in January at a private residence in Arnold. The county's first **Red-necked Grebe** was found by Jared Fisher at Fort Armistead on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Finally, two **Harlequin Ducks** were found by Dan Haas feeding around the jetties on the East Beach at Sandy Point State Park, a day later on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Perhaps the biggest waterfowl find of the winter was Frank Marengi's female **King Eider** from Sandy Point State Park, located off the scout's campground, among the vast amounts of bay ice on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Dan Haas relocated the Eider on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, feeding very close to the rocks at Thomas Point Park. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, Frode Jacobsen observed a **Sandhill Crane** flying over Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary. Sandy Point State Park turned up another excellent rarity on the 13<sup>th</sup>, when Dan Haas found a **Greater White-fronted Goose** feeding by the entrance gate. A **Baltimore Oriole** was observed wintering in the county in Selby-on-the-Bay by Terri Weddell on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The first **Golden Eagle** for our county was observed by Robert Ostrowski on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, from Jackson Landing in PG County.

Rod Burley had an exceptional raptor sighting; a **Rough-legged Hawk** at Patuxent Research Refuge on March 8<sup>th</sup>. A high-count of five **Red-throated Loons** by Tim Carney at Swan Creek was notable. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, Frank Marengi found a **Brant** at Sandy Point State Park, and on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Julie Wood found a tough-to-find-in-the-county **Yellow-crowned Night Heron** in Arundel on the Bay, just South of Annapolis.

Ed Carlson located a seldom-observed county bird, a **Vesper Sparrow**, at Kinder Farm Park on April 1<sup>st</sup>. On the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dan Haas had two **Little Gulls** fly in off the Bay, with an enormous flock of Bonaparte's Gulls at Jonas Green Park in Annapolis. On the 10<sup>th</sup>, Frode Jacobsen observed two great county birds at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary

- an **American Golden Plover** and a **Red-headed Woodpecker**. On the 12<sup>th</sup>, Rod Burley observed 4 **Eastern Whip-Poor-Will** at Patuxent Research Refuge, their last known remaining breeding habitat in the county. One of the most-exceptional rarities of 2014 was a **Scissor-tailed Flycatcher** found by 12-year old birder Kojo Baidoo at Fort Smallwood Park on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Frode Jacobsen added two more rare county birds while surveying Jug Bay; a **Cliff Swallow** on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and a **Sedge Wren** on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Oliver Griffin was one of the few observers in our county to observe a **Chuck-Will's-Widow** from his patch in Bristol, in Southwestern Anne Arundel. Lastly for the month, Tim Carney added a **Common Gallinule** on April 26<sup>th</sup> while birding at Swan Creek.

An **Orange-crowned Warbler** in the spring is always notable in Maryland, and Frode Jacobsen's sighting from Jug Bay on May 1<sup>st</sup> was no exception. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Matt Grey observed an outstanding bird for our county, a **Cerulean Warbler**, in Weinberg Park. On the 4<sup>th</sup>, the first **Mississippi Kite** of the year flew over Sue Riccardi's Hawk Watch, and a **Wilson's Phalarope** was found in the wetlands by Bill Hubick at Fort Smallwood Park! Paul Marban observed a difficult-to-find-in-Anne Arundel **Golden-winged Warbler** in Patuxent Research Refuge's Central Tract on May 9<sup>th</sup>. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Ostrowski found a **Seaside Sparrow** at Sandy Point State Park. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, a **Ruddy Turnstone** was observed by Dan Haas at Sandy Point State Park. An **Ahinga** flew over Dan Haas' yard on May 17<sup>th</sup>, but no photographs were obtained, and it is not counted in the 277 eBird-approved total for the year. The first **Mourning Warbler** for the year was found by Rod Burley in Patuxent Research Refuge on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and then Rod located an **Alder Flycatcher** in Patuxent's North Tract on the 20<sup>th</sup>. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Eric Sprague found a **King Rail** at Wooten's Landing Park. An **Olive-sided Flycatcher**, always really tough to find in the spring, was observed at Oxbow Lake on the 25<sup>th</sup> by Marcy Stutzman. Lastly, Tim Carney found a **Red-necked Phalarope** at Swan Creek on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Over the summer months, Tim Carney turned up an **American Avocet** at Swan Creek on June 4<sup>th</sup> – it may have been overshadowed by Joe Hanfman's incredible discovery of a **Gull-billed Tern** there on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully, Marshall Iliff came home just in time to tick two amazing birds from his home in Annapolis, a **Barn Owl** on July 27<sup>th</sup> and an almost-unheard-of-in-summer **Cave Swallow** on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Also on the 28<sup>th</sup>, Joanne Howl found a very cooperative **White Ibis** at Wooten's Landing Park. In August, Matt Grey found a **Tricolored Heron** at Fort Smallwood Park on the 12<sup>th</sup>. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, Jon Ranson observed a **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** at Wooten's Landing Park. Finally, while kayaking in Jug Bay on the 30<sup>th</sup>, Hans Holbrook observed and photographed a **Franklin's Gull** perched on some tree snags in the Patuxent.

In the fall months, while surveying Wooten's Landing Park on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Hans Holbrook found a **Philadelphia Vireo**, and Tim Carney found a **Connecticut Warbler** at Swan Creek on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Again it was Tim who started off strong in October at Swan Creek with two great finds on the 1<sup>st</sup>; a **Buff-breasted Sandpiper** and a **Nelson's Sparrow**. As luck would have it, Dan Haas photographed a **Sabine's Gull** flying over the Bay Bridge from Sandy Point State Park on October 4<sup>th</sup>. This record is still under review by the MD/DC Records Committee as of this writing. On October 5<sup>th</sup>, Frode Jacobsen observed a **Dickcissel** while birding at the Glendening Nature Preserve. Jim Stasz located a **Clay-colored Sparrow** at Sands Road Park on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Swan Creek continued to lure in excellent fall shorebirds, with Tim Carney finding a somewhat-late **Baird's Sandpiper** on the 25<sup>th</sup>.



*Black-legged Kittiwake – Sandy Point  
Russ Ruffing*

A stunning male **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** stayed at Kirk and Carolyn Moyer's feeder in Cape St. Claire until November 13<sup>th</sup>. The year closed strong, with Fred Shaffer's **Brown Pelican** sighting at Sandy Point State Park on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mikey Lutmerding found a **Black-legged Kittiwake** in the Anne Arundel waters of the Patuxent River late in the afternoon on November 7<sup>th</sup> observed from Jackson Landing in Prince George's County. Later in the month, Dan Haas found (likely the same bird) a **Black-legged Kittiwake** at Sandy Point

State Park on November 24<sup>th</sup>. This bird was very cooperative and seen by many. On December 4<sup>th</sup>, Jim Green discovered a **Sedge Wren** in a marsh at Sandy Point State Park. Also at Sandy Point, Jeff Shenot observed a rather late **Grasshopper Sparrow** there on December 7<sup>th</sup>. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, a **Brant** was found by Dan Haas with the Canada Goose flock at the Pleasant Plains Turf Farm in St. Margaret's. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Tim Carney found one of the year's best birds; a well-documented drake **Tufted Duck**, floating among the thousands of ducks inside the dredge cells at Swan Creek Dredged Materials Facility. And finally, a colorful male **Painted Bunting** was found at RiverDog Birder's feeder at a private residence in Riva on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Fort Smallwood Hawkwatch - For those planning their visits to the hawk watch this spring, the species high-counts from the spring of 2014 were as follows; 46 **Osprey**, 12 **Northern Harriers** and 260 **American Kestrels** on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 222 **Sharp-shinned Hawks**, 81 **Broad-Winged Hawks** and 19 **Merlins** on April 26<sup>th</sup>, a **Golden Eagle** on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3 **Mississippi Kites** on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 **Peregrine Falcons** and 5 **Cliff Swallows** on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and finally, 19 **Bald Eagles** on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Over the past decade the top eBirding hotspots within the county continue to produce excellent finds from thorough coverage. Notable locations: Swan Creek Dredged Materials Facility (268 species / 2,380 checklists), Fort Smallwood Park (245 species / 2,394 checklists), Sandy Point State Park (245 species / 1,159 checklists), Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary (229 species / 662 checklists), Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (210 species / 1,303 checklists), Greenbury Point (206 species / 372 checklists), Davidsonville Park (180 species / 266 checklists), Crystal Spring Farm (175 species / 282 checklists), Kinder Farm Park (166 species / 337 checklists), Herrington Harbor (158 species / 297 checklists), Quiet Waters Park (150 species / 138 checklists), Downs Park (150 species / 79 checklists), and finally, Thomas Point Park (138 species / 285 checklists).

Listing Hal Wierenga's Life List still remains at the top at 310 birds. Dan Haas's 237 was best in 2014. 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
<b>Hal Wierenga</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>1992</b>	Tim Carney	248	2014	Jim Brighton	216	2013
Jim Stasz	307	2012	Dave Powell	246	2014	David Walbeck	216	2002
Dan Haas	305	2014	Joel Martin	245	2014	Leslie Starr	213	2014
Stan Arnold	297	2011	Edward Boyd	244	2012	Mark Schilling	212	2014
Bill Hubick	288	2014	Tom Feild	241	2014	John Dennehy	206	2012
Mark Hoffman	278	2011	J. Tyler Bell	239	2014	David Kidwell	204	2014
Marshall Iliff	272	2011	Hans Holbrook	239	2009	Ron Gutberlet	198	2014
Joe Hanfman	270	2014	Mikey Lutmerding	238	2013	Jeff Culler	197	2014
Rod Burley	268	2014	Peter Osenton	235	2014	Ross Geredien	197	2014
John Hubbell	266	2014	Jim Green	231	2014	Paul Nistico	194	2005
Dave Perry	265	2013	Rob Ostrowski	230	2014	Helen Patton	193	2014
Warren Strobel	264	2014	Jeff Shenot	229	2013	Kye Jenkins	192	2014
Bob Ringler	264	2014	Kathy Calvert	229	2014	Arlene Ripley	192	2006
Dotty Mumford	262	2006	Harvey Mudd	226	2011	Mike Ostrowski	190	2014
Lynn Davidson	260	1998	Kevin Graff	226	2010	Burton Alexander	190	2000
Matt Hafner	258	2014	Phil Davis	225	2014	Shirley Geddes	188	2002
Rick Blom	258	1999	Kurt Schwarz	225	2014	Michael O'Brien	187	1999
Fred Shaffer	257	2014	Phil Davis	224	2011	Marcia Balestri	182	2014
Elaine Hendricks	257	2014	John Gregoire	223	2005	Michael Bowen	182	2013
Fred Fallon	251	2014	Al Haury	223	2005	Ryan Johnson	181	2014

### Anne Arundel County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Stan Arnold</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>2011</b>	Warren Strobel	207	2009	Joe Hanfman	181	2012
Dan Haas	258	2012	Rod Burley	206	2011	Rod Burley	181	1998
Hal Wierenga	258	1976	Dave Perry	206	1997	Dotty Mumford	180	1989
Dan Haas	254	2011	Marshall Iliff	206	1990	Rod Burley	179	1995
Stan Arnold	248	2010	Rod Burley	206	2000	<b>Fred Shaffer</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>2014</b>
Stan Arnold	246	2009	Dave Perry	205	1996	Rob Ostrowski	177	2011
Dan Haas	238	2009	Lynn Davidson	205	1991	J. Tyler Bell	177	2008
<b>Dan Haas</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>2014</b>	Tim Carney	204	2012	Warren Strobel	173	2011
Mark Hoffman	233	1976	Rod Burley	204	2001	Jim Stasz	172	2002
Mark Hoffman	231	1975	Bill Hubick	203	2010	Bill Hubick	172	2009
Jim Stasz	229	1992	Rod Burley	203	1999	Kevin Graff	172	2009
Dan Haas	227	2010	<b>Bill Hubick</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Perry	172	2006
Marshall Iliff	219	1992	Bill Hubick	199	2013	Dotty Mumford	171	1988
Bill Hubick	218	2011	Jim Stasz	198	2012	Rod Burley	171	1997
Rod Burley	218	2006	Jim Stasz	196	2011	Marshall Iliff	170	1991
Rod Burley	217	2012	Dave Perry	196	1999	Edward Boyd	167	2012
Rod Burley	217	2004	Rod Burley	196	1996	Rob Ostrowski	167	2010
<b>Tim Carney</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>2014</b>	Bill Hubick	195	2007	Joe Hanfman	165	2009
Bill Hubick	213	2012	Dotty Mumford	188	1994	Warren Strobel	164	2013
Mikey Lutmerding	211	2008	Bill Hubick	187	2008	Stan Arnold	164	2005
Rod Burley	211	2005	Stan Arnold	185	2008	Stan Arnold	163	2004
Rod Burley	211	2003	Stan Arnold	185	2000	Kevin Graff	162	2008
Rod Burley	209	2008	Warren Strobel	184	2012	Rob Ostrowski	161	2012
Rod Burley	209	2002	Dotty Mumford	184	1992	Joe Hanfman	161	2010
Tim Carney	208	2013	Dotty Mumford	184	1990	Dave Perry	161	2000
Dan Haas	208	2008	Marshall Iliff	184	1989			

### Prince George's County

There is no summary for Prince George's County this year. Birders reported 245 species for the County via eBird in 2014, three less than in 2013. There were two new first-county records in PG in 2014 – **Saltmarsh Sparrow** (details unknown) and **Black-legged Kittiwake** (Mikey Lutmerding) at Jackson Landing on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Listing Fred Shaffer stands atop the county's Life List heap at 284. Jeff Shenot's 209 was the best for 2014. John Gregoire's now 30-year old Year List record is a whopping 243! There are three May Big Days in the database for Prince George's County, with a high of 120 shared by two teams. The three Ostrowski brothers also had a great total of 115 from an April attempt in 2014.

### Prince George's County Life Lists (338 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Fred Shaffer</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>2014</b>	Tom Feild	221	2014	Clifford Comeau	196	2011
Jim Stasz	280	2012	Dave Powell	220	2014	Jim Brighton	195	2013
Jeff Shenot	279	2014	Dave Perry	220	2013	Joel Martin	195	2014
Mikey Lutmerding	278	2013	Hans Holbrook	218	2009	Wain Barnes	192	2003
Fred Fallon	274	2014	Jim Green	216	2014	J.B. Churchill	189	2014
Rob Ostrowski	264	2014	Marshall Iliff	213	2011	Warren Strobel	186	2014
John Gregoire	262	2005	Greg Kearns	213	1990	Helen Patton	185	2014
Rod Burley	258	2014	George Jett	212	2013	Kevin Graff	185	2010
Jane Fallon	256	2014	Matt Hafner	211	2014	Phil Davis	181	2014
Joe Hanfman	254	2014	Harvey Mudd	207	2011	Edward Boyd	179	2012
David Mozurkewich	251	2004	Dan Haas	205	2014	David Kidwell	178	2014
Peter Osenton	245	2014	Stan Arnold	205	2011	Steve Sanford	175	2007
John Hubbell	245	2014	Michael Donovan	201	1995	John Dennehy	174	2012
Elaine Hendricks	243	2014	Kathy Calvert	200	2014	Ron Gutberlet	172	2014
Rick Blom	237	1999	Derek Richardson	199	2014	Dotty Mumford	172	2006
Paul Nistico	233	2005	Lynn Davidson	199	1998	Jeff Culler	171	2014
Bob Ringler	230	2014	Mark Rositol	198	2014	Leslie Starr	169	2014
Mike Ostrowski	225	2014	Tom Ostrowski	198	2009	Michael Bowen	169	2013
Bill Hubick	224	2014	Rob Hilton	196	2014	Dave Harvey	167	2007

### Prince George's County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>John Gregoire</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>1984</b>	Jeff Shenot	209	2013	Jim Stasz	180	1992
Mikey Lutmerding	240	2012	Rod Burley	208	2005	Fred Shaffer	179	2000
John Gregoire	238	1985	Rod Burley	208	2002	Mike Ostrowski	173	2007
Mikey Lutmerding	235	2013	Rob Ostrowski	207	2014	Mike Ostrowski	171	2009
Fred Shaffer	235	2010	Jeff Shenot	207	2009	Joe Hanfman	171	2010
Jeff Shenot	229	2010	Rod Burley	206	2004	Rob Ostrowski	170	2008
Rob Ostrowski	225	2010	Rod Burley	205	2008	Dave Perry	168	1999
Rob Ostrowski	223	2011	Rod Burley	205	2003	Elaine Hendricks	165	2007
Jeff Shenot	223	2011	Rod Burley	204	2011	Rob Ostrowski	165	2007
Fred Shaffer	219	2004	Fred Shaffer	204	2005	Mike Ostrowski	164	2011
Fred Shaffer	216	2013	Fred Shaffer	204	2001	Bill Hubick	164	2009
Fred Shaffer	216	2011	Fred Shaffer	202	2003	Jim Stasz	162	2002
Rod Burley	214	2012	Fred Shaffer	201	2012	Jim Stasz	162	1999
Fred Shaffer	213	2009	Fred Shaffer	200	2007	Mike Ostrowski	161	2010
John Gregoire	212	1986	Mark Rositol	197	2014	Rod Burley	161	1999
Jeff Shenot	211	2012	Fred Shaffer	197	2008	Elaine Hendricks	159	2008
John Gregoire	211	1983	Jeff Shenot	197	2008	Michael Donovan	159	1995
Rod Burley	211	2006	Derek Richardson	196	2010	Peter Osenton	159	1995
Rob Ostrowski	210	2012	Fred Shaffer	192	2014	Rod Burley	156	1997
Fred Shaffer	210	2002	Fred Shaffer	190	2006	John Hubbell	154	2009
Jeff Shenot	209	2014	Rod Burley	190	2001	Wain Barnes	154	1996
Rob Ostrowski	209	2009	Tom Ostrowski	185	2009	Mike Ostrowski	153	2014
Rob Ostrowski	209	2013	Rod Burley	183	2000	Peter Osenton	153	1994

## Calvert County

*Material Contributed by Fred Fallon*

There were 240 species reported to eBird for Calvert County in 2014. The **Snowy Owl** invasion of last year lingered on in to February with a few isolated sightings in the county – one spotted by Sherman Suter up-river from Benedict Bridge on February 8<sup>th</sup>; one by Sandra Bell at Jefferson-Patterson Park on February 13<sup>th</sup>; and one spotted on a tower in Pt. Frederick by Tyler Bell February 18<sup>th</sup>. These were all single-day sightings, not recovered beyond the original observers. Considering that these were all on different days and fairly closely spaced, they may all have been of a single individual. The remarkable state-wide influx of **Red-necked Grebes** also continued into this year, with Red-neckeds occurring all along the Chesapeake coast from North Beach to Solomon's Island into at least the end of March.

The best bird of the year for the county was undoubtedly Jim Stasz' **Ross's Goose** on February 8<sup>th</sup> along Hallowing Point Road. This was Calvert's first county record for this species!

A (or "The"?) **Rufous Hummingbird** appeared at Jim Stasz' feeder - in what is becoming an annual occurrence - through January 6<sup>th</sup>, and returning again at the end of the year starting on December 29<sup>th</sup>. A female **King Eider** had been seen off Thomas Pt. in Anne Arundel County on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, to which it may have drifted from an earlier sighting, so Jim Stasz theorized it might continue on down the Bay to North Beach. Sure enough, he and others spotted a female King Eider there two days later. Sherman Suter found a **Clark's/Western Grebe** off Governor's Run on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Not, perhaps, coincidentally the same species had been seen from North Beach the previous December (Gene Scarpulla and Marcia Watson). A **Snow Goose**, unusual for the county, was seen at Patuxent Palisades by Karen Lane on February 16<sup>th</sup>. James Tyler Bell saw a **Greater White-fronted Goose** at Solomon's Island Point on March 5<sup>th</sup>, at the same place one has shown up in previous years in flocks of Canada's.

**Rusty Blackbirds**, now so scarce as to merit special mention, were reported from three sites - Buena Vista on January 26<sup>th</sup> by Karen Lancy, and from the Fishing Creek boardwalk in Chesapeake Beach on February 16<sup>th</sup> and Scientists' Cliffs on March 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherman Suter. **Pine Siskins**, so numerous early last winter, had mostly moved out by New Year's, but some showed up at Joel Freesland's feeder on February 14<sup>th</sup>. This season, small numbers were found at Scientists' Cliffs on November 14<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>, and at Huntingtown WMA (aka "Smokey Road") by Joel Martin on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Some area ornithologists are of the opinion that Spring passerine migration tends to pass by Calvert County, perhaps due to its topology as a southward-pointing peninsula. However that may be, no days particularly stood out as fall-outs. But sometimes quality compensates for quantity. Such was the case on May 10<sup>th</sup> when Judy Ferris discovered and well documented a **Swainson's Warbler** at Calvert Cliffs SP. Many hopeful birders tried to recover it over the next few days, and some, recalling the 2005 Swainson's Warbler found during a MOS Conference field trip that year at the American Chestnut Land Trust, even tried there as well, but the mega-rarity was not seen again.

A late **Horned Grebe** showed up on the beach outside Jim Stasz' Bay-facing front door on July 9<sup>th</sup>, remaining for about a month and seen by many observers. Fall produced more migrants than did Spring, but no stupendous numbers. October 1<sup>st</sup> was perhaps the best migration day.

Listing Jim Stasz's last reported Life List total in his home county is 311 and the next closest is James Tyler Bell, who added four birds to his total in 2014. Jim also holds the top Year List of 233, achieved way back in 1992. Leslie Starr's 177 was tops for 2014.

There are two May Big Days in the database for Calvert County, with the high of 134 achieved in 2008 by James Tyler Bell and Stan Arnold.

### Calvert County Life Lists (329 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>2012</b>	Jim Brighton	216	2013	George Jett	194	2013
J. Tyler Bell	285	2014	Stan Arnold	215	2011	Kevin Graff	191	2010
Edward Boyd	250	2012	Jim Green	214	2014	Hans Holbrook	190	2009
Arlene Ripley	250	2006	Rick Blom	214	1999	Rod Burley	189	2014
Leslie Starr	245	2014	Matt Hafner	213	2014	Joel Martin	185	2014
John Hubbell	243	2014	Dave Powell	213	2014	Dotty Mumford	183	2006
Sue Hamilton	243	2003	Mikey Lutmerding	212	2013	Ron Gutberlet	182	2014
Fred Fallon	239	2014	Kyle Rambo	210	2008	John Dennehy	179	2012
Marshall Iliff	233	2011	Dave Perry	206	2013	Phil Davis	177	2014
John Gregoire	233	2005	Elaine Hendricks	206	2014	Rob Ostrowski	176	2014
Bill Hubick	232	2014	Patty Craig	206	2011	Paul Nistico	172	2005
Joe Turner	231	2011	Tom Feild	202	2014	Anna Urciolo	167	2014
Jane Kostenko	229	2014	Harvey Mudd	201	2011	Marion Mudd	165	2011
Bob Ringler	226	2014	Kathy Calvert	198	2014	Jeff Culler	164	2014
Joe Hanfman	225	2014	Helen Patton	196	2014	Steve Sanford	160	2007

### Calvert County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1992</b>	J. Tyler Bell	172	2013	Kevin Graff	142	2008
Jim Stasz	231	1989	Jim Stasz	172	2011	Jim Stasz	141	2000
John Gregoire	221	1984	Jim Stasz	170	1999	Jim Green	141	2008
Jim Stasz	218	1991	Dave Perry	170	2011	Joe Turner	138	2010
Jim Stasz	212	1990	Sue Hamilton	170	1995	Rob Ostrowski	137	2011
Jim Stasz	212	1987	J. Tyler Bell	169	2012	John Hubbell	137	2011
Jim Stasz	209	1986	Leslie Starr	169	2013	John Hubbell	135	2004
Jim Stasz	206	1988	Dave Perry	164	2001	Leslie Starr	134	2012
Arlene Ripley	205	2004	Stan Arnold	161	2008	Joe Hanfman	133	2011
Arlene Ripley	202	2005	John Hubbell	161	2007	Joe Turner	132	2011
Arlene Ripley	198	2000	Rod Burley	161	2001	Jared Satchell	131	2011
Arlene Ripley	196	2003	Bill Hubick	160	2008	Jim Green	130	2011
Sue Hamilton	193	2000	J. Tyler Bell	158	2010	Dave Powell	130	2007
Jim Stasz	192	1998	Rod Burley	157	2002	Joe Hanfman	129	2013
Arlene Ripley	186	2002	Jim Stasz	155	2012	George Jett	129	1992
Sue Hamilton	184	2003	Dave Perry	153	1999	Ron Gutberlet	129	2010
J. Tyler Bell	182	2008	John Hubbell	152	2010	Mike Ostrowski	129	2011
J. Tyler Bell	182	2003	Hans Holbrook	151	2005	Joe Turner	129	2009
Jim Stasz	180	2002	John Hubbell	151	2013	Ron Gutberlet	128	2011
Fred Fallon	180	2009	Jim Stasz	150	2007	Leslie Starr	128	2009
Sue Hamilton	179	1999	J. Tyler Bell	150	2011	Leslie Starr	127	2011
Leslie Starr	177	2014	Bill Hubick	146	2011	Rob Ostrowski	125	2010
Sue Hamilton	174	1998	Bill Hubick	146	2007	J. Tyler Bell	124	2009
J. Tyler Bell	173	2014	Leslie Starr	145	2010	Joel Martin	123	2014

## Charles County

There is no summary for Charles County this year. Birders reported 211 species for the County via eBird in 2014.

Listing No real change at the top of the Life List category in 2013, with George Jett's 277 still 17 birds ahead of anyone else. There were no real challengers to George's 2004 Year List record of 217 – Joe Hanfman had the top list of 125. There have only been five other year lists that topped 200 in Charles County. There are eight Big Days in the database for Charles County, all including George Jett as one of the team members. The highest (140) was from May 2008 (Jett, Hafner, Gwen Brewer, and Jim Stasz).

<b>Charles County Life Lists (303 Max)</b>											
Name			Total Updated			Name			Total Updated		
<b>George Jett</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>2013</b>	Harvey Mudd	201	2011	Jim Brighton	179	2013			
Jim Stasz	260	2012	Marshall Iliff	201	2011	Edward Boyd	177	2012			
Gwen Brewer	250	2013	Elaine Hendricks	200	2014	Fred Fallon	174	2014			
Paul Nistico	234	2005	Stan Arnold	192	2011	Mikey Lutmerding	170	2013			
John Hubbell	231	2014	Rod Burley	190	2014	Jeff Culler	170	2014			
John Gregoire	217	2005	Matt Hafner	189	2014	Helen Patton	167	2014			
Jim Green	216	2014	Kathy Calvert	189	2014	Marion Mudd	167	2011			
Bill Hubick	211	2014	Tom Feild	186	2014	Hans Holbrook	164	2009			
Joe Hanfman	207	2014	Rick Blom	185	1999	Joel Martin	163	2014			
Bob Ringler	206	2014	Patty Craig	184	2011	Ron Gutberlet	162	2014			
Kyle Rambo	202	2008	Rob Ostrowski	183	2014	Mike Ostrowski	161	2014			
Dave Powell	201	2014	Dave Perry	181	2013	Michael Donovan	160	1995			

<b>Charles County All-time High Year Lists</b>								
Name			Total			Year		
<b>George Jett</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>2004</b>	Jim Stasz	160	2012	Joe Hanfman	139	2011
George Jett	212	1996	Jim Stasz	160	2011	Rob Ostrowski	138	2010
George Jett	207	1994	Jim Stasz	158	1992	Jim Green	135	2011
George Jett	206	1995	Jim Stasz	158	1998	John Hubbell	135	2006
Gwen Brewer	203	2004	Paul Nistico	157	1989	Bill Hubick	134	2006
George Jett	200	2003	Jim Stasz	155	2002	John Hubbell	134	2012
George Jett	197	2005	Dave Perry	155	1999	John Hubbell	132	2008
George Jett	194	1999	John Hubbell	152	2009	Dave Perry	132	2001
George Jett	193	2006	Rod Burley	151	2003	Stan Arnold	130	2005
John Gregoire	192	1984	Jim Stasz	150	1999	Bill Hubick	130	2007
George Jett	192	2001	Dave Perry	148	2013	Ron Gutberlet	128	2011
George Jett	188	1997	Jim Stasz	148	2008	Jim Green	128	2012
George Jett	188	1991	Bill Hubick	147	2009	Joe Hanfman	125	2014
George Jett	187	2007	Rod Burley	146	1999	John Hubbell	120	2013
George Jett	187	1992	Rob Ostrowski	144	2011	Bill Hubick	119	2008
George Jett	186	2008	Rod Burley	144	2001	Mike Ostrowski	118	2011
George Jett	183	1993	Jim Green	143	2013	Bill Hubick	116	2011
George Jett	182	1998	Rob Ostrowski	143	2012	Jim Stasz	116	2004
George Jett	180	2009	John Hubbell	143	2005	Jared Satchell	115	2011
George Jett	178	2002	Stan Arnold	141	2009	Jim Green	115	2009
Hans Holbrook	174	2004	Hans Holbrook	140	2005	Bill Hubick	115	2010
John Hubbell	169	2011	Rod Burley	140	2002	Elaine Hendricks	114	2014

## St. Mary's County

*Material contributed by James Tyler Bell*

Birders reported 244 species to eBird in St. Mary's County during 2014. The drake **Barrow's Goldeneye**, seemingly an annual highlight and found for the third year in a row on the 2013 Pt. Lookout CBC, continued into 2014 just offshore of the Elms Environmental Education Center. Skipping ahead to the 2014 CBC, Mr. Barrow's continued at virtually the same location for the fourth winter in a row. **Snow Goose** is rare but annual in St. Mary's and this trend continued with reports at Pt. Lookout and Long Neck Road and one further north, a few miles south of Lexington Park. **White-winged Scoter** is always the hardest of the scoters to find in St. Mary's but the freezing of the Great Lakes pushed higher numbers than usual into the area. This same freezing caused large numbers of **Red-necked Grebes** to appear with the largest gathering in the Patuxent River near the Solomons Bridge. Mikey Lutmerding reported an astounding 40 birds off of Myrtle Point Park on March 15<sup>th</sup>! Other interesting waterfowl, uncommon in St. Mary's, were **Cackling Goose** in Wildewood and Pt. Lookout, **Northern Shoveler** at Beauvue Ponds, **Northern Pintail** at Pt. Lookout and **Common Merganser** at Beauvue and Sotterley.

In February, an **American White Pelican** was observed at Pt. Lookout. Presumably this bird is from the overwintering flock at Blackwater NWR. Sightings of this species in St. Mary's are far too infrequent. If one birds St. Mary's often, like Patty Craig does, you will find certain species more often. However, birds like Eared Grebe, Least Bittern and Tricolored Heron are still hard to find and not reported annually without intense coverage. **Eared Grebe** was reported at three locations (Pt. Lookout, St. Inigoes WMA and the Elms Environmental Education Center) and **Tricolored Heron** at Pt. Lookout and Long Neck Road (virtually in Pt. Lookout's backyard). Mikey Lutmerding found a **Least Bittern** at Pt. Lookout, making it two years in a row at the pond at the point.

Moving along to shorebirds, **Black-necked Stilt** was reported in Lexington Park and Long Neck Road. This species is not even close to an annual bird so two reports in one year is excellent. **Purple Sandpipers** were found at Pt. Lookout in January and November. Though there is a lot of decent habitat along the shore, Purples are notoriously hard to find and rarely stay more than a day or two, as was the case with both reports.

**Lesser Black-backed Gulls** were reported at Pt. Lookout in the fall of 2014. There were three distinctly different birds based on photos of a first year, second year and adult birds. Reports of this species statewide continue to increase and St. Mary's is benefitting from this. Joe Hanfman and Jeff Culler reported two **Short-eared Owls** at Beauvue Ponds. They used to be annual at this location but have been absent recently.

Perhaps only the fourth county record, an immature female **Rufous Hummingbird** showed up at Patricia Rose's feeders just before Christmas and was present to the end of the year when it was banded by Peterjohn and Holmes. Proving that hummingbird ID is still in a state of flux, measurements of this bird were below averages and consultation with experts revealed that some individuals captured fall outside of the ranges described in Pyle. The notched R2 definitively indicated Rufous. Although not rare, especially in migration, it is noted that **Peregrine Falcons** nested on the Solomons Bridge, fledging two birds. This time the nest was on the Calvert side, providing multiple sightings on both sides of the river. The only report of **Sedge Wren** came from the usual location along Cornfield Harbor Road. **Snow Buntings**, though likely annual on the runway at Pax NAS, are difficult to find, even there, due to the restricted nature of the area. Thankfully, a pair showed up near the lighthouse at Pt. Lookout and was there to the end of the year. Warblers put on a good show with an annual total of 33 species.

**Clay-colored Sparrow** may be almost annual recently. Patty Craig has several records not reported on eBird, which would help flesh out the record. One bird was found by Bell and Kostenko at Pt. Lookout north of the picnic

area in October. Finally, **Boat-tailed Grackle**, which used to nest at Pt. Lookout and St. George's Island but has been absent for many years, has made a bit of a resurgence at Pt. Lookout. Reports from Cornfield Harbor Road and the Causeway at Pt. Lookout in May were all likely from the same group of birds. Let's hope they continue to have success nesting in southern St. Mary's!

Listing Patty Craig's 326 Life List is still comfortably in the lead for St. Mary's County. David Moulton's 170 was tops for the year. There are four May Big Day's in the database for St. Mary's, the tops being 144 in 2008 by Kyle Rambo, Patty Craig, and Marty Cribb. This is the highest single month Big Day for any non-Worcester county! There is also one Big Day, a February record of 85, in the database (Matt Anthony, Josh Emm).

St. Mary's County Life Lists (337 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Patty Craig</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>2013</b>	Joe Hanfman	220	2014	Elaine Hendricks	196	2014
Kyle Rambo	313	2008	Dave Powell	212	2014	Paul O'Brien	190	2014
J. Tyler Bell	299	2014	Rick Blom	212	1999	Lynn Davidson	190	1998
Jane Kostenko	290	2014	Harvey Mudd	212	2011	Paul O'Brien	190	2010
Jim Stasz	290	2012	Jim Green	209	2014	Kevin Graff	188	2010
Mikey Lutmerding	269	2013	Jeff Culler	207	2014	Mike Ostrowski	185	2014
John Hubbell	257	2014	Edward Boyd	204	2012	Helen Patton	184	2014
Martie Cribb	251	1996	Stan Arnold	204	2011	Sue Hamilton	184	2003
George Jett	237	2013	Fred Fallon	203	2014	Ron Gutberlet	183	2014
Marshall Iliff	228	2011	Hans Holbrook	202	2009	Rob Ostrowski	181	2014
Bob Ringler	227	2014	John Gregoire	202	2005	Dave Perry	179	2013
Bill Hubick	227	2014	Matt Anthony	201	2014	Joel Martin	177	2014
Michael O'Brien	226	1999	Kathy Calvert	201	2014	Rod Burley	176	2014
Jim Brighton	222	2013	Erika Wilson	201	1991	David Moulton	176	2014
Greg Miller	222	2000	Matt Tillett	197	2010	Steve Sanford	176	2007
Paul Nistico	222	2005	Matt Tillett	197	2010	John Dennehy	175	2012
Matt Hafner	221	2014	Tom Feild	196	2014	Leslie Starr	174	2014

St. Mary's County All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Patty Craig</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>1996</b>	Mikey Lutmerding	233	2013	Kyle Rambo	215	1994
Kyle Rambo	254	1996	Kyle Rambo	233	1998	J. Tyler Bell	212	1996
Martie Cribb	251	1996	Patty Craig	233	2004	Patty Craig	212	1993
Patty Craig	251	2000	Patty Craig	232	2011	Jane Kostenko	211	1996
Patty Craig	251	1999	Mikey Lutmerding	230	2012	Jim Stasz	190	2012
Patty Craig	249	1998	Mikey Lutmerding	230	2011	J. Tyler Bell	187	1997
Kyle Rambo	247	2008	Patty Craig	228	1994	Jane Kostenko	185	1997
Patty Craig	242	2003	Kyle Rambo	227	2004	J. Tyler Bell	180	1998
Patty Craig	242	2001	Kyle Rambo	225	2006	Jim Stasz	179	2002
Patty Craig	242	1997	Kyle Rambo	224	2002	Jim Stasz	177	1999
Patty Craig	241	2013	Kyle Rambo	222	2001	Jane Kostenko	175	1998
Kyle Rambo	238	2000	Kyle Rambo	222	2001	J. Tyler Bell	174	2013
Patty Craig	238	2002	Kyle Rambo	222	1995	Matt Anthony	174	2013
Kyle Rambo	236	2007	Kyle Rambo	220	2005	J. Tyler Bell	173	2012
Kyle Rambo	236	1999	Kyle Rambo	220	1997	Matt Tillett	172	2007
Patty Craig	236	1995	Patty Craig	220	2006	David Moulton	170	2014
Patty Craig	234	2012	Patty Craig	219	2010	J. Tyler Bell	169	2014
Kyle Rambo	234	2003	Martie Cribb	217	1995			

## Kent County

*Material contributed by Dan Small*

Birders reported a total of 232 species for Kent County in 2014 compared to only 225 species in 2013. A few great birds were found in 2014 with the top three being a **Say's Phoebe**, **Swallow-tailed Kite** and **Franklin's Gull**. These three species certainly highlight that when people are out in the field you never know what good birds will turn up. Unfortunately, the phoebe and the kite did not settle in for long and were not seen by many. All three species were county firsts!

A male **Painted Bunting** started the year off very nicely for Rebecca Flynn when she spotted it coming to the feeders at her home on Jan. 28th. This is only the second county record. On the same day, Jared and Zack Parks found 42 **Snow Buntings** feeding in a farm field just north of Chestertown. While **Snow Buntings** don't count as a rare bird, seeing 42 in a flock is a very high count and a sight rarely seen in Maryland.



*Franklin's Gull w/ Ring-billeds – Chestertown WWTP  
Dave Brennamer*

**Red-necked Grebes** were reported from a variety of locations in the county. Tom Feild and Geraldine King reported the first one on Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> just north of Rockhall foraging in the Chesapeake Bay. Stacie Cantu found and photographed a **Swallow-tailed Kite** at Eastern Neck NWR on Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, making it the first county record. On Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Bell found a **Seaside Sparrow** while conducting a bird survey in a newly created wetland on private property; this was the only report of this species all year.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Marshall McSorely hit the shorebird jackpot in finding a large mixed group in a farm field just outside Tolchester. The flock mostly consisted of **Black-bellied Plovers**, but mixed in were **American Golden Plovers**, a **Ruddy Turnstone** and a **Whimbrel**. The **Whimbrel** is a really good bird for the county with only two previous records. While not a rare bird in the conventional sense, **Northern Bobwhite** have become increasingly scarce and any sightings are noteworthy nowadays. Mark Johnson heard a male calling on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Eastern Neck NWR. Two other reports of the same calling bird were by Joe Hanfman and Jeff Culler on Jun. 10<sup>th</sup> and by Marshall McSorley on Jun. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Millington WMA headquarters.

An adult **Red-headed Woodpecker** was a nice find by Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin at Eastern Neck NWR on Jul. 12<sup>th</sup>. This individual was last seen on Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>. A **Little Blue Heron**, a very tough bird in the county, was found at Buck Neck's Landing by Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two different **Clay-colored Sparrows** were found in 2014, the first by Jim Green on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> along the Chesapeake Farms auto route and then another individual was found by Susan Wilmerding coming to her backyard feeder on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Some of the best birds of the year were found during November and December. This isn't too surprising as mid-December marks the start of the Christmas Bird Count season and five out of the eight good birds during this period were found on the Lower Kent and Chesterville CBCs. On Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, Mark Johnson found a **Franklin's Gull** at the Chestertown WTP. This was the first county record and chased by many Maryland birders and was seen through the end of the year roosting in the treatment pond and feeding in the surrounding farm fields. A **Common Raven** was reported by Russ Ruffing on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, but this record was not validated by eBird. Good birds found during the Lower Kent CBC on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> were a **Sedge Wren** and a male **Eurasian Wigeon** at Eastern Neck NWR found by Mikey Lutmerding and a high count of six **Great Cormorants** in the waters surrounding Eastern Neck NWR by Bruce Peterjohn and Mikey Lutmerding. The Chesterville CBC was held Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and the highlight of the count was a first-county record **Say's Phoebe** found by Trish and Jim Gruber on private property. A few of the CBC participants were able to chase the phoebe, but unfortunately due to access issues and inclement weather the bird was not re-found the following day. Jim and Trish Gruber also found eight

**Evening Grosbeaks** during the count near the Millington WMA. The last noteworthy bird of the year was a **Short-eared Owl** found by Mike and Rob Ostrowski at the Chestertown WTTP on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

Listing Floyd Parks' 282 Life List from 2004 still leads the county and is six more than the nearest birder, although active birder Walter Ellison has not updated his numbers in some time. 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 (319 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Floyd Parks</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>2004</b>	Jim Green	208	2014	Helen Patton	176	2014
Walter Ellison	276	2010	Tom Feild	204	2014	Edward Boyd	175	2012
Jim Stasz	264	2012	Harvey Mudd	204	2011	John Dennehy	172	2012
Dan Small	250	2014	Dave Powell	202	2014	Marion Mudd	172	2011
Bob Ringler	239	2014	Elaine Hendricks	201	2014	Steve Sanford	171	2007
John Hubbell	237	2014	Rick Blom	201	1999	Fred Fallon	169	2014
Jim Brighton	232	2013	Kathy Calvert	198	2014	Mike Ostrowski	168	2014
Bill Hubick	229	2014	Ron Gutberlet	194	2014	Dave Harvey	164	2007
Matt Hafner	220	2014	Stan Arnold	192	2011	Rob Ostrowski	162	2014
Marshall Iliff	219	2011	Maren Gimpel	191	2012	Michael Bowen	161	2013
Joe Hanfman	214	2014	Kevin Graff	188	2010	Marcia Balestri	159	2014
Dave Perry	211	2013	Joel Martin	180	2014	Michael Bowen	155	2010
Hans Holbrook	209	2009	Jeff Culler	179	2014	John Gregoire	153	2005

Kent County All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Walter Ellison</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>2004</b>	Dave Perry	142	2001	Bill Hubick	114	2006
<b>Walter Ellison</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>2003</b>	Jim Green	140	2011	Jim Green	114	2008
Walter Ellison	227	2006	John Hubbell	140	2007	Dave Powell	113	2006
Walter Ellison	227	2005	Jim Stasz	140	2009	Jim Stasz	112	2011
Walter Ellison	223	2002	Dave Perry	140	1999	John Hubbell	111	2008
Walter Ellison	215	2010	Ron Gutberlet	138	2011	Ron Gutberlet	111	2010
Walter Ellison	215	2007	Hans Holbrook	135	2004	John Hubbell	109	2014
Dave Perry	194	2002	Stan Arnold	134	2009	John Hubbell	109	2013
Jim Stasz	192	2002	Joe Hanfman	133	2010	Jan Reese	107	1987
Dan Small	183	2010	Jim Green	133	2009	Hans Holbrook	106	2005
Bill Hubick	158	2010	Jim Brighton	131	2005	Kevin Graff	105	2007
Jim Stasz	157	1999	John Hubbell	129	2009	Elaine Hendricks	105	2013
Bill Hubick	155	2007	Bill Hubick	128	2008	Jim Stasz	104	1998
Joe Hanfman	153	2011	Jim Stasz	123	2000	Elaine Hendricks	102	2014
Jim Green	153	2010	John Hubbell	122	2011	Michael Bowen	102	2010
Bill Hubick	152	2009	Joel Martin	121	2014	Jim Stasz	101	2007
Jim Stasz	150	1992	Dave Powell	120	2004	Derek Hudgins	100	2014
Jim Stasz	147	2012	Joe Hanfman	118	2012	Mike Ostrowski	100	2011
John Hubbell	146	2010	Kevin Graff	117	2008	Jim Stasz	100	2003
Jim Brighton	143	2010	Jim Green	116	2012	Kevin Graff	98	2006
Joe Hanfman	142	2014	Rob Ostrowski	115	2011	Ryan Johnson	97	2014

## Queen Anne's County

*Material contributed by Dan Small*

Birders reported a total of 248 species for Queen Anne's County in 2014, an amazing 17 birds over the 2013 total. There were some good county level birds found in 2014, but the best find has to be an **Anhinga** which would be the first county record if accepted by the MD/DC records committee. **Evening Grosbeaks** rarely make it south to the Mid-Atlantic during irruption years let alone in non-irruption years so a sighting this fall was a nice surprise. A 4<sup>th</sup> county record of a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** was a great find late in the year.

The continuing Bay Bridge **Snowy Owl** was re-found on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> by Mark Schilling and many others at its usual hunting and roosting perches atop of the east bound bridge. This bird was enjoyed by 100's of birders and non-birders alike and was last seen on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. A second Queen Anne's County **Snowy Owl** was seen on Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> by Floyd and Lanny Parks on Kibler road in the northern part of the county. Joe Hanfman re-found this owl hunting over Leverage road on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>; it was enjoyed by many birders and most likely was the same bird found by Jim Gruber on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> hunting along John Powell Road. This was the last sighting of this individual. The state was inundated with **Red-necked Grebes** as the Great Lakes became frozen and many birds were found in Queen Anne's waters. The first **Red-necked Grebe** was found by Dan Small and Maren Gimpel on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> in the Chesapeake Bay seen from Matapeake State Park. This turned out to be the first of many sightings and over 50 reports were submitted to eBird, though many pertain to the same individuals. The high count was eight individuals seen by Dan Small and Maren Gimpel at Kent Narrows on Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>. The last noteworthy sighting of the winter was of four **Purple Sandpipers** at the very tip of Kent Island by Dan Small on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>; though **Purple Sandpipers** are found regularly across the bay in Anne Arundel County, they are rarely found in Queen Anne's as this is only the 3<sup>rd</sup> county record.

A **Red-headed Woodpecker** was found by Maren Gimpel on Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> on Chino Farms; this is the third sighting of this species in the last few years in the same small woodlot. Also on Chino Farms, Maren Gimpel and Dan Small were surprised to hear an **Eastern Whip-poor-will** calling on Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>. While "Whips" used to be a regular breeder in the county they are rarely heard nowadays. Maren Gimpel heard another **Eastern Whip-poor-will** on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> on Chino Farms as well. Daniel Irons found an **Olive-sided Flycatcher** on their family's property on May 29<sup>th</sup>; this is an incredibly tough migrant to find in the county.

Overall, 2014 was not particularly a good year for shorebirds in the county. Mark Schilling found the exception when he found eight **Willetts** that were downed by heavy rains at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>. An **Anhinga**, one of only a handful ever reported in the county, was found by Daniel Irons and his brother on their farm on Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>; unfortunately it did not stick around for long. On Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, Dan Small found a late **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** at Terrapin Nature Park. Rarely reported in the county, a **Nelson's Sparrow** was found by Mark Schilling at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center marshes on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. The next day, Dan Small and Maren Gimpel were able to relocate two **Nelson's Sparrows** and were surprised to also find a **Saltmarsh Sparrow** (2<sup>nd</sup> county record). Later in the day, John Hubbell and Tom Field were able to relocate all three birds again and Tom found a fourth unidentified *Ammodramus* sparrow. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> started the rush of **Orange-crowned Warbler** sightings in the county, Danny Poet found the first at Terrapin Nature Park. Several other birders were able to track down this individual or possibly others in the park on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> (Karen Caruso and Leo Weigant), Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> (John Hubbell), and Nov. 22<sup>th</sup> (Dan Small). In addition to the Terrapin sightings other **Orange-crowned Warblers** found were by Mark Schilling at Ferry Point Park on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and Daniel Irons and his brother found two individuals on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> with at least one bird continuing on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Golden Eagles** are surprisingly hard to find in Queen Anne's considering the close proximity to annual sightings of multiple birds in nearby Kent County. Jim Gruber reported the only **Golden Eagle** on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> as it flew south over Chino Farms. The only Clay-colored Sparrow reported this year was banded at Foreman's Branch Bird Observatory on Chino Farms on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. An **Evening Grosbeak** was a surprise find by Dan Small on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

at Terrapin Nature Park. Those birders who spend time looking through huge mixed blackbird flocks sometimes get rewarded for their efforts. Russ Ruffing was rewarded for his efforts when he found a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** in a huge blackbird flock on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> in the eastern part of the county. Several unsuccessful attempts were made by a few birders to relocate this great find.

Listing Jim Stasz sits atop the County Life List heap by a wide margin. Dan Small still has the top Year List of 229 from 2010. Both Dan Small and Mark Schilling blew out the previous high Year List held by Dan by seven and four birds, respectively. There are no Big Days in the database for Queen Anne's County.

Queen Anne's County Life Lists (321 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>2012</b>	Dave Palmer	225	2014	Glenn Therres	185	1996
Dan Small	277	2014	Jim Green	220	2014	Jeff Culler	182	2014
Mark Schilling	269	2014	Dan Haas	217	2014	John Dennehy	181	2012
Maren Gimpel	265	2012	Elaine Hendricks	217	2014	Rob Ostrowski	181	2014
Danny Poet	262	2011	Rick Blom	214	1999	Helen Patton	178	2014
John Hubbell	258	2014	Tom Feild	213	2014	Michael Bowen	178	2013
Kevin Graff	253	2010	Harvey Mudd	213	2011	Warren Strobel	174	2014
Bill Hubick	250	2014	Stan Arnold	210	2011	Mike Ostrowski	171	2014
Matt Hafner	247	2014	Kathy Calvert	206	2014	Marion Mudd	171	2011
Jim Brighton	244	2013	Ron Gutberlet	205	2014	Marcia Balestri	170	2014
Bob Ringler	240	2014	Edward Boyd	205	2012	Dotty Mumford	165	2006
Joe Hanfman	236	2014	Fred Fallon	195	2014	Lynn Davidson	164	1998
Marshall Iliff	233	2011	Joel Martin	193	2014	Anna Urciolo	162	2014
Dave Powell	228	2014	Walter Ellison	192	2010	David Holmes	162	1994
Dave Perry	228	2013	Carol McCollough	191	2014	Steve Sanford	161	2007
Hans Holbrook	227	2009	John Gregoire	188	2005	Phil Davis	160	2014

Queen Anne's County All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Dan Small</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2014</b>	Mark Schilling	203	2013	Dave Palmer	178	2012
Mark Schilling	233	2014	Maren Gimpel	202	2011	Danny Poet	178	2000
Dan Small	229	2010	Mark Schilling	201	2011	Hans Holbrook	169	2004
Mark Schilling	226	2010	Danny Poet	199	2005	Danny Poet	167	1999
Mark Schilling	224	2012	Danny Poet	198	2007	Bill Hubick	166	2010
Maren Gimpel	221	2012	Danny Poet	192	2006	Dave Palmer	162	2013
Danny Poet	214	2010	Danny Poet	192	2003	Danny Poet	162	1998
Dave Perry	210	2003	Danny Poet	191	2008	Jim Stasz	160	2012
Danny Poet	206	2009	Jim Stasz	188	1999	Jim Brighton	160	2010
Danny Poet	205	2004	Jim Stasz	187	2002	Kevin Graff	158	2004
Danny Poet	203	2011	John Hubbell	186	2010	Ron Gutberlet	157	2011

## Caroline County

*Material contributed by Dave Palmer*

With a total of 224 species reported in Caroline County via ebird, 2014 had the highest annual total for the last several years and was seven species higher than in 2013. No doubt the best bird of the year in the county was a first-county record **Painted Bunting** seen on Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> in Denton. This bird appeared at a private residence and stayed through March 8<sup>th</sup>; unfortunately, visitation by birders was not welcomed. The highlights for many county listers were numerous species of diving ducks seen at the Preston Wastewater Treatment Plant, including **Canvasback**, **Redhead** and both **Greater** and **Lesser Scaup**. Other rarely seen waterbirds showing up in Caroline County included **Long-tailed ducks** reported by Jim Stasz on the Choptank River and several **Red-necked grebes** on the Choptank River near the village of Choptank and near Kingston Landing. Other species that are only rarely seen in the county included a single **Yellow-headed Blackbird** found by Mikey Lutmerding near Preston in January and a **Willow Flycatcher** seen by Jim Stasz north of Greensboro in May.

The open fields around Ridgely were not as productive as normal in 2014, however a few **Lapland Longspurs** were observed in January and December; sadly there were no reports of **Snow Buntings** or **Snowy Owls** in Caroline County in 2014.

Since the widespread flooded fields of 2013 didn't appear this year, the Tanyard wetlands area was again the only area in the county that was reliable for a variety of shorebirds and waders. Species seen included all the common shorebirds, **Great**, **Snowy**, **Little Blue** and **Cattle Egrets** (1), several species of gulls and terns, **Sora**, **King** and **Virginia Rails** and an early morning report of a **Barn Owl** by Joe Hanfman. This area is also one of the most reliable areas on the mid-shore for nesting **Common Gallinule** with as many as eight individuals seen at once. Construction of a new Dover Bridge being built to replace the aging drawbridge will probably cause disruption in this area for the next few years but hopefully the old causeway will be left intact for better (and less hazardous) access to this productive marsh area by birders and other outdoor enthusiasts.

Just downriver from Tanyard, the Chopank Marina also provided sightings of multiple species of gull and terns including **Lesser Black-backed Gull** and **Royal Terns**, both of which are hard to find in Caroline County. **Common Loons**, **Red-breasted Mergansers**, and **Common Goldeneye** were also reported from the Marina by multiple observers in this mostly land-locked county.

A **Black-crowned Night Heron** was reported on two occasions, one by Marcia Balestri at Kingston Landing and another at Daniel Crouse Park in Denton. The last reported sighting in Caroline County for a BCNH was from way back in 2002! **Cliff Swallows** originally found in 2013 along Route 328 over Tuckahoe Creek returned in 2014 and multiple nests were seen on both the Caroline and Talbot sides of the river.

The fall warbler migration was very productive, especially at Adkins Arboretum and the surrounding Tuckahoe State Park, where 30 species of warblers were recorded from August through October. This included one **Connecticut** (5<sup>th</sup> year in a row), reported by Tim Schreckengost, and numerous **Blue-winged**, **Blackburnian**, **Tennessee** and **Cape May**, normally difficult to find in Caroline. All six species of vireos were also reported in this time period.

Listing Jim Stasz's 261 Life List has no real challengers from the present-day birding community; however, in the year category, both Dave Palmer and Dave Perry (206) utterly destroyed the previous high year of 188 set last year by Dave Palmer! There are no Big Days in the database for Caroline County.

### Caroline County Life Lists (299 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>2012</b>	Danny Poet	206	2011	Don Meritt	174	1996
Marvin Hewitt	243	1996	<b>Dave Powell</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Fred Fallon</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>2014</b>
Ethel Engle	240	2002	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2014</b>	Michael O'Brien	172	1999
Roberta Fletcher	239	1994	<b>Jim Green</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Dan Small</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2014</b>
Jim Brighton	233	2013	<b>Tom Feild</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Jeff Culler</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Ron Gutberlet</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>2014</b>	Marion Mudd	162	2011
<b>Dave Perry</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Kathy Calvert</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Gregoire	161	2005
<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2014</b>	Stephen Ford	192	2012	<b>Rob Ostrowski</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>2014</b>	Harvey Mudd	191	2011	John Dennehy	156	2012
Marshall Iliff	222	2011	<b>Elaine Hendricks</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>2014</b>	Steve Sanford	156	2007
<b>Bill Hubick</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2014</b>	Stan Arnold	186	2011	George Armistead	155	2003
Glen Lovelace	215	2009	<b>Joel Martin</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Marcia Balestri</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>2014</b>	Edward Boyd	178	2012	<b>Helen Patton</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>2014</b>
Hans Holbrook	208	2009	Rick Blom	175	1999			

### Caroline County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Dave Perry</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2014</b>	Ron Gutberlet	144	2011	Jim Green	124	2008
<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Perry	142	2001	Bill Hubick	123	2010
Dave Palmer	188	2013	Marvin Hewitt	141	1989	Edward Boyd	123	2012
Dave Perry	187	2010	Danny Poet	138	2005	Jim Stasz	121	2004
Jim Stasz	183	1999	Bill Hubick	137	2007	Joe Hanfman	121	2012
Jim Brighton	179	2005	Jim Green	137	2009	Rob Ostrowski	121	2011
Jim Stasz	171	2002	John Hubbell	137	2005	Stan Arnold	121	2008
Danny Poet	159	2007	Danny Poet	136	2004	Roberta Fletcher	119	1993
Jim Brighton	159	2010	Jim Stasz	136	2008	John Hubbell	118	2011
Bill Hubick	158	2008	Bill Hubick	133	2011	Jim Green	117	2010
Hans Holbrook	158	2005	John Hubbell	133	2009	Elaine Hendricks	116	2013
Dave Palmer	155	2012	Roberta Fletcher	132	1989	Jared Satchell	116	2011
Dave Perry	155	2000	Jim Stasz	131	2011	Jim Green	115	2011
John Hubbell	153	2013	Danny Poet	130	2003	Joe Hanfman	115	2011
Hans Holbrook	153	2004	<b>Joe Hanfman</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2014</b>	Edward Boyd	114	2011
Danny Poet	151	2010	Ethel Engle	129	1993	Jim Stasz	114	2005
Jim Stasz	151	1992	Jim Stasz	128	2006	John Hubbell	111	2007
Jim Stasz	150	2012	Jim Green	127	2013	Ron Gutberlet	110	2010
Dave Perry	148	2004	Dave Palmer	126	2011	Mike Ostrowski	109	2011
Jim Stasz	147	2000	Jim Green	126	2012	<b>Elaine Hendricks</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2014</b>
Danny Poet	146	2011	Danny Poet	125	2006	John Hubbell	108	2008
Danny Poet	146	2009	Ron Gutberlet	125	2009	Jim Stasz	106	1998
Danny Poet	146	2008	Joe Hanfman	124	2013	John Hubbell	106	2010
Bill Hubick	144	2009	Ethel Engle	124	1994	<b>John Hubbell</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2014</b>

## Talbot County

*Material contributed by Les Roslund*

Birders reported a total of 266 species to eBird for Talbot County in 2014. This total is 13 species higher than that of 2013 but only five species above that of 2012. No single bird stands out as clearly the top county species of the year, but three good candidates are a **Ruff** that was found by Dave Palmer in a small private pond beside Todd's Corner Road on Apr. 29<sup>th</sup>, a group of six **Short-eared Owls** found by Tucker Dalton in a grassy field beside Kate's Point Road on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> and a **Golden Eagle** at Pickering Creek Audubon Sanctuary that was first seen on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> by Ryan Johnson. This eagle continued to be periodically seen at Pickering Creek for most of the month.

Throughout the year Pickering Creek attracted some of the most interesting species that were found in the county. In addition to the Golden Eagle, Pickering habitat attracted an **American Tree Sparrow** found by Russell Hillsley on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, a **Least Bittern** found by Tim Houghton on Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>, and a **Hudsonian Godwit** found on Sep. 7<sup>th</sup> by Dave Palmer. But the finest day of the year at Pickering Creek was May 6<sup>th</sup>. On that day Dave Palmer photographed both **Blue-winged** and **Golden-winged Warblers** beside the entrance lane of the sanctuary. During the same visit, Dave reported a **Black-billed Cuckoo** devouring hordes of tent caterpillars in a tree beside the lane that was only 50 yards away from the warblers.

Lots of the excitement about bird species in Talbot County is stimulated by the extensive numbers of birds that use Poplar Island. Many are nesting species that do not nest anywhere else in the county. As the Poplar Island restoration work continues, the maturing habitat continues to attract new nesting species. Highlights observed in February 2014 at Poplar Island included **Eared Grebe**, **Rough-legged Hawk** and **Snowy Owl**. A **Black-bellied Plover** showed up in April. A **Seaside Sparrow** was found in May and also a **Sora**. In June birders were treated to sightings of **Black Tern**, **King Eider** and **Gull-billed Tern**. Additional bird species were **Sandwich Terns** in July and a **Baird's Sandpiper** in August. Regular surveys by Tim Carney provided most of the sightings, but other excellent reports came from leaders of the periodic visits to the island that are hosted by Maryland Environmental Service.

Several other sightings at various locations in the county also merit mention. Black Walnut Point on Tilghman Island often gives views of species that are not readily found elsewhere in the county. In March several **Northern Gannets** were reported by Vince DeSanctis and others. Later in the season **Brown Pelicans** joined the buffet provided in the pound nets that are visible from Black Walnut Point. Vince reported a total of 60 of the pelicans one fall day in 2014. On Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Vince, who lives on Tilghman Island, was treated to a visit by a **Mourning Warbler**.

**Eastern Whip-poor-wills** are very hard to find in Talbot, but one was reported on May 3<sup>rd</sup> by Dave Palmer from near Windy Hill Road. There was only one report of a **Dickcissel** sighting in the county this year. That bird was found by Paul Thut on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> near Bellevue.

Listing Henry Armistead's impressive 295 Life List is still tops but Les Roslund is slowly closing the gap and is now lagging by only two birds. In the Year List category, per Les, Vince DeSanctis set an all-time single year record in 2013 with 241 species. However, this record was not submitted or verified by Vince and therefore does not appear in the table below. Dave Palmer once again matched his official high Year List of 236 in 2014. There is one Big Day in the database for Talbot County, a solo May effort of 110 by Dave Palmer in May 2012.

### Talbot County Life Lists (331 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Henry Armistead</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>2014</b>	Dave Powell	232	2014	Michael O'Brien	192	1999
Les Roslund	293	2014	Ron Gutberlet	230	2013	Fred Fallon	187	2014
Dick Kleen	287	1996	George Armistead	229	2003	Rick Blom	186	1999
Jim Stasz	283	2012	Stan Arnold	227	2011	J.B. Churchill	185	2014
Don Meritt	272	1996	Marcia Balestri	225	2014	Mike Burchett	184	2013
Dave Palmer	269	2014	Jeff Culler	224	2014	Michael Bowen	183	2013
Jim Brighton	269	2013	Jared Satchell	221	2011	Dave Perry	182	2013
Stephen Ford	262	2012	Dan Small	219	2014	Steve Sanford	181	2007
Wayne Bell	262	2010	Mikey Lutmerding	219	2013	Rob Ostrowski	180	2014
Joe Hanfman	260	2014	Tim Carney	219	2014	Jan Reese	180	1989
Bob Ringler	258	2014	Hans Holbrook	218	2009	Phil Davis	177	2014
John Hubbell	250	2014	Joel Martin	216	2014	Edward Boyd	172	2012
Danny Poet	242	2011	Kevin Graff	212	2010	Mike Ostrowski	170	2014
Matt Hafner	240	2014	Tom Feild	211	2014	Mark Schilling	169	2014
Jim Green	240	2014	Helen Patton	203	2014	Walter Ellison	168	2010
Kathy Calvert	238	2014	Harvey Mudd	202	2011	Rod Burley	163	2014
Marshall Iliff	238	2011	Jan Reese	202	1989	Marion Mudd	163	2011
Elaine Hendricks	233	2014	Leslie Starr	199	2014	John Gregoire	161	2005
Bill Hubick	233	2014	John Dennehy	196	2012	Lynn Davidson	160	1998
Ron Gutberlet	232	2014	Carol McCollough	193	2014	Norm Saunders	160	2011

### Talbot County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2014</b>	Wayne Bell	199	2010	Wayne Bell	180	2006
<b>Dave Palmer</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>2012</b>	Danny Poet	198	2011	Jan Reese	180	1987
Les Roslund	234	2013	Ron Gutberlet	197	2011	Jim Stasz	179	2012
Les Roslund	233	2012	Danny Poet	197	2005	Wayne Bell	179	2003
Jim Brighton	233	2011	Les Roslund	197	2006	Wayne Bell	179	2001
Les Roslund	231	2011	Les Roslund	194	2004	Wayne Bell	178	1999
Dave Palmer	230	2011	Danny Poet	191	2009	Jim Stasz	176	2011
Les Roslund	227	2014	Joe Hanfman	189	2011	Wayne Bell	176	2008
Jared Satchell	219	2011	Wayne Bell	189	2004	Michael O'Brien	175	1990
Dave Palmer	219	2013	Wayne Bell	189	2002	Les Roslund	175	2001
Les Roslund	212	2010	Danny Poet	189	2010	Jim Stasz	174	1992
Tim Carney	210	2014	Danny Poet	189	2008	Wayne Bell	174	2007
Les Roslund	208	2009	Danny Poet	187	2007	Henry Armistead	174	2000
Les Roslund	208	2008	Danny Poet	187	2004	Henry Armistead	174	1995
Joe Hanfman	206	2012	Les Roslund	187	2002	Ron Gutberlet	173	2009
Les Roslund	204	2005	Joe Hanfman	186	2014	Henry Armistead	173	1993
Jan Reese	202	1989	Henry Armistead	185	2009	Henry Armistead	172	1996
Les Roslund	201	2007	Wayne Bell	183	2005	Marcia Balestri	170	2013
Les Roslund	200	2003	Wayne Bell	183	2000	Wayne Bell	170	1994
Jim Stasz	199	2002	Danny Poet	181	2003	Danny Poet	170	2006

## Dorchester County

*Material contributed by Jim Brighton*

In 2014, birders reported 254 species to eBird for Dorchester County. Amazingly in the past five years, Dorchester County year totals have all been within eight species with 2012 being the highest with 262 species. While there were not any outstanding rarities reported, many good birds were observed. Top billing goes to a **Eurasian Wigeon** that was found at the Vienna water ski pond off of Route 50 March 16<sup>th</sup> (Josh Emm). Eurasian Wigeons are very rare in Dorchester County and this had to be the top sighting of 2014. Most of the Dorchester County specialties gave strong showings. During the winter **Golden Eagles** were observed throughout the Blackwater NWR area and **Rough-legged Hawks** were observed along Cedar Creek Road and Elliott Island Road. **Short-eared Owls**, another winter specialty, were seen throughout the southern marshes. The seemingly resident **American White Pelicans** held strong throughout the year at Blackwater NWR and once again **Red-headed Woodpeckers** were observed with regularity at the refuge.

The new year started strong with both **Snow Bunting** and **Lapland Longspur** sightings. These birds are probably present most years but remain undetected due to lack of effort and the massive agricultural areas in the northeastern part of the county which makes finding flocks difficult. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, Jason Brown found three **Snow Buntings** on Hoopers Island and on March 6<sup>th</sup>, Jim Stasz found a single **Lapland Longspur** along Cloverdale Road. Uncommon wintering waterfowl were highlighted by a sighting of a **Greater White-fronted Goose** along Decoursey Bridge Road on February 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Shenot and Frank Marengi. **Red-necked Grebes** also made a strong showing in 2014. During invasion years Red-necked Grebes in Maryland typically show stronger on the western shore but in 2014 they made appearances throughout the Eastern Shore. Red-necked Grebes were found in various locations throughout the county including along the Cambridge waterfront, the Vienna water ski pond, Hoopers Island, and Decoursey Bridge.

Fall migration held a couple surprises for Dorchester including an **American Avocet** seen by Erin Eve at Blackwater NWR on Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>. A **Connecticut Warbler** was observed by George Radcliffe on his family property on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. George also found Warbling Vireos on his property on Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> and Sep. 1<sup>st</sup>. The Dorchester sod farms in the Hurlock area produced the regularly occurring but difficult to find rare autumn shorebirds including **American Golden-Plovers**, **Buff-breasted Sandpipers**, and **Upland Sandpipers**. The end of the year saw an influx of **Purple Finches** and **Pine Siskins** moving through the county. One of the last unusual birds to be found in 2014 was a **Brant** found at Blackwater NWR by Jim Dunn on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.

In Listing Henry Armistead's 310 Life List is under no threat of being topped anytime soon, though second and third place totals have not been updated in a few years by their owners. Henry also holds most of the top 25 Year Lists, including the all-time best of 244 from 1967(!). The highest year list was Dave Palmer's 200 birds. There is one March Big Day from 2011, an effort of 113 by Jim Green, Bill Hubick, Mike Ostrowski, and Rob Ostrowski.

### Dorchester County Life Lists (335 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Henry Armistead</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>2014</b>	Kevin Graff	229	2010	Fred Fallon	202	2014
Jim Stasz	290	2012	J.B. Churchill	228	2014	Edward Boyd	201	2012
Jim Brighton	286	2013	Kathy Calvert	227	2014	Larry Bonham	201	1995
John Hubbell	270	2014	Elaine Hendricks	225	2014	John Dennehy	197	2012
Bob Ringler	268	2014	Jared Fisher	222	2014	Mike Ostrowski	197	2014
Stephen Ford	267	2012	Marcia Balestri	222	2014	Dick Homan	197	2004
Samuel H. Dyke	264	2013	Mary Ann Todd	220	2014	Jared Satchell	193	2011
Hans Holbrook	259	2009	Harvey Mudd	220	2011	Mikey Lutmerding	192	2013
Bill Hubick	258	2014	Rick Blom	220	1999	Dave Harvey	192	2007
George Armistead	257	2003	Mike Burchett	218	2013	Rob Hilton	191	2014
Matt Hafner	256	2014	Rod Burley	217	2014	Fred Shaffer	191	2014
Michael O'Brien	252	1999	Paul O'Brien	216	2014	Steve Sanford	189	2007
Dave Palmer	251	2014	Helen Patton	216	2014	Peter Osenton	188	2014
Joe Hanfman	250	2014	Dan Haas	215	2014	Leslie Starr	187	2014
Jim Green	248	2014	Rob Ostrowski	214	2014	Marion Mudd	185	2011
Marshall Iliff	248	2011	Erika Wilson	214	1991	Clifford Comeau	185	2011
Carol Broderick	246	2012	Dave Perry	213	2013	George Jett	184	2013
Ron Gutberlet	243	2014	John Gregoire	213	2005	Kye Jenkins	179	2014
Mike Walsh	238	2014	Mark Hoffman	212	2011	Dotty Mumford	179	2006
Dave Powell	236	2014	Norm Saunders	211	2011	Anna Urciolo	175	2014
Stan Arnold	235	2011	Joel Martin	210	2014	Joy Peters	172	2009
Dan Small	234	2014	Carol McCollough	209	2014	David Holmes	169	1994
Tom Feild	234	2014	Lynn Davidson	205	1998	Betsy Bangert	167	2013
Don Meritt	233	1996	Fran Saunders	204	2011	Tim Carney	166	2014
Don Broderick	232	2003	Jeff Culler	203	2014	Michael Bowen	166	2011

### Dorchester County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Henry Armistead</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>1967</b>	Henry Armistead	208	1996	Ron Gutberlet	183	2009
Henry Armistead	223	2006	Henry Armistead	207	1995	John Hubbell	182	2011
Henry Armistead	220	2003	Henry Armistead	205	2012	Rob Ostrowski	177	2011
Henry Armistead	219	2007	Jared Fisher	204	2013	Ron Gutberlet	177	2011
Henry Armistead	219	2000	Dave Palmer	204	2013	Jim Brighton	177	2005
Henry Armistead	218	1992	Henry Armistead	203	1993	Jim Stasz	176	2011
Henry Armistead	217	2008	Henry Armistead	202	2010	Jim Stasz	175	1992
Henry Armistead	215	1998	Henry Armistead	202	1994	Bill Hubick	174	2009
Henry Armistead	215	1988	Dave Palmer	201	2012	Bill Hubick	172	2006
Jim Stasz	212	2002	Dave Palmer	200	2014	Ron Gutberlet	170	2008
Henry Armistead	212	2005	Jim Stasz	196	2006	Mike Walsh	170	2010
Henry Armistead	212	2004	Hans Holbrook	195	2004	Norm Saunders	170	2007
Henry Armistead	211	2009	Jared Satchell	193	2011	Joe Hanfman	168	2011
Jim Brighton	210	2010	George Armistead	190	1989	John Hubbell	167	2007
Henry Armistead	209	1997	Jim Stasz	187	1999	Stan Arnold	165	2001
Henry Armistead	208	2011	Dave Palmer	186	2011	John Hubbell	163	2009
Henry Armistead	208	1999	Jim Green	183	2011	Jim Stasz, Dave Perry	162	12, '02

## Somerset County

There is no summary for Somerset County this year. Birders reported 219 species for the County via eBird in 2014, one less than in 2013. There were two new first-county records for Somerset in 2014: **Snowy Owl** (Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at Rumbly Point Road - Jim Stasz), and **Rufous Hummingbird** (Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at Green Park - Kathy Green).

Listing Jim Stasz still maintains a huge 26 bird lead in the Life List category, standing at 290 (last updated 2012). His 1982 Year List total of 245 will likely never be approached. Marcia Balestri's 171 was tops in 2014. There are no Big Days in the database for Somerset County.

<b>Somerset County Life Lists (321 Max)</b>								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>2012</b>	Hans Holbrook	217	2009	J.B. Churchill	185	2014
Samuel H. Dyke	264	2013	Edward Boyd	215	2012	Kevin Graff	184	2010
Carol Broderick	263	2013	Joe Hanfman	214	2014	George Jett	182	2013
Don Broderick	254	2003	Charlie Vaughn	214	2000	Jeff Culler	182	2014
Jim Brighton	253	2013	Jim Green	213	2014	Rob Ostrowski	181	2014
John Hubbell	250	2014	Dave Perry	209	2013	Mike Burchett	177	2013
Mike Walsh	247	2014	Mark Hoffman	209	2011	Helen Patton	176	2014
Marshall Iliff	246	2011	Stan Arnold	208	2011	Steve Sanford	176	2007
Bill Hubick	239	2014	Gail Vaughn	206	2000	John Dennehy	175	2012
Bob Ringler	237	2014	John Gregoire	204	2005	Joel Martin	175	2014
Ron Gutberlet	237	2014	Kathy Calvert	202	2014	Dotty Mumford	175	2006
Henry Armistead	232	2014	Lynn Davidson	201	1998	Marion Mudd	172	2011
Dave Powell	225	2014	Elaine Hendricks	197	2014	Mike Ostrowski	169	2014
Mikey Lutmerding	222	2013	Carol McCollough	196	2014	Dave Harvey	168	2007
Eddie Slaughter	221	2000	Marcia Balestri	195	2014	Polly Batchelder	168	1990
Matt Hafner	219	2014	Harvey Mudd	192	2011	Phil Davis	167	2014
Tom Feild	218	2014	Rick Blom	186	1999	Fred Fallon	164	2014

<b>Somerset County All-time High Year Lists</b>								
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>1982</b>	Marcia Balestri	171	2014	Jim Stasz	156	1998
Jim Stasz	191	2002	John Hubbell	171	2008	Dave Perry	155	2001
Jim Stasz	189	1999	Ron Gutberlet	171	2010	John Hubbell	154	2012
Ron Gutberlet	187	2012	Jim Stasz	170	2000	Stan Arnold	154	2005
Bill Hubick	184	2009	Ron Gutberlet	169	2011	Dave Perry	153	1999
Ron Gutberlet	184	2009	Jim Stasz	168	2011	Jim Stasz	152	2005
Jim Brighton	183	2010	Ron Gutberlet	168	2013	Jim Stasz	151	2009
Jim Stasz	179	2012	Mike Walsh	164	2013	Carol McCollough	150	2012
Mike Walsh	178	2010	John Hubbell	164	2009	Jim Stasz	150	2007
Jim Stasz	173	1992	Jim Brighton	161	2005	Kevin Graff	150	2007
Mike Walsh	172	2012	Mike Walsh	157	2008	George Jett	149	1992

## Wicomico County

There is no summary for Wicomico County this year. Birders reported 233 species for the County via eBird in 2014, up considerably from the 214 reported in 2013. There was one first-county record for Wicomico in 2014: **Snowy Owl** (Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at Salisbury Airport - Carrie Samis).

Listing Sam Dyke holds the Life List title at 304, 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. Mike Walsh's 202 was best in 2014. There are no Big Days in the database for Wicomico County.

<b>Wicomico County Life Lists (310 Max)</b>											
Name			Total Updated			Name			Total Updated		
<b>Samuel H. Dyke</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>2013</b>	Marshall Iliff	214	2011	Mikey Lutmerding	175	2013			
Carol Broderick	296	2012	Hans Holbrook	212	2009	Eddie Slaughter	175	2000			
Don Broderick	291	2003	Dave Powell	209	2014	Edward Boyd	172	2012			
Jim Stasz	270	2012	Ellen Lawler	206	2014	Joel Martin	171	2014			
Mike Walsh	263	2014	Joe Hanfman	205	2014	Mike Burchett	170	2013			
Jim Brighton	253	2013	Marcia Balestri	204	2014	Rob Ostrowski	169	2014			
Ron Gutberlet	250	2014	Tom Feild	201	2014	Dan Small	166	2014			
John Hubbell	238	2014	Kathy Calvert	190	2014	Mike Ostrowski	165	2014			
Bill Hubick	228	2014	Rick Blom	189	1999	John Gregoire	164	2005			
Matt Hafner	226	2014	Elaine Hendricks	188	2014	Kevin Graff	159	2010			
Charlie Vaughn	225	2000	Stan Arnold	188	2011	Marion Mudd	158	2011			
Gail Vaughn	225	2000	Jeff Culler	180	2014	Rod Burley	156	2014			
Bob Ringler	219	2014	Harvey Mudd	179	2011	Fred Fallon	155	2014			
Jim Green	216	2014	Dave Perry	177	2013	Norm Saunders	155	2011			

<b>Wicomico County All-time High Year Lists</b>								
Name			Total			Year		
<b>Samuel H. Dyke</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2011</b>	Carol Broderick	200	2006	Jim Brighton	176	2010
Samuel H. Dyke	223	2005	Don Broderick	200	2006	Jim Stasz	175	2011
Samuel H. Dyke	223	2003	Samuel H. Dyke	200	1998	Ron Gutberlet	175	2010
Samuel H. Dyke	218	2004	Carol Broderick	199	2003	Mike Walsh	170	2012
Samuel H. Dyke	216	2012	Carol Broderick	199	2002	Ron Gutberlet	169	2013
Samuel H. Dyke	214	2006	Don Broderick	199	2003	Ron Gutberlet	169	2008
Carol Broderick	210	2005	Don Broderick	199	2002	Jim Stasz	164	2012
Don Broderick	210	2005	Samuel H. Dyke	198	1999	Mike Walsh	163	2013
Samuel H. Dyke	210	2009	Ron Gutberlet	192	2012	Hans Holbrook	162	2004
Samuel H. Dyke	209	2010	Ron Gutberlet	192	2009	Mike Walsh	162	2008
Samuel H. Dyke	208	2007	Ron Gutberlet	190	2014	Mike Walsh	161	2009
Samuel H. Dyke	208	2000	Ron Gutberlet	189	2011	Jim Stasz	160	1992
Samuel H. Dyke	207	2002	Carol Broderick	187	2000	Bill Hubick	156	2011
Samuel H. Dyke	207	2001	Don Broderick	187	2000	Jim Brighton	152	2005
Samuel H. Dyke	205	2013	Marcia Balestri	185	2014	Jim Green	151	2011
Mike Walsh	202	2014	Carol Broderick	183	2001	Jim Stasz	151	1999
Carol Broderick	201	2004	Don Broderick	183	2001	Bill Hubick	151	2008
Don Broderick	201	2004	Jim Stasz	177	2002	John Hubbell	149	2008

## Worcester County

*Material contributed by Mark Hoffman*

eBirders reported a total of 300 species in Worcester County during 2014, eight less than in 2013, and seven fewer than in 2012 (details of the species “missed” this year are provided at the end of the summary). Complete eBird check-lists totaled 3,564 versus 3,250 in 2013 and 3,349 in 2012.

The year got off to a burst of excitement, with the continuing **Western Tanager** at the Deer Run Golf Course and the **Western Kingbird** along Sinepuxent Road – both holdovers from the Ocean City CBC, and twitched by many to ring in the New Year. Not a bad start. Both, unfortunately, were last seen on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, so the New Year hangover was short-lived for these two. But another bird from 2013, **Snowy Owl**, continued to create excitement, with multiple individuals on Assateague throughout January and February, with the last report on the amazing date of Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, and then they returned again at the end of the year.

Another winter highlight, though perhaps not fully appreciated, was the continuing presence of 1-2 **King Eiders** at the Ocean City Inlet, from Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> to Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a species increasingly difficult to find in Worcester, and missed in both 2012 and 2013. Reported on 57 checklists, they were obviously enjoyed by many. A second Anatid of note, **Common Merganser**, was found at the Worcester County Central Landfill, first on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> by Marcia Balestri, lingering to a count of 11 on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. The latter was a very large tally for “large fresh-water pond”-starved Worcester. Another Common Merganser report of two came from the OC Inlet on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Late January also started the deluge of **Red-necked Grebes** that was widespread throughout the region; recorded on 75 checklists, but not seen in 2012 or 2013, these large grebes are always a pleasure. Winter pelagics were good, but nothing more than the expected species, including the now annual **Common Murre**, with five on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, and four on Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> out of Ocean City on the Morning Star, and the county’s only **Little Gull** of the year, on Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>. Early April produced a much rarer gull at the Ocean City Inlet, a first-cycle **Thayer’s Gull**, found on Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Johnson, with subsequent sightings through the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The major rarity of the spring was a well-described **Mississippi Kite**, near Whiton Crossing on May 28<sup>th</sup>, found by Frode Jacobsen. A species much harder to find in coastal Worcester than it is west of the Chesapeake, this was only the third for Worcester. Close behind in the rarity column was the **Yellow-headed Blackbird** photographed in West OC on May 15<sup>th</sup> by Russell Hillsley. I think I need to start eating at Chipotle’s more often! And it reminds me of Worcester’s first Yellow-headed – a bird found during the 1956 MOS Convention, in West OC from May 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. The more things change, the more they stay the same...? Worcester’s little **Dickcissel** colony along Mt. Zion Church Road went missing this past summer, but a single bird was found farther south along Dividing Creek Road in June by Scott Houston; however, there were zero fall eBird reports of this species in the county.



*Yellow-headed Blackbird, West OC Russell Hillsley*

Always the highlight of late summer, the Paulagics overnight pelagic trip to the waters far off the Maryland coast was once again a major success. Although the *Pteradroma* didn’t cooperate this year, the bird list was impressive, with **Leach’s** (1) and **Band-rumped** (22) **Storm-Petrels**, **Long-tailed Jaegers** (2), and Maryland’s first **Bridled Terns** (3) in several years. They have become surprisingly hard to find on the late-summer trips.



*Mass twitch of Bayside Western Tanager  
Bill Hubick*

Fall is always when Worcester is at its best, and this year was no exception. In particular, the annual mid-November “Rarity Roundup” was one of the best in years. Held on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, the species list included **Western Tanager** (Assateague Bayside, D. Czaplak et al.), **Le Conte’s Sparrow** (Vaughn North, Jared Fisher, Ryan Johnson & Co.), **Audubon’s (Yellow-rumped) Warbler** (Bayside Development Pond, Mikey Lutmerding), and **Magnolia Warbler** (Evans Road, Dan Small et al.). Other good birds included **Eared Grebe**, **White Ibis**, **Golden Eagle**, **Pomarine Jaeger**, **White-eyed Vireo**, **Yellow-breasted Chat** and **Lark Sparrow**, the latter on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Worcester’s Christmas Bird Counts are always a blast, with the stellar rarity this year of Maryland’s third (and Worcester’s second) **Vermilion Flycatcher**, found on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> by Mark Hoffman along Hickory Point Road during the Crisfield CBC. Unfortunately, despite repeated attempts, the bird could not be relocated after the initial ten minutes of fevered excitement. A great climax to another great year!

Species seen in 2012 or 2013, but not in 2014 were: Pacific Loon, Western Grebe, Trinidad Petrel, Zino’s/Fea’s Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Manx Shearwater, White-faced Storm-Petrel, Magnificent Frigatebird, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Yellow Rail, Black Rail, Sandhill Crane, Hudsonian Godwit, Black-headed Gull, Glaucous Gull, Arctic Tern, White-winged Dove, Black-billed Cuckoo, Long-eared Owl, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Alder Flycatcher, Loggerhead Shrike, Cliff Swallow, Cave Swallow, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Connecticut Warbler, Canada Warbler, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll, and Evening Grosbeak. The misses are always interesting.



*Vermilion Flycatcher, Hickory Point Road  
Mark Hoffman*

Listing Mark Hoffman’s 362 leads in the Life List category and is an increase of one over 2013. Mark’s 303 Year List total from 1994 still remains the only year list on record that exceeded the magical 300 mark in any county. Marcia Balestri’s 261 was tops in 2014. There are two Big Days in the database for Worcester County – one in May (Hafner, Hubick, Brighton, and Lutmerding) and one in January (Tim Carney). The May Big Day is the highest single-county Big Day in the database and stands at 158!

**Worcester County Life Lists (396 Max)**

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<i>Mark Hoffman</i>	<i>362</i>	<i>2014</i>	Kathy Fleming	297	2014	Larry Bonham	246	1995
Jim Stasz	358	2012	J.B. Churchill	297	2014	Harvey Mudd	243	2011
Samuel H. Dyke	355	2013	Rob Ostrowski	296	2014	Dave Harvey	241	2007
Jim Brighton	337	2013	Stan Arnold	296	2011	David Kidwell	237	2014
Matt Hafner	337	2014	Dan Small	294	2014	Phil Davis	236	2014
Michael O'Brien	336	1999	Jared Fisher	286	2014	Fred Fallon	236	2014
Paul O'Brien	335	2014	Mike Ostrowski	285	2014	Dotty Mumford	236	2006
Mary Ann Todd	333	2014	Henry Armistead	282	2014	Warren Strobel	233	2014
Mike Burchett	330	2013	Eddie Slaughter	277	2000	Elliot Kirschbaum	231	2014
Edward Boyd	327	2012	John Gregoire	275	2005	Peter Osenton	230	2014
Bill Hubick	327	2014	Lynn Davidson	274	1998	Helen Patton	229	2014
Mikey Lutmerding	325	2013	Jane Coskren	270	2008	Joe Turner	227	2011
John Hubbell	322	2014	Gail Vaughn	269	2000	Kye Jenkins	225	2014
Marshall Iliff	320	2011	Charlie Vaughn	268	2000	Dave Palmer	215	2014
Mike Walsh	318	2014	Dan Haas	262	2014	Burton Alexander	215	2000
Kevin Graff	318	2011	Leslie Starr	262	2014	Michael Bowen	214	2013
Tom Feild	317	2014	David Holmes	261	1994	Steve Sanford	213	2007
Rick Blom	317	1999	Ottavio Janni	260	2001	Dave Perry	212	2013
Bob Ringler	316	2014	Kathy Calvert	257	2014	Nico Sarbanes	211	2009
Ron Gutberlet	313	2014	Jeff Culler	256	2014	Jared Satchell	209	2011
Betsy Bangert	312	2013	Jeff Shenot	255	2013	Rod Burley	206	2014
Dave Powell	310	2014	Elaine Hendricks	255	2014	Walter Ellison	206	2010
Joe Hanfman	309	2014	Ryan Johnson	255	2014	Greg Miller	206	2000
Norm Saunders	305	2011	John Dennehy	254	2012	Michael Bowen	206	2010
Hans Holbrook	303	2009	Don Meritt	253	1996	Anna Urciolo	205	2014
Marcia Balestri	302	2014	Joel Martin	250	2014	Kurt Schwarz	204	2014
George Jett	300	2013	Tim Carney	249	2014	Steve Collins	203	2014
Jim Green	299	2014	George Armistead	249	2003	Chuck Stirrat	200	2014
Fran Saunders	298	2011	Fred Shaffer	246	2014	Sue Hamilton	200	2003

Worcester County All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Mark Hoffman</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>1994</b>	Mark Hoffman	260	1993	Betsy Bangert	244	2013
Mark Hoffman	300	1992	Ron Gutberlet	259	2011	John Hubbell	244	2010
Michael O'Brien	298	1994	Bill Hubick	259	2011	Jim Stasz	244	2007
Michael O'Brien	295	1995	Mark Hoffman	259	2011	Norm Saunders	241	2004
Mike Burchett	287	2012	Mike Burchett	258	2013	John Hubbell	240	2009
Dave Czaplak	285	1994	Mark Hoffman	258	2013	Rob Ostrowski	240	2012
Michael O'Brien	284	1991	Bill Hubick	258	2009	Rob Ostrowski	240	2010
Betsy Bangert	282	2012	Jim Stasz	256	2009	Matt Hafner	240	2011
Matt Hafner	281	2003	Rob Ostrowski	255	2011	Jim Stasz	239	2004
Jim Brighton	273	2010	Dan Small	255	2010	George Jett	239	1992
Bill Hubick	272	2010	Hans Holbrook	250	2004	Stan Arnold	238	2009
Jim Stasz	269	2000	Jim Stasz	249	1999	Jared Fisher	237	2012
Jim Stasz	264	2011	Jim Stasz	249	2003	Mike Ostrowski	237	2011
Mark Hoffman	264	1991	<b>Ryan Johnson</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>2014</b>	Mike Ostrowski	237	2010
Ron Gutberlet	263	2009	Ron Gutberlet	247	2012	Fran Saunders	237	2004
Jane Coskren	263	1994	Kathy Fleming	246	2013	Jim Stasz	234	2002
Jim Stasz	262	2012	Ron Gutberlet	246	2010	Ron Gutberlet	230	2008
<b>Marcia Balestri</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>2014</b>	Kevin Graff	245	2009	Mike Walsh	228	2010
Mark Hoffman	260	2007	Mark Hoffman	245	1995	<b>M.A. Todd, Tim Carney</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>2014</b>

## District of Columbia

*Material contributed by Paul Pisano*

2014 was another great year for D.C. birding, including the addition of one new species to the official list of Birds of DC. We also had sightings of two birds that are extremely rare for the District, including one species that hadn't been recorded in DC since 1862!

The good birding came on fast, with January being a particularly birdy month. It started on the 9<sup>th</sup> as Mike Parr drove over the Pennsylvania Ave. bridge and spied a white goose among all the Canada Geese in Anacostia Park. While he couldn't tell which species it was, he was quick to notify the birding community and it was soon identified as a **Ross's Goose** – the District's first!

The **Snowy Owl** invasion, which started on December 20<sup>th</sup> the year before, provided some very exciting birding in the District during the first part of the year. Frank Hawkins was the first to find this species, and on January 5<sup>th</sup> he didn't find just one, he found two birds along the Potomac River, spending time between National Airport and Bolling AFB. Numerous birders saw these birds in both Arlington and DC through mid-February, and at least one bird continued into mid-March, as documented by Mike Bowen. But the big newsmaker was the individual found in McPherson Square on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and re-found on the Washington Post building at 15<sup>th</sup> & L Streets on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, that bird was struck by a bus, captured, and eventually taken to a rehabilitation center in Minnesota. While everyone was quite happy to hear that it had successfully recovered from these injuries and was released to the wild in late April, our elation was quickly dashed when we learned that it was killed in August, presumably struck by another vehicle.

Following the big jump in the bird list in January, the next big increase came in April and early May as the migrants returned. Most of the expected species were found, along with some of the less common birds, such as **Cerulean**, **Kentucky** and **Golden-winged Warblers**, with at least two of the latter found in Rock Creek Park.

And while Rock Creek Park tends to be ground zero for migration, the best bird of the spring was found in a postage stamp park called Mitchell Park, just a few blocks from DuPont Circle. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, while enjoying lunch with two colleagues, Jason Berry spied an **Anhinga** flying high overhead. It was one of only six species that he saw during this break, and it represents only the third record for DC.

Fall migration was quite strong as well, with a “classic” fall-out experienced along the ridge of Rock Creek Park on October 5<sup>th</sup>. While this still did not match the fall-outs of the old days, birders found 13 species of warblers, including at least 20 **Cape May Warblers** – an unheard of number in recent years. In fact, Cape May Warbler numbers were strong in the spring and outright exceptional in the fall. However, the best find of the fall is without a doubt the **Nelson’s Sparrow** found on September 29<sup>th</sup> by Dan Rauch in Kenilworth Park. This is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> accepted record for DC, with the other sighting from **1862!**

Some other observations about 2014 include the continuing increase in **Common Raven** sightings. This species was unheard of in the District less than 10 years ago, and in 2014 there are records from every month except July & August. How soon before they are found to breed? Also of note is that this was a horrible year for shorebirds – only ten species were found. While that’s not a surprise given the lack of habitat, we’re usually able to find more than that in a given year. It’s also interesting to note that of the 222 species found in D.C. in 2014, 211 of them were found in the first six months of the year. Only 11 more species were added between July 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, with the last addition being five Horned Larks found by Hugh McGuinness on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. While 222 is a decent total, it’s eight species shy of 2013’s total. Let’s see what 2015 brings!

Listing Paul Pisano added two more birds to his top Life List total for the second year in a row, pushing it to a new high of 284. Dave Czaplak’s 240 Year List from 1983 still leads in the Year List category. Hugh McGuinness had a very solid 204 to lead the Year category. There is one Big Day in the database for the District of Columbia, a solid March record of 90 species by Alex Wiebe, Jake Cameron-Rice, and Claire Wayner.

District of Columbia Life Lists (332 Max)					
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<b>Paul Pisano</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>2014</b>	John Hubbell	231	2014
Rob Hilton	276	2014	Byron Swift	231	2010
Ottavio Janni	262	2001	Wayne Baumgartner	228	2013
Gail Mackiernan	260	2014	Gary Allport	225	2008
Barry Cooper	252	2011	<b>Hugh McGuinness</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>2014</b>
Michael Bowen	249	2013	Greg Butcher	206	2012
<b>Lisa Shannon</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>2014</b>	Clifford Comeau	201	2011
John Gregoire	238	2005	John Beetham	200	2007
Mary Ann Todd	232	2011	Michael Jennison	189	2006
Jason Berry	232	2012	<b>Fred Fallon</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>2014</b>
			Tony White	179	1994
			Joy Bowen	174	2010
			<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2014</b>
			<b>Derek Hudgins</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2014</b>
			Norm Saunders	166	2011
			Fran Saunders	166	2011
			Bob Ringler	158	2011
			<b>Keith Eric Costley</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>2014</b>

### District of Columbia All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year	Name	Total	Year
<b>Dave Czaplak</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1983</b>	Paul Pisano	198	2006	Wayne Baumgartner	173	2013
Dave Czaplak	236	1982	Paul Pisano	197	2000	John Beetham	172	2004
Dave Czaplak	224	1988	Ottavio Janni	194	1991	Rob Hilton	172	2004
Jason Berry	218	2011	Dave Czaplak	192	1994	Byron Swift	170	1982
Dave Czaplak	217	1989	Jason Berry	192	2012	John Beetham	168	2006
Ottavio Janni	217	1993	Paul Pisano	190	2009	Rob Hilton	168	2002
Dave Czaplak	215	1987	Paul Pisano	189	2002	Michael Bowen	167	2008
Gary Allport	214	2008	Paul Pisano	186	2005	<b>Derek Hudgins</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2014</b>
Dave Czaplak	211	1991	Paul Pisano	184	2013	Ottavio Janni	165	1989
Dave Czaplak	211	1986	Paul Pisano	184	2012	Byron Swift	164	1983
Dave Czaplak	210	1993	John Hubbell	183	2002	Rob Hilton	162	1991
Paul Pisano	210	2008	Rob Hilton	182	1990	Michael Bowen	161	2004
Dave Czaplak	209	1990	Gary Allport	181	2007	Rob Hilton	160	2001
Ottavio Janni	206	1992	Paul Pisano	181	2004	Byron Swift	159	1984
Hugh McGuinness	205	2013	John Hubbell	180	2003	Greg Butcher	158	2008
<b>Hugh McGuinness</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>2014</b>	Paul Pisano	179	2007	Greg Butcher	158	2007
Paul Pisano	203	2011	Rob Hilton	178	2003	Michael Bowen	158	2002
Paul Pisano	202	2003	Paul Pisano	177	2010	John Hubbell	157	2004
John Gregoire	201	1986	Michael Bowen	176	2001	Rob Hilton	155	2007
Dave Czaplak	198	1992	Ottavio Janni	175	1991	Rob Hilton	155	2006

Major Regions - Life Lists						
Eastern Shore			Western Shore			
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>2011</b>	
Mark Hoffman	378	2014	Mark Hoffman	361	2014	
Samuel H. Dyke	372	2013	Bill Hubick	355	2014	
Matt Hafner	361	2014	Joe Hanfman	355	2014	
Jim Brighton	359	2013	Matt Hafner	354	2014	
Bill Hubick	357	2014	Mike Burchett	350	2013	
John Hubbell	355	2014	John Hubbell	348	2014	
Joe Hanfman	350	2014	Dave Powell	342	2014	
Mikey Lutmerding	346	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	341	2013	
Marshall Iliff	345	2011	Fred Fallon	340	2014	
Ron Gutberlet	343	2014	Patty Craig	339	2011	
Dave Powell	340	2014	Dan Haas	338	2014	
Dave Powell	334	2011	Leslie Starr	336	2014	
Mike Burchett	327	2013	Jim Brighton	330	2013	
Edward Boyd	326	2012	Fred Fallon	329	2013	
Dan Haas	324	2014	Marshall Iliff	328	2011	
Rob Ostrowski	322	2014	Elaine Hendricks	327	2014	
Betsy Bangert	321	2012	Dave Powell	325	2011	
Jared Fisher	321	2014	Edward Boyd	316	2012	
Dave Palmer	318	2013	Elliot Kirschbaum	316	2014	
Elaine Hendricks	318	2014	Keith Eric Costley	316	2014	
Tim Carney	312	2014	Rob Ostrowski	311	2014	
Mike Ostrowski	308	2014	Jared Fisher	309	2014	
Leslie Starr	305	2014	Ron Gutberlet	308	2014	
Mark Schilling	303	2014	Ryan Johnson	298	2014	
Fred Fallon	296	2013	Rob Hilton	295	2014	
Fred Fallon	294	2014	Mike Ostrowski	292	2014	
Sean McCandless	287	2012	Russ Ruffing	289	2014	
Ryan Johnson	279	2014	Tim Carney	285	2014	
David Kidwell	269	2014	Betsy Bangert	283	2012	
Jared Satchell	267	2011	Derek Hudgins	278	2014	
Elliot Kirschbaum	262	2014	David Kidwell	271	2014	

There are seven 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,	Cedar Waxwing, Black Scoter, Red-shouldered Hawk
Eastern Shore	136	03/31/00	Marshall Iliff, Mark L. Hoffman, Jim Stasz	?		
Eastern Shore	130	12/04/99	Marshall Iliff, Greg Miller, George Jett	?		
Eastern Shore	123	05/05/12	Dave Palmer	No		American Black Duck, Black Vulture, House Finch, Baltimore
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

## Yard Listing Categories

<b>Maryland/District Yard Life Lists - recent updates only (last five years)</b>											
Name			Total Updated			Name			Total Updated		
<b>Henry Armistead</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>2014</b>	Don Simonson	140	2012	Ellen Lawler	112	2014			
Jeff Shenot	237	2014	Andy Wilson	139	2014	Carol McCollough	110	2014			
Jim Stasz	224	2012	Danny Poet	136	2011	David Kidwell	110	2014			
Marshall Iliff	221	2013	Dave Webb	135	2010	Bob Ringler	107	2012			
Patty Craig	218	2013	Fred Fallon	133	2014	Matt Rogosky	107	2014			
Dennis Kirkwood	205	2014	Jane Kostenko	131	2014	Ron Gutberlet	105	2014			
Les Roslund	194	2014	Fred Fallon	131	2013	Mike Kerwin	105	2014			
Mary Ann Todd	189	2014	J. Tyler Bell	129	2012	Duvall Sollers	103	2014			
Bonnie Ott	180	2011	Dan Small	127	2014	Harvey Mudd	103	2011			
Mark Schilling	175	2014	Allen Lewis	127	2014	Leslie Starr	99	2014			
Rick Blom	173	1999	Chuck Stirrat	126	2014	Tim Carney	99	2014			
Sean McCandless	170	2013	Stephen Ford	126	2012	Hugh McGuinness	95	2014			
Don Broderick	169	2003	Joe Hanfman	126	2014	Diane Ford	90	2013			
Rod Burley	168	2014	Keith Eric Costley	126	2014	Elaine Hendricks	90	2012			
Russ Ruffing	168	2014	Lou Nielsen	125	2014	Ross Geredien	83	2014			
Carol Broderick	167	2011	J.B. Churchill	122	2012	Warren Strobel	78	2014			
Samuel H. Dyke	167	2011	Derek Richardson	121	2014	John Hubbell	78	2014			
George Jett	166	2013	Kurt Schwarz	120	2014	Tomas Dahlen	74	2012			
Paul O'Brien	165	2014	Kye Jenkins	120	2014	Jared Satchell	74	2011			
Walter Ellison	164	2010	Jim Nelson	117	2014	Derek Hudgins	74	2012			
Bill Hubick	154	2014	Andy Martin	116	2013	Evelyn Ralston	72	2013			
Matt Hafner	150	2014	Clifford Comeau	116	2011	Jeff Culler	71	2014			
Mikey Lutmerding	150	2013	Dan Small	115	2010	Mark Rositol	71	2014			
Jon Corcoran	148	2013	Fran Saunders	115	2011	Michael O'Sullivan	67	2012			
Stan Arnold	148	2011	Norm Saunders	115	2011	Rob Hilton	64	2014			
Peter Oseinton	145	2014	Phil Davis	113	2014	Benjamin DeHaven	58	2013			
Marcia Balestri	144	2013	Byron Swift	112	2010						

<b>Yard Life Lists, by County</b>			
Name	County	Total	Updated
<b>J.B Churchill</b>	<b>Allegany</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Marshall Iliff</b>	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>2013</b>
Bill Hubick	Anne Arundel	154	2014
Stan Arnold	Anne Arundel	148	2011
Peter Osenton	Anne Arundel	145	2014
Phil Davis	Anne Arundel	113	2014
Ross Geredien	Anne Arundel	83	2014
Warren Strobel	Anne Arundel	78	2014
<b>Jon Corcoran</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2013</b>
Keith Eric Costley	Baltimore	126	2014
Lou Nielsen	Baltimore	125	2014
Kye Jenkins	Baltimore	120	2014
Duvall Sollers	Baltimore	103	2014
Leslie Starr	Baltimore	99	2014
Tim Carney	Baltimore	99	2014
Tomas Dahlen	Baltimore	74	2012
Derek Hudgins	Baltimore	74	2012
<b>Jim Stasz</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>2012</b>
Fred Fallon	Calvert	133	2014
<b>Bob Ringler</b>	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>2012</b>
<b>Sean McCandless</b>	<b>Cecil</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>2013</b>
Parke John	Cecil	144	2008
<b>George Jett</b>	<b>Charles</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Byron Swift</b>	<b>District of Col.</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2010</b>
Hugh McGuinness	District of Col.	95	2014
John Hubbell	District of Col.	78	2014
<b>Norm Saunders</b>	<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Fran Saunders</b>	<b>Dorchester</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Marcia Balestri</b>	<b>Frederick</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>2013</b>
Andy Wilson	Frederick	139	2014
Barbara Gearhart	Frederick	110	2009
<b>Dennis Kirkwood</b>	<b>Harford</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2014</b>
Matt Hafner	Harford	150	2014
Dave Webb	Harford	135	2010
<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>Queen Anne's</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>2014</b>
Danny Poet	Queen Anne's	136	2011
Dan Small	Queen Anne's	127	2014
Dan Small	Queen Anne's	115	2010
<b>Carol Broderick</b>	<b>Wicomico</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>2011</b>
Samuel H. Dyke	Wicomico	167	2011
Ellen Lawler	Wicomico	112	2014
Ron Gutberlet	Wicomico	105	2014

<b>Yard Life Lists, by County</b>			
Name	County	Total	Updated
<b>Bonnie Ott</b>	<b>Howard</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>2011</b>
Russ Ruffing	Howard	168	2014
Allen Lewis	Howard	127	2014
Chuck Stirrat	Howard	126	2014
Joe Hanfman	Howard	126	2014
Kurt Schwarz	Howard	120	2014
Matt Rogosky	Howard	107	2014
Mike Kerwin	Howard	105	2014
Kevin Heffernan	Howard	81	2003
Jeff Culler	Howard	71	2014
Michael O'Sullivan	Howard	67	2012
Howard Patterson	Howard	51	2012
<b>Walter Ellison</b>	<b>Kent</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Mary Ann Todd</b>	<b>Montgomery</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>2014</b>
Paul O'Brien	Montgomery	165	2014
Don Simonson	Montgomery	140	2012
Jim Nelson	Montgomery	117	2014
Andy Martin	Montgomery	116	2013
David Kidwell	Montgomery	110	2014
Harvey Mudd	Montgomery	103	2011
Michael Bowen	Montgomery	93	2010
Diane Ford	Montgomery	90	2013
Joy Peters	Montgomery	87	2009
Evelyn Ralston	Montgomery	72	2013
Rob Hilton	Montgomery	64	2014
<b>Jeff Shenot</b>	<b>Prince George's</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>2014</b>
Rod Burley	Prince George's	168	2014
Mikey Lutmerding	Prince George's	150	2013
Derek Richardson	Prince George's	121	2014
Clifford Comeau	Prince George's	116	2011
Elaine Hendricks	Prince George's	90	2012
Mark Rositol	Prince George's	71	2014
<b>Patty Craig</b>	<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2013</b>
Kyle Rambo	St. Mary's	156	2008
Jane Kostenko	St. Mary's	131	2014
J. Tyler Bell	St. Mary's	129	2012
<b>Henry Armistead</b>	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>2014</b>
Les Roslund	Talbot	194	2014
Wayne Bell	Talbot	171	2010
Stephen Ford	Talbot	126	2012
Carol McCollough	Talbot	110	2014
Jared Satchell	Talbot	74	2011

### All-time High Yard Year Lists, Statewide

Name	County	Total	Year	Name	County	Total	Year	Name	County	Total	Year
<b>Jeff Shenot</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2007</b>	Rod Burley	PG	138	2012	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	2007
Jeff Shenot	PG	173	2008	Russ Ruffing	Howard	137	2012	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	2006
Henry Armistead	Talbot	172	1996	Rod Burley	PG	137	2008	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	2001
Jeff Shenot	PG	171	2010	Parke John	Cecil	136	2003	Bill Hubick	Anne Arundel	116	2008
Henry Armistead	Talbot	171	1995	Rod Burley	PG	136	2004	George Jett	Charles	116	2001
Jeff Shenot	PG	169	2009	Mark Schilling	Queen Anne's	135	2012	Les Roslund	Talbot	116	2010
Jeff Shenot	PG	168	2005	Patty Craig	St. Mary's	133	2000	<b>Peter Osenton</b>	<b>Anne Arundel</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>2014</b>
Henry Armistead	Talbot	168	2006	Bonnie Ott	Howard	130	1994	Russ Ruffing	Howard	115	2011
<b>Jeff Shenot</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>Harford</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2014</b>	George Jett	Charles	115	1995
Jeff Shenot	PG	165	2012	Patty Craig	St. Mary's	129	2011	Mark Schilling	Queen Anne's	115	2011
Jeff Shenot	PG	164	2011	Marcia Watson	Cecil	129	1999	Bonnie Ott	Howard	114	1992
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	163	2001	Les Roslund	Talbot	129	2003	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2010
Henry Armistead	Talbot	163	1992	Rod Burley	PG	128	2003	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2002
Jeff Shenot	PG	162	2013	Patty Craig	St. Mary's	127	2012	Chan Robbins	PG	114	2001
Henry Armistead	Talbot	162	1999	George Jett	Charles	126	2004	Les Roslund	Talbot	114	2002
Jeff Shenot	PG	160	2006	Les Roslund	Talbot	126	2001	Wayne Bell	Talbot	114	2008
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	2005	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>Queen Anne's</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2014</b>	Bill Hubick	Anne Arundel	113	2007
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	2004	Les Roslund	Talbot	125	2008	Les Roslund	Talbot	113	2009
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	2003	Les Roslund	Talbot	125	2005	Bonnie Ott	Howard	112	1993
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	1993	Bonnie Ott	Howard	124	2001	Wayne Bell	Talbot	112	2004
Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	2008	Bonnie Ott	Howard	124	1999	George Jett	Charles	111	2006
Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	2007	<b>Les Roslund</b>	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2014</b>	Bill Hubick	Anne Arundel	111	2011
Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	2000	Stan Arnold	Anne Arundel	122	2008	Marcia Watson	Cecil	111	1996
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	158	2002	Bonnie Ott	Howard	122	2000	Sean McCandless	Cecil	110	2012
Henry Armistead	Talbot	157	1998	Walter Ellison	Kent	122	2004	Bill Hubick	Anne Arundel	110	2009
Henry Armistead	Talbot	157	1997	Chan Robbins	PG	122	1994	Barbara Gearhart	Frederick	110	2009
Henry Armistead	Talbot	156	2010	Les Roslund	Talbot	122	2006	George Jett	Charles	109	2009
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	154	1998	Les Roslund	Talbot	121	2000	Chan Robbins	PG	109	1997
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	154	1996	Chan Robbins	PG	120	1995	Wayne Bell	Talbot	109	2005
Henry Armistead	Talbot	154	1994	Rod Burley	PG	120	2002	George Jett	Charles	108	2003
Henry Armistead	Talbot	153	2009	Rod Burley	PG	120	2001	George Jett	Charles	108	1994
Marshall Iliff	Anne Arundel	152	1990	Les Roslund	Talbot	120	2011	<b>Allen Lewis</b>	<b>Howard</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2014</b>
Henry Armistead	Talbot	152	2011	Matt Hafner	Harford	119	2012	Chan Robbins	PG	108	1999
Henry Armistead	Talbot	151	2012	Marcia Watson	Cecil	119	1998	Marcia Watson	Cecil	107	2000
Chan Robbins	PG	151	1954	Walter Ellison	Kent	119	2006	Andy Wilson	Frederick	107	
<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>Howard</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2014</b>	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	2013	Chan Robbins	PG	107	1996
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	149	2004	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	2012	Wayne Bell	Talbot	107	2003
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	147	1995	Stan Arnold	Anne Arundel	118	2009	Danny Poet	Queen Anne's	106	2007
Dan Haas	Anne Arundel	146	2012	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2007	Wayne Bell	Talbot	106	2002
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	146	2013	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2005	Mark Schilling	Queen Anne's	105	2013
Russ Ruffing	Howard	143	2013	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2003	George Jett	Charles	105	2005
Rod Burley	PG	143	2006	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	2004	Marcia Watson	Cecil	105	2003
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	141	2006	Jon Corcoran	Baltimore	117	2013	Norm Saunders	Dorchester	105	1991
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	141	1994	Matt Hafner	Harford	117	2013	Chan Robbins	PG	105	1998
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	140	1999	Jon Corcoran	Baltimore	117	2012	Wayne Bell	Talbot	105	2009
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	140	1997	Marcia Watson	Cecil	117	1997	George Jett	Charles	104	2008
Dan Haas	Anne Arundel	139	2013	George Jett	Charles	117	1992	Norm Saunders	Dorchester	104	1990
Marshall Iliff	Anne Arundel	139	1992	Les Roslund	Talbot	117	2007	Dave Webb	Harford	104	2000
Rod Burley	PG	139	2005	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	2010	Danny Poet	Queen Anne's	104	2008

### All-time High Yard Year Lists, by County

Name	County	Total	Year	Name	County	Total	Year	Name	County	Total	Year
<b>J.B Churchill</b>	<b>All'y</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>George Jett</b>	<b>Charles</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>Walter Ellison</b>	<b>Kent</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2004</b>
J.B. Churchill	All'y	66	2008	George Jett	Charles	117	1992	Walter Ellison	Kent	119	2006
J.B. Churchill	All'y	58	2006	George Jett	Charles	116	2001	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2007
J.B. Churchill	All'y	57	2009	George Jett	Charles	115	1995	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2005
Penny Knobel-Besa	All'y	52	1998	George Jett	Charles	111	2006	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2003
<b>Marshall Iliff</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>1990</b>	George Jett	Charles	109	2009	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2010
Dan Haas	AA	146	2012	George Jett	Charles	108	1994	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2002
Dan Haas	AA	139	2013	George Jett	Charles	108	2003	<b>Paul O'Brien</b>	<b>Mont</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1997</b>
Marshall Iliff	AA	139	1992	George Jett	Charles	105	2005	David Kidwell	Mont	96	2013
Stan Arnold	AA	122	2008	George Jett	Charles	104	2008	David Kidwell	Mont	95	2014
Stan Arnold	AA	118	2009	George Jett	Charles	100	1993	Paul O'Brien	Mont	95	2000
Bill Hubick	AA	116	2008	<b>H. McGuinness</b>	<b>DC</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>2014</b>	Paul O'Brien	Mont	95	1993
Peter Osenton	AA	115	2014	H. McGuinness	DC	78	2013	Paul O'Brien	Mont	92	1994
Bill Hubick	AA	113	2007	John Hubbell	DC	78	2013	Paul O'Brien	Mont	91	1992
Bill Hubick	AA	111	2011	<b>Norm Saunders</b>	<b>Dorch</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1991</b>	Paul O'Brien	Mont	90	2002
Bill Hubick	AA	110	2009	Norm Saunders	Dorch	104	1990	Andy Martin	Mont	87	2006
Peter Osenton	AA	103	1999	Norm Saunders	Dorch	101	1989	Paul O'Brien	Mont	87	1999
<b>Jon Corcoran</b>	<b>Balt</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>2013</b>	Norm Saunders	Dorch	100	1988	<b>Jeff Shenot</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>2007</b>
Jon Corcoran	Balt	117	2012	Norm Saunders	Dorch	96	1992	Jeff Shenot	PG	173	2008
Shirley Geddes	Balt	98	1999	Fran Saunders	Dorch	91	2001	Jeff Shenot	PG	171	2010
Keith Costley	Balt	95	2014	Norm Saunders	Dorch	90	2002	Jeff Shenot	PG	169	2009
Keith Costley	Balt	86	2012	Norm Saunders	Dorch	90	2001	Jeff Shenot	PG	168	2005
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	70	1994	<b>Barb Gearhart</b>	<b>Fred</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>2009</b>	Jeff Shenot	PG	166	2014
Kye Jenkins	Balt	69	2014	Andy Wilson	Fred	107	2013	Jeff Shenot	PG	165	2012
Tim Carney	Balt	67	2013	Marcia Balestri	Fred	100	2013	Jeff Shenot	PG	164	2011
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	67	1996	David Wallace	Fred	100	2001	Jeff Shenot	PG	162	2013
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	64	1993	David Wallace	Fred	96	2000	Jeff Shenot	PG	160	2006
Lou Nielsen	Balt	63	2014	Marcia Balestri	Fred	93	2002	Chan Robbins	PG	151	1954
<b>Fred Fallon</b>	<b>Calvert</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2014</b>	David Wallace	Fred	92	1995	Rod Burley	PG	143	2006
Fred Fallon	Calvert	99	2013	<b>Matt Hafner</b>	<b>Harford</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Mark Schilling</b>	<b>QA</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2012</b>
Fred Fallon	Calvert	96	2012	Matt Hafner	Harford	119	2012	Mark Schilling	QA	125	2014
Fred Fallon	Calvert	89	2009	Matt Hafner	Harford	117	2013	Mark Schilling	QA	115	2011
<b>Dave Harvey</b>	<b>Carroll</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>2000</b>	Dave Webb	Harford	104	2000	Danny Poet	QA	106	2007
Dave Harvey	Carroll	70	1994	Dave Webb	Harford	103	2005	Mark Schilling	QA	105	2013
Dave Harvey	Carroll	70	1992	Dave Webb	Harford	96	2002	Danny Poet	QA	104	2008
Dave Harvey	Carroll	67	2005	Dave Webb	Harford	95	1998	Danny Poet	QA	100	2006
Bob Ringler	Carroll	49	2003	Dave Webb	Harford	87	2001	Danny Poet	QA	99	2009
<b>Parke John</b>	<b>Cecil</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>2003</b>	Dave Webb	Harford	84	1999	Danny Poet	QA	98	2010
Marcia Watson	Cecil	129	1999	Matt Hafner	Harford	84	2011	<b>Patty Craig</b>	<b>StMry</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>2001</b>
Marcia Watson	Cecil	119	1998	<b>Russ Ruffing</b>	<b>Howard</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2014</b>	Patty Craig	StMry	158	2002
Marcia Watson	Cecil	117	1997	Russ Ruffing	Howard	143	2013	Patty Craig	StMry	154	1998
Marcia Watson	Cecil	111	1996	Russ Ruffing	Howard	137	2012	Patty Craig	StMry	154	1996
Sean McCandless	Cecil	110	2012	Bonnie Ott	Howard	130	1994	Henry Armistead	<b>Talbot</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1996</b>
Marcia Watson	Cecil	107	2000	Bonnie Ott	Howard	124	2001	Henry Armistead	Talbot	171	1995
Marcia Watson	Cecil	105	2003	Bonnie Ott	Howard	124	1999	Henry Armistead	Talbot	168	2006
Sean McCandless	Cecil	102	2013	Bonnie Ott	Howard	122	2000	Henry Armistead	Talbot	163	1992
Marcia Watson	Cecil	101	2004	Russ Ruffing	Howard	115	2011	Henry Armistead	Talbot	162	1999
Parke John	Cecil	101	2001	Bonnie Ott	Howard	114	1992	<b>Hans Holbrook</b>	<b>Wash</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>2007</b>
Parke John	Cecil	97	2004	Bonnie Ott	Howard	112	1993	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	83	2012
Parke John	Cecil	96	2007	Allen Lewis	Howard	108	2014	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	67	2008

**Species Photographed in MD - Life Lists**

**Species Photographed in MD - Year Lists**

Name	Total	Updated
<b>George Jett</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>2013</b>
Jim Stasz	392	2012
Mark Hoffman	391	2014
Bill Hubick	379	2014
Mikey Lutmerding	373	2013
Mike Burchett	369	2013
Jeff Culler	334	2014
Jared Fisher	324	2014
Sean McCandless	320	2013
Rob Ostrowski	319	2014
Dave Brenneman	313	2014
Joe Turner	308	2011
Patty Craig	286	2013
Tim Carney	282	2014
Sean McCandless	271	2007
Patty Craig	269	2011
Jon Corcoran	255	2012
Nico Sarbanes	253	2009
Arlene Ripley	252	2006
Warren Strobel	250	2014
Evelyn Ralston	239	2013
Joshua Emm	239	2013
Victoria Fisher	235	2012
Fred Fallon	232	2014
Paul Nistico	229	2005
Benjamin DeHaven	226	2013
Mark Rositol	224	2014
Matt Tillett	219	2010
J. Tyler Bell	212	2014
Bob Ringler	210	2011
Danny Poet	207	2011
John Hubbell	205	2012
John Hubbell	205	2014

Name	Total	Achieved
<b>George Jett</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>2008</b>
Mike Burchett	303	2012
Joe Turner	284	2011
Tim Carney	268	2013
George Jett	258	2005
Jared Fisher	255	2012
Sean McCandless	247	2007
Sean McCandless	244	2013
Joshua Emm	239	2013
Victoria Fisher	235	2012
Sean McCandless	229	2012
Jon Corcoran	210	2012
George Jett	210	2006
Benjamin DeHaven	208	2013
Tim Carney	206	2014
Joe Turner	201	2009
George Jett	193	2007
Evelyn Ralston	185	2013
Keith Eric Costley	169	2012
Gary Smyle	158	2004
Patty Craig	151	2013
Evelyn Ralston	151	2011
Evelyn Ralston	150	2012
Jeff Culler	142	2009
Joe Turner	139	2010
Gene Ricks	120	2014
Keith Eric Costley	117	2014
Evelyn Ralston	108	2010
George Jett	107	2009

## What Birders Had to Say About 2014!

This section includes the comments and/or new Maryland Life Birds that were submitted by participants, in alphabetical order by last name. When included, new Maryland Life Birds observed in 2014 are listed first.

### Matt Anthony

Trumpeter Swan, Pink-footed Goose, Red-necked Grebe, Vesper Sparrow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black-capped Chickadee, Ruffed Grouse, Western Tanager, Black Skimmer, Couch's Kingbird

Best 2014 stories: Hitching a ride from Josh Emm to see the Baltimore County Pink-footed Geese while I was still recovering from minor surgery. Slightly painful, but worth dragging myself out of the car to see them. Getting my life Western Tanager in MD on the rarity round-up was a treat, especially after several unsuccessful attempts to see the bird that has wintered for nine years in my new home of Williamsburg, VA (I eventually got that bird, but it was so much better to get the lifer in MD!). And of course, the Couch's Kingbird. When I first heard the reports, I figured there was no way I could make it up from Williamsburg in time, but the bird stuck around much longer than I expected. When I saw the bird was still being reported, and then my professor cancelled class so we could have an extra day for Thanksgiving break, I figured it was like a divine mandate to see the bird, and it did not disappoint.

### Marcia Balestri

Common Murre, Yellow Rail, Couch's Kingbird

My goal this year was to break 300 (life) species in Worcester County, so I am a happy camper. And now I can talk to Mark Hoffman! I was also pleased to go over 200 in Wicomico County.

### J. Tyler Bell

Pink-footed Goose, Couch's Kingbird

Having missed the Pink-footed Goose in Howard County by a day, I was relieved to have the pair show up in Baltimore County! Second wave of relief was when the Couch's Kingbird stuck around after being found at the end of a three day weekend. Despite temps in the low 20s, the bird was quite confiding. And, the Barrow's Goldeneye that I found on the 2011 Pt. Lookout CBC returned for the fourth winter in a row.

### Kathy Calvert

Couch's Kingbird, King Eider, Black-legged Kittiwake

The most incredible experience was the great luck to find a Couch's Kingbird with Mike Welch while we were birding for more common species in Allegany County. It was even more rewarding that the bird stuck around for a couple of weeks for many people to see, hear and photograph. I was also really pleased to finally close out Red-necked Grebe after multiple trips to Garrett County in this terrific irruption year for this species. My greatest disappointment was not seeing any new species in Frederick, most notably one of the Golden Eagles spotted two or three times during the year. Such is birding!

### Tim Carney

Trumpeter Swan, Golden Eagle, Pink-footed Goose, Glaucous Gull, Little Gull, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Ruff, Lark Sparrow, Yellow Rail, Black Rail, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Gull-billed Tern, Neotropic Cormorant, White Ibis, Couch's Kingbird, Parasitic Jaeger, Franklin's Gull

This was an extreme year which I dubbed my "Terrestrial Big Year." It was my highest year in MD, with 316 species seen from land. It was incredible and filled with higher highs but MUCH lower lows than anything I experienced in 2013. There were some devastating misses which were fortunately offset by some amazing finds and successful chases. My core group and I really put in an effort to bump our numbers up, and I think we did very well.

Bird of the year was Kathy Calvert and Mike Welch's Couch's Kingbird.

My personal best finds were the Ross's Goose at the Cumberland Terminus (first county record), the Tufted Duck at Swan Creek (seventh state record), and the Common Teal at Southwest Area Park (second county record). I also hit a milestone with over 2,000 month ticks in Maryland this year; thanks to Jared Fisher for pushing me towards achieving that goal after he realized I had a chance to make it happen.

Other highlights included obtaining my first county closeout (a Northern Cardinal in Charles County) and bumping all of my county lists up to at least double digits. I also became the Official Observer at both Masonville and Swan Creek in addition to my existing role at Poplar Island. There were two days at Poplar which really stuck out: February 20 (Red-necked Grebe, Eared Grebe, Rough-legged Hawk, Snowy Owl) and June 26 (King Eider, Gull-billed Tern, and a bunch of early/late waterfowl and gulls). Holt Park was the place to be for warblers in spring, Swan Harbor was never disappointing during breeding season, and Finzel Swamp was outstanding in the fall. I won't focus on the major misses aside from saying that I really hate that Black-legged Kittiwake at Sandy Point :)

Thanks to everyone who helped with the cause in 2014 and I am looking forward to a fulfilling and more relaxed 2015!

J.B. Churchill

Pink-footed Goose, Long-tailed Jaeger, Couch's Kingbird

Travis Clemens

I have recently moved to Maryland from Pennsylvania and this was my first full year of serious birding in the state of MD. During 2014 I have stayed around home building my list for Wicomico County. I know I do not have much to report in 2014 but, I have learned a lot this past year and met many great folks along the way that have helped me tremendously. With everything I have learned I am really excited to grow my County, State, and Life list in 2015. Also, I have read the report from 2013 and I think it is awesome. Keep up the great work!

Steve Collins

Couch's Kingbird

Keith Costley

Black-legged Kittiwake, Loggerhead Shrike, Pink-footed Goose, Snowy Owl, Trumpeter Swan  
New additions to my Maryland Life List in 2014 include the Trumpeter Swan at White Swan Dr. Community Park in Anne Arundel County - found by Mike Braun; the Pink-footed Goose at Quarry Lake in Baltimore County - found by Benjamin DeHaven; and the Black-legged Kittiwake at Sandy Point SP in Anne Arundel County - found by Dan Haas. Congratulations and thank you to Mike, Benjamin and Dan. I had the good fortune to find a Snowy Owl at Martin State Airport on 1/26 and a Loggerhead Shrike at Irvine Nature Center on 9/28, both in Baltimore County.

In addition, I added another five species to my Baltimore County Life this year. At Hart Miller Island I had Black Tern and Wilson's Phalarope. Big Thank You's to Mike Hudson for the Lark Sparrow in Patterson Park and to John Dennehy for finding a Lapland Longspur along Gorsuch Road. Finally, I will never forget the super-sensational sighting of a Henslow's Sparrow in Hanlon Park. Be well!

Jeff Culler

Mourning Warbler, Sooty Shearwater, Neotropic Cormorant, Couch's Kingbird, Franklin's Gull

Another great year of birding in this beautiful and diverse state. One of my favorite sightings was a Mourning Warbler in my home county, a bird that has eluded me for years. Scratch one nemesis bird! One great experience was having the Couch's Kingbird fly over my car while I was parking. Many people waited hours or made numerous trips to score this bird and we got it within seconds of arriving. Sometimes it just works that way. May all your experiences in 2015 be great ones as well.

Warren David Cummings

Little Gull, Red-necked Grebe, Ross's Goose

Phil Davis

Couch's Kingbird, Franklin's Gull

Josh Emm

Western Kingbird, Western Tanager, Pink-footed Goose, Red-necked Grebe, Yellow-headed Blackbird, King Eider, Ross's Goose, Trumpeter Swan, Eared Grebe, Thayer's Gull, Piping Plover, Long-billed Dowitcher, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Upland Sandpiper, Yellow Rail, Golden-winged Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Ruffed Grouse, Stilt Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, American Golden-Plover, Couch's Kingbird

Fred Fallon

Bullock's Oriole, Franklin's Gull, Little Gull, Swallow-tailed Kite, Western Tanager

Jane Fallon

Neotropic Cormorant, Couch's Kingbird

Tom Field

Couch's Kingbird, Western Kingbird

Jared Fisher

Trumpeter Swan, King Eider, Ruff, Yellow Rail, Sooty Shearwater, Neotropic Cormorant, Couch's Kingbird, Parasitic Jaeger

Lots of great memories this year. Bird of the year has to be the incredible Couch's Kingbird from November, but I also had a lot of fun watching lifer Sooty Shearwaters from Assateague and Ocean City in late May. However, I think my favorite birding day will be the 18-warbler, 78-species day at Patterson Park in October. Urban birding in migration can really be spectacular! All in all, an awesome year spent with great friends and fantastic birds.

Kathy Fleming

Trumpeter Swan, Couch's Kingbird, Franklin's Gull

Diane Ford

I didn't get any lifers in Maryland in 2014 due to work. At the MOS Conference in May, I had awesome looks at Summer Tanagers and Kentucky and Hooded Warblers.

Ross Geredien

Western Tanager, Trumpeter Swan, Pink-footed Goose

I was not able to complete my 2014 birding year in Maryland, as I have moved to Olympia, Washington as of November, 2014. However, I will most likely be back to visit from time to time. Alas, federal budgets and sequesters being what they are, my position with the US EPA was cut along with several others. My new position with the Washington state DNR deals with Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet management issues. Washington offers many new great birding opportunities as well as a few lifers. It's great to be on the west coast, but I will miss the people in Maryland/DC. I was able to add a few state birds early in the year, and several birding trips throughout the US thanks to some business travel gave me my largest ABA birding year since I started keeping records in 1997. Please feel free to keep in touch and look me up if you are ever in Washington state.

#### Jim Green

Pink-footed Goose, Atlantic Puffin, Northern Fulmar, Couch's Kingbird

I was very happy to see the Pink-footed Goose in 2014. I had been out of the country when the Howard County bird visited MD, and after returning the first chance I got to chase it was the first day it was not re-found. I also very much enjoyed the Couch's Kingbird found in Allegany County by Kathy Calvert and Mike Welch. The second time that I went to see it (with Ron Gutberlet) it put on a wonderfully successful "flycatching" show catching moths and butterflies for at least 30 minutes on not such a cold day.

On a personal note one of my challenges was to get all of my county lists to at least 200 species or higher. My last county for this was Carroll County after successfully chasing a Lapland Longspur found earlier by Bob Ringler. On the same day I quickly hit 201 in Carroll County when I was close enough to the Carroll County Airport to see the Snow Buntings that had just been found by John Hubbell. Continued kudos to all the MD birders that report and share their bird sightings and especially to Russ Ruffing for taking the time to put together this report and make it better every year.

#### Ron Gutberlet

Pink-footed Goose, Couch's Kingbird

Not a big birding year, but happy to add 2 new MD species and 4 new Wicomico species. Always fun.

#### Matt Hafner

Couch's Kingbird

Another great year of birding! Somehow I was able to add 5 birds to my Harford list this year even though I missed several this Spring! The new additions were Yellow-headed Blackbird, Greater White-fronted Goose, Western Kingbird, Common Raven, and Brown Pelican. The Common Raven was probably my favorite since it was long overdue and I got it on my yard list! My other highlights were seeing 213 birds in 24 hours on the IBA Birdathon with Dave Curson, Mikey Lutmerding, and Bill Hubick, finding a Le Conte's Sparrow for the 2nd year in a row at Hydes Road Park, and making a crazy Assateague Western Tanager to Allegany Couch's Kingbird run the day after the Rarity Roundup.

#### Joe Hanfman

Looking back at 2014 we had some great birds that were shared by many birders who found them. We had White-winged Scoters, Red-necked Grebes, Snowy Owls, a Western Tanager, and a Bullock's Oriole which carried over from 2013. Other special birds that many birders were able to see were the Pink-footed Geese in Baltimore; Tufted Duck in Anne Arundel; Ruff in Talbot; Black-legged Kittiwake in Anne Arundel; Little Gull in Howard; Franklin's Gull in Kent; Gull-billed Tern in Anne Arundel; Scissor-tailed Flycatcher in Anne Arundel; and a Loggerhead Shrike in Baltimore. With a list like this it is very difficult to narrow it down but probably my best day was a 2/12/14 trip to the Assateague OSV Zone where we saw and photographed six different Snowy Owls. Many thanks to all who found and shared their birds this past year.

Elaine Hendricks

Whimbrel, Franklin's Gull, Couch's Kingbird

Rob Hilton

Pink-footed Goose, Neotropic Cormorant, Couch's Kingbird, Black-legged Kittiwake

Mark Hoffman

Trumpeter Swan, Couch's Kingbird, Vermilion Flycatcher

John Hubbell

Long-tailed Jaeger, Couch's Kingbird

Bill Hubick

Couch's Kingbird

Another great year! There were quite a few highlights. It was a big honor for me and Jim Brighton to be the speakers at the MOS conference this year, where we presented Maryland Biodiversity Project. That effort still manages to become more fun and productive with every passing month. With the Couch's Kingbird, I reached the exciting milestone of 390 on my Maryland list--awesome even if I have to share that number with Hafner and Hubbell. My wife Becky and I welcomed our second daughter (Juni) in September, and I'm looking forward to spending the coming years trying to make sure she and Addy become as hooked on nature as I am.

Derek Hudgins

Golden Eagle, Trumpeter Swan, Rough-legged Hawk, Red-throated Loon, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Prothonotary Warbler, King Rail, Lark Sparrow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Chuck-will's-widow, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Summer Tanager, Bay-breasted Warbler, Barn Owl, Eurasian Collared-Dove, American Avocet, Neotropic Cormorant, Northern Bobwhite, Sandwich Tern, Short-billed Dowitcher, Ruddy Turnstone, Black Skimmer, White Ibis, Wilson's Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Connecticut Warbler, White-rumped Sandpiper, Nelson's Sparrow, Golden-winged Warbler, Sedge Wren, Black-capped Chickadee, Couch's Kingbird, Parasitic Jaeger, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Red Knot, Great Cormorant, Franklin's Gull.

2014 was a fantastic year for me. It was roughly split in half, with the first half being in DC. I had 166 birds over six months of hard birding, or every species I've ever seen in the District barring a Snow Goose seen as the sun set on December 31, 2014 with which I never reconnected. Highlights include: DC's first Ross's Goose mere days after moving in; a magical, freezing hour with a Snowy Owl in McPherson Square as pedestrians milled on beneath it, unnoticed; and a mad dash against the setting sun to try to re-find the first Red-necked Grebes of the season at Hains Point that turned into an unsuccessful search by lamp and moonlight that did, however, net me a Screech Owl and a Canvasback amid the eerie sound of Canada Geese breaking through the ice that froze around them as they roosted on the Washington Channel. DC (and DC without a car) is a fascinating place to bird with an excellent community; thank you all.

In Maryland, highlights included: my 800th bird in five juvenile Barn Owls at a banding in Charles County; a surprise Dark-eyed Junco on the first of July at Johns Hopkins; debating size perceptions for a solid hour with Mark Rositol over the Neotropic Cormorant; my first trips to Worcester County and Western Maryland; a magical week in early October with five state birds at five sites, including my lifer Connecticut and Golden-winged Warblers; my 300th MD bird coming down to either a Black-capped Chickadee or the gorgeous first state record Couch's Kingbird (the chickadee won); and a fantastic rarity roundup at Assateague State Park. My most noticeable miss was my failure to connect with any of Maryland's Snowy Owls in 2014 (already corrected in 2015). Here's hoping 2015 is half as productive as 2014.

Kye Jenkins

Neotropic Cormorant, Couch's Kingbird

Ryan Johnson

Barn Owl, Barrow's Goldeneye, Western Kingbird, Trumpeter Swan, Golden Eagle, Lapland Longspur, Razorbill, Common Murre, Black-Legged Kittiwake, Dovekie, Northern Fulmar, Pink-Footed Goose, King Eider, Yellow-Headed Blackbird, Glaucous Gull, Eared Grebe, Little Gull, Thayer's Gull, Long-Billed Dowitcher, Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Ruff, Upland Sandpiper, Lark Sparrow, Yellow Rail, Buff-Breasted Sandpiper, Black Rail, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Sooty Shearwater, White Ibis, Neotropic Cormorant, Western Sandpiper, Cory's Shearwater, Audubon's Shearwater, Band-Rumped Storm-Petrel, Great Shearwater, Long-Tailed Jaeger, Pine Siskin, Couch's Kingbird, Franklin's Gull, Northern Saw-Whet Owl

David Kidwell

Couch's Kingbird, Trumpeter Swan, Western Tanager

Travel limited my Maryland birding, especially after May, but much of my focus while in state was on boosting my new home county list (Montgomery). I fell short of my goal of 200, but it was fun learning more about the county and exploring the Potomac River.

Dennis Kirkwood

Trumpeter Swan, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Eurasian Collared Dove, Neotropic Cormorant, Leach's Storm Petrel, Arctic Tern, Band-rumped Storm Petrel, Long-tailed Jaeger, Couch's Kingbird

Jane Kostenko

Pink-footed Goose, Couch's Kingbird

Elliot Kirschbaum

Trumpeter Swan

Ellen Lawler

Red-necked Grebe, White Ibis

Gail Mackiernan

Couch's Kingbird

Again, not too much action on my Maryland list in 2014, so very pleased to see the completely unexpected Couch's Kingbird in November, despite it taking two tries! Did better in DC, adding two new species: Snowy Owl and Common Raven!

Nancy Magnusson

Couch's Kingbird, Franklin's Gull

We've been waiting a long time for a Little Gull in Howard County - that was probably the highlight of my MD year.

Joel Martin

Black-legged Kittiwake, Couch's Kingbird

For me, 2014 was characterized by spending a lot more time in some of the more far-flung, under-birded counties of Maryland in order to beef up a few of my weakest county lists. At the same time, I was able to add a surprising 7 species to my home Baltimore County list, including Pink-footed Goose, Least Bittern, Common Tern, Short-eared Owl, Loggerhead Shrike, Connecticut Warbler, and Henslow's Sparrow. Never in a million years did I expect to see Henslow's in Baltimore! Also in 2014 I added a decent camera to my birding arsenal,

which has added a whole new dimension to every trip afield. Finally, a tip of the hat to those exceptional birders out there who have an uncanny ability to find those great birds that the rest of us like to chase. I have to mention a few names: Keith Costley, our man in Baltimore - Keith you are amazing!; Tim Carney; Ryan Johnson, Mikey Lutmerding; Tim Houghton; Marcia Balestri; Jim Green; Joe Hanfman; Dan Haas; Matt Hafner; and others who I'm sure I'm forgetting, but you know who you are. Thank you! We are fortunate to have such a great birding community here in Maryland.

#### Carol McCollough

Trumpeter Swan, Pink-footed Goose, Franklin's Gull, Dovekie, Clay-colored Sparrow, Northern Fulmar, Atlantic Puffin

As you can see from my pathetic year total for 2014, I didn't do nearly enough birding. On the other hand, a super pelagic in February added 3 birds to my Maryland list and got me my life Dovekie right next to the boat (thanks for the lesson in auk jizz, Mikey). I got a real kick out of the crowd at the Pink-footed Goose, and sharing my scope with many non-birders who stopped to see what the fuss was all about. Our nesting screech owls were successful again, and once they moved out of the nest box a pileated woodpecker decided to use it for his drumming spot. Last bird of 2014 were 2 short-eared owls at Rumbly Point, close enough for naked eye views at sunset on New Year's Eve.

Suggestion for future reports - add a 2nd yard list. A number of MD birders have a 2nd home and might want submit a list for it as well.

#### Hugh McGuinness

MD (highlights of 28 species added): Red-necked Grebe, Neotropic Cormorant, White Ibis, King Eider, Baird's Sandpiper, Golden Eagle, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Ross' Goose & Couch's Kingbird.

DC: Snowy Owl, Ross' Goose, Red-throated Loon, Woodcock, Cattle Egret, Lesser Yellowlegs, Golden-winged Warbler, Black-billed Cuckoo, Semipalmated Sandpiper, Least Tern, Mourning Warbler, Short-billed Dowitcher, Snowy Egret, Monk Parakeet (not countable), Iceland Gull & Horned Lark.

#### Jim Nelson

Harlequin Duck, Black Scoter

#### Lou Nielsen

Pink-footed Goose, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

#### Paul O'Brien

Couch's Kingbird

#### Peter Osenton

This past year of 2014 was fabulous for my yard list! I added 2 new species with an Orchard Oriole on April 28 and an Olive-sided Flycatcher on May 28, bringing my cumulative yard list to 145! This year also broke my old record of 103 species and finishing up with 115. Other highlights were seeing 20 species of warblers in my yard, with the best ones being Nashville, Hooded & Worm-eating. I also had a Black-billed Cuckoo on May 8, which was just my second record for my yard in 17 years.

I was VERY fortunate to see Dennis Kirkwood's Bullock's Oriole in 2014! When this bird first showed up in February of 2013, I was out of state for that entire month. I kept hearing of its presence and couldn't wait to get home to try for it. I got home on March 15, 2014 and after completing some "must do" items, and after being away for 6 weeks, I tried for it. I met Dennis at his front door and he told me that he'd seen the bird that

morning. So, I was confident that I had a shot at it. I sat out in his back yard for 1 hr. & 45 minutes, and pretty frozen at that point, but, it did not show up. I found out later from Dennis that that morning was the last time he saw it. Then, in 2014, a beautiful adult male Bullock's reappeared in Dennis' yard. I made sure that I immediately chased it in hopes of seeing it. In about 15 minutes after I got there I was watching this striking bird! Pretty amazing, and feeling very lucky to have another crack at it one year later! I also chased the Franklin's Gull over in Chestertown, and a long sought after species for me for my Maryland list. Clive Harris and I watched it for some time at the waste water plant.

#### Rob Ostrowski

2014 was another fun year of birding in Maryland. I should actually say half year, since in July I moved to Maine. I spent most of my time in Prince George's, especially at locations along the Potomac and at BARC, where I was able to find a Yellow-headed Blackbird. Another bright spot was visiting Maryland for a week in December and birding the coast. It was the first year I've done the Ocean City CBC and was happy to be a part of the Dovekie bonanza. I hope to drop into Maryland once a year and run into you all!

#### Dave Palmer

Trumpeter Swan, Atlantic Puffin, Franklin's Gull

#### Howard Patterson

Black-legged kittiwake, Couch's Kingbird, Eared Grebe, Long-billed Dowitcher, Saltmarsh Sparrow, Sedge Wren, Loggerhead Shrike, Western Kingbird, Hudsonian Godwit, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Upland Sandpiper, White Ibis, King Eider, Sandwich Tern, Neotropic Cormorant, Common Gallinule, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Little Gull, Lapland Longspur, Red-necked Grebe, Pink-footed Goose, Trumpeter Swan

The Little Gull at Centennial Lake in Howard County on April 6 was one of my favorite birding experiences of 2014. Kevin & Karen Heffernan and I were there to photograph the Red-necked Grebes and Horned Grebes when a large flock of Bonaparte's Gulls arrived. Karen noticed the smaller gull with dark underwings. The next 15 minutes were frantic as Kevin and I took documentation shots, and we all made phone calls and sent messages to the MD Birding listserv and to local birders. We need not have worried, however, as the flock stayed at Centennial Lake for ten hours, and many birders from around the state enjoyed great views. First Howard County record for Little Gull. Another favorite was the Couch's Kingbird in Allegany County in November. Having just attended the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival earlier in November where we saw numerous Couch's Kingbirds at the northernmost point of their range, it was amazing to have one in Maryland just a couple of weeks later.

#### Paul Pisano

Pink-footed Goose (#400!) and Couch's Kingbird

#### Dave Powell

Couch's Kingbird and Common Murre

Finally reaching the 200 ticks plateau in every county! Great to see Jim Green and Joe Hanfman reach the same level during the year.

#### Derek Richardson

Ross's Goose, Common Gallinule, Cerulean Warbler, Alder Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Lincoln's Sparrow

#### Bob Ringler

Couch's Kingbird

### Mark Rositol

Black-legged Kittiwake, Couch's Kingbird, Neotropic Cormorant, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Pink-footed Goose, Tufted Duck, Cerulean Warbler, Sandwich Tern, Little Gull, Le Conte's Sparrow, Bulloch's Oriole

Although I have been birding for over 20 plus years, I only recently discovered the Maryland List Group and eBird about 2 years ago. This was really my first full year of insane birding. I have enjoyed meeting new people that are terrific birders and tried to soak up as much information as possible. And I have also enjoyed inspiring beginning birders so that they can be future assets to the birding community. I even got my Mom to start a birding list. This past year was very exciting in seeing some great life birds, but my greatest pride came in locating three rarities in my home county of Prince George's. Those birds were Brant, Black-bellied Plover, and Glossy Ibis. I also really enjoy DC birding. My highlights were the Ross's Goose (pending review), 7 rowdy Cackling Geese at Georgetown Reservoir, Cattle Egrets, American Pipits on the Washington Monument grounds and of course the late great Snowy Owl perched on the Washington Post building.

### Les Roslund

Trumpeter Swan, Sandwich Tern, Black-legged Kittiwake

Every time I go birding the birds manage to provide highlights of one kind or another. One day at Pickering Creek during 2014 a Black-billed Cuckoo was stuffing itself with tent caterpillars at a spot along the entrance driveway while not far away there was a Blue-winged warbler providing great views while moving around in a small grove of slender saplings. For yard birds in 2014 we had visits from Brown Creeper, Magnolia Warbler and Prairie Warbler that we do not get every year. Another highlight came when my wife Carolyn and I successfully tracked down the Trumpeter Swan that chose to spend much of the winter in Anne Arundel County.

### Russ Ruffing

I added 13 new state birds during 2014, but the highlight of my year is usually the good birds I get in my yard, since I typically do over 200 full yard surveys per year and put a lot of time into it. Going into November I was quite a ways behind my best yard year of 143 birds from 2013. However, with a strong November and December, primarily as a result of multiple skywatches, I added some tremendous birds to my yard list including Sandhill Crane, Golden Eagle, Ross's Goose, Snow Goose, and Cackling Goose – all flyovers, of course! I ended up breaking my own county record yard year by six birds (new total of 149 birds) and pushed my yard life list to 168.

I also enjoyed finding Howard County's second record of Ross's Goose during a major snowfall in early January along Daisy Road. Amazingly, the county had at least three additional records of Ross's during the year, the last one being the one that flew over my yard with a flock of Snow Geese in December. Arriving at Centennial about one minute before Matt Rogosky's Tricolored Heron departed was definitely a highlight of the year for me; sadly we were the only two that got to see that bird which is quite difficult in the county. And of course the county's first Little Gull was wonderful. I also enjoyed birding by kayak for the first time ever this year, and finding the county's latest-date Semipalmated Plover while kayaking the otherwise inaccessible upper portions of Triadelphia Reservoir was a treat. Getting pictures of Green Heron and peeps from literally six feet away via kayak is awesome!

Big Days are a lot of fun for me and I was happy to have a 107-species day in April with Harry Fink and Allen Lewis – this broke the previous county Big Day record for the month of April by 11 birds! On the other hand, Harry, Matt Rogosky, and I fell way short of our attempt in May to up our county-record Big Day tally of 122, falling woefully short of even matching that number by 15 birds. On a solo Big Day on June 13th, I established the high June mark for the county (none previously existed) with a 94-species day, ticking virtually every target bird I had anticipated for the day.

### Mark Schilling

Trumpeter Swan, King Eider, King Rail, Nelson's Sparrow, Orange-crowned Warbler, Franklin's Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake

I saw Cattle Egrets over 30 separate times on Kent Island, in 2014. They were everywhere, it seemed, from early April - early October.

### Kurt Schwarz

Whimbrel, Audubon's Shearwater, Leach's Storm-petrel, Band-rumped Storm-petrel, Long-tailed Jaeger, Couch's Kingbird, Franklin's Gull, Black-legged Kittiwake.

In Howard County it was a remarkable year for Ross's Goose - thanks to Russ Ruffing for my first county one - and the Little Gull was an awesome addition for my county list.

### Fred Shaffer

Long-tailed Jaeger, Couch's Kingbird

2014 was possibly my favorite year of Maryland birding as I had a goal of seeing 300 species in the state during the year and enjoyed getting out to all parts of the state, including many areas that I only rarely visited before. The pelagics throughout the year were all enjoyable, with highlights including the Long-tailed Jaeger in August and the Black-legged Kittiwake that followed the boat for a few hours in February. Other birds that highlighted my year included seeing the Black-legged Kittiwake at Sandy Point at very close range, good views of the Couch's Kingbird, the Tennessee Warbler in my backyard on Thanksgiving, the Franklin's Gull at Chestertown WWTP, and the Iceland Gull at Schoolhouse Pond in December. In addition to all the birds, I also enjoyed seeing some of the great habitat (and birds) in the mountains of western Maryland, the marshes of Dorchester, as well as some of the great spots across Worcester County. As I focused much less on Prince George's County than I usually do, I was able to add a significant number of birds to my lists for several other counties, including Worcester, Dorchester, Harford, and Baltimore. Other particularly memorable birds for the year included the 2nd cycle Little Gull seen off National Harbor (while kayaking) in April and the Scissor-tailed Flycatcher seen the following day at Fort Smallwood. It was a thoroughly enjoyable year birding across Maryland, with the 318 species that I ended up with being more than I expected at the beginning of the year, but probably fewer than I should have had. Still, it was a great year and hopefully I'll have the chance to repeat it in the near future. Thank you to all the Maryland birders who helped me with identifications, locations for rare birds, or just for sharing the enjoyment of seeing one of the many great birds that turned up in the state during 2014.

### Lisa Shannon

Cackling Goose, Couch's Kingbird

### Jeff Shenot

Neotropic Cormorant, Parasitic Jaeger, Eurasian Collared-Dove, Couch's Kingbird, Western Tanager  
Loved the Snowy Owl irruption last winter; and had a great time at the MD Rarity Round-up, and look forward to doing it again in 2015!

### Dan Small

Trumpeter Swan, King Eider, Pink-footed Goose, Common Murre, Atlantic Puffin, Neotropic Cormorant, Couch's Kingbird, Franklin's Gull

Doing a Queen Anne's County big year was fun and I was lucky enough to see and chase some good birds over the year. I added five new county birds to my QA list in the process (Red-necked Grebe, Purple Sandpiper, Nelson's Sparrow, Saltmarsh Sparrow and Orange-crowned Warbler). Misses that hurt included Mute Swan, Least Bittern, and Broad-winged Hawk among others.

Duvall Sollers

Western Tanager, Couch's Kingbird, Little Gull, Franklin's Gull

Leslie Starr

Yellow Rail, Couch's Kingbird

The neighborhood Pink-footed Geese were special, less than 2.5 miles from home!

Chuck Stirrat

Little Gull

Warren Strobel

Western Tanager, King Eider, Neotropic Cormorant, Couch's Kingbird

Mary Ann Todd

Couch's Kingbird

Anna Urciolo

Pink-footed Goose, Western Tanager, Franklin's Gull, Couch's Kingbird

Mike Walsh

Trumpeter Swan

Andy Wilson

White Ibis, Rough-legged Hawk, Mississippi Kite, White-rumped Sandpiper

Birding was pretty much restricted to brief trips in Frederick County this year. Highlight was a Mississippi Kite seen from my house in Frederick, on 20th May. This was the 139th and final "yard tick" in less than five years at this house and, I believe, a long overdue first record in Frederick County. Another highlight was a putative "minima" Cackling Goose with a Ross's Goose on a small pond in Frederick County. This constitutes only the third eBird record of this race in the Atlantic Flyway.

Max Wilson

In chronological order, highlights of the year include a January trip to Ocean City that yielded good views of the Assateague Snowy Owl. A quick trip to see the Pink-footed Geese at Stevenson University. The March 1st pelagic was a terrific trip and got me five new state birds (three of which were ABA-area lifers). I also successfully chased the Fort Smallwood Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, the Todds Corner Road Ruff, and the multiple rails at Swan Harbor in May. Between the chases and picking up some overdue birds, I added 22 species to my Maryland list for the year.

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## Updates to County Species Lists for 2014

Only the counties that had additions or subtractions in 2014 are listed. Green font indicates new species for a county; red font indicates species that were deleted from a county's list. Some were seen in previous years but only accepted/validated in 2014. Note: this table does not match up one-to-one with the first-county records discussed earlier in this report due to the uncertainty of some previously-existing historic records of those species.

<b>Allegany</b>	Couch's Kingbird	Ross's Goose
<b>Washington</b>	Brewer's Blackbird	
<b>Frederick</b>	Painted Bunting	
<b>Carroll</b>	Ross's Goose	
<b>Montgomery</b>	Gull-billed Tern	
<b>Howard</b>	Little Gull	
<b>Baltimore</b>	Pink-footed Goose	
<b>Harford</b>	Clapper Rail	
<b>Prince George's</b>	Black-legged Kittiwake	Saltmarsh Sparrow
<b>Calvert</b>	Ross's Goose	
<b>Kent</b>	Swallow-tailed Kite	Franklin's Gull
<b>Caroline</b>	Painted Bunting	
<b>Talbot</b>	Black-headed Grosbeak	
<b>Wicomico</b>	Snowy Owl	
<b>Somerset</b>	Snowy Owl	Rufous Hummingbird
<b>District</b>	Ross's Goose	

## Table of Species by County

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		GA	AL	WA	FR	CL	MO	HO	BA	HA	CE	PG	AA	CV	CH	SM	KE	QA	CN		TA	DO	WI	SO	WO
1	Black-bellied Whistling Duck						p		p			p	p	p		p			p						7
2	Fulvous Whistling Duck						p					p	p			p	p	p			p			p	8
3	Pink-footed Goose								p	p															2
4	Greater White-fronted Goose	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
5	Snow Goose	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
6	Ross's Goose		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
7	Brant	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
8	Barnacle Goose									p		p					p				p	p			5
9	Cackling Goose	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
10	Canada Goose	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
11	Mute Swan		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
12	Trumpeter Swan		p	p			p			p	p	p	p								p				8
13	Tundra Swan	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
14	Wood Duck	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
15	Gadwall	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
16	Eurasian Wigeon	p				p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	19
17	American Wigeon	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
18	American Black Duck	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
19	Mallard	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
20	Blue-winged Teal	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
21	Cinnamon Teal								p		p						p	p			p			p	6
22	Northern Shoveler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
23	Northern Pintail	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
24	Green-winged Teal	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
25	Canvasback	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
26	Redhead	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
27	Ring-necked Duck	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
28	Tufted Duck											p	p	p						p					5
29	Greater Scaup	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
30	Lesser Scaup	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
31	King Eider						p		p				p	p	p			p		p	p			p	9
32	Common Eider											p		p	p									p	4
33	Harlequin Duck						p		p	p	p		p	p		p				p	p		p	p	11
34	Surf Scoter	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
35	White-winged Scoter	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
36	Black Scoter	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	21
37	Long-tailed Duck	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
38	Bufflehead	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
39	Common Goldeneye	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
40	Barrow's Goldeneye													p		p				p	p				4
41	Hooded Merganser	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
42	Common Merganser	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
43	Red-breasted Merganser	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
44	Masked Duck										p														1
45	Ruddy Duck	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
46	Northern Bobwhite	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
47	Ring-necked Pheasant	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p					p			p				14
48	Ruffed Grouse	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p														9
49	Greater Prairie-Chicken																								0
50	Wild Turkey	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
51	Red-throated Loon	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
52	Pacific Loon	p					p		p	p	p					p								p	7
53	Common Loon	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
54	Pied-billed Grebe	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
55	Horned Grebe	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
56	Red-necked Grebe	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23

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57	Eared Grebe	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	21
58	Western Grebe	p					p	p	p				p	p			p	p					p	9
59	American Flamingo																						p	1
60	Yellow-nosed Albatross																						p	1
61	Northern Fulmar																						p	1
62	Herald Petrel																						p	1
63	Black-capped Petrel																			p			p	2
64	Cory's Shearwater																						p	1
65	Cape Verde Shearwater																						p	1
66	Great Shearwater																						p	1
67	Sooty Shearwater																						p	1
68	Manx Shearwater																						p	1
69	Audubon's Shearwater																						p	1
70	Wilson's Storm-Petrel											p	p	p	p	p		p		p	p	p	p	11
71	White-faced Storm-Petrel																						p	1
72	Leach's Storm-Petrel									p	p	p						p		p		p	p	7
73	Band-rumped Storm-Petrel																						p	1
74	White-tailed Tropicbird																						p	1
75	Wood Stork		p		p				p			p	p	p	p	p				p		p	p	10
76	Magnificent Frigatebird																						p	1
77	Brown Booby																						p	1
78	Northern Gannet								p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	14
79	Neotropic Cormorant			p			p																p	2
80	Double-crested Cormorant	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
81	Great Cormorant					p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
82	Anhinga		p		p		p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p								p	11
83	American White Pelican	p					p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	17
84	Brown Pelican					p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	16
85	American Bittern	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
86	Least Bittern	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
87	Great Blue Heron	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
88	Great Egret	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
89	Snowy Egret	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
90	Little Blue Heron	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
91	Tricolored Heron				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
92	Reddish Egret																						p	1
93	Cattle Egret	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
94	Green Heron	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
95	Black-crowned Night-Heron	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
96	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
97	White Ibis		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	20
98	Glossy Ibis	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
99	White-faced Ibis																						p	2
100	Roseate Spoonbill																						p	2
101	Black Vulture	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
102	Turkey Vulture	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
103	Osprey	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
104	Swallow-tailed Kite	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p		p	19
105	White-tailed Kite		p																					1
106	Golden Eagle	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
107	Mississippi Kite		p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p				p	p	p	p	p	p	20
108	Northern Harrier	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
109	Sharp-shinned Hawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
110	Cooper's Hawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
111	Northern Goshawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
112	Bald Eagle	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
113	Red-shouldered Hawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
114	Broad-winged Hawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23

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115	Swainson's Hawk		p									p				p					p				4
116	Red-tailed Hawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
117	Rough-legged Hawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
118	Yellow Rail	p	p				p		p		p	p	p			p				p	p	p	p	p	13
119	Black Rail	p			p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	19
120	Corn Crake																							p	1
121	Clapper Rail		p						p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	14
122	King Rail	p	p		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
123	Virginia Rail	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
124	Sora	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
125	Purple Gallinule						p		p		p	p	p												6
126	Common Gallinule	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
127	American Coot	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
128	Limpkin				p			p																	2
129	Sandhill Crane	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
130	Black-necked Stilt					p		p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	16
131	American Avocet	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
132	American Oystercatcher								p				p			p			p	p	p	p	p	p	9
133	Northern Lapwing				p															p					2
134	Black-bellied Plover	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
135	American Golden-Plover	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
136	Wilson's Plover																							p	1
137	Semipalmated Plover	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
138	Piping Plover	p	p					p	p				p	p		p				p					11
139	Killdeer	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
140	Spotted Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
141	Solitary Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
142	Greater Yellowlegs	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
143	Willet	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
144	Lesser Yellowlegs	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
145	Upland Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
146	Eskimo Curlew																							p	1
147	Whimbrel	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p			p	20
148	Long-billed Curlew								p	p	p	p				p								p	8
149	Hudsonian Godwit					p	p		p			p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	13
150	Marbled Godwit		p		p		p		p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	17
151	Ruddy Turnstone	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
152	Red Knot					p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	15
153	Ruff			p	p		p		p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	17
154	Stilt Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
155	Curlew Sandpiper																							p	2
156	Red-necked Stint																							p	1
157	Sanderling	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
158	Dunlin	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
159	Purple Sandpiper								p				p	p		p			p	p				p	9
160	Baird's Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
161	Little Stint								p																1
162	Least Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
163	White-rumped Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
164	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
165	Pectoral Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
166	Semipalmated Sandpiper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
167	Western Sandpiper	p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
168	Short-billed Dowitcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
169	Long-billed Dowitcher		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
170	Wilson's Snipe	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
171	American Woodcock	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
172	Wilson's Phalarope	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	19

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173	Red-necked Phalarope	p	p	p	p		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
174	Red Phalarope		p		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p					p		p	p		p		14
175	Great Skua																							p	1
176	South Polar Skua																							p	1
177	Pomarine Jaeger						p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p						p	p	12
178	Parasitic Jaeger						p		p		p		p			p				p				p	7
179	Long-tailed Jaeger				p								p							p				p	4
180	Dovekie								p				p							p	p			p	5
181	Common Murre																							p	1
182	Thick-billed Murre						p		p	p														p	4
183	Razorbill																			p				p	2
184	Gullmot sp.																							p	1
185	Atlantic Puffin																							p	1
186	Black-legged Kittiwake						p		p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p			p				p	11
187	Sabine's Gull						p	p		p	p	p	p							p				p	7
188	Bonaparte's Gull	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
189	Black-headed Gull								p	p	p	p	p	p	p				p	p	p	p	p	p	14
190	Little Gull	p					p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	17
191	Ross's Gull								p																1
192	Laughing Gull		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
193	Franklin's Gull				p		p		p	p	p	p	p		p	p					p	p		p	13
194	Black-tailed Gull								p				p											p	3
195	Mew Gull									p	p	p													3
196	Ring-billed Gull	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
197	California Gull						p		p	p	p	p			p					p			p	p	9
198	Herring Gull	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
199	Yellow-legged Gull						p																		1
200	Thayer's Gull				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p								p	p	p	p	14
201	Iceland "Kumliens" Gull				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
202	Lesser Black-backed Gull	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
203	Glaucous Gull				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
204	Great Black-backed Gull			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
205	Kelp Gull												p		p										2
206	Sooty Tern						p		p			p	p		p		p		p			p	p	p	11
207	Bridled Tern											p										p		p	4
208	Least Tern	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
209	Gull-billed Tern						p		p				p	p		p			p	p			p	p	10
210	Caspian Tern	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
211	Black Tern	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
212	Roseate Tern								p			p		p										p	4
213	Common Tern	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
214	Arctic Tern						p		p			p												p	5
215	Forster's Tern	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
216	Royal Tern						p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	17
217	Sandwich Tern								p				p	p		p					p	p		p	8
218	Black Skimmer						p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p				p	p	p	p	p	p	16
219	Rock Pigeon	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
220	Eurasian Collared-Dove				p	p		p	p	p	p	p							p		p	p	p	p	12
221	Passenger Pigeon																								0
222	Inca Dove											p													1
223	Common Ground-Dove											p	p												2
224	White-winged Dove					p		p		p		p	p		p						p		p	p	10
225	Mourning Dove	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
226	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
227	Black-billed Cuckoo	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
228	Groove-billed Ani																p								1
229	Barn Owl	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23

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230	Eastern Screech-Owl	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
231	Great Horned Owl	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
232	Snowy Owl	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
233	Burrowing Owl	p																							1
234	Barred Owl	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
235	Long-eared Owl	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
236	Short-eared Owl	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
237	Northern Saw-whet Owl	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
238	Common Nighthawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
239	Chuck-will's-widow	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
240	Eastern Whip-poor-will	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
241	Chimney Swift	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
242	Green Violetear							p			p														2
243	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
244	Anna's Hummingbird				p						p														2
245	Rufous Hummingbird	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
246	Allen's Hummingbird			p										p											2
247	Calliope Hummingbird										p			p				p		p					4
248	Belted Kingfisher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
249	Red-headed Woodpecker	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
250	Red-bellied Woodpecker	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
251	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
252	Downy Woodpecker	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
253	Hairy Woodpecker	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
254	Red-cockaded Woodpecker										p					p						p			4
255	Northern "Yellow-shafted" Flicker	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
256	Pileated Woodpecker	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
257	American Kestrel	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
258	Merlin	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
259	Gyr Falcon				p								p												2
260	Peregrine Falcon	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
261	Carolina Parakeet																								0
262	Olive-sided Flycatcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
263	Eastern Wood-Pewee	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
264	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
265	Acadian Flycatcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
266	Alder Flycatcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p					19
267	Willow Flycatcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
268	Least Flycatcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
269	Hammond's Flycatcher								p																2
270	Eastern Phoebe	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
271	Say's Phoebe					p	p										p	p							4
272	Vermilion Flycatcher																					p			2
273	Ash-throated Flycatcher								p			p					p	p	p			p			8
274	Great Crested Flycatcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
275	Tropical Kingbird																						p		1
276	Couch's Kingbird		p																						1
277	Western Kingbird	p	p			p	p		p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
278	Eastern Kingbird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
279	Gray Kingbird								p					p			p								4
280	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher			p	p		p					p	p				p	p			p	p			11
281	Fork-tailed Flycatcher											p					p	p							3
282	Loggerhead Shrike	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
283	Northern Shrike	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
284	White-eyed Vireo	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
285	Bell's Vireo										p														2
286	Yellow-throated Vireo	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
287	Blue-headed Vireo	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23

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288	Warbling Vireo	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
289	Philadelphia Vireo	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
290	Red-eyed Vireo	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
291	Blue Jay	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
292	American Crow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
293	Fish Crow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
294	Common Raven	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	15
295	Horned Lark	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
296	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
297	Purple Martin	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
298	Tree Swallow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
299	Bank Swallow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
300	Barn Swallow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
301	Cliff Swallow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
302	Cave Swallow		p		p		p		p		p		p		p		p		p		p		p		13
303	Carolina Chickadee		p	p	p		p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
304	Black-capped Chickadee	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
305	Boreal Chickadee		p				p		p				p												4
306	Tufted Titmouse	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
307	Red-breasted Nuthatch	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
308	White-breasted Nuthatch	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
309	Brown-headed Nuthatch							p					p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	13
310	Brown Creeper	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
311	Rock Wren																							p	1
312	House Wren	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
313	Winter Wren	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
314	Sedge Wren	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
315	Marsh Wren	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
316	Carolina Wren	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
317	Bewick's Wren	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p							p					p	11
318	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
319	Golden-crowned Kinglet	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
320	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
321	Northern Wheatear												p							p					2
322	Eastern Bluebird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
323	Mountain Bluebird		p																					p	2
324	Townsend's Solitaire									p															1
325	Veery	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
326	Gray-cheeked Thrush	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
327	Bicknell's Thrush	p	p		p		p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
328	Swainson's Thrush	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
329	Hermit Thrush	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
330	Wood Thrush	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
331	American Robin	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
332	Varied Thrush						p	p	p				p												4
333	Gray Catbird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
334	Brown Thrasher	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
335	Sage Thrasher																							p	1
336	Northern Mockingbird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
337	European Starling	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
338	American Pipit	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
339	Bohemian Waxwing																		p					p	2
340	Cedar Waxwing	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
341	Lapland Longspur	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
342	Chestnut-collared Longspur													p										p	2
343	Smith's Longspur																							p	1
344	Snow Bunting	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23

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345	Ovenbird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
346	Worm-eating Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
347	Louisiana Waterthrush	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
348	Northern Waterthrush	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
349	Blue-winged Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
350	Golden-winged Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
351	Black-and-white Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
352	Prothonotary Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
353	Swainson's Warbler						p		p					p		p						p	p	p	7
354	Tennessee Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
355	Orange-crowned Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
356	Nashville Warbler	p		p	p	p		p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
357	Virginia's Warbler																			p					1
358	Connecticut Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
359	Mourning Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
360	Kentucky Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
361	Common Yellowthroat	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
362	Hooded Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
363	American Redstart	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
364	Cape May Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
365	Cerulean Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
366	Northern Parula	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
367	Magnolia Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
368	Bay-breasted Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
369	Blackburnian Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
370	Yellow Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
371	Chestnut-sided Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
372	Blackpoll Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
373	Black-throated Blue Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
374	Palm Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
375	Pine Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
376	Yellow-rumped "Myrtle" Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
377	Yellow-throated Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
378	Prairie Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
379	Black-throated Gray Warbler						p						p							p				p	5
380	Townsend's Warbler				p		p																	p	3
381	Black-throated Green Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
382	Canada Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
383	Wilson's Warbler	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
384	Yellow-breasted Chat	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
385	Green-tailed Towhee		p																						1
386	Spotted Towhee						p		p																2
387	Eastern Towhee	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
388	Cassin's Sparrow														p										1
389	Bachman's Sparrow	p	p				p	p				p								p		p			7
390	American Tree Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
391	Chipping Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
392	Clay-colored Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	20
393	Field Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
394	Vesper Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
395	Lark Sparrow	p	p		p		p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p			p		p		p	16
396	Lark Bunting					p						p	p				p		p					p	7
397	Savannah Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
398	Grasshopper Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
399	Baird's Sparrow																							p	1
400	Henslow's Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23

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401	Le Conte's Sparrow							p	p	p		p	p			p							p	p	9
402	Nelson's Sparrow	p	p		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p		p	p		p	p	18
403	Saltmarsh Sparrow								p			p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	13
404	Seaside Sparrow								p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	15
405	Fox Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
406	Song Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
407	Lincoln's Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
408	Swamp Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
409	White-throated Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
410	Harris's Sparrow		p	p		p	p	p				p	p			p	p		p					p	11
411	White-crowned Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
412	Golden-crowned Sparrow																p								1
413	Dark-eyed Junco	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
414	Summer Tanager	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
415	Scarlet Tanager	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
416	Western Tanager					p			p				p											p	5
417	Northern Cardinal	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
418	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
419	Black-headed Grosbeak						p		p			p							p						4
420	Blue Grosbeak	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
421	Lazuli Bunting								p														p		2
422	Indigo Bunting	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
423	Painted Bunting				p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	15
424	Dickcissel	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
425	Bobolink	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
426	Red-winged Blackbird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
427	Eastern Meadowlark	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
428	Western Meadowlark				p																p				2
429	Yellow-headed Blackbird	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
430	Rusty Blackbird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
431	Brewer's Blackbird	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
432	Common Grackle	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
433	Boat-tailed Grackle								p				p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	12
434	Brown-headed Cowbird	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
435	Orchard Oriole	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
436	Bullock's Oriole						p														p				3
437	Baltimore Oriole	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
438	Pine Grosbeak	p	p	p	p		p		p			p							p		p				11
439	House Finch	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
440	Purple Finch	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
441	Red Crossbill	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
442	White-winged Crossbill	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
443	Common Redpoll	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
444	Hoary Redpoll		p	p		p	p		p											p				p	7
445	Pine Siskin	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
446	American Goldfinch	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
447	Evening Grosbeak	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
448	House Sparrow	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
449																									
	# Possible	289	304	283	307	290	342	305	359	319	322	338	355	329	303	337	319	321	299	331	335	310	321	396	7414

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Species	First Reported	Location	Observer(s)	Comments
Black-bellied Whistling-Duck				
Fulvous Whistling-Duck				
Pink-footed Goose	1/25/13	Quarry Lake (Bal Co)	B. DeHaven	Pair; second state record. ID by BD on 1/31, but likely seen on 1/25 by J. Dennehy
Greater White-fronted Goose	1/1/14	Frederick (Fr. Co)	A. Wilson	
Snow Goose	1/1/14			
Ross's Goose	1/1/14	Queen Anne's County	C. Weigand	
Brant	1/1/14			
Barnacle Goose				
Cackling Goose	1/1/14	Fagers Island (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
Canada Goose	1/1/14	Skipton Creek	D. Kidwell	pre-dawn
Mute Swan	1/1/14	Jug Bay (PG Co)	J. Shenot	
Trumpeter Swan	1/5/14	Arnold, MD (AA Co)	M. Braun	
Tundra Swan	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Emm	
Wood Duck	1/1/14	USDA BARC (PG Co)	R. Ostrowski	
Gadwall	1/1/14	Bayside Development Pond (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
Eurasian Wigeon	1/1/14	Loch Raven Reservoir (Ba Co)	K. Graff	
American Wigeon	1/1/14	Bayside Development Pond (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
American Black Duck	1/1/14	Fagers Island (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
Mallard	1/1/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	M. Kerwin	
Blue-winged Teal	1/9/14	Messick Rd Ponds (So Co)	M. Burchett, and B. Bangert	
Cinnamon Teal				
Northern Shoveler	1/1/14	Loch Raven Reservoir (Ba Co)	K. Graff	
Northern Pintail	1/1/14	Dea Island WMA (So Co)	R. Geredien	
Green-winged Teal	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Emm	
- Common (Eurasian) Teal	1/15/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Culler and J. Hanfman	
Canvasback	1/1/14	Osprey Point (QA Co)	M. Schilling	
Redhead	1/1/14	Bayside Development Pond (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
Ring-necked Duck	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
Tufted Duck	12/17/14	Swan Creek (AA Co)	T. Carney	
Greater Scaup	1/1/14	Hemingway's (QA Co)	J. Bissett	
Lesser Scaup	1/1/14	Sandy Point SP (AA Co)	D. Nucifora	
King Eider	1/18/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	D. Small	Another found in AA Co by F. Marengi
Common Eider	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	L. Starr	
Harlequin Duck	1/1/14	Ft. Armistead (Balt. City)	K. Graff	
Surf Scoter	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	L. Starr	
White-winged Scoter	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	L. Starr	
Black Scoter	1/1/14	Assateague SP (Wor Co)	B. Hubick and J. Brighton	
Long-tailed Duck	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	L. Starr	
Bufflehead	1/1/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	M. Kerwin	
Common Goldeneye	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Emm	
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/1/14	The Elms Env. Education Center (SM Co)	T. Carney, J. Fisher, and R. Johnson	Continuing form 2013
Hooded Merganser	1/1/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	M. Kerwin	
Common Merganser	1/1/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	M. Kerwin	
Red-breasted Merganser	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	L. Starr	

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Masked Duck				
Ruddy Duck	1/1/14	Bayside Development Pond (Wor Co)	S. Housten	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1/13/14	Westminster, MD (Carr Co)	D. Baker-Ferrell	
Ruffed Grouse	1/1/04	Garret County	A. Graham	
Wild Turkey	1/1/14	Hurley's Neck Rd (Wi Co)	R. Geredien	
Northern Bobwhite	1/2/14	Bayview Rd. (Wor Co)	J. Stasz	
Red-throated Loon	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor Co)	L. Starr	
Pacific Loon				
Common Loon	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor Co)	L. Starr	
Pied-billed Grebe	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
Horned Grebe	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Emm	
Red-necked Grebe	1/1/14	Ft. Armistead (Balt. City)	K. Graff	Irruptive winter season
Eared Grebe	1/11/14	Naitonal Colonial Farm (Cha Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Western Grebe				
Yellow-nosed Albatross				
Northern Fulmar (light morph)	2/1/14	MD Pelagic	Many	
- Intermediate morph	2/1/14	MD Pelagic	Many	relatively uncommon on Atlantic coast
Herald Petrel (Trindade)				
Black-capped Petrel				
Cory's Shearwater (borealis)	8/23/14	MD Pelagic	Many	
- Scopoli's Shearwater	8/23/14	MD Pelagic	Many	
Cape Verde Shearwater				
Great Shearwater	8/23/14	MD Pelagic	Many	
Sooty Shearwater	5/22/14	Assateague Island (Wor Co)	M. Burchett	
Manx Shearwater				
Audubon's Shearwater	8/23/14	MD Pelagic	Many	
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	5/30/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor Co)	J. Fisher	
White-faced Storm-Petrel				
Leach's Storm-Petrel	8/23/14	MD Pelagic	Many	
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	8/23/14	MD Pelagic	Many	
Northern Gannet	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	L. Starr	
American White Pelican	1/1/14	Blackwater NWR (Do Co)	J. Brown	
Brown Pelican	1/1/14	Lexington Park (SM Co)	R. Edwards	
Neotropic Cormorant	7/22/14	C&O Canal Violette's Lock (Mo Co)	D. Czaplak	
Double-crested Cormorant	1/1/14	Kent County	J. Hanfman	
Great Cormorant	1/1/14	The Elms Env. Education Center (SM Co)	T. Carney, J. Fisher, and R. Johnson	
Anhinga	9/15/14	Talbot County	D. Irons	
Magnificent Frigatebird				
American Bittern	1/14/14	Black Marsh (Ba Co)	T. Carney	
Least Bittern	4/2/14	Elliott Island Rd (Do Co)	K. Calvert	
Great Blue Heron	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
- White form				
Great Egret	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Emm	
Snowy Egret	3/24/14	Bay Point Plantation (Wo Co)	M. Balestri	
Little Blue Heron	3/30/14	Berlin, MD (Wor Co.)	M. Hoffman	

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Tricolored Heron	1/2/14	Riley Roberts Rd (So Co)	J. Stasz	
Reddish Egret				
Cattle Egret	3/30/14	Ft. Armistead (AA Co)	W. Crowe	
Green Heron	4/4/14	C&O Canal Lock 8 (Wa Co)	T. Boucher	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1/1/14	Riley Roberts Rd (So Co)	M. Walsh	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	3/23/14	Jones Falls Trail (Baltimore)	T. Carney	
White Ibis	7/19/14	Assateague State Park (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
Glossy Ibis	3/28/14	Tilghman Island (Ta Co)	V. De Sanctis	
White-faced Ibis	4/18/14	Worcester County	C. Schipper and J. Shenot	
Roseate Spoonbill				
Wood Stork	10/12/14	Cromwell Valley Park Hawkwatch (Bal Co)	M. Marshall	
Greater Flamingo				
Black Vulture	1/1/04			
Turkey Vulture	1/1/14			
Osprey	1/4/14	Lake Shore, MD (AA Co)	K. Isaacs	
Swallow-tailed Kite	3/14/14	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	S. Cantu	
Mississippi Kite	5/2/14	McKee Beshers WMA (Mo Co)	J. Alderfer	
Bald Eagle	1/1/14	Blackwater NWR (Do Co)	V. De Sanctis	
Northern Harrier	1/1/14	Patuxent River Park, Selby Landing (PG Co)	T. Ostrowski	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1/1/14	Mount Pleasant Farm (Ho Co)	Many (Ho Co bird club trip)	
Cooper's Hawk	1/1/14	Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary (PG Co)	J. Fisher, T. Carney, and R. Johnson	
Northern Goshawk	5/31/14	Garret County	K. Klotz and A. Graham	
Red-shouldered Hawk	1/1/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	M. Kerwin	
Broad-winged Hawk	4/3/14	Lake Shore Athletic Complex (AA Co)	M. Grey	
Swainson's Hawk				
Red-tailed Hawk	1/1/14	Kidd Rd Pond (Ba Co)	K. Ebert	
- Northern	1/4/14	Starr Point Rd (QA Co)	M. Burchett, B. Miller, and B. Bangert	
Rough-legged Hawk	1/8/14	Cedar Creek Rd (Do Co)	J. Stasz, B. Bangert, and M. Burchett	
Golden Eagle	1/1/14	Dorchester County	G. Radcliffe	
Yellow Rail	5/6/14	Swan Harbor Park (Ha Co)	D. Littlepage	
Black Rail	5/9/14	Elliott Island Rd (Do Co)	T. Carney, J. Fisher, and R. Johnson	
Corn Crake				
Clapper Rail	1/1/14	Meekins Neck Rd (Do Co)	G. Radcliffe	
King Rail	3/22/14	Elliott Island Rd (Do Co)	G. Radcliffe	
Virginia Rail	1/1/14	Blackwater NWR (Do Co)	G. Radcliffe	
Sora	1/2/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Stasz	
Purple Gallinule				
Common Gallinule	1/20/14	Johnson Pond (Wi Co)	M. Burchett and B. Bangert	
American Coot	1/1/14	Bayside Development Pond (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
Limpkin				
Sandhill Crane	1/8/14	Bradshaw Rd (Ba Co)	K. Graff	
Northern Lapwing				
Black-bellied Plover	1/1/14	Assateague Causeway (Wo Co)	M. Balestri	
American Golden-Plover	4/10/14	Jug Bay (PG Co)	F. Jacobson	
Wilson's Plover				

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Semipalmated Plover	1/5/14	Skimmer Island (Wo Co)	S. Grimes	
Piping Plover	3/19/14	Assateague NS Bayside (Wo Co)	S. Ballinger	
Killdeer	1/1/14	BARC (PG Co)	R. Ostrowski	
American Oystercatcher	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	A. Urciolo	
Black-necked Stilt	4/12/14	Elliott Island Rd (Do Co)	E. Anders	
American Avocet	4/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	D. Bent	
Spotted Sandpiper	1/5/14	Hillsmere Beach (AA Co)	J. Sherwell and K. Meade	Found by W. Strobel in December
Solitary Sandpiper	3/24/14	Fulton Pond (Ho Co)	K. Schwartz	
Greater Yellowlegs	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Emm	
Willet	1/1/14	Assateague OSV Zone (Wo Co)	B.Bangert, B.Miller, J.Stasz, M.Burchett	
- Eastern	4/17/14	Assateague State Park (Wor Co)	M. Johnson	
- Western	1/1/14	Assateague OSV Zone (Wo Co)	B.Bangert, B.Miller, J.Stasz, M.Burchett	
Lesser Yellowlegs	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Stasz	
Upland Sandpiper	5/1/14	Swan Harbor Park (Ha Co)	M. Johnson	
Whimbrel	4/12/14	Assteague National Seashore (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
- European				
Long-billed Curlew				
Hudsonian Godwit	9/2/14	Potomac Shore (PG Co)	J. Shenot	
Marbled Godwit	4/12/14	Assteague National Seashore (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
Ruddy Turnstone	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	M. Sochowski	
Red Knot	1/2/14	Skimmer Island (Wo Co)	M. Balestri	Continuing over-wintering individual
Sanderling	1/1/13	Assateague SP	D and K Kidwell	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	4/12/14	Bestpitch Rd. (Do Co)	W. Bell	
Western Sandpiper	1/5/14	Assateague NS-Bayside Campground (Wo Co)	R. and C. Gutberlet	
Red-necked Stint				
Little Stint				
Least Sandpiper	1/5/14	Assateague NS-Bayside Campground (Wo Co)	R. and C. Gutberlet	
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/1/14	Swan Harbor Park (Ha Co)	M. Johnson	
Baird's Sandpiper	8/20/14	Poplar Island	Many	
Pectoral Sandpiper	3/21/14	Patuxent Oxbow (AA Co)	M. Stutzman	
Purple Sandpiper	1/2/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	F. Shaffer	
Dunlin	1/1/14	Assateague Causeway (Wo Co)	M. Balestri	
Curlew Sandpiper				
Stilt Sandpiper	5/1/14	USDA BARC (PG Co)	M. Watson	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	5/9/14	Figgs Landing Rd (Wor Co)	T. Carney, J. Fisher, and R. Johnson	First spring record for state
Ruff	4/27/14	Todd's Corner Wetland (Tal Co)	D. Palmer	
Short-billed Dowitcher	4/5/14	Skimmer Island (Wo Co)	J. Fisher and T. Carney	
- Prairie	5/19/14	Hart Miller Island (Bal Co)	K.E. Costley	
- Atlantic	4/27/14	The Elms Env. Education Center (SM Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Long-billed Dowitcher	1/2/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	M. Burchett, B. Miller, and B. Bangert	
Wilson's Snipe	1/1/14	Bowie (PG Co)	F. Shaffer	
Common Snipe				
American Woodcock	1/1/14	Blackwater NWR (Do Co)	V. De Sanctis	
Wilson's Phalarope	5/4/14	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA Co)	B. Hubick	
Red-necked Phalarope	5/18/14	C&O Canal North Branch (AI Co)	M. Ostrowski and R. Ostrowski	

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Red Phalarope	2/1/14	Pelagic	Many	
Laughing Gull	2/15/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	M. Hoffman	
Franklin's Gull	5/6/14	C&O Canal Violette's Lock (Mo Co)	D. Czaplak	
Little Gull	3/1/14	Pelagic	Many	
Black-headed Gull	1/12/14	Hunt Valley Town Centre (Ba Co)	K. Jenkins	Fourth winter at this location
Bonaparte's Gull	1/1/14	Gunner's Lake (Mo Co)	R. Webb	
Black-tailed Gull				
Mew Gull				
Ring-billed Gull	1/1/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	M. Kerwin	
California Gull				
Herring Gull	1/1/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	M. Kerwin	
Yellow-legged Gull				
Thayer's Gull	1/30/14	North East Community Park (Ce Co)	S. McCandless	
Iceland Gull	1/1/14	Conowingo Dam (Ha Co)	M. Addicks	
- Kumlien's	3/2/14	Salisbury Landfill (Wi Co)	N. Magnusson, T.Houghton, and K.Jenkins	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/2/14	Conowingo Dam (Ha Co)	M. Addicks	
Glaucous Gull	2/1/14	Cecil County Landfill	S. McCandless	
Great Black-backed Gull	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	L. Starr	
Kelp Gull				
Sabine's Gull	10/4/14	Sandy Point SP (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Black-legged Kittiwake	2/1/14	Pelagic	Many	
Ross's Gull				
Gull-billed Tern	6/23/14	Hart Miller Island (Bal Co)		
Caspian Tern	3/27/14	Back River - Diamond Point (Ba Co)	P. Thut	
Royal Tern	4/2/14	Cedar Hill Marina (Wi Co)	K. Calvert	
Sandwich Tern	5/19/14	Skimmer Island (Wo Co)	F. Shaffer	
Roseate Tern				
Common Tern	4/5/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor Co)	Ostrowski x 3	
Arctic Tern				
Forster's Tern	1/1/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	R. Coyle	
Least Tern	4/5/14	Blackwater NWR (Do Co)	F. Shaffer	
Bridled Tern	8/23/14	Pelagic	Many	
Sooty Tern				
Black Tern	5/19/14	C&O Canal Violette's Lock (Mo Co)	D. Czaplak	
Black Skimmer	5/9/14	Skimmer Island (Wo Co)	T. McLean	
South Polar Skua				
Pomarine Jaeger	11/16/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor Co)	F. Shaffer	
Parasitic Jaeger	5/9/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor Co)	B. Hubick, M. Lutmerding, D. Curson, and M. Hafner	IBA Bird-a-thon
Long-tailed Jaeger	8/23/24	Pelagic	Many	
Dovekie	2/1/14	Pelagic	Many	
Common Murre	2/1/14	Pelagic	T. Johnson	DOE Survey
Thick-billed Murre				
Razorbill	1/18/14	Ocean City Inlet (Wor. Co)	D. Small	Remarkable 87 count from inlet
Black Guillemot				

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Atlantic Puffin	3/1/14	Pelagic	Many	
Rock Pigeon	1/1/14	Everywhere	Many	
Eurasian Collared-Dove	4/26/14	Havre de Grace (Ha Co)	C. Webster	
White-winged Dove				
Mourning Dove	1/1/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	M. Kerwin	
Inca Dove				
Common Ground-Dove	12/30/14	Masonville (Bal City)	B. Tittle	
Black-billed Cuckoo	5/3/14	Lower Susquahanna Greenway Heritage (Ha Co)	M. Johnson	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4/28/14	Greenbelt Lake (PG Co)	T. Ostrowski	
Groove-billed Ani				
Barn Owl	1/1/14	Prince Georges County	T. Carney, J. Fisher, and R. Johnson	
Eastern Screech-Owl	1/1/14	Heron Point (Ta Co)	P. Thut	
Great Horned Owl	1/1/14	Talbot County	L. Roslund	
Snowy Owl	1/1/14	Chesapeake Bay Bridge (QA Co)	M. Schilling	Massive irruption year; obs in at least 10 counties
Burrowing Owl				
Barred Owl	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Long-eared Owl	1/1/14	Irvine Nature Center (Baltimore)	K.E. Costley	
Short-eared Owl	1/1/14	Blackwater NWR (Do Co)	W. Crowe	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	2/8/14	Annapolis Rock Rd. (Ho Co)	A. Lewis	
Common Nighthawk	5/2/14	Crownsville (AA Co)	W. Strobel	
Chuck-will's-widow	4/12/14	Mount Olive Church Rd (Wor Co)	M. Hoffman	
Whip-poor-will	4/7/14	Query Mill Rd (Mo Co)	J. Green	
Chimney Swift	3/31/14	Bethesda (Mo Co)	D. Narango	
Green Violetear				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1/2/14	Amberley (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Anna's Hummingbird				
Calliope Hummingbird				
Rufous Hummingbird	1/2/14	North Beach (Ca Co)	J. Stasz	
Allen's Hummingbird				
Belted Kingfisher	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Red-headed Woodpecker	1/1/14	Dover Rd (Ba Co)	K. Jenkins	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1/1/14	Allegany County	M. Eanes	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1/1/14	Frederick County	K. Calvert	
Downy Woodpecker	1/1/14	Broomes Island (Ca Co)	K. Roush	
Hairy Woodpecker	1/1/14	Allegany County	M. Eanes	
Red-cockaded Woodpecker				
Northern Flicker	1/1/14	Lake Elkhorn (Ho Co)	A. Lewis	
Pileated Woodpecker	1/1/14	Lake Needwood (Mo Co)	R. Johnson	
American Kestrel	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Emm	
Merlin	1/1/14	Loch Raven Reservoir (Ba Co)	E. Yeich	
Gyrfalcon				
Peregrine Falcon	1/1/14	Chesapeake Bay Bridge (QA Co)	B. Gunes	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	5/4/14	Patapsco Valley SP (Bal Co)	H. Patterson	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	4/21/14	C&O Canal North Branch (Al Co)	R. Boyle	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	5/23/14	Lapidum (Ce Co)	M. Johnson	

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Acadian Flycatcher	4/26/14	Bristol (AA Co)	O. Griffin	
Alder Flycatcher	5/18/14	Finzel Swamp (Ga Co)	R. Johnson	
Willow Flycatcher	5/3/14	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Least Flycatcher	4/26/14	Baker Park (Fr Co)	D. Wallace	
Hammond's Flycatcher				
Eastern Phoebe	1/1/14	Waterford Farm	R. Ruffing	
Say's Phoebe	12/21/14	Kent County	T. and J. Gruber	
Vermilion Flycatcher	12/27/14	Worcester County	M. Hoffman	Found on private property; third state record.
Ash-throated Flycatcher				
Great Crested Flycatcher	4/13/14	Selby's Landing (PG Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Tropical Kingbird				
Couch's Kingbird	11/11/14	Mason Rd (Al Co)	K. Calvert and M. Welch	First state record
Western Kingbird	1/1/14	Hunting Round Rd. (Wo Co)	S. Houston	
Eastern Kingbird	4/5/14	Figgs Landing Rd (Wor Co)	T. Carney	
Gray Kingbird				
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	4/12/14	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA Co)	K. Baidoo	
Fork-tailed Flycatcher				
Loggerhead Shrike	9/28/14	Irvine Nature Center (Baltimore)	K.E. Costley	
Northern Shrike	1/15/14	Finzel Swamp (Al Co)	J. Stasz	
White-eyed Vireo	4/3/14	Nassawango Creek (Wo Co)	M. Balestri	
Bell's Vireo				
Yellow-throated Vireo	4/12/14	Bear Swamp (Wi Co)	W. Bell	
Blue-headed Vireo	4/5/14	C&O Canal Violette's Lock (Mo Co)	M. Bender	
Warbling Vireo	4/17/14	Black Marsh (Ba Co)	P. Marban	
Philadelphia Vireo	4/27/14	Mt. Pleasant Farm (Ho Co)	J. Culler	
Red-eyed Vireo	4/15/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	K. Schwartz	
Blue Jay	1/1/14	Cecil County	J. Funk	
American Crow	1/1/14	Villas on the Waters Edge (SM Co)	R. Edwards	
Fish Crow	1/1/14	Brunswick Riverside Park (Fr Co)	J. Schultz	
Common Raven	1/1/14	Brunswick Riverside Park (Fr Co)	J. Schultz	
Horned Lark	1/1/14	Patuxent River Park, Selby Landing (PG Co)	T. Ostrowski	
Purple Martin	3/11/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (PG Co)	R. Ostrowski	
Tree Swallow	1/1/14	Hoopers Is (Do Co)	J. Brown	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3/9/14	Naylor's Mill Rd (Wi Co)	J. Green	
Bank Swallow	3/31/14	Hughes Hollow (Mo Co)	C. Wiegand	
Cliff Swallow	4/4/14	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Ostrowski	
Cave Swallow	7/28/14	Annapolis (AA Co)	M. Iloff	
Barn Swallow	3/21/14	Wooten's Landing (AA Co)	J. Howl	
Carolina Chickadee	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
Black-capped Chickadee	1/1/14	Allegany County	R. Boyle	
Boreal Chickadee				
Tufted Titmouse	1/1/14			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1/1/14	Assateague SP (Wor Co)	D. Kidwell	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1/1/14	Cecil County	J. Funk	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	1/1/14	Heron Point (Ta Co)	P. Thut	

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Brown Creeper	1/1/14	Black Hill RP (Mo Co)	M. Singer	
Rock Wren				
Carolina Wren	1/1/14	Uniontown (Carr Co)	D. Baker-Ferrell	
Bewick's Wren				
House Wren	1/1/14	Berlin WWTP (Wor Co)	S. Houston	
Winter Wren	1/1/14	Riley's Lock (Mo Co)	D. Roberts	
Sedge Wren	1/2/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	M. Burchett and B. Miller	
Marsh Wren	1/1/14	Assateague NS Life of the Forest (Wor Co)	M. Balestri	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1/1/14	Harford Glen Park (Ha Co)	C. Rowsom	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1/1/14	Windmere/Spocott (Do Co)	G. Radcliffe	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3/31/14	Lake Shore Athletic Complex (AA Co)	M. Grey	
Northern Wheatear				
Eastern Bluebird	1/1/14	Somerset County	R. Geredien	
Mountain Bluebird				
Townsend's Solitaire				
Veery	4/19/14	Patapsco Valley SP (Ho Co)	J. Green	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/3/14	Horsepen Branch (PG Co)	M. Sampson	
Bicknell's Thrush	9/28/14	Chester River Farm (Ke Co)	E. Anders	
Swainson's Thrush	4/19/14	Hipsley Mill Rd (Ho Co)	J. Green	
Hermit Thrush	1/1/14	Sotterley Plantation (SM Co)	D. Moulton	
Wood Thrush	4/15/14	Flag Ponds power line (Ca Co)	T. Bell	
American Robin	1/1/14	Ridge Rd (Ba Co)	W. Seigart	
Varied Thrush				
Gray Catbird	1/1/14	Assateague NS	B. Hubick and J. Brighton	
Northern Mockingbird	1/1/14	Denton WWTP (Caro Co)	D. Perry	
Sage Thrasher				
Brown Thrasher	1/1/14	Assateague NS Bayside Campground (Wor Co)	M. Balestri	
European Starling	1/1/14			
American Pipit	1/1/14	BARC Beaverdam Rd	R. Ostrowski	
Bohemian Waxwing				
Cedar Waxwing	1/1/14	Logtown Rd (Wor Co)	MA. Todd	
Blue-winged Warbler	4/24/14	Laurel (PG Co)	R. Burley	
Golden-winged Warbler	5/1/14	Millford Mill Park (Bal Co)	M. Rabinowitz	
Tennessee Warbler	5/2/14	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (Ho Co)	R. Hillsley	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1/4/14	Cecil County	S. McCandless	
Nashville Warbler	4/21/14	Hoyes Run Rd (Ga Co)	K. Klotz	
Virginia's Warbler				
Northern Parula	4/8/14	Lake Roland (Bal Co)	B. DeHaven	
Yellow Warbler	4/13/14	Centennial Lake (Ho Co)	K. Schwartz	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4/26/14	Assateague Island National Seashore (Wor Co)	T. Thompson	
Magnolia Warbler	4/27/14	Oakland WWTP (Ga Co)	K. Klotz	
Cape May Warbler	4/26/14	Meadowbrook Park (Ho Co)	B. Ott	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	4/17/14	Hughes Hollow (Mo Co)	P. and J. Woodward	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1/1/14	Assateague Island State Park (Wor Co)	J. Brighton and B. Hubick	
- Audubon's Warbler	11/15/14	Bayside Development Pond (Wor Co)	M. Lutmerding	Rarity Roundup

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Black-throated Gray Warbler				
Black-throated Green Warbler	4/13/14	Jug Bay Wetland Sanctuary (AA Co)	J. Filigenzi	
Townsend's Warbler				
Blackburnian Warbler	4/26/14	Trout Run (Ga Co)	D. Miller	
Yellow-throated Warbler	4/2/14	Pocomoke SP, Shad Landing (Wor Co)	J. Elmer	
- Yellow-lored	4/5/14	Nassawango Creek (Wor Co)	J. Fisher and T. Carney	
- White-lored	4/13/14	Patapsco Valley SP (Ho Co)	G. Ricks	
Pine Warbler	1/1/14	Blackwater NWR (Do Co)	W. Crowe	
Prairie Warbler	4/11/14	Sturges Rd (Wo Co)	M. Walsh	
Palm Warbler	1/1/14	Egypt Rd (Do Co)	W. Crowe	
- Yellow	1/13/14	BARC fields (PG Co)	R. Ostrowski	
- Western	1/6/14	Sunset Park (Wor Co)	B. Bangert, M. Burchett, B. Miller	
Bay-breasted Warbler	4/30/14	Mattaponi Swamp (PG Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Blackpoll Warbler	4/28/14	Susquahanna State Park (Ha Co)	T. Houghton	
Cerulean Warbler	4/27/14	Susquahanna State Park (Ha Co)	M. Johnson	
Black-and-white Warbler	1/4/14	Ocean Pines (Wo Co)	M. Balestri	
American Redstart	4/11/14	Sturges Rd (Wo Co)	M. Walsh	
Prothonotary Warbler	4/4/14	Sturges Rd (Wo Co)	M. Burchett and B. Bangert	
Worm-eating Warbler	4/13/14	Pocomoke River State Forest (Wor Co)	S. Mitra	
Swainson's Warbler	5/10/14	Calvert County	J. Ferris	
Ovenbird	4/8/14	Wesley Rd. (Dor Co)	J. Green	
Northern Waterthrush	4/20/14	Patapsco State Park (Ho Co)	M. Redmond	
Louisiana Waterthrush	3/28/14	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (Ho Co)	J. Harris	
Kentucky Warbler	4/27/14	ACLT (Ca Co)	L. Starr	
Connecticut Warbler	9/16/14	Cromwell Valley Park (Bal Co)	A. Beiderman	
Mourning Warbler	5/5/14	C&O Canal Riley's Lock (Mo Co)	M. Bowen	
Common Yellowthroat	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (PG Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Hooded Warbler	4/12/14	Governor's Bridge Natural Area (PG Co)	F. Marengi	
Wilson's Warbler	4/27/14	Hughes Hollow (Mo Co)	C. Weigand	
Canada Warbler	5/1/14	Wheaton Branch Stormwater Ponds (Mo Co)	S. Davies	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1/12/14	Sandy Point SP (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Summer Tanager	1/17/14	Bethesda (Mo Co.)	J. Berry	Present since fall of 2013
Scarlet Tanager	4/21/14	Takoma Park (Mo Co)	A. Wiebe	
Western Tanager	1/1/14	Logtown Rd (Wor Co)	J. Stasz	Cooperative bird that was seen by many
Green-tailed Towhee				
Spotted Towhee				
Eastern Towhee	1/1/14	Soldier's Delight (Ba Co)	K.E. Costley	
Cassin's Sparrow				
Bachman's Sparrow				
American Tree Sparrow	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Chipping Sparrow	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge-NT (AA Co)	D. Richardson	
Clay-colored Sparrow	1/2/14	Assateague NS	R-T Snyder-George	
Field Sparrow	1/1/14	Milltown Landing	J. Fisher, T. Carney, and R. Johnson	
Vesper Sparrow	1/27/14	Caroline County	J. Green	
Lark Sparrow	5/4/14	Patterson Park (Bal City)	M. Hudson	

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Lark Bunting				
Savannah Sparrow	1/1/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	J. Emm	
- Ipswich	3/1/14	Assateague OSV Zone (Wo Co)	M. Hudson	
Grasshopper Sparrow	1/1/14	Berlin, MD (Wor Co.)	B. Hubick, J. Brighton, and S. Houston	2 birds; cont. from OC CBC in 2013
Baird's Sparrow				
Henslow's Sparrow	4/30/14	Allegany County	M. Tillet	
Le Conte's Sparrow	10/3/14	Hyde's Rd Park (Bal Co)	J. Shenot	
Nelson's Sparrow	1/15/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	M. Burchett	
- Interior ( <i>nelsoni/alter</i> )	10/1/14	Swan Creek (AA Co)	T. Carney	
- Atlantic coast ( <i>subvirgatus</i> )	10/12/14	Cornfield Harbor (SM Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Saltmarsh Sparrow	1/1/14	Taylors Landing (Wo Co)	J. Stasz	
Seaside Sparrow	2/2/14	Truitt's Land (Wor Co)	F. Shaffer	
Fox Sparrow	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
Song Sparrow	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
Lincoln's Sparrow	2/8/14	Point Lookout SP (SM Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Swamp Sparrow	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
White-throated Sparrow	1/1/14	Cecil County	J. Funk	
Harris's Sparrow				
Golden-crowned Sparrow				
White-crowned Sparrow	1/1/14	Frederick County	K. Calvert	
- Gambel's	5/1/14	Carroll Park (Bal City0	M. Hafner and J. Artes	
Dark-eyed Junco	1/1/14	Cecil County	J. Funk	
Lapland Longspur	1/3/14	Leverage Rd. (QA Co)	M. Gimpel and D. Small	
Smith's Longspur				
Chestnut-collared Longspur				
Snow Bunting	1/1/14	Hoopers Is (Do Co)	J. Brown	
Northern Cardinal	1/1/14	Cecil County	J. Funk	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4/3/14	Crownsville (AA Co)	P. Zahn	
Black-headed Grosbeak				
Blue Grosbeak	4/22/14	Idylwild WMA	J. Brighton	
Lazuli Bunting				
Indigo Bunting	1/1/14	Berlin WWTP (Wor Co)	S. Housten	
Painted Bunting	1/1/14	Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary (PG Co)	J. Fisher, T. Carney, and R. Johnson	Cont. female found 12/12/14 by T. Ostrowski
Dickcissel	1/1/14	Cecil County	S. McCandless	Cont. from 11/11/13
Bobolink	4/21/14	Wheaton Regional Park (Mo Co)	G. Mackiernan	
Red-winged Blackbird	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
Eastern Meadowlark	1/1/14	Dorchester County	G. Radcliffe	
Western Meadowlark				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1/5/14	Preston (Caro Co)	M. and J. Lutmerding	
Rusty Blackbird	1/1/14	Marshy Point Nature Center (Balt Co)	MA Fluke	
Brewer's Blackbird				
Common Grackle	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
- Bronzed	1/4/14	Elkton (Ce Co)	B. Moyer	
Boat-tailed Grackle	1/1/14	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	M. Walsh	
Brown-headed Cowbird	1/1/14	Cecil County	J. Funk	

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Orchard Oriole	4/23/14	Druid Lake (Bal City)	P. Martin	
Bullock's Oriole	1/10/14	Newark Farms (Ha Co)	D. Kirkwood	
Baltimore Oriole	1/2/14	Hunting Hound Rd (Wor Co)	M. Burchett and B. Bangert	
Pine Grosbeak				
Purple Finch	1/1/14	Wye Island (Tal Co)	M. Schilling	
House Finch	1/1/14	Cecil County	J. Funk	
Red Crossbill				
White-winged Crossbill				
Common Redpoll	2/14/14	Carrol County	S. Schmidt	
Hoary Redpoll				
Pine Siskin	1/4/14	Parkville (Bal Co)	M. Marshall	
American Goldfinch	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
Evening Grosbeak	11/8/14	Terripin Nature Park (QA Co)	D. Small	
House Sparrow	1/1/14	Patuxent Research Refuge (AA Co)	R. Burley	
<b>2014 Total Species:</b>	355			
				Note: This view of the comprehensive 2014 bird sightings for Maryland is for fun and should not be considered 100% accurate. All available sources will be monitored for up-to-date information, but expect a several day delay. eBird also features an excellent Arrival date feature, but this document will poll additional sources.
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